

Information on Plagiarism and Multiple Submissions for IEEE Authors

PLAGIARISM

(from the IEEE PSPB Operations Manual, Section 8.2.4)



IEEE uses **CrossCheck plagiarism detection software** to screen all submissions to its journals and conference proceedings.

IEEE defines plagiarism as “the use of someone else’s prior ideas, processes, results, or words without explicitly acknowledging the original author and source.”

Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and is considered a serious breach of professional conduct, with potentially severe ethical and legal consequences.

IEEE separates plagiarism into five levels:

Level One: 50-100% copied

Level Two: 20-50% copied

Level Three: < 20% copied

Level Four: Improper paraphrasing

Level Five: Credited but unclear delineation

Cite and separate any verbatim copied material

Credit notices or references are necessary, but not enough to deflecting a charge of plagiarism if **quotation marks** or **offset text** have not been used to identify copied material.

Paraphrase reused text properly, and include a citation

Paraphrasing can leave an author open to a charge of plagiarism if only a few words or phrases were changed, or if only the original sentence order was rearranged. **Even a proper paraphrasing of the original text can lead to a charge of plagiarism if the original source is not properly cited.**

Credit any reused ideas

Plagiarism involves not only the unacknowledged reuse of some else's words but also **someone's ideas**. It is possible to properly paraphrase a section of text and still be open to a charge of plagiarism if proper credit for the **idea** has not been given.

MULTIPLE SUBMISSION AND ORIGINALITY

(from the IEEE PSPB Operations Manual, Section 8.2.4.F)

IEEE’s policies on the originality of an author’s work begin with the following simple statement: "Authors should only submit original work that has neither appeared elsewhere for publication nor which is under review for another publication."

It is common in technical publishing for material to be presented at various stages of its evolution. The IEEE recognizes the importance of this evolutionary publication process as a significant means of scientific communication and fully supports this publishing standard. At the same time the **IEEE requires that this evolutionary process be fully referenced.**

Authors must submit original work that:

- has not appeared elsewhere for publication
- is not under review for another refereed publication
- cites previous work
- indicates how it differs from the previously published work

Authors must also **inform the editor** when submitting any previously published work