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This Brief Communication examines the extent of publications written by a single author in different disciplines in Israeli universities. In the natural sciences the share of single-authored articles in the total amount of publications varies slightly between the different fields of science. A significant difference was found while comparing natural sciences as a whole with mathematics and a major one when compared with the social sciences and humanities. The conclusion is that the more theoretical is the research and the greater the share of the initial idea in the finished article, the higher the probability that a single person will publish it.