

**CP5080 Sem. I 2004**  
**What is a Literature Review?**

- How does scientific research get done?
  - What are the standards of assessment of claims, results, and theories? (what is a scientific theory?, what is the scientific method?, what about technologies as opposed to theories?)
  - Who examines these findings?
  - How are results conveyed?
- Literature review as a primitive form of data mining
- Literature review as a snapshot of the ‘field’
- Literature review as tutorial: for whom, over what time span, to what depth?
- Literature review as critique: competing methods, theories, outlooks.
- Literature review as the background for reporting on a piece of research: how do the foregoing elements work together here?
- How does one establish comprehensiveness and timeliness of coverage?