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New Developments on the Hybridizations of Fuzzy Systems and Evolutionary Algorithms

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- The fuzzy sets and systems-evolutionary algorithms (EAs) combination has become one of the main Soft Computing branches since the early nineties:
- 1. Genetic fuzzy systems (GFSs): Genetic algorithms (GAs) (and in general EAs) are used to design fuzzy systems
 - In genetic fuzzy rule-based systems, some components of a fuzzy rule-based system (FRBS) are adapted or learnt using a GA
 - Other approaches: genetic fuzzy neural networks and genetic fuzzy clustering
- 2. Fuzzy genetic algorithms: GA components are fuzzified to improve performance
 - Examples: crossover and mutation operators, representation schemes, stop criteria, and fitness functions (taking advantage of a tolerance for imprecision)
 - Fuzzy controllers for dynamically adapting the GA parameters are also used

1. Hybridizations of Fuzzy Sets/Systems and Evolutionary Algorithms Genetic Fuzzy Systems



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- Interest on classifier ensembles/multiclassifier systems in the classical machine learning field: High accuracy
- Fuzzy rule-based classification systems (FRBCSs) are catchy: Interpretability and <u>soft boundaries</u>
- Problems with high dimensional data: Curse of dimensionality
- Existing mechanisms to look for the best accuracy-complexity tradeoff: overproduce-and-choose (OCS)
- Evolutionary multiobjective optimization (EMO) ability to deal with conflicting optimization criteria
- Our proposal: Fuzzy rule-based multiclassification systems (FRBMCSs) with EMO OCS for high dimensional problems







CORRECT ANSWER?

Diversity helps to improve accuracy

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Diversity – An individual classifier must provide different patterns of generalization in order to obtain a diverse set of classifiers composing a highly accurate ensemble

Different methods to induce diversity to the base classifiers:

Different classifiers:



Different "inputs":





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Our approach combines several techniques to <u>quickly</u> generate <u>accurate</u> and <u>diverse</u> base fuzzy classifiers:

- A parallel approach: bootstrap aggregating (bagging)
- A quick and accurate fuzzy rule generation method (FURIA) including a dimensionality reduction method (feature selection)
- A mechanism to deal with the accuracy-complexity tradeoff (classifier selection by OCS) in an EMO fashion: error, diversity, and #classifiers







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Bagging Predictors (Breiman, 1996):

- Boostrap AGGregatING: create multiple boostrap samples, train a classifier on each, and combine the classifier outputs by voting
- The individual classifiers (weak learners) are independently learnt from resampled training sets ("bags"), which are randomly selected with replacement from the original training data set



Good for unstable (large bias) classifiers (e.g. decision trees)

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FURIA (Fuzzy Unordered Rule Induction Algorithm) (Hüllermeier et al., 2009):

- A rule learning algorithm extending RIPPER
- Generates simple and compact fuzzy classification rules
- Deals with high dimensional datasets
- Very quick generation method
- Performs well comparing to C4.5 and RIPPER

AIM: Improve accuracy by embedding FURIA into the fuzzy MCS framework



4. Evolutionary Multiobjective Selection of the component classifiers Evolutionary multiobjective optimization-based overproduce & choose

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OCS strategy (Partridge and Yates, 1996) :

- Generate many classifiers and select the best cooperating subset
- Decrease complexity/eliminate useless classifiers to improve accuracy



EMO-based OCS:

• Up to three different kinds of criteria jointly optimized by an EMO algorithm: accuracy, diversity, and complexity (#classifiers)



4. Evolutionary Multiobjective Selection of the component classifiers NSGA-II

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NSGA-II (Deb et al., 2002):

- Produces a set of efficient solutions (Pareto-optimal set)
- Based on Pareto dominance depth approach, when population is divided into several fronts
- Solutions in the same front have the same fitness rank
- Crowding distance to promote Pareto front spreading





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4. Evolutionary Multiobjective Selection of the component classifiers NSGA-II-based multiobjective classifier selection method (I)

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NSGA-II-based MO OCS method components:

- Binary coding a binary value is assigned to each classifier (if equal to 1, current classifier is selected; if equal to 0, that classifier is discarded)
- Generational approach and elitist replacement strategy
- Binary tournament
- Classical two-point crossover and bit-flip mutation



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- MO fitness functions: 5 different biobjective fitness functions designed from 4 evaluation criteria of 3 different kinds:
- accuracy (training error (TE)),
- complexity (#classifiers), and
- diversity: variance (θ) and double-fault (δ)

abbreviation	1 st obj	2nd obi	1
abbreviation	1st obj.	2nd obj.	
2a	TE	Complx	
2b	TE	θ	/
2c	TE	δ	
2d	θ	Complx	
2e	δ	Complx	
			•





5. Experiments Experimental setup (I)

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1. Introduction		abalone	4178	7	28
		breast	700	9	2
		glass	214	9	7
2. Proposed	UCI considered datasets:	heart	270	13	2
Framework		ionosphere	352	34	2
		magic	19020	10	2
3. Bagging FURIA-	 Every attribute is continuous 	optdigits	5620	64	10
based fuzzy		pblocks	5474	10	5
multiclassification	From small to large number	pendigits	10992	16	10
systems		phoneme	5404	5	2
	of features (64), classes	pima	768	8	2
	(28), instances (19020); 20	sat	6436	36	6
4. Evolutionary Multiobjective	datasets	segment	2310	19	7
Selection of the	udidSCIS	sonar	208	60	2
component		spambase	4602	57	2
classifiers	Image: Image	texture	5500	40	11
	cores (Granada cluster)	waveform	5000	40	3
		wine	178	13	3
5. Experiments		vehicle	846	18	4
		yeast	1484	8	10
6. Conclusions	Validation: Dietterich's	5x2-fold c	ross valida	ation	



FURIA-based fuzzy MCSs are competitive with classical MCSs: 13 wins (Random Forests = 8 wins; Bagging Decision Trees = 1 tie)

			FU	URIA-ba	sed MCS	3s								
	aba	bre	gla	hea	ion	let	mag	$_{\rm opt}$	pbl	\mathbf{pen}				
tra. err.	0.622	0.018	0.096	0.052	0.050	0.016	0.110	0.627	0.014	0.002				
test err.	0.753	-0.037	0.313	0.178	0.134	0.091	0.136	0.628	0.028	0.015				
feat sel.	G	R	-	-	RG	-	-	RG	R	R				
feat. sub. size	L	L	-	-	S	-	-	L	L	L				
nr of cl.	10	10	7	7	7	10	7	10	10	10				
C4.5 ensembles with bagging														
	aba	\mathbf{bre}	gla	hea	ion	let	mag	$_{\rm opt}$	pbl	\mathbf{pen}				
tra. err.	0.118	0.017	0.075	0.053	0.021	0.018	0.052	0.105	0.012	0.005				
test err.	0.772	0.043	0.306	0.194	0.149	0.103		0.697	0.030	0.028				
nr of cl.	10	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10				
				random	forests									
tra. err.	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.000				
test err.	0.777	0.041	0.282	0.211	0.140	0.080	0.134	0.695	0.031	0.016				
nr of cl.	7	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10				

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				FURL	A-based	MCSs									
	$_{\rm pho}$	pim	sat	seg	son	\mathbf{spa}	tex	\mathbf{veh}	wav	win	yea				
tra. err.	0.085	-0.109	0.025	0.006	0.005	0.028	0.004	0.051	0.017	-0.002	0.223				
test err.	0.136	0.235	0.105	0.035	0.198	0.061	0.036	0.276	0.156	0.036	0.408				
feat sel.	R	RG	-	-	R	-	-	-	-	RG	-				
feat. sub. size	L	L	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	Μ	-				
nr of cl.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10				
	C4.5 ensembles with bagging														
	$_{\rm pho}$	pim	sat	seg	son	$^{\rm spa}$	tex	\mathbf{veh}	wav	win	yea				
tra. err.	0.044	0.056	0.021	0.009	0.024	0.025	0.007	0.047	0.015	0.020	0.119				
test err.	0.131	0.253	0.112	0.042	0.247	0.067	0.051	0.289	0.193	0.097	0.415				
nr of el.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10				
				ran	dom fore	sts									
tra. err.	-0.001	0.003	0.002	$_{-0.001}$	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.005				
test err.	0.119	0.264	0.104	0.034	0.239	0.060	0.040	0.269	0.185	0.048	0.438				
nr of cl.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10				
feat. sel.	R	R	G	R	RG	\mathbf{RG}	R	R	RG	R					

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Parameter values:

• 50 classifiers generated

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- Pre-compute classification matrix to speed up the runs
- NSGA-II parameters: 50 individuals, 1000 generations, crossover prob. 0.6, mutation prob. 0.1
- Test accuracy and #classifiers of each Pareto-optimal solution are measured to allow for a global comparison
- To compare the obtained Pareto front approximations the HVR and C-measure indicators are considered



PFs obtained for **abalone** using ffs. 2a (O1:TE, O2:Complx) on top-left, 2b (O1:TE, O2:Var) on top-right, 2c (O1:TE, O2:DF) on bottom-left, and 2d (O1:Var, O2:Complx) on bottom-right



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5. Experiments EMO-based OCS results (II)

Comparison of PFs using the HVR measure

The reference PFs are considered (O1:Test Error, O2: #classifiers)

Otherwise, the comparison is not feasible!!!

Fitness function 2b (O1:TE, O2:Var) clearly reports the best performance

	2a	2b	2c	2d	2e
aba	0.9973	0.5126	0.9973	0.9961	0.9962
bre	0.6632	0.9955	0.3321	0.6627	0.6644
gla	0.8455	0.9867	0.8314	0.8376	0.8469
hea	0.6582	0.9858	0.5915	0.6564	0.6625
ion	0.9437	0.9796	0.5294	0.9416	0.9464
mag	0.9323	0.9988	0.9324	0.9300	0.9307
opt	0.9952	0.3335	0.3335	0.9952	0.9952
pbl	0.8555	0.9983	0.8555	0.8547	0.8553
pen	0.9609	0.9992	0.4307	0.9580	0.9587
pho	0.9267	0.9978	0.9266	0.9224	0.9241
pim	0.8700	0.9944	0.8700	0.8650	0.8730
sat	0.9554	0.9988	0.1738	0.9510	0.9528
seg	0.9483	0.9982	0.3295	0.9452	0.9472
son	0.6544	0.9797	0.3927	0.6492	0.6597
spa	0.9071	0.9978	0.1542	0.9047	0.9060
tex	0.9587	0.9983	0.3518	0.9525	0.9542
veh	0.8523	0.9940	0.8520	0.8459	0.8521
wav	0.9638	0.9984	0.2068	0.9554	0.9585
win	0.9240	0.9893	0.1066	0.9213	0.9265
yea	0.9315	0.9947	0.9311	0.9256	0.9301
avg.	0.8450	0.8920	0.5299	0.8415	0.8870
dev.	0.2202	0.2682	0.3263	0.2194	0.1058



REFERENCE Pareto Fronts (O1:Test Error, O2:Complx) obtained for **waveform** with the 5 fitness functions





Comparison of averaged performance of four single solutions selected from the obtained Pareto sets

		1	Best of 1st ol	oj.	L F	Best of 2nd o	bj.		Best tradeof	t i	Best test				
		Tra	Tst	Cmpl	Tra	Tst	Cmpl	Tra	Tst	Cmpl	Tra	Tst	Cmpl		
2a	avg.	0.064	0.199	8.770	0.103	0.221	2.000	0.103	0.221	2.000	0.047	0.193	7.085		
	dev.	0.140	0.207	5.373	0.152	0.210	0.000	0.152	0.210	0.000	0.116	0.202	4.135		
2b	avg.	0.054	0.201	10.875	0.095	0.220	2.880	0.063	0.205	8.800	0.056	0.191	8.235		
	dev.	0.120	0.200	7.337	0.134	0.202	6.698	0.118	0.201	8.752	0.122	0.197	6.411		
2c	avg.	0.053	0.193	14.470	0.090	0.210	10.660	0.062	0.198	13.800	0.047	0.189	13.235		
	dev.	0.119	0.203	7.681	0.148	0.214	10.212	0.118	0.204	9.518	0.116	0.200	7.878		
2d	avg.	0.112	0.223	2.370	0.117	0.225	2.000	0.117	0.225	2.000	0.083	0.221	2.300		
	dev.	0.150	0.206	1.655	0.166	0.211	0.000	0.166	0.211	0.000	0.064	0.202	1.342		
2e	avg.	0.107	0.223	2.000	0.107	0.223	2.000	0.107	0.223	2.000	0.000	0.200	2.000		
	dev.	0.153	0.210	0.000	0.153	0.210	0.000	0.153	0.210	0.000	0.000	0.203	0.000		



Comparison of NSGA-II FURIA-based fuzzy MCSs versus static FURIA-based MCS and classical MCSs

				-									-							
									I combined		IA-based N	ICSs.								
	aba	bre	gla	hea	ion	mag	opt	pbl	pen	pho	pim	sat	seg	son	spa	tex	veh	wav	win	yea
test err.	0.741	0.037	0.283	0.170	0.126	0.132	0.625	0.027	0.014	0.125	0.231	0.101	0.027	0.188	0.056	0.028	0.255	0.146	0.018	0.396
fitness	2b	26	2c	2b	2c	24	25	2c	20	20	2c	26	2c	2e	26	2c	2b	2c	2c	26
func.																				
nr of cl.	18.6	2.7	5.5	2	18.7	5.6	26	4.8	21.8	- 9	2	14.6	17.6	2	6.8	23.2	7.5	18.7	18.7	7.1
	FURIA-based MCSs algorithms Small ensemble sizes.																			
	aba	bre	gla	hea	ion	mag	opt	pbl	pen	pho	pim	sat	seg	son	spa	tex	veh	wav	win	yea
test err.	0.753	0.037	0.313	0.178	0.134	0.136	0.628	0.028	0.015	0.136	0.235	0.105	0.035	0.198	0.061	0.036	0.276	0.156	0.036	0.408
nr of cl.	10	10	7	7	7	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
								FURIA-ba	sed MCSs	algorithms.	Ensemble	size 50.								
	aba	bre	gla	hea	ion	mag	opt	pbl	pen	pho	pim	sat	seg	son	spa	tex	veh	wav	win	yea
test en.	0.748	0.041	0.287	0.182	0.145	0.135	0.630	0.028	0.016	0.135	0.241	0.102	0.034	0.226	0.059	0.031	0.275	0.149	0.035	0.400
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nr of cl.	10	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
								Ran	dom forests	. Small ens	emble size	s.								
	aba	bre	gla	hea	ion	mag	opt	pbl	pen	pho	pim	sat	seg	son	spa	tex	veh	wav	win	yea
test en.	0.777	0.041	0.282	0.211	0.14	0.134	0.695	0.031	0.016	0.119	0.264	0.104	0.034	0.239	0.06	0.04	0.269	0.185	0.048	0.438
nr of cl.	7	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10



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- A framework to design FRBMCSs has been presented based on the used of FURIA, Bagging, and an EMO-OCS method for classifier selection
- ✤ 5 different biobjective fitness functions were tested, considering 3 sets of optimization criteria (accuracy, complexity, and diversity)
- Combining training error with diversity measures got a promising performance (as opposite to the diversity-complexity couple)

• Future works:

- ✤ Design of an interpretable GFSs for both classifier selection & fusion
- ✤ Dynamic Classifier Selection and static-dynamic hybridization



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Body posture recognition:

- Personal applications:
 - Detection of user behaviors
 - Context awareness
- Security:

Objectives:

- ✤ To design an accurate and interpretable model
- ✤ To incorporate the available expert knowledge



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Our proposal:

- Sensor-based approach: wireless three-axial accelerometer attached to a belt, centered in the subject's back
- Modeling tool: genetic fuzzy finite state machine (GFFSM)



Advantages:

- Flexibility to represent the variations in both signal amplitude and states time span
- Use of a descriptive knowledge representation scheme based on linguistic variables and fuzzy if-then rules



2. A Fuzzy Finite State Machine for Body Posture Recognition FFSM structure

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- Fuzzy finite state machines (FFSMs) are tools for modeling timeevolving dynamical processes, extending classical FSMs
- Their main advantage is that they are able to handle imprecise and uncertain data in the form of fuzzy states and transitions

A FFSM is a tuple:

- Q is the set of fuzzy states: {q₁, . . . , q_n}, with S[t] = (s₁,..., s_n), $s_i \in [0,1]$, being the state activation vector
- U[t]=(u₁[t], ..., u_{nu}[t]) is the input vector, where $u_i[t] = \{A_{u_i}^1, ..., A_{u_i}^{n_i}\}$
- f is the transition function: S[t+1] = f (S[t],U[t]).
- Y is the output vector: $(y_1, ..., y_{ny})$.
- g is the output function: Y[t] = g(S[t],U[t]).

2. A Fuzzy Finite State Machine for Body Posture Recognition FFSM graphical representation







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The transition function is implemented by means of a fuzzy KB. There are fuzzy rules R_{ii} to remain in a state q_i, and rules R_{ij} to change from state q_i to state q_i:

 R_{ij} : IF (S[t] is q_i) AND C_{ij} THEN S[t+1] is q_j

• *Cij* describes the constraints imposed on the input variables that are required to change the state as a DNF fuzzy premise:

$$C_{ij} = (u_1[t] \text{ is } A_{u_1}^3) \text{ AND } (u_2[t] \text{ is } A_{u_2}^4 \text{ OR } A_{u_2}^5)$$

- ✤ The fuzzy reasoning mechanism considers a weighted average
- It also mimics that of FRBCSs using fuzzy rules with a certainty degree for each class in the consequent but the sum must add up to 1



2. A Fuzzy Finite State Machine for Body Posture Recognition Design process

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- 1. Identify the set of fuzzy states that represent the different body postures: $q_1 \rightarrow$ Seated; $q_2 \rightarrow$ Upright; $q_3 \rightarrow$ Walking
- 2. Define the input linguistic variables based on the three accelerations (a_x, a_y, a_z) provided by the accelerometer:
 - $a_x \rightarrow$ dorso-ventral acceleration
 - $mov \rightarrow amount$ of movement calculated using the variations of a_x, a_y and a_z in 1 second
 - *tilt* \rightarrow tilt of the body defined as $|a_y| + |a_z|$
- 3. Define the transition function by specifying the allowed transitions in the form of fuzzy linguistic rules
- 4. Identify the output variables and output function: Y[t] = S[t]



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- Determining the FFSM transitions is a complex task for a human designer
- They can be automatically derived using an EA by means of a classical GFS learning the whole KB (RB + DB)
- In our approach, fuzzy states and transitions will be defined by the expert while fuzzy rules and membership functions (MFs) regulating the state changes will be automatically derived by the GFS
- The use of this expert knowledge and the prefixed FFSM structure allows us to only learn the MFs and part of the rules to build the KB, dealing with a reduced search space



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3. Genetic Fuzzy Finite State Machine Fitness function

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The MAE computes the difference between the actual state activation vector (S*[t]) and the inferred one (S[t]) in the whole time series data set:

$$\mathsf{MAE} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{T} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{3} \sum_{j=0}^{T} |s_i[j] - s_i^*[j]|$$

 However, the expert needs to define S*[t] for each input time series pattern by labeling the time series to create a training vector:

$$(a_x(t), a_y(t), a_z(t), s_1^*(t), s_2^*(t), s_3^*(t)))$$



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4. Experiments Dataset: Ten repetitions of different consecutive activities

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2. Fuzzy Finite State Machine for Body Posture Recognition	60	Seated and typing	Seated (q1)
	30	Standing up	Upright (q ₂)
		Walking towards the coffee area	Walking (q_3)
3. Genetic Fuzzy Finite State Machine	75	Staying up in front of the coffee machine	Upright (q ₂)
		Sitting and having the coffee	Seated (q1)
4. Experiments	25	Standing up	Upright (q ₂)
		Walking until the office of a colleague	Walking (q_3)
5. Conclusions	50	Staying up and waiting for the colleague	Upright (q ₂)
	30	Walking towards the meeting room	Walking (q_3)
	100	Seated in the meeting room	Seated (q1)
	40	Standing up	Upright (q ₂)
		Walking back to the work-desk	Walking (q_3)
	100	Seated and typing	Seated (q1)



LEAVE-ONE-OUT CROSS VALIDATION

FOLD	GFFSM		ARX*	
FULD	TRAIN	TEST	TRAIN	TEST
1	0.010	0.016	0.071	0.083
2	0.009	0.007	0.072	0.093
3	0.010	0.009	0.076	0.064
4	0.009	0.010	0.078	0.059
5	0.010	0.013	0.076	0.072
6	0.009	0.012	0.075	0.073
7	0.010	0.010	0.075	0.081
8	0.011	0.009	0.070	0.104
9	0.008	0.010	0.077	0.065
10	0.009	0.009	0.076	0.072
MEAN	0.009	0.011	0.074	0.077
STD	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.014

MAE FOR EACH DATASET IN TEST

DATASET	FFSM [†]	GFFSM	ARX*
1	0.023	0.016	0.083
2	0.027	0.007	0.093
3	0.016	0.009	0.064
4	0.020	0.010	0.059
5	0.022	0.013	0.072
6	0.028	0.012	0.073
7	0.022	0.010	0.081
8	0.030	0.009	0.104
9	0.017	0.010	0.065
10	0.018	0.009	0.072
MEAN	0.022	0.011	0.077
STD	0.005	0.002	0.014

* Autoregressive linear models with a delay of 20 samples

† FFSM manually defined by the expert



4. Experiments Example of one of the derived KBs

 $\begin{array}{l} R_{11}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_1) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } M_{a_x}) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } \neg M_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } B_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_1 \\ R_{22}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_2) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } B_{a_x}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_2 \\ R_{33}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_3) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } M_{mov}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_3 \\ R_{12}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_1) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } \neg S_{a_x}) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } \neg S_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } \neg B_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_2 \\ R_{21}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_2) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } S_{a_x}) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } \neg M_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } B_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_1 \\ R_{23}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_2) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } S_{a_x}) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } \neg S_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } S_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_3 \\ R_{32}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_3) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } \neg S_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } S_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_2 \\ R_{31}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_3) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } S_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } M_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_1 \\ R_{31}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_3) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } S_{a_x}) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } S_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } M_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_1 \\ R_{31}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_3) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } S_{a_x}) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } S_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } M_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_1 \\ R_{31}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_3) \mbox{ AND } (a_x \mbox{ is } S_{a_x}) \mbox{ AND } (mov \mbox{ is } S_{mov}) \mbox{ AND } (tilt \mbox{ is } M_{tilt}) \mbox{ THEN } S[t+1] \mbox{ is } q_1 \\ R_{31}: \mbox{ IF } (S[t] \mbox{ is } q_3) \mbox{ AN$





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- We have presented how to build a FFSM to recognize the body posture in a dynamical environment
- FFSMs allow the designer to introduce constrains in the model based on her/his expert knowledge
- The GFS can automatically obtain the rules and membership functions associated with each FFSM
- We have managed to increase the accuracy of the FFSM keeping its interpretability level
- Other real-world problems have also be tackled as human gait modeling



5. Conclusions Publications and research team

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- 1. Hybridizations of Fuzzy Sets/Systems and Evolutionary Algorithms
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- Craniofacial superimposition is a forensic process where photographs or video shots of a missing person are compared with "a model" of a skull that is found
- Projecting one above the other (skull-face overlay) the anthropologist can try to determine whether that is the same person



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1. Forensic identification by craniofacial superimposition Cranial and facial landmarks

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Craniometric landmarks

Cephalometric landmarks

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Landmarks correlation

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Photo and skull model development

Identification {Positive/negative/ likely positive/likely negative/ indeterminate}





3. Decision making

2. Manual skull-face overlay



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2. CS, uncertainty and image registration = soft computing Framework

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No systematic CS method exists

- Manual craniofacial superimposition is very time consuming. There is a need of automatic techniques able to deal properly with incomplete information
- Uncertainty is inherent to landmark location
- Clear situation of partial matching: landmarks are located in a different location in the skull and the face, some of them do not have a correspondence, etc.
- Degrees of confidence in the identification decision



OPPORTUNITY FOR SOFT COMPUTING !

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2. CS, uncertainty and image registration = soft computing Image registration (I)

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Image Registration (IR) aims to superimpose an image on a similar one considering the same coordinate system

IR Components:

- \checkmark Scene (I_s \subset R²/R³) and model (I_m \subset R²/R³) images
- Transformation (f: $R^2/R^3 \rightarrow R^2/R^3$)
- Similarity metric (F)
- Optimizer (search for the optimal f)

2. CS, uncertainty and image registration = soft computing Image registration (II)

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- Development of an automatic computer-based procedure to assist the forensic anthropologist in the identification task by craniofacial superimposition:
 - Design of automatic RIR methods to achieve accurate 3D skull models (using EAs)
 - Design of automatic 3D-2D IR methods to perform the skull-face overlay (using EAs and fuzzy sets)

 Initial work supported by two granted projects (national and regional research calls). International patent granted in February 2011



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- Method robustness: low standard deviation in 30 different runs with extreme conditions



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4. Skull-face overlay using EAs and fuzzy sets Problem issues, requirements and tools

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The skull-face overlay is a very complex problem:

- ✤ The available photographs are provided by the family:
 - Not always good quality, neither good pose

 - Camera data are unknown
- Uncertainty is inherent both to the landmark location and matching (the latter due to the flesh lack in the skull)
- It is a very time consuming trial and error manual procedure
- Need of automatic techniques for skull-face overlay (3D-2D IR) being robust, fast, and able to deal with incomplete information
- We exploit the suitability of EAs and fuzzy sets to tackle the IR problem and to deal with the sources of uncertainty, respectively



4. Skull-face overlay using EAs and fuzzy sets **Considered methodology**

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4. Skull-face overlay using EAs and fuzzy sets Our proposal

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- Evolutionary 3D skull-2D face IR problem with a complex registration transformation: translation, rotation, scaling, and projection. Twelve parameters
- ✤ Real-coding scheme, better suited for IR
- Advanced EAs: elitist GA, binary tournament, BLX-α/SBX crossovers, random mutation. CMA-ES, SS, multimodal GAs, co-evolutionary approaches, ...
- Realistic conditions: Variable number of landmarks according to the photograph and the skull conditions. Robustness under multiple runs to allow a single run
- Fitness function: mean of the distances between the facial and the projected cranial landmarks (mean error, ME)



4. Skull-face overlay using EAs and fuzzy sets New proposal: registration transformation (III)

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- Projective transformations are hard to be estimated. Cameras use them to provide a realistic picture of the scene from the observer's viewpoint





The frustum determines the visible region

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• Thus, our coding scheme is a vector of 12 real values: $r_x r_y r_z d_x d_y d_z \theta s t_x t_y t_z \phi$

ranging in the following intervals:

Rotation

 $\begin{aligned} r_i &\in [Centroid - radius, Centroid + radius], \quad i \in \{x, y, z\} \\ d_i &\in [-1, 1], \quad i \in \{x, y, z\} \\ \theta &\in [0^\circ, 360^\circ] \\ s &\in [0.25, 2] \\ \phi &\in [10^\circ, 150^\circ] \\ t_x &\in [-length_{FB} - (C_x + radius), length_{FB} - (C_x - radius)] \\ t_y &\in [-length_{FB} - (C_y + radius), length_{FB} - (C_y - radius)] \\ t_z &\in [NCP - (C_z + radius), FCP - (C_z - radius)] \end{aligned}$

where:

Translation

Scaling

 $radius = \max(\|Centroid - C_j\|)$ FB is the frustum Base $length_{FB} = \frac{(\min_{FD} + FCP) * \sin\left(\frac{\phi_{max}}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(90^\circ - \left(\frac{\phi_{max}}{2}\right)\right)}$ with FD being the Focal Distance and $\min_{FD} = \frac{1}{\tan\left(\frac{\phi_{max}}{2}\right)}$

Projection

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Two different sources of uncertainty:

- 1. Inherent uncertainty associated with the two different objects under study (a skull and a face):
 - Landmark location: Every forensic expert is prone to locate the landmarks in a slightly different place
 - Landmark matching: Partial matching of the two landmark





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2. Uncertainty associated with the 3D skull-2D photo overlay process:

- Landmark location: <u>Difficulty to select a good</u> (cephalometric) landmark set due to the photo conditions:
 - face pose, partial occlusions, and poor image quality
 - forensic anthropologists are prone to locate only those landmarks which can be unquestionably identified!
- Landmark matching: <u>The selected reduced landmark set is</u> <u>usually coplanar or near-coplanar:</u>
 - the equation system becomes undetermined and the 3D-2D IR process gets inaccurate results
 - the preferred photos by the forensic anthropologists are usually those with a frontal pose!



4. Skull-face overlay using EAs and fuzzy sets Fuzzy landmarks to jointly tackle location and coplanarity problems (I)

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- Solution for the two landmark location problems:
 - The inherent difficulty to locate the landmark in the right place
 - The complexity of locating a significant and unquestionable number of landmarks in a photo
- Thanks to the flexibility given to the forensic expert, (s)he is able to mark a larger number of landmarks located in different planes, thus also solving the coplanarity problem



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- There is a mask with the membership degree of each pixel to the fuzzy point associated to every landmark
- Need of a new fuzzy fitness function considering a distance between crisp and fuzzy points

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Crisp-fuzzy distance and new fitness function:



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Manual



Area deviation error: 34.70% several hours

Fuzzy AE



Area deviation error: 13.23% 2-4 minutes

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Manual



Area deviation error: 32.64% several hours

Fuzzy AE



Area deviation error: 15.84%

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Manual



Area deviation error: 38.22% several hours

Fuzzy AE



Area deviation error: 18.95% 2-4 minutes





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Area deviation error: 31.73% several hours

Fuzzy AE



Area deviation error: 11.92%
2-4 minutes

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5. FI by CS using EAs and fuzzy sets: Real cases

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Manual



Area deviation error: 37.54% several hours

Fuzzy AE



Area deviation error: 21.04%



6. Conclusions

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6. Conclusions

- We have successfully tackled the automation of the forensic identification by craniofacial superimposition in order to assist the forensic anthropologist
- Soft Computing (in particular, AEs and fuzzy sets) is suitable for this task given the intrinsic characteristics of this identification technique
- Our method has been used in the identification of a realworld case for the Spanish Scientific Police (Guardia Civil)
- A web site has been developed for the project: www.softcomputing.es/socovifi

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6. Conclusions Obtained results (I)

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Research Projects:

- Two Spanish R&D Plan projects: SOCOVIFI (2007-09, 79.860€) and SIMMRA (2010-12, 147.400€)
- Two Andalusian Government Research projects (2007-10, 122.787€) and (2012-15, 168.000€)
- An European project: MEPROCS (2012-13). FP7-SEC-2011-285624 (Topic SEC-2011.1.4-3 - Advanced forensic framework - CSA). 1.005.000€ (218.280€ for ECSC)

Technology Transfer:

- An international PCT patent (WO/2011/01274) was approved by the European Agency in February, 2011
- It will be commercialized in Mexico along 2012



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International Awards:

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Improve the automatic soft computing-based SFO method developed to make it more reliable and customizable to different forensic scenarios:

- ✤ New fuzzy distances will be considered
- ✤ The uncertainty in landmark matching will be shortly tackled
- Objective and semi-automatic SFO validation techniques will be developed (based on anthropometric aspects & computer vision).
- We aim to properly model old-fashioned cameras to tackle identification cases related to the Spain's civil war
- ✤ Mexico: 3D reconstruction of fragmented skulls and multiple comparisons
- A fuzzy classification system for pubic bone-based age assessment will be designed from the forensic anthropologists' expert knowledge



6. Conclusions Research team



OVERVIEW

1. Forensic identification (FI) by craniofacial superimposition

2. Image Registration (IR)

3. IR, Uncertainty and FI = Soft Computing

4. First stage:3D skull modelreconstruction

5. Second stage: Skull-face overlay

6. Conclusions



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- Hybridizations of fuzzy sets/systems and EAs are a good general purpose problem solving approach allowing us to get accurate, simple, cheap, and robust solutions
- They constitute an extensive research area nowadays, with a large number of researchers and practitioners, thousands of scientific publications, special sessions in international conferences, specific workshops, etc.
- These hybrid systems have been applied to many problem domains and have resulted in a significant knowledge transfer to real business







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