






# Evolving Intelligent Systems

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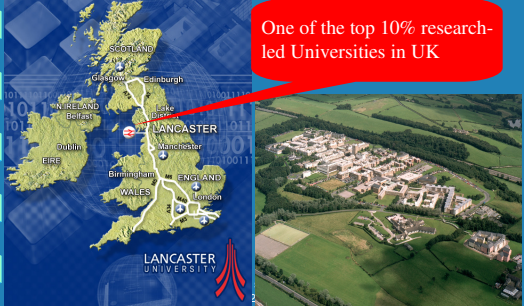
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- ICT force of 250+ researchers
- Research project income from Industry (Nokia, Philips, BAE Systems, QinetiQ, Ford), Government, EU, USA etc. £15M+




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# Aim



The aim of this series of lectures is to introduce you with

- > the fundamentals;
- > methodology;
- > design;
- > algorithms;
- > implementation and applications

of **evolving intelligent system** paradigm.

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# Context

The lectures will introduce the **rationale and basics** of this emerging topic while drawing **close links** with well established methodologies and algorithmic solutions for complex problems such as:

- > machine learning
- > clustering
- > classification
- > adaptive systems
- > mining data streams
- > feature selection, etc.

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# Style

We will mix



- the fundamental and theoretical presentation with
- more practice oriented experimental results that stem from our industry-oriented research

The style will also attempt a mixture of

- didactic with
- research,
- applications,
- and colloquial aspects

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## Outline

Lecture 1 – Introduction, Concept



1. Motivation, Challenges
2. System structure and its identification
3. NN, Fuzzy Systems, NF Systems
4. from Adapting to Evolving
5. Basics of Evolving Systems
6. Evolving Fuzzy Systems concept
7. Data space partitioning -> ES structure
8. Principles of evolution

Lecture 2 – Algorithms

Lecture 3 – Applications, Examples

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## Recommended Readings

- P. Angelov, **Evolving Rule-based Models: A Tool for Design of Flexible Adaptive Systems**, Physica-Verlag: Heidelberg, February 2002, ISBN 3-7908-1457-1.
- N. Kasabov, **Evolving Connectionist Systems: Methods and Applications in BioInformatics, Brain Study and Intelligent Machines**, Springer, London, 2003, ISBN: 1-85233-400-2.
- P. Angelov, D. Filev and N. Kasabov (Eds.), **Evolving Intelligent Systems: Methodology and Applications**, 484pp., John Willey and Sons, IEEE Press Series on Computational Intelligence, April 2010, ISBN: 978-0-470-28719-4



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## Motivation



- ✓ Process plants in industry are heavily instrumented with a variety of sensors and control loops,

- ✓ But the level of human involvement at various stages of the process life-cycle is still high

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## Motivation

- ✓ But process plants are not static environments.
- ✓ They undergo continuous process changes, developments and updates, their components get older, contaminated
- ✓ Due to limited **self-learning** or **self-adapting** capabilities of present monitoring and control techniques a considerable amount plant capacity is lost, product quality varies, energy consumption and emissions get higher than under optimal conditions

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## Motivation

- ✓ A real illustrative example (Evonik/Degussa, Germany):
- ✓ A typical polymerisation plant producing roughly 300 000 ton pa
- ✓ Due to unwanted polymerisation such plants can require cleaning once a month for  $\approx 3$  days for each downtime, the costs result in about €1.5 M pa

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## Motivation

- ✓ If 80% of these downtimes can be avoided by applying **evolving intelligent sensors**;
- ✓ This can result in savings of about €1.2 M plus the increased capacity of the plant (about 30 000 ton pa)
- ✓ The chemical industry in Europe and US has hundreds of such plants with.
- ✓ This emphasises the obvious large scale of the overall potential savings.

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## The challenge

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*'We are drowning in information and starving for knowledge'*  
R.D. Roger

- Huge volumes of **streaming** data
  - Defence (autonomous systems)
  - Surveillance and security
  - Advanced industrial processes
  - Internet



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## The challenge

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- Data streams cannot be analyzed in a **batch mode**, since storing and manipulating the complete data is often impossible
- Instead, systems have to be developed that **extract knowledge** from the data streams in **real-time, on-line**



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## The challenge

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- Knowledge extraction** refers to identifying valid and interpretable **structure**
- In control theory – **structure identification**
- For **non-stationary** data it is logical to assume a **dynamic/evolving** structure
- Evolving** (Oxford dictionary) – gradually developing, higher level of adaptation

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## The challenge

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- The **environment** in which real systems (surveillance and robotic/autonomous systems, technological processes etc.) operate is (unpredictably) **changing**
- The challenge - to develop systems capable of **higher level adaptation** to the environment and to internal changes (changing behaviour, wearing, faults, regimes, tiredness etc.)

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## Challenges

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There are several challenges that we address:

- even such routine pre-processing techniques like **normalisation and standardisation** when applied to data streaming **on-line** are not trivial
- the mechanisms for **extracting model/sensor structure form streaming data** with recursive techniques (low memory and comput.) costs
- On-line input variables selection**

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## Challenges

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- learning mechanisms with evolving structure and (globally) non-linear and non-stationary characteristics
- to design an algorithm that **does not have any user- or problem-specific parameter** (thresholds, number of clusters, rules, neurons, learning rates etc.) will bring the level of automation higher
- but is a serious challenge if that algorithm is to be successful in a wide range of applications

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# Challenges

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- ✓ to combine the **mathematical rigour** and **computational efficiency** of data-driven learning techniques **in real-time**
- ✓ To preserve the **cause-effect** relations
- ✓ scalability

with the **transparency and human-intelligible form** of the knowledge extracted from the data streams

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# The challenge

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- Current systems that possess *Computational Intelligence* usually rely on **fixed** rule-bases or NN
- Trained **off-line**, do not adapt to the environment
- They do not develop their structure (do not evolve)


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# Example UAV

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Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) needs:

- to be flexible
- to adapt
- **to learn** new environment



Herti UAV courtesy of BAE →

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# Example Mobile robot

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Mobile robots needs:

- **to capture new knowledge**
- to adapt
- **to learn new environment**

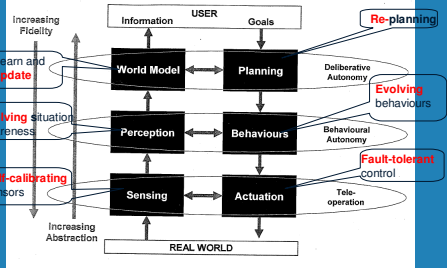


the de-miner ELTA →

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# Autonomous Systems

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# Autonomous Systems, UxV


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- Need for autonomy (adapt routing, tasks)
- Need to **learn** new environment and **adapt to internal and external changes**

UAV acting as ROV  
Oct. 2008  
Arizona



Land-based ROV Telen, DQ



- Same problems, different environmental parameters (speed, terrain, constraints)

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# System Modeling

- predict object reactions;
- control it;
- detect faults;
- study process performance

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# System Modeling

- A. Linear
- B. Non-linear
- A. Stationary
- B. Non-stationary
- A. *Conventional Models*
  - First Principles Models
  - Black-box models
- B. Fuzzy Models

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# First Principle Model

**A. First Principle Models**

- Example: Fermentation process
- **transparent, close to nature** (mass- and energy conservation in closed systems)
- **tedious**, even impossible, (highly) non-linear

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \mu_x X - DX$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -q_s X + D(S_1 - S)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = q_p X - DP$$

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# Black-box Models

- Linear state-space models
 
$$x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k)$$

$$y(k) = Cx(k) + Du(k)$$
- Polynomial models
 
$$y = a_0 + a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + a_3x_1x_2 + a_4x_1^2 + a_5x_2^2 + a_6x_1^2x_2^2 + \dots$$
- ARMA models
 
$$y(k) = a_0 + a_1x(k-1) + a_2x(k-2) + \dots + b_0y(k-1) + b_1y(k-2) + \dots$$

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# Neural Networks

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# Fuzzy Rule-based Models

- FRB systems are **universal approximators**
- Thus they are suitable for extracting **interpretable knowledge**
- And are a promising framework for designing powerful prognostic, classification, and control systems

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# Fuzzy sets

"So far as the laws of mathematics refer to **reality**, they are **not certain**. And so far they are **certain**, they **do not** refer to **reality**."

Albert Einstein

"Everything is a matter of a **degree**"

Bart Kosko

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# Fuzzy sets

- A fuzzy set - extension of the normal set
- with the main difference that an object can *belong partially* to the fuzzy set.
- Remember than in normal set theory, an object has two options in that respect:
  - a) to belong to the set,  $x_j \in C_i$
  - b) not to belong to the set,  $x_j \notin C_i$

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# Partial membership

- If we use the following notation for membership we can write for the first case,  $\mu_{ij}=1$
- For the second case we will have,  $\mu_{ij}=0$
- Assuming **fuzzy set** describing the membership to cluster we have  $0 \leq \mu_{ij} \leq 1$  where

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_{ij} = 1$$

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# Fuzzy partitioning

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# TSK Models (1985)

- TSK systems – important tool for system modeling and identification
  - ✓ Computational efficiency (local linearity)
  - ✓ Universal approximators
  - ✓ Good transparency
  - ✓ Convenient for data-driven design

$R_i : IF(x_1 is X_1) AND \dots AND (x_n is X_n)$   
**THEN**  $(y_i = a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{in}x_n + b_i)$

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# TS fuzzy model (concept)

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## Fuzzy and Neuro-fuzzy

- (Fuzzy) Rule-based Systems – convenient vehicle to *integrate* human (*expert*) knowledge and knowledge *learned from data*
- **Evolving** (Neuro-) Fuzzy Rule-based Systems– *autonomous learning in a human intelligible way from experience in real-time in a dynamic environment*
- *Deterministic, not random* → *predictable and reproducible*
- *Evolving (self-developing) is a higher level of adaptation (system structure + parameters)*

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## ANFIS

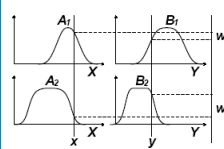
- ANFIS combines learning capabilities of NN and expressiveness of fuzzy systems
- Suppose, that the rule-base contains two fuzzy IF-THEN rules of TSK type:
  - Rule 1: IF (*x* is  $A_1$ ) AND (*y* is  $B_1$ ) THEN ( $\hat{r}_1 = p_1x + q_1y + r_1$ )
  - Rule 2: IF (*x* is  $A_2$ ) AND (*y* is  $B_2$ ) THEN ( $\hat{r}_2 = p_2x + q_2y + r_2$ )

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## ANFIS

- Then the reasoning/inference can be represented as follows:



$$f_1 = p_1x + q_1y + r_1$$

$$f_2 = p_2x + q_2y + r_2$$

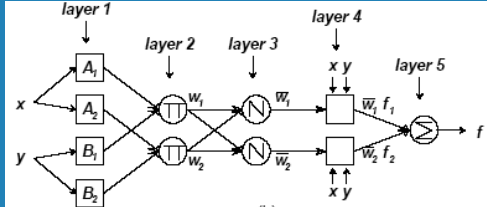
$$f = \frac{w_1 f_1 + w_2 f_2}{w_1 + w_2} = \bar{w}_1 f_1 + \bar{w}_2 f_2$$

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## ANFIS

This is equivalent to the following structure:



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## ANFIS Functioning Layer 1

- Every node in Layer 1 performs the following function
 
$$O_i^1 = \mu_{A_i}(x)$$

where *x* is the input to node *i*;  
 $A_i$  is the linguistic label (*small, large, etc.*) associated with this node function.  
 $O_i$  is the membership function of  $A_i$  (it specifies the degree to which given *x* satisfies the quantifier  $A_i$ .)

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## ANFIS Functioning Layer 2

Every node in this layer is a AND node labelled  $\Pi$  which multiplies the incoming signals and sends the product (multiplication, denoted also by  $\times$ ) out:

$$\omega_i = \mu_{A_i}(x) \times \mu_{B_i}(y)$$

Each node output represents the firing strength of a rule.

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## ANFIS Functioning Layer 3

Every node in this layer is a normalisation node labelled  $N$ .

The  $i^{\text{th}}$  node calculates the ratio of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  rule's firing strength to the sum of all rules' firing strengths:

$$\bar{\omega}_i = \frac{\omega_i}{\omega_1 + \omega_2}; i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Outputs of this layer are called *normalised firing strengths*.

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## ANFIS Functioning Layer 4

Every node,  $i$  in this layer has a function

$$O_i^4 = \bar{\omega}_i f_i = \bar{\omega}_i (p_i x + q_i y + r_i)$$

where  $\bar{\omega}_i$  is the output of layer 3, and  $p_i x + q_i y + r_i$  is the consequent parameter set

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## ANFIS Functioning Layer 5

The single node in this layer is a circle node labelled  $\Sigma$  that computes the overall output as the summation of all incoming signals, i.e.:

$$O_i^5 = \text{overall output} = \sum_i \bar{\omega}_i f_i = \frac{\sum_i \omega_i f_i}{\sum_i \omega_i}$$

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## ANFIS Architecture

- Next Figure shows an ANFIS with 2 inputs ( $x$  and  $y$ ) and 9 fuzzy rules.
- Three membership functions are associated with each input, so the input space is partitioned into 9 fuzzy subspaces, each of which governed by a fuzzy rule.
- The premise part of a rule defines a fuzzy subspace, while the consequent part specifies the output within this subspace (see the right plot)

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## ANFIS Architecture

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## ANFIS Rule-base

- Rule 1: IF ( $x$  is  $A_1$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_1$ ) THEN ( $f_1 = p_1 x + q_1 y + r_1$ )
- Rule 2: IF ( $x$  is  $A_2$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_1$ ) THEN ( $f_2 = p_2 x + q_2 y + r_2$ )
- Rule 3: IF ( $x$  is  $A_3$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_1$ ) THEN ( $f_3 = p_3 x + q_3 y + r_3$ )
- Rule 4: IF ( $x$  is  $A_1$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_2$ ) THEN ( $f_4 = p_4 x + q_4 y + r_4$ )
- Rule 5: IF ( $x$  is  $A_2$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_2$ ) THEN ( $f_5 = p_5 x + q_5 y + r_5$ )
- Rule 6: IF ( $x$  is  $A_3$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_2$ ) THEN ( $f_6 = p_6 x + q_6 y + r_6$ )
- Rule 7: IF ( $x$  is  $A_1$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_3$ ) THEN ( $f_7 = p_7 x + q_7 y + r_7$ )
- Rule 8: IF ( $x$  is  $A_2$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_3$ ) THEN ( $f_8 = p_8 x + q_8 y + r_8$ )
- Rule 9: IF ( $x$  is  $A_3$ ) AND ( $y$  is  $B_3$ ) THEN ( $f_9 = p_9 x + q_9 y + r_9$ )

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## ANFIS Learning

- To train an ANFIS we need to determine two groups of parameters (weights):
  - Parameters of the antecedent (premise) part: these include the centres,  $c_i$ , and spreads,  $\sigma_i$ , the Gaussian membership functions;
  - Parameters of the consequent part ( $p_i, q_i, r_i$ ).

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## ANFIS Learning

- The consequent parameters are determined using so-called **Least-Squares (LS)** or its **recursive version (RLS)**. This will be detailed in the next lecture (L2)
- The premise parameters are found by  $\nabla$ -based algorithm, which we have already considered in the previous lecture (the version of the  $\nabla$  approach applied to NN is called error back-propagation).

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## ANFIS Learning

- Learning of ANFIS is very efficient and they are suitable for **off-line** training and adaptation, but the **EBP** algorithm is iterative and the application for on-line (real-time) problems is difficult.
- Very often validation errors of an ANFIS are high despite that the training errors are low (their generalization capabilities are not very high).
- You can find ANFIS in MATLAB program `anfis.m` which is part of the Fuzzy Logic Toolbox.

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## A Historical Perspective

- Until 1990s **intelligent** systems were designed primarily based on '**expert**' knowledge and **fixed structure** models
- Since mid-'90s **data-driven** design methods that aim to **extract knowledge** from the data
- Since 2000- a new trend- **evolving** intelligent systems, **on-line, real-time** processing data **streams** - Lancaster is a recognized World leader in this emerging area of research

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## Evolving Intelligent Systems

- **Evolving** Intelligent systems = *iS* with **self-adaptive structure**
- **Evolving** is more than just:
  - Adaptive
  - On-line
  - Incremental
  - Multi-model (fixed set of models)
- **Evolving** is different from **evolutionary**

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## Adaptive → Evolving

- What to do when **new data do not fit** into the model with a chosen structure?
- Adaptive systems theory answer ('70s): adapt the **parameters ONLY**
- This may be an **outlier**
- Or it may **bring new information (knowledge)** - about a different regime, operation point, change etc.
- Thus **update the structure**

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## Outlier or a new (cluster/rule)

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## Adaptive vs Evolving

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## When to evolve?

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## The approach

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## Industrial Recognition

"Evolving Intelligent Systems have a high potential for implementation in industry"

Dr. A. Kordon, R&D Leader, Dow Chemical, TX

Symposia on this subject – regularly since 2006 (Ambleside), London (2007), Witten, Germany (2008), Nashville, USA (2009), Leicester (2010), Paris (2011)

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## Academic Recognition

- Founding a Task Force on Evolving and Adaptive Fuzzy Systems, **Computational Intelligence Society, IEEE**
- A special issue of IEEE Transactions on **Evolving** fuzzy systems
- Founding **International Journal on Evolving Systems** by Springer
- A number of invited **plenary lectures** and **key note talks**

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**Publications**

- Hundreds of high impact journal papers
- Hundreds of peer reviewed major conference papers including invited
- patents
- Books (research monograph, edited volumes)
- Special sessions
- Tutorials at major conferences, etc...

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**Evolving Systems Concept**

System Decomposition to Granules and Corresponding Nonlinear Mappings

$$\mathfrak{R}^1: \text{IF } (x_i \text{ is } \mathfrak{R}_i^1) \text{ AND ... AND } (x_n \text{ is } \mathfrak{R}_n^1) \text{ THEN } y^i = f_i(x) \quad i=[1, R]$$

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**Evolving Systems Concept**

Universal Approximators of Nonlinear Mappings

$$y = f(x)$$

Evolving Systems = Granular Systems with Open Multiple Model Structure, Learning & Summarization Capability

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**Evolving Systems in context**

Multiple Linear Models; Boolean Switching → Evolving Linear Systems

Multiple Rule or Linear Models (TS); Soft Switching → Evolving Fuzzy Systems

Multiple Neurons (RBF); Linear Combiner → Evolving Neural Systems

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**Rationale for Evolving Systems**

- Reflects human ability to acquire, summarize, and manage knowledge from facts "on a fly"
- Real time learning of systems that have variable structure and parameters, i.e. multiple operating modes and scenarios
- Capability for learning, managing, fusing, and aggregating multiple models
- Evolving concept has its roots in the area of Computational Intelligence

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**Evolving Systems vs. Adaptive Systems**

Adaptive Systems = Fixed Model Structures + Real Time Learning

$$y(t) = f(x, u(t - td))$$

$$\mathfrak{R}^1: \text{IF } (x_i \text{ is } \mathfrak{R}_i^1) \text{ AND ... AND } (x_n \text{ is } \mathfrak{R}_n^1) \text{ THEN } y^i = f_i(x) \quad i=[1, R]$$

Real Time Adaptation

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## What Are Evolving Systems?

Evolving Systems = Adaptive Systems with Open Multiple Model Structure & Summarization Capability

Multiple Models; Boolean Switching

Multiple Models; Soft Switching (TS)

Multiple Neurons; Linear Combiner

Evolving Systems

Evolving Fuzzy Systems

Evolving Neural Systems

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## Evolutionary Systems

Evolving Systems = Alternative Model Structures + Evolutionary Computational Learning

Genetic Systems

Genetic Fuzzy Systems

Genetic Neural Systems

Evolutionary Computation

Off Line Evolution

$$y(t) = f(x, u(t - td))$$

$$\mathfrak{R}: \text{IF } (x_i \text{ is } R_i) \text{ AND } \dots \text{ AND } (x_n \text{ is } R_n) \text{ THEN } y^i = f_i(x) \quad i=1, R$$

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## Evolutionary vs. Evolving Systems

Genetic Systems

Genetic Fuzzy Systems

Genetic Neural Systems

Evolutionary Computation

Machine Learning

Adaptive Systems

Adaptive Fuzzy Systems

Adaptive Neural Systems

Off Line Evolution Real Time Adaptation  
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## Evolving Fuzzy Rule-based Systems (2001)

- ✓ Learning new rules throughout the whole life-cycle from experience (extract knowledge from the data streams):

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## Basic Principle

The approach can be summarised as:

- ✓ **Decomposition** of the complex data space into **overlapping local regions** (by evolving clustering, *demo*)
- ✓ Joint **identification of local** (simpler) **sub-systems in real-time**
- ✓ Forming the output of the system as a **fuzzy blending of local outputs**

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## Rule-base evolution

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## Rule-base evolution

On-line input variables selection

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## Data Space partitioning

- **Goal:** Divide and conquer – complex (non-linear problems to be decomposed)
- **Technique:** Identify sub-structures in the data space that will be mapped (projected) onto the input/output axes (features/classes).
- **Approaches:**
  - divide evenly
  - Cluster on-line without a pre-fixed structure

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## Data Space partitioning

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## Equal partitioning

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## Density-based partitioning

Key notion – spatial proximity in the input/output data space (Cauchy type kernel)

$$P_A = \frac{1}{1 + 1/(k_A - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{k_A} d_{A,i}}$$

$$P_B = \frac{1}{1 + 1/(k_B - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{k_B} d_{B,i}}$$

$$P_A < P_B$$

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## Principles of evolution

The fuzzy rule-base is formed according to the following principles:

- A1) a data sample that have **high density** is eligible to be a focal point of a fuzzy rule
 
$$P(z(k)) > \max_k P(z^*(k))$$
- A2) a data sample that lies in an area of **data space not covered** by other fuzzy rules is also eligible to form a fuzzy rule
 
$$P(z(k)) < \min_k P(z^*(k))$$
- B3) **avoid overlap** and information redundancy in forming new fuzzy rules.
 
$$\exists i, i = [1, R]; \mu_j(x(k)) > e^{-1}; \forall j; j = [1, n]$$

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## Principles of evolution

- The third principle, 3) (**Condition B**) gives the possibility of the rule-base to **gradually shrink**
- This is important for the focal points formed based on 1) which lie too close to each other.

- It leads to simpler rule-base compare to other clustering methods such as ART, VQ etc. which require 'pruning'

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## Principles of evolution

- C4) remove/ignore **old** clusters/rules (with high **age**)
 
$$IF(A_i < meanA + std(A)) THEN (\lambda \leftarrow 0)$$
- D4) remove/ignore clusters with **low support**

$$IF(S_i < n(n-1)) THEN (\lambda \leftarrow 0)$$
- E4) remove/ignore clusters/rules with **low utility**

$$U_i = \frac{1}{k - I_i} \sum_{j=1}^{I_i} \lambda_j \quad IF(U_i < \epsilon_i) THEN (\lambda \leftarrow 0)$$
- F5) **select on-line the input variables** that contribute most to the output

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## Lecture 1 Review

- Lecture 1 – Introduction, Concept
  - Motivation, Challenges
  - System structure and its identification
  - NN, Fuzzy Systems, NF Systems
  - from Adapting to Evolving
  - Basics of Evolving Systems
  - Evolving Fuzzy Systems concept
  - Data space partitioning -> ES structure
  - Principles of evolution
- Next Lecture – Algorithms

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