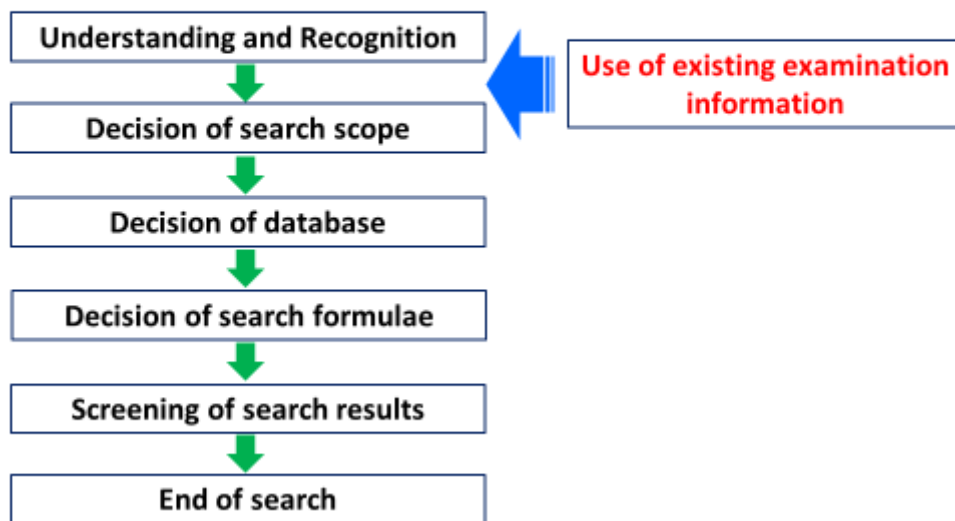


F. Use of existing examination information - 1/3



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Next, let's look at the use of existing information pertaining to the examination. If some kind of existing examination information is available, use it proactively.

F. Use of existing examination information - 2/3

- Examination results of other patent offices

- ISR
- Examination results of JPO, EPO, ...



- Examination results of related applications

- Divisional applications



- Miscellaneous

Same inventors or applicants

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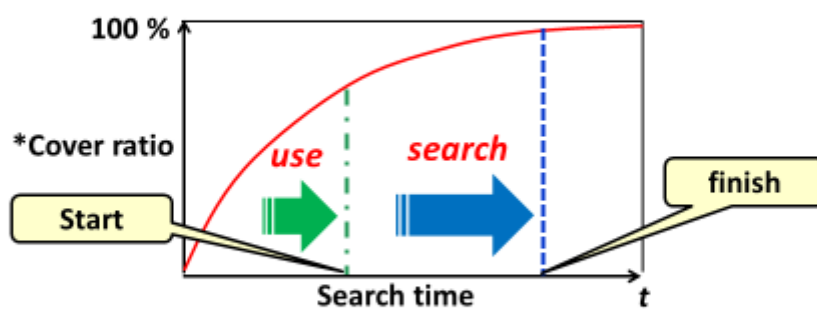
The following are examples of existing examination information that may be available for use:

Examination results by the ISR, JPO, EPO or other authorities

Examination results of related applications such as divisional applications

Examination results of applications by the same applicant or inventor

F. Use of existing examination information - 3/3



- Use of existing examination information can reduce search time

*The percentage of documents you have searched within the outer border of the search scope 24

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By utilizing existing examination information, you can avoid the need to start the search from scratch thereby cutting down your search time.