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Currently a great deal of effort is going into the study of ways to improve scientific and technical communication. Among the areas being studied are informal communication, primary and secondary information services, research libraries, and review literature. Three specific topics in scientific communication are discussed in the paper: selective dissemination of information (SDI) systems, the Mathematical Offprint Service (MOS) of the American Mathematical Society, and the need for current and comprehensive survey papers.

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