Conceptos básicos de investigación científica

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Investigación científica

Definición

La **investigación científica** es un conjunto de procesos *sistemáticos, críticos, empíricos y verificables* que se aplican a la recolección, análisis e interpretación de información con el fin de estudiar un fenómeno

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Tipos de investigación

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Tipos de investigación según el enfoque

Enfoque cuantitativo

- Conjunto de procesos secuencial y probatorio, con un orden riguroso
- Parte de una *idea*, que una vez delimitada, permite derivar *preguntas de investigación y objetivos*, a partir de revisar la literatura construir un *marco teórico*
- De las preguntas se establecen *hipótesis* y determinan *variables*

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Tipos de investigación según el enfoque

Enfoque cuantitativo

- Se desarrolla un plan para probar las hipótesis (*diseño*)
- Se *miden* las variables en un determinado contexto
- Se *analizan* las mediciones obtenidas
- Se establece una serie de *conclusiones* respecto de las hipótesis
- Se *reportan* los resultados y las conclusiones

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Fases del enfoque cuantitativo

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Tipos de investigación según la aplicación

Investigación pura

- Desarrollo y prueba de teorías e hipótesis que son intelectualmente desafiantes al investigador
- Pueden o no tener aplicación práctica en la actualidad o en el futuro

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Ejemplo de investigación pura

Bounded gaps between primes

Yitang Zhang

Abstract

It is proved that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (p_{n+1} - p_n) < 7 \times 10^7,$$

where p_n is the n -th prime.

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Tipos de investigación según la aplicación

Investigación aplicada

- Recopilación y análisis de información sobre diversos aspectos de una situación, tema, problema o fenómeno
- La información obtenida puede usarse de forma práctica

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Ejemplo de investigación aplicada

APPLICATIONS OF NUMBER THEORY IN CRYPTOGRAPHY

ZIHAO JIANG

ABSTRACT. Cryptography is the practice of hiding information, converting some secret information to not readable texts. Applications of cryptography include military information transmission, computer passwords, electronic commerce, and others. This paper aims to introduce the reader to applications of number theory in cryptography. We will briefly talk about the idea of encryption and public key cryptosystem in the context of algebra and elementary number theory.

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Tipos de investigación según los objetivos

Estudios descriptivos

- Intentan describir sistemáticamente una situación, problema, o fenómeno
- El objetivo principal es describir lo que es prevalente con respecto al cuestión o problema en estudio

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Ejemplos de estudios descriptivos

European Journal of Pain 14 (2010) 134–141

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The nociceptive withdrawal reflex: Normative values of thresholds and reflex receptive fields

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Ejemplos de estudios descriptivos

Fig. 1. Distribution of pain and reflex threshold to single stimulus in the 300 pain-free subjects.

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Tipos de investigación según los objetivos

Estudios correlacionales

- El objetivo es descubrir o establecer la existencia de una relación/asociación/interdependencia entre dos o más aspectos de una situación o problema

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Ejemplos de estudios correlacionales

Eur J Appl Physiol (2009) 105:55–62
DOI 10.1007/s00421-008-0872-x

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Reliability of the nociceptive flexor reflex (RIII) threshold and association with Pain threshold

**Peter S. Micalos · Eric J. Drinkwater · Jack Cannon ·
Lars Arendt-Nielsen · Frank E. Marino**

Investigación científica

Ejemplos de estudios correlacionales

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Tipos de investigación según los objetivos

Estudios explicativos

- El objetivo es aclarar por qué y cómo es la relación entre dos aspectos de una situación o fenómeno

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Ejemplos de estudios explicativos

J Neurophysiol 116: 286–295, 2016.

First published April 20, 2016; doi:10.1152/jn.00013.2016.

Brain potentials evoked by intraepidermal electrical stimuli reflect the central sensitization of nociceptive pathways

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Ejemplos de estudios explicativos

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Tipos de investigación según los objetivos

Estudios exploratorios

- Se llevan a cabo para explorar un área donde se sabe poco o para investigar las posibilidades de llevar a cabo un estudio de investigación en particular
- También se llaman *estudios de viabilidad* o *estudios piloto*

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Ejemplos de estudios exploratorios

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Ejemplos de estudios exploratorios

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ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT

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A new experimental model of muscle pain in humans based on short-wave diathermy

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Indicadores de investigación de calidad

- Se basa generalmente en construir conocimiento a partir de trabajos previos (es incremental)
- Puede ser replicada
- Es generalizable a otras circunstancias
- Está basado en un razonamiento lógico y acompañado por una teoría explicativa plausible
- Funciona como disparador de nuevas preguntas de investigación
- Se realiza teniendo como objetivo final el mejoramiento del bienestar de la sociedad

Y la investigación de mala calidad?

Se intenta demostrar algo a sabiendas de que es falso

The screenshot shows the Flat Earth Society website. On the left is a navigation menu with sections for 'Navigation' (Main Page, FAQ, Recent Changes, Random Page, FES - Home) and 'Topics' (Form And Magnitude, The Cosmos, The Ancient Greeks, Experimental Evidence, The Conspiracy, Flat Earth Literature, Historical Figures, General Physics). The main content area is titled 'Experimental Evidence' and includes links for 'page', 'discussion', 'view source', 'history', and 'more...'. Below this, it states: 'The following sections contain experimental evidence in favor of a Flat Earth.' A table of contents is displayed with the following items:

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 - 1.2 The Bishop Experiment
 - 1.3 Why I'm a Flat Earther... 37 Must-See Experiments
 - 1.4 Sinking Ship Effect
 - 1.5 Further Flat Earth Evidence

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Tergiversar información y engañar al público

Y la investigación de mala calidad?

Se utiliza datos poco confiables

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[Mandeep R Mehra](#) • [Frank Ruschitzka](#) • [Amit N Patel](#)

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Y la investigación de mala calidad?

Se utiliza una metodología equivocada

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Bem, D. J. (2011). Feeling the future: Experimental evidence for anomalous retroactive influences on cognition and affect. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 100(3), 407–425. <https://doi.org/10.1037/a0021524>

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Y la investigación de mala calidad?

Falsificar datos para demostrar una teoría

EDITORIAL

The MMR vaccine and autism: Sensation, refutation, retraction, and fraud

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Por qué se hace investigación?

Para conseguir un título de posgrado o una posición académica?

Por qué se hace investigación?

Para proveer soluciones a problemas complejos

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Medical and Biological Engineering in the Next 20 Years: The Promise and the Challenges

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Abstract—In 2011, the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) (www.aimbe.org) celebrated its 20th anniversary by undertaking to identify major societal challenges to which medical and biological engineers can contribute solutions in the next 20 years. This report is a summary of the six major challenges that were identified. The report also discusses some specific areas within these high-level challenges that can form the basis for policy action, provides a brief rationale for pursuing those areas, and discusses roadblocks to progress. The six overarching challenges are: 1) engineering safe and sustainable water and food supply, 2) engineering personalized health care, 3) engineering solutions to injury and chronic diseases, 4) engineering global health through infectious disease prevention and therapy, 5) engineering sustainable bioenergy production, and 6) engineering the 21st century US economy. While arrived at independently by AIMBE, many of the elements overlap with similar challenges identified by other bodies. The similarities highlight the central mission of medical and biological engineers, working with other experts, which is to solve important problems central to human health and welfare.

III. MAJOR CHALLENGES FOR MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

AIMBE grouped the challenges under a few broader headings. The main themes, which are significant in terms of a combination of societal impact, role for medical and biological engineering, and feasibility over the next 20 years, are as follows:

- 1) engineering a safe and sustainable water and food supply;
- 2) engineering personalized health care;
- 3) engineering solutions to injury and chronic diseases;
- 4) engineering global health through infectious disease prevention and therapy;
- 5) engineering sustainable bioenergy production;

Por qué se hace investigación?

Para proveer soluciones a problemas complejos

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Biggest challenges in bioinformatics

Jonathan C. Fuller, Pierre Khoueiry, Holger Dinkel, Kristoffer Forslund, Alexandros Stamatakis, Joseph Barry, Aidan Budd, Theodoros G. Soldatos, Katja Linssen, Abdul Mateen Rajput & HUB Participants

The third Heidelberg Unseminars in Bioinformatics (HUB) was held on 18th October 2012, at Heidelberg University, Germany. HUB brought together around 40 bioinformaticians from academia and industry to discuss the 'Biggest Challenges in Bioinformatics' in a 'World Café' style event.

Por qué se hace investigación?

Para investigar las leyes de la naturaleza

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Local frustration around enzyme active sites

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Significance

All known terrestrial protein enzymes fold robustly and explore the complex energy landscapes that are required for activity. The catalytic residues must be held together in precise positions that may conflict with the correct folding dynamics of the domain itself. We quantified these energetic conflicts and found that these are effectively present in extant enzymes, regardless of the protein oligomeric state, overall topology, and enzymatic class. The conservation of these energetic signatures is higher than the conservation quantified in the primary structures.

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Using Machine Learning to Measure Relatedness Between Genes: A Multi-Features Model

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Measuring conditional relatedness between a pair of genes is a fundamental technique and still a significant challenge in computational biology. Such relatedness can be assessed by gene expression similarities while suffering high false discovery rates. Meanwhile, other types of features, e.g., prior-knowledge based similarities, is only viable for measuring global relatedness. In this paper, we propose a novel machine learning model, named Multi-Features Relatedness (MFR), for accurately measuring conditional relatedness between a pair of genes by incorporating expression similarities with prior-knowledge based similarities in an assessment criterion. MFR is used to predict gene-gene interactions extracted from the COXPRESdb, KEGG, HPRD, and TRRUST databases by the 10-fold cross validation and test verification, and to identify gene-gene interactions collected from the GeneFriends and DIP databases for further verification. The results show that MFR achieves the highest area under curve (AUC) values for identifying gene-gene interactions in the development, test, and DIP datasets. Specifically, it obtains an improvement of 1.1% on average of precision for detecting gene pairs with both high expression similarities and high prior-knowledge based similarities in all datasets, comparing to other linear models and coexpression analysis methods. Regarding cancer gene networks construction and gene function prediction, MFR also obtains the results with more biological significances and higher average prediction accuracy, than other compared models and methods. A website of the MFR model and relevant datasets can be accessed from <http://bmbl.sdstate.edu/MFR>.

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Para hacer nuevos descubrimientos

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Humidity-tolerant rate-dependent capillary viscous adhesion of bee-collected pollen fluids

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We report a two-phase adhesive fluid recovered from pollen, which displays remarkable rate tunability and humidity stabilization at microscopic and macroscopic scales. These natural materials provide a previously-unknown model for bioinspired humidity-stable and dynamically-tunable adhesive materials. In particular, two immiscible liquid phases are identified in bioadhesive fluid extracted from dandelion pollen taken from honey bees: a sugary adhesive aqueous phase similar to bee nectar and an oily phase consistent with plant pollenkitt. Here we show that the aqueous phase exhibits a rate-dependent capillary adhesion attributed to hydrodynamic forces above a critical separation rate. However, the performance of this adhesive phase alone is very sensitive to humidity due to water loss or uptake. Interestingly, the oily phase contributes scarcely to the wet adhesion. Rather, it spreads over the aqueous phase and functions as a barrier to water vapor that tempers the effects of humidity changes and stabilizes the capillary adhesion.

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Para ahorrar costos

Bioinformatics: The effects on the cost of drug discovery

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ABSTRACT

The pharmaceutical industry has been a major respected industry player since becoming organized in the 19th century churning out life saving drugs such as penicillin. Since then many breakthroughs have taken place such as the making of vaccines. So in essence this sector has been associated with saving lives and thus has been held in high esteem. But now with the high cost of drug discovery, rising costs to the consumers, the product recalls being done and adverse side effects, all this topped with more awareness and education on the part of the consumers, the industry image has been battered. Thus it is imperative that the sector finds ways of reducing the costs of drug discovery as well as the time it takes to get the medicine from the laboratory to the patient and at the same time producing drugs which are target specific and with minimal side effects. Bioinformatics is one of the tools the industry has recently engaged to aid in the drug discovery process as well as to cut costs and the time-lines and indeed it was time that the industry caught on with information technology.

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Para mejorar la calidad de vida de las personas

Perspectives

Perspectives

The impact of genomics on the future of medicine and health

Precision genomic medicine will have a transformative impact on personal health and wellbeing, health economics and national productivity

In recent years, there has been an extraordinary leap in knowledge of the human genome and its role in health and disease. A decade ago, researchers were tentatively exploring the first reference human genome sequences, which cost over \$1 billion to produce.^{1,2} Now, thousands of genomes from a cross-section of ethnic backgrounds have been sequenced. This explosion of activity has been enabled by unprecedented advances in sequencing technologies that can now sequence a person's entire genome — more than 6000 million bases — in days, at a cost of US\$1000,³ with costs expected to fall further in coming years.

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other examples, a patient's cancer development has been stabilised — for a time at least — by targeting specific molecules or pathways in the tumour cells.⁷ More controversially, clinicians are starting to use genomic information to refine a cancer diagnosis and prognosis and alter an individual's quality of life, even when therapies are not currently available.⁸

Genome-wide sequencing is now also being applied to the analysis of circulating DNA in the plasma of cancer patients, as well as in individuals with other diseases.⁹ This technology enables non-invasive tumour detection and monitoring responses to therapy that promise to significantly improve patient management.

Drug prescription and development

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Neurorehabilitation therapy of patients with severe stroke based on functional electrical stimulation commanded by a brain computer interface

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Para satisfacer la curiosidad humana...

Mensaje final

- **Comprender la importancia de los pasos para realizar correctamente una investigación científica**
- **Comprender la diferencia entre investigación científica y académica**
- **Desarrollar espíritu crítico para evaluar la calidad de una investigación**

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