

EVOLUTIONARY NEURAL NETWORK CLASSIFIERS TO PREDICT THE CLASSIFICATION OF R&D PERFORMANCE IN EU COUNTRIES

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Overview

- Purpose
 - ▣ Classify 25 UE countries' R&D performance during 2005-2008 and identify the most relevant variables
- Use
 - ▣ Help to monitor European strategies for R&D and innovation and some key features related to the EU innovation policy
- Methodology
 - ▣ Phase 1: k-means clustering
 - ▣ Phase 2: Multiclass classifiers (ESUNN, EPUNN)
 - ▣ Phase 3: Comparisson with other methods

The dataset

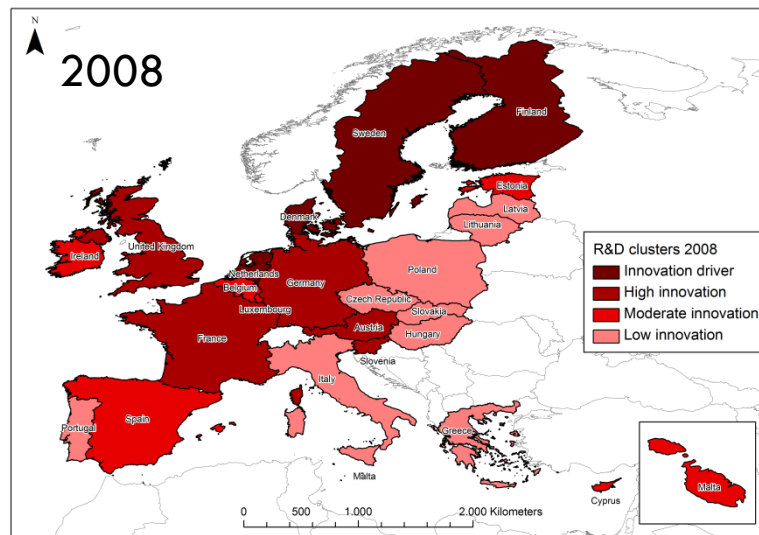
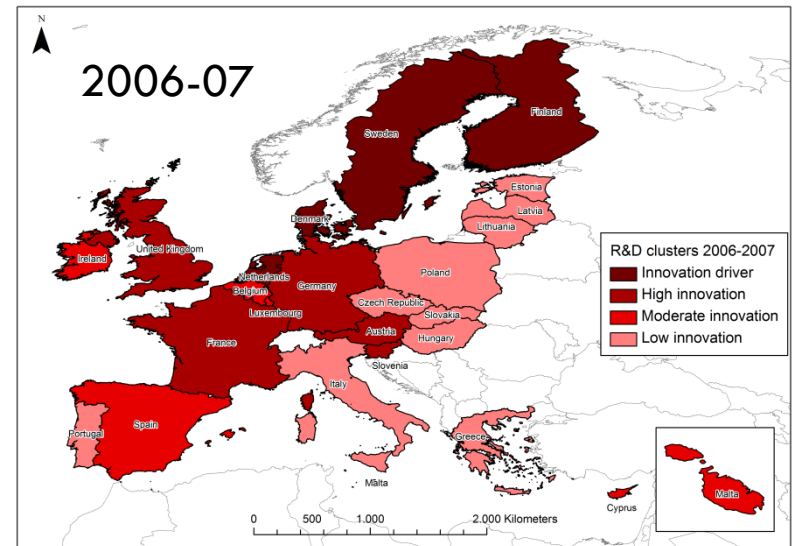
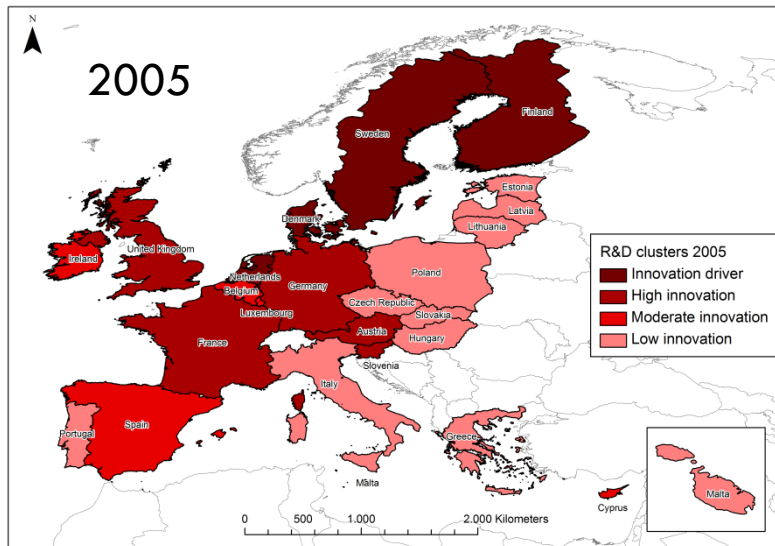
CODE	VARIABLE	UNIT
<i>R&D enablers</i>		
HUMLF	Human Resources in Science and Technology	% of labour force
RDPEPS	R&D personnel (include all persons employed directly in R&D, plus persons supplying direct services)	% of labour force
GERDBU	Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D: business sector	% of GDP
GERDGO	Gross Domestic Expenditure in R&D: government and Higher Education sectors	% of GDP
<i>R&D results</i>		
SPUBLI	Number of scientific publications	Per 1000 population
TPATRE	Worldwide patent applications filed through the Patent Cooperation Treaty procedure or with a national patent office (residents)	Per 1000 population
<i>Education</i>		
PHD06	Number of PhD graduates	Per 1000 population
TERTIT	Population having completed tertiary education	% of population aged 30-34
LLEARN	Lifelong learning	% of persons aged 18 to 64
<i>Economy</i>		
GDPGRO	Growth rate of GDP volume	% of change on previous year
RLPGH	Real labour productivity growth per hour worked	Real output per unit of labour input (measured by the total number of hours worked).
EMPLO	Total employment rate	% of persons aged 20 to 64 in employment
PATREV	License and patent revenues from abroad	% of GDP
TRADEM	Community trademarks	per billion GDP (in PPSE)
MHTEXP	Medium and High-technology exports	% of total manufactured exports

K-Means Clustering

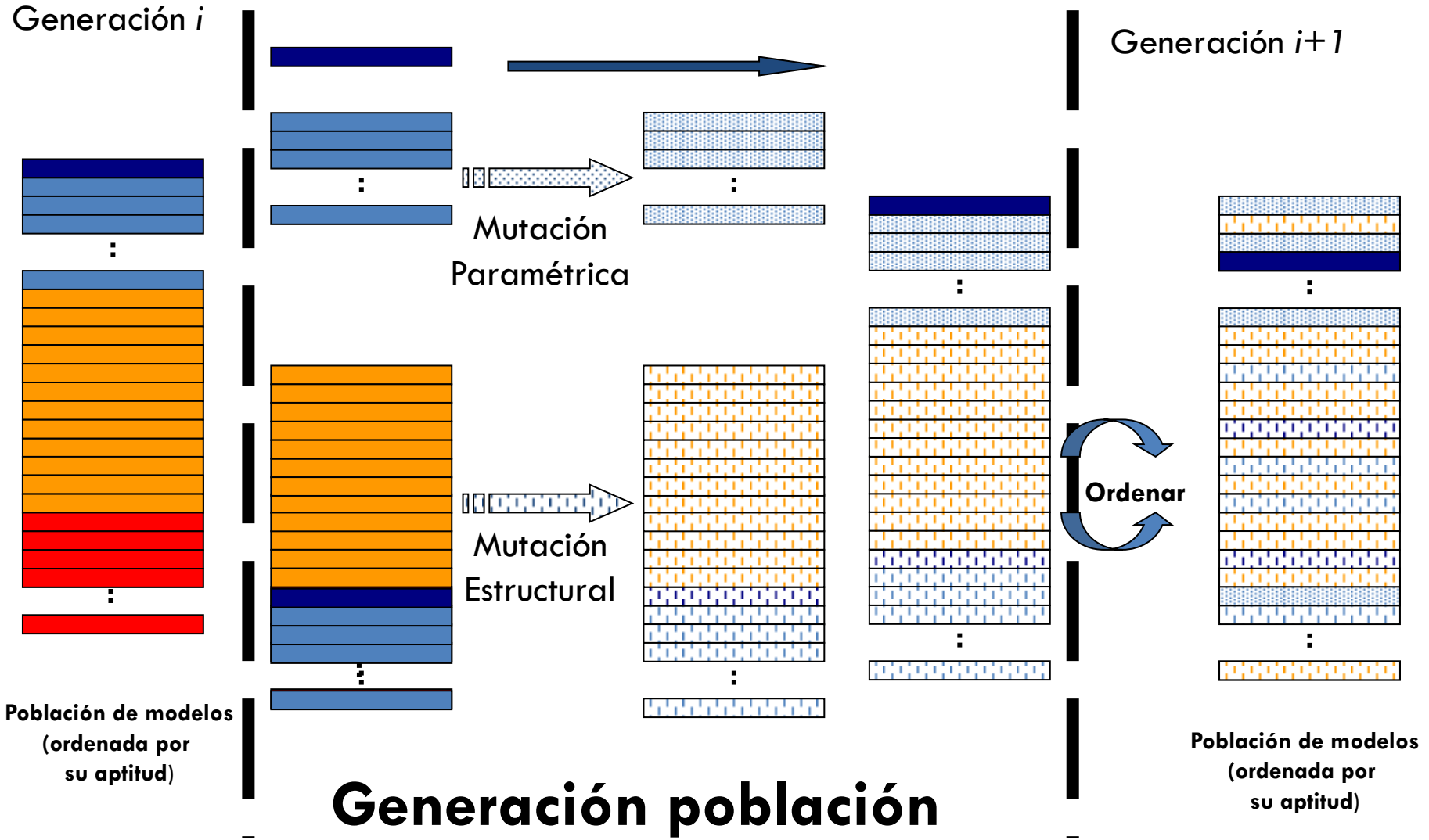
Variable	#pattern/ Total	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4
	100	24	16	40	20
HUMLF	31.39±6.08	30.09±6.03	40.52±6.08	27.70±6.08	33.04±6.11
RDPERs	0.99±0.48	1.00±0.48	1.59±0.49	0.66±0.48	1.17±0.47
GERDBU	0.94±0.72	0.78±0.69	2.00±0.73	0.40±0.72	1.38±0.71
GERDGO	0.56±0.21	0.41±0.21	0.89±0.21	0.45±0.21	0.70±0.21
SPUBLI	1.23±0.65	1.09±0.63	2.29±0.65	0.74±0.65	1.53±0.64
TPATRE	0.14±0.14	0.07±0.14	0.26±0.14	0.06±0.14	0.31±0.14
PHD06	0.17±0.09	0.10±0.09	0.25±0.09	0.14±0.09	0.24±0.09
TERTIT	31.09±10.29	38.20±10.39	41.58±10.40	22.79±10.29	30.76±10.56
LLEARN	15.90±6.71	12.76±6.54	27.26±6.80	11.71±6.71	18.94±6.92
GDPGRO	3.01±3.17	1.63±2.94	2.17±2.99	4.50±3.17	2.35±3.04
RLPGH	1.89±2.36	0.80±2.21	1.08±2.29	2.84±2.36	1.93±2.30
EMPLO	70.74±5.59	69.45±5.43	77.47±5.63	67.90±5.59	72.59±5.43
PATREV	0.39±0.51	0.55±0.53	1.00±0.52	0.12±0.51	0.27±0.52
TRADEM	4.59±3.22	7.65±3.34	5.38±3.28	2.39±3.22	4.69±3.24
MHTEXP	49.16±12.00	48.65±12.08	47.80±11.94	45.98±12.00	57.21±11.92

- **Moderate innovation countries (Cluster 1)**
- **Innovation-driven countries (Cluster 2)**
- **Low innovation countries (Cluster 3)**
- **High innovation countries (Cluster 4)**

Mapping the clusters



Evolutionary algorithms: ESSUN and EPUNN



Experimental study

- Compared methodologies
 - ▣ Linear statistical model: SLDA
 - ▣ Neural network: MLP
 - ▣ Trees Classifier: C4.5, LMT
 - ▣ Ensemble: AdaBoost 100
 - ▣ Logistic regression: SLogistic, Mlogistic
 - ▣ Kernel function: SVM,
 - ▣ Bayes network: Naive Bayes

- Metrics
 - ▣ CCR → performance in the whole dataset
 - ▣ MS → performance in each class
 - ▣ K → degree of association between pattern distributions in classes before and after classification

Obtained results

Method	CCR _G (%)	MS _G (%)	K _G	#conn.
Best ESUNN	100	100	1	20
Best EPUNN	100	100	1	26
Best MLP	100	100	1	44
SLDA	96	80	0.94	24
C4.5	84	77	0.78	13
AdaBoost100	52	0	0.31	24
LMT	100	100	1	27
NaiveBayes	92	80	0.89	124
SLogistic	100	100	1	27
MLogistic	100	100	1	48
SVM	100	100	1	96

Method	CCR _G (%)	MS _G (%)	K _G	# conn.
	Mean±SD	Mean±SD	Mean±SD	Mean±SD
ESUNN	98.00±2.73	92.33±9.60	0.97±0.05	26.57±3.47
EPUNN	94.00±4.79	84.55±11.13	0.92±0.07	29.93±4.66
MLP	100.00±0.00	100.00±0.00	1.00±0.00	44.00±0.00

The best model

Best ESUNN model

$$f_1(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) = 4.69 - 18.69 * SU_1$$

$$f_2(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) = 9.3 - 13.62 * SU_2$$

$$f_3(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_3) = 0.49 + 13.49 * SU_1 - 23.59 * SU_2$$

$$f_4(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_4) = 0$$

$$g_l(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_l) = \frac{\exp f_l(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_l)}{\sum_{l=1}^Q \exp f_l(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_l)} \text{ for } l = 1, \dots, Q$$

$$SU_1 = \frac{1}{(1 + \exp(-9.32 + 8.07 * TERTIT + 9.31 * TRADEM - 4.08 * RLPGH + 5.03 * PATREV + 3.68 * HUMLF))}$$

$$SU_2 = \frac{1}{(1 + \exp(-12.44 + 3.42 * TERTIT - 9.61 * LLEARN - 9.04 * GERDGO - 3.07 * GDPGRO + 7.32 * TPATRE + 4.47 * HUMLI))}$$

CCR_G = 100% ; MS_G = 100% ; K_G = 1

Variable	Probability	Probability	Probability	Probability
	Cluster 1 (a)	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4
TERTIT	(--)	(--)	(+)	(++)
LLEARN	(--)	(++)	(+)	(--)
GERDGO	(-)	(++)	(-)	(--)
TRADEM	(--)	(--)	(++)	(++)
RLPGH	(+)	(=)	(=)	(--)
GDPGRO	(=)	(=)	(=)	(=)
TPATRE	(--)	(++)	(+)	(--)
PATREV	(--)	(--)	(++)	(++)
HUMLF	(-)	(=)	(-)	(=)

Conclusions

- **MANAGERIAL TOOL:** supporting decision making in R&D, since it provides information about strengths and weaknesses in innovation activities and about their contribution to the country's competitiveness
- **BENCHMARKING TOOL:** allowing the EU to compare its own innovation activities, inputs and results with other countries of reference and with European Members national initiatives
- **MONITORING** and **EVALUATION TOOL** for institutional and governmental bodies, since it allows some critical innovation indicators to be monitored.

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