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This study replicates and extends Culnan and Swanson 's study (1986) of bibliographic citations in MIS and its foundational fields in order to assess the emergence of MIS as a distinct discipline . Academic researchers, particularly those endeavoring to make advances in knowledge which build upon prior research, benefit by being able to recognize cumulative research traditions . Progress toward building an MIS identity and cumulative research tradition is measured through statistical analyses of reference patterns during the past decade in ten selected journals . Four hypotheses are tested which reveal that although MIS is still less established than its referent disciplines, maturation has occurred through systematic knowledge development and the existence of a cumulative body of research .