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This catalogue includes: (a) bibliographical data of scientific journals both in printed and electronic form, which are available in the collections of Greek libraries, and (b) each scientific journal title that is made available by these libraries.

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The catalogue enables you to do:

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