



Neutrosophic Multinomial Logistic Regression Technique for Optimizing Adaptive Reuse of Historical Castles

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Abstract

Defining and utilizing Neutrosophic Multinomial Logistic Regression (NMLR) is significant in architecture because it introduces a novel approach to prioritizing the optimal alternative for adaptively reusing a historic building. This is particularly crucial in post-conflict recovery. NMLR presents an intelligent classification system and decision-making tool that optimizes the evaluation process for adaptive reuse projects, even under conditions of uncertainty. The integration of Neutrosophic sets and digital technologies provides decision-makers with a more accurate and reliable tool to make rational decisions regarding functional spaces reuse. The effectiveness of this approach is demonstrated through a case study of the Castle of Aleppo. The study determined that the most suitable alternative for the castle is a multi-purpose facility that caters to tourism. This approach can be adapted to various restoration projects, and the assessment of proposed alternatives can be customized according to the weight of the criteria by creating desktop application which contributes to the sustainability and improvement of post-disaster reconstruction efforts.

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1. Introduction

The aim of the current research is to propose a comprehensive model for the redevelopment of abandoned historic castles by combining 3D-HBIM and mathematical techniques. Various concepts for redeveloping buildings are being analysed. It is proposed to apply a complex system of criteria, consisting of technological, economic, and environmental sub-systems. The proposal is to define and use the NMLR model to select the best alternative concept. Digital construction techniques are suggested to support the selection process, including 3D simulation of alternatives, and to further implement a full lifetime management strategy for a building.

The goal of sustainable development is not to construct new urban areas but to revitalize abandoned territories and restore life to historic contexts instead of preserving them as museum sites[1]. Complex decisions regarding conservation can be supported by the Building Information Modelling specialized for heritage cases (3DH-BIM) methodology and various digital construction techniques[2]. The modelling technique can be considered a new method for ensuring project quality[3]. It can be utilized in any phase of the project life cycle, providing numerous benefits such as detailed documentation of the building process and recording every alteration made to previous stages as a "digital passport"[4]. During the rehabilitation and maintenance phases, any changes made to the building must be evaluated with respect to both the building's heritage and sustainability. Alternative solutions for redeveloping buildings can be effectively evaluated using Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) methods[5].

It is well-known that fuzzy logic is a mathematical approach that deals with uncertainty and imprecision in data[7]. It allows for the representation of partial truths, which is especially useful in situations where exact values are not available or difficult to obtain. Fuzzy logic has been applied in various fields, including artificial intelligence [8],

control systems, and decision making[9]. While, Neutrosophic logic is a relatively new concept that has gained popularity in various fields of study [10], including probability [10]–[14], engineering [15], [16],[17] medicine [18], [19], education [20], [21], decision making [22], [23] and artificial intelligence [24]–[26]. enabling a more comprehensive representation of uncertainty, ambiguity, and contradiction. One of the primary benefits of utilizing neutrosophic theory is that it offers a more precise depiction of reality. Neutrosophic logic allows for the representation of uncertainty in human decision making, which can lead to more accurate predictions [10].

2. Preliminaries:

2.1 Interval-Valued Neutrosophic Numbers:[27]

Interval-valued neutrosophic numbers are defined by a determinant part, an indeterminacy part as $N = D + I$, where D represents the determinant part of the number and I represents indeterminacy. For Example: $N = 5 + I$ where $I \in [0,0.1]$

2.2 Operations on interval-valued neutrosophic numbers:

Let $N_1 \in [a, b]$ and $N_2 \in [d, c]$ be two interval-valued neutrosophic numbers. Operations on N_1, N_2 are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 + N_2 &= [a + d, b + c] \\ N_1 - N_2 &= [a - c, b - d] \\ N_1 * N_2 &= [a * c, b * d] \\ \frac{N_1}{N_2} &= \left[\frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{d} \right] \\ \sqrt{N_1} &= [\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}]; a \geq 0, b \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Classical Multinomial Logistic Regression:

Multinomial regression is a classification model that estimates the relationship between a dependent variable (a categorical variable) and one or more explanatory (or independent) variables [28]. This model is used to measure and analyze complex phenomena. The technique enables quantitative analysis of the interrelationships among multiple variables, thereby facilitating a more dependable decision-making process [29]. The basic setup is similar to logistic regression, with the only difference being that the dependent variables are categorical instead of binary. This means that there are K possible outcomes, rather than just two.

3. Methodology:

3.1 The Model Framework of Prediction System Using NMLR:

This paper proposes a complex adaptive reuse decision-making model for historic buildings. When assessing the potential for adaptive reuse potential (ARP) for distracted or abandoned castles [30], it is important to consider various factors such as their current condition, location, and the resources available for their restoration and maintenance [5], [31]. The first step is to create a database containing information on 60 castles, including their original function, valuable architectural properties, structural characteristics, artistic decoration, interior geometry, technical state, and different zones of functions after adaptive reuse selection and criteria weighting. The next step involves using the Neutrosophic Multi-Nominal Logistic Regression Technique (NMLR) to predict the potential for adaptive reuse of Syrian castles using the created desktop application.

The mathematical foundation of the neutrosophic multi-nominal regression technique is primarily rooted in probability theory with many variations. It is a combination of two theoretical frameworks: the theory of random variables and the theory of fuzzy sets[29]. Random variables are particularly useful in describing the probabilities of events, while fuzzy sets are effective in describing the uncertainty associated with predicting events. The combination of these two approaches enables accurate and reliable prediction of the interactions between variables and their outcomes.

NMLR was created to enable the simultaneous consideration of multiple criteria and uncertainties in the decision-making process. It achieves this by combining 3DH-BIM data as input for NMNR, which predicts the potential for adaptive reuse of castles based on various factors, including architectural significance, cultural value, and economic feasibility. The equation for the neutrosophic regression model is:

$$y_N = a_N + b_{N_1}X_{N_1} + b_{N_2}X_{N_2} + \dots + b_{N_n}X_{N_n}$$

where y_N is the dependent variable, a is the intercept, $X_{N_1}, X_{N_2}, \dots, X_{N_n}$ are the independent variables, and b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n are the coefficients that are estimated in the regression.

It involves constructing a linear predictor function by using a set of weights that are combined linearly with explanatory variables. The score obtained from this function can be converted into a probability value, which indicates the probability of an observation selecting a specific outcome. This approach helps to avoid the propagation of errors in real-world predictive models that consist of multiple components.

Taking the following transformation yields to a neutrosophic probability value as follows:

$$\log(\text{odds}) = \text{logit}(P_N) = \ln\left(\frac{P_N}{1 - P_N}\right) = a_N + b_{N_1}x_{N_1} + b_{N_2}x_{N_2} + b_{N_3}x_{N_3} + \dots$$

$$P_N = \frac{\exp(a_N + b_{N_1}x_{N_1} + b_{N_2}x_{N_2} + b_{N_3}x_{N_3} + \dots)}{1 + \exp(a_N + b_{N_1}x_{N_1} + b_{N_2}x_{N_2} + b_{N_3}x_{N_3} + \dots)} \quad (*)$$

Where:

P_N is the interval-valued neutrosophic probability that a case is in a particular category,

a_N is the interval-valued neutrosophic constant of the equation,

b_{N_1}, b_{N_2}, \dots are the interval-valued neutrosophic coefficients of the predictors or independent variables.

We can estimate values of a_N, b_1, b_2, \dots using the iterative equation:

$$b_{i_N}^{(k+1)} = b_{i_N}^{(k)} + X_N \left(Y_N - \widehat{Y}_N^{(k)} \right) \left(X_N^T P_N (1 - P_N)^{(k)} X_N \right)^{-1}$$

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Where:

X_N is an interval-valued neutrosophic matrix of inputs X_{N_1}, X_{N_2}, \dots

Y_N is an interval-valued neutrosophic vector of outputs.

The prediction system was created using the R programming language, which served as the foundation for the desktop program. This program enables the creation of a visually appealing and intuitive interface. Various alternatives can be generated using a parametric database collection, which can be accessed through a comprehensive BIM model using Grasshopper in Rhino.

3.2. Criteria Selection for Castles Adaptive Reuse:

Each heritage building possesses unique historical and architectural features that make it challenging to establish a consistent methodology that applies to all cases. Therefore, to determine whether the process of adaptive reuse for a historic building will meet the requirements of the new function without compromising its authenticity and identity, key criteria must be defined comprehensively. These criteria should include the quality of the original construction, the potential for the building to be repurposed. However, in practice, the decision to adaptively reuse a building is often made in a piecemeal manner, and the promised benefits do not always align with the actual outcomes. This suggests that, in reality, decisions are often made based on reasons that differ from those commonly mentioned in the rhetoric. Therefore, the decision to adaptively reuse a castle must be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the specific context and situation of the building in question[31].

All the criteria listed in Table 1 have been selected based on previous studies and models such as ARP and AdaptSTAR[32], [33]. These criteria will be weighted according to the context of users, producers, regulators, and investors to evaluate the performance of each functional alternative in terms of the criteria system[34].

Table 1: Criteria system

Input Criteria			Model 1		Model 2		Model 3	
Intercept			<i>coef_L</i>	<i>coef_U</i>	<i>coef_L</i>	<i>coef_U</i>	<i>coef_L</i>	<i>coef_U</i>
Area		Area [4]	0	0	0	0	0	0
Landscape	Mountain	Landscape [1]	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mountain and moat	Landscape [2]	3.284	4.268	32.328	33.725	37.614	38.137
	coastal	Landscape [3]	-16.456	-15.751	-17.892	-17.567	2.168	2.335
	Surface land	Landscape [4]	27.11	27.296	31.552	32.091	58.449	60.882
	Hill	Landscape [5]	-29.616	-29.485	66.673	66.72	-1.038	-0.981
Association	city	Association [1]	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Small town	Association [2]	-30.932	-29.663	-7.94	1.605	34.498	35.302
	Isolated or Rural	Association [3]	9.698	12.217	-39.252	-38.405	1.039	2.566
Architectural Type	Concentric Castle	Spatial Type [1]	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Stone Keep	Spatial Type [2]	-5.185	-4.921	3.084	3.507	-5.34	-5.134
	Motte and Bailey	Spatial Type [3]	-17.705	-15.776	16.866	17.356	-18.072	-17.446
	square tower	Spatial Type [4]	-95.468	-92.641	-21.333	-19.565	-4.311	-4.136
	cylindrical tower	Spatial Type [5]	0	0	0	0	0	0
Structural System	Enclosed	Structural System[1]	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Enclosed city	Structural System[2]	-2.464	-1.611	-12.157	-10.817	-21.02	-20.72
	Wall Tower	Structural System[3]	-51.64	-48.892	-34.446	-34.012	-28.058	-26.287
	Wall, Recess and Tower	Structural System[4]	9.951	12.161	-31.2	-30.213	-44.782	-43.933
	Roundel	Structural System[5]	-51.283	-51.038	-6.131	-5.65	1.734	1.863
weighted criteria	X_1	Physical	-63.397	-61.321	-10.989	-10.489	-26.724	-25.616
	X_2	Economical	-21.38	-19.259	-66.327	-60.444	40.576	43.813
	X_3	Functional	-16.104	-13.594	-34.419	-23.689	-29.035	-24.845
	X_4	Technological	14.959	16.149	18.452	18.464	3.79	10.167
	X_5	Social	-30.812	-30.208	26.923	39.927	14.047	15.876
	X_6	Political	-21.667	-20.228	2.265	8.404	-1.993	0.065
	X_7	Legal	12.85	13.647	1.247	2.446	-3.217	-2.808
	X_8	Historical	-69.289	-68.458	-42.792	-42.765	-30.095	-22.247
	X_9	Aesthetic	-7.371	-6.966	-3.422	-3.317	-0.527	-0.517
	X_10	Cultural	113.225	119.781	18.49	19.328	-8.139	0.158
	X_11	Urban	-30.485	-30.441	-27.423	-26.861	-5.862	-5.179
	X_12	Environmental	13.742	13.977	-24.623	-24.361	2.019	7.332
	X_13	Educational	-37.89	-35.447	105.078	111.53	-23.921	23.838
	X_14	Entertainment	3.829	4.397	0.004	0.013	-0.241	-0.226
	X_15	Museography	149.181	158.488	-18.234	-16.633	1.949	2.451

Table (1) displays the neutrosophic coefficients of the (*) model, which is designed to predict the optimal alternative for adaptive reuse among tourism, cultural functions, commercial services, and educational centers. The neutrosophic model makes predictions using the following approach:

First, we input the criteria weights, which were determined by experts, and other physical aspects of the selected building into each model independently. Model 1 selects between cultural function and tourism based on the neutrosophic probability calculation, with a vote for cultural function if the calculated neutrosophic probability is greater than 0.5. The same process occurs with model 2, which selects between commercial services and tourism,

4. Future Research Directions:

Developing a more comprehensive dataset that includes a wider range of historical buildings from various regions and time periods will facilitate the investigation of using other machine learning techniques, such as decision trees or neural networks, to evaluate the adaptive reuse potential of other types of historic structures, such as religious, industrial, or commercial buildings. These buildings can be transformed as a plug-in within the 3D BIM engineering concept.

Furthermore, the Neutrosophic Multi-Nominal Regression Technique (NMLR) has been applied in diverse fields, including medical diagnosis, finance, and social sciences. Comparing the NMLR model with other models, such as decision trees, can lead to a more precise assessment of the potential for adaptive reuse. The integration of NMLR with grasshopper in Rhino data enables the simultaneous consideration of multiple criteria and uncertainties in decision-making, making it a more comprehensive and efficient approach. Therefore, the proposed approach can be adapted to various restoration projects and contributes to the sustainability and enhancement of post-disaster reconstruction efforts.

5. Conclusion

It has been concluded that a comprehensive approach to predicting the optimal potential for the adaptive reuse of Syrian castles involves combining the use of 3D Building Information Modelling (BIM) and the Neutrosophic Multi-Nominal Regression Technique (NMLR). The use of 3D BIM as a tool for collecting and analyzing data on historic buildings, along with MLR as a tool for predicting outcomes under uncertainty can provide an accurate and reliable prediction system. This approach can be applied not only to historic buildings in Syria but also to those worldwide. The presented case study, along with an analysis of scientific literature and the implemented project, leads to the conclusion that restoring historic castles is highly attractive. When considering sustainable development, it becomes clear that the redevelopment of industrial buildings is a complex issue. Therefore, a prediction model has been developed to support the selection of the most effective decisions. This model has proven to be highly suitable for addressing the multifaceted challenges of industrial building redevelopment. The BIM technique is recommended for supporting the selection process based on multiple criteria, as well as for implementing a project and developing a comprehensive lifetime management strategy for a real object. This involves simulating virtual prototypes with assigned static and dynamic information.

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