

**EGM 08: The evolution of  
the traditional model**

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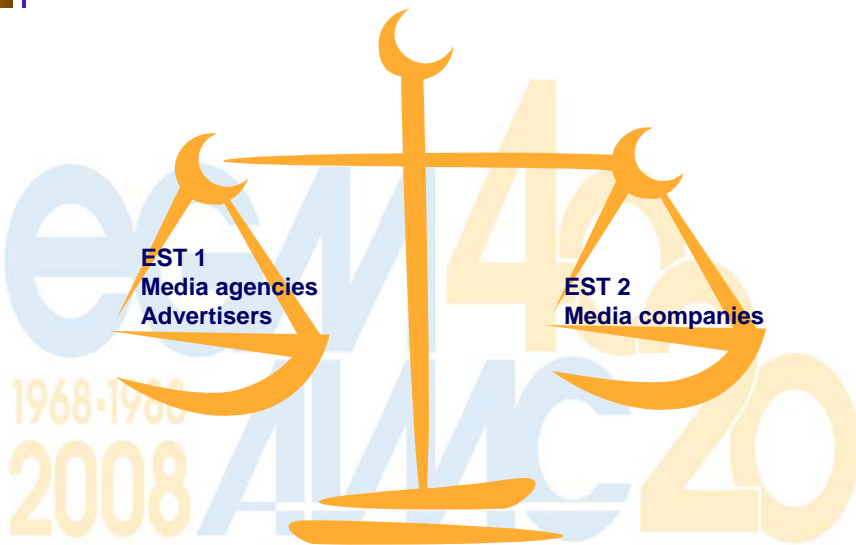
## THE “NEW EGM”

- The process: 2006-07  
Political and technical agreement.
- The conclusion: November 07  
Approved in an AIMC’s Assembly (90%)
- The results: First wave EGM- 29th April 08

1968-1988  
2008

EGM 40  
AIMC 20

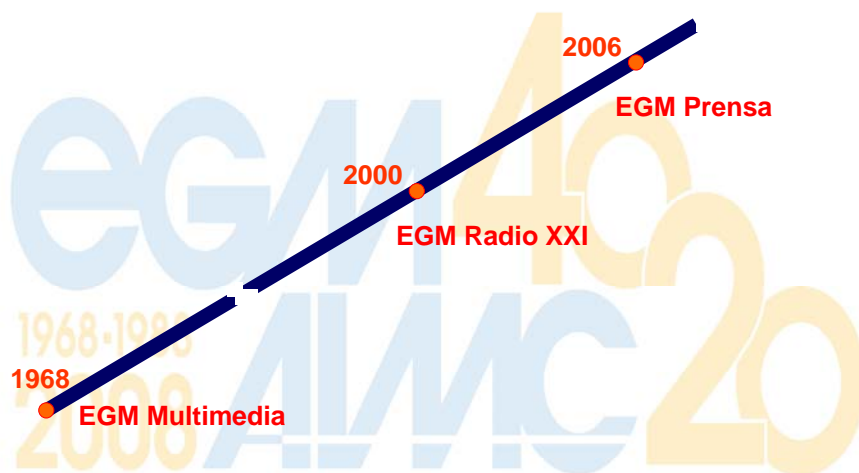
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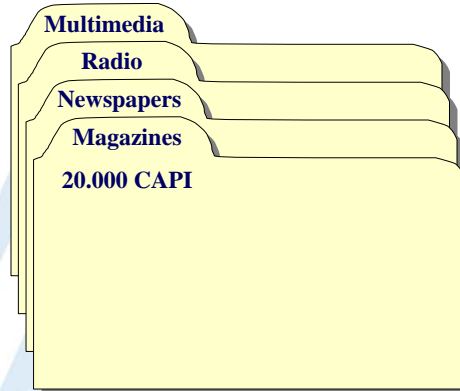
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## MODEL EVOLUTION



## 2008: THE “NEW EGM”



## DATA FUSION: The requirements



- Maintenance the existing “currency”
- Maximum automation
- Transparency. No “black boxes”

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**OPTIMAL DATA FUSION**

**Biarritz, 26th May 2008**

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**STARTING POINT**

**Coexistence of:**

- Multimedia Survey (EGM)
- Monomedia Surveys

**Need to integrate different surveys for:**

- Obtaining a single currency, an unified figure for audiences.
- Make the most of the information available.

**Solution :**

**SURVEY DATA FUSION**

Starting point: Coexistence of different data sources

Interviews:

MULTIMEDIA	10.000	DEMO GRAPHICS	LIFE STYLES EQUIPMENT GOODS CONSUMPTION	PRESS	RADIO	MAGAZINES	TV	OTHERS Internet Cine Outdoor
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MONOMEDIA RADIO	12.333	DEMO GRAPHICS			RADIO			
MONOMEDIA MAGAZINES	6.666	DEMO GRAPHICS				MAGAZINES		
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Goal: Single data file

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**INFORMATION AVAILABLE:**

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**COMMON INFORMATION**

**DATA SOURCES AVAILABLE: 1, 2, 3 or 4**

**FUSION**

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Figures resulting from the fused final file (audiences, behaviors, demographics, ...) must equal those resulting from the official source, those measured

¿What does this mean?

One goal is to make the most of the information available

Why are monomedia extensions to the multimedia survey made?

- for getting different aggregate audience figures?
- for getting better estimates when we segment or disaggregate the population?

**Reach:**

Let us suppose that the variables used to define a target group have different distribution of frequencies in the different surveys:

Let us suppose a magazine whose target group is people with a university degree. And let us suppose too that the number of these people is different according to the estimates of the different sources.

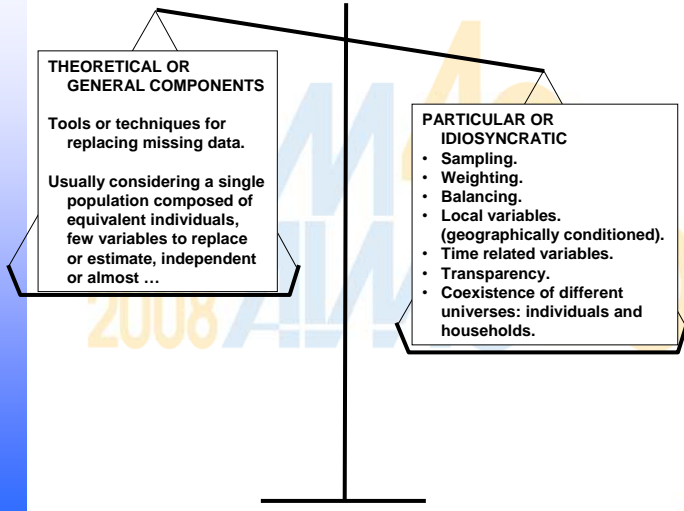
	MULTIMEDIA (Observed data)	MONOMEDIA RADIO	
		Estimates based on reach	Estimates based on readers
Owners of a university degree	1.600.000	1.200.000	1.200.000
Reach (%)	20%	20%	27%
Readers	320.000	240.000	320.000

Is it possible to obtain the same audience figures when files are different? If I make reach in percentage equal in both files then readership in raw figures, number of readers is different.

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**PROBLEM COMPONENTS**



**THEORETICAL COMPONENTS**

Possible APPROACHES:

- Pure fusion
- Estimation

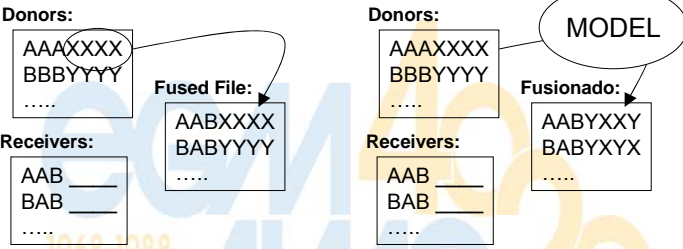
PURE fusion preserves the structures in the data, correlations among data and is more suited when little information is available to build or fit a model.

PURE fusion allows working directly on the raw data, normally using condensed coding of the information (codes of the newspapers read yesterday), while modeling requires create real variables (read or doesn't read for each magazine)

**FUSION**

**TRANSPLANT**

**ESTIMATION**



- Techniques:
- Random hot deck
  - Distance among individuals (KNN)
  - Factor reference based fusion
  - Segmentation

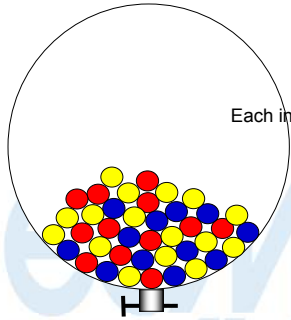
- Techniques:
- Discriminant Analysis
  - Logistic Regression
  - Artificial Neural Networks
  - Bayesian models / nets

**PROBLEM COMPONENTS AND ADOPTED SOLUTION**

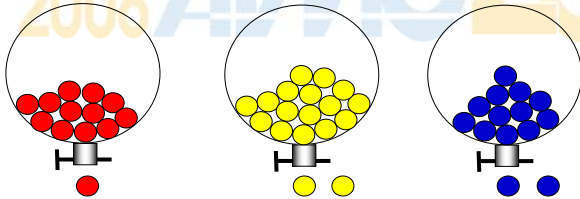
1. INFERENCE / ESTIMATION : WEIGHTING AND BALANCING
2. COMMON STRATIFICATION
3. INFORMATION TRANSFER: MULTIPLE ASSIGNMENT

**SAMPLING**

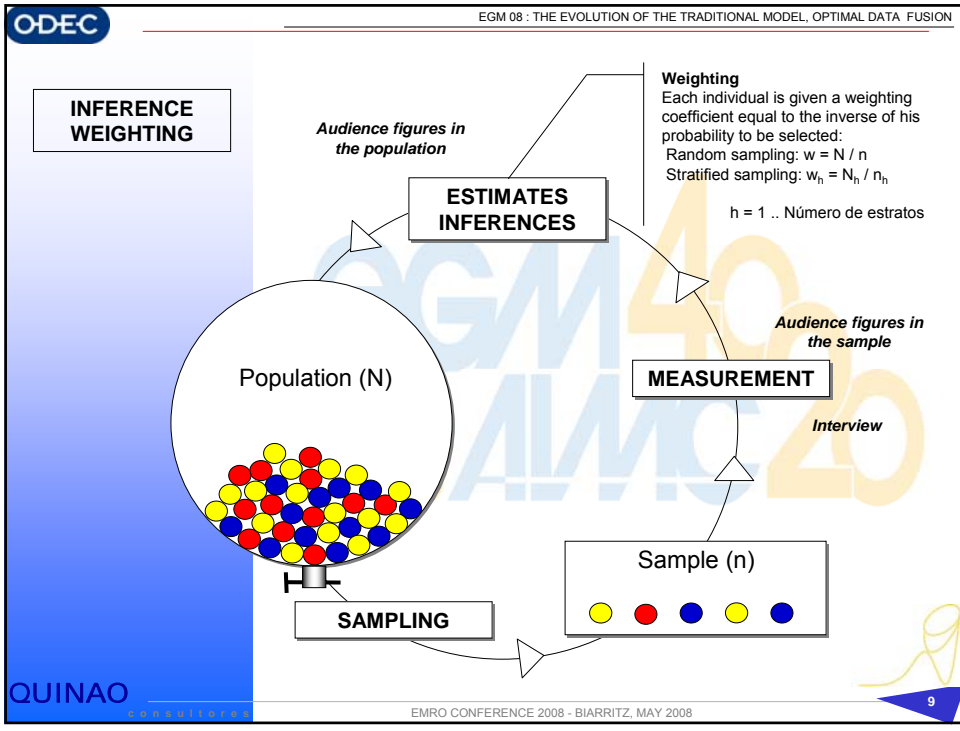
Absolutely random sampling  
Each individual has the same probability to be selected



Stratified sampling  
Population is split into different strata, having all the individuals within the same strata the same probability to be selected.







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**SAMPLE BALANCING**

Population

Sample (n)

We want the frequencies distribution of different variables in the sample to fit exactly known distributions

**Sample Balancing**

Global estimators are not always better but better looking.

Population

Population	Gender		Age			Town size		Capitals	N
	Male	Female	14-24	25-64	65 +	Less than 50.	More than 50.		
	40	60	35	40	25	10	30	60	100

Survey

Survey	Gender		Age			Town size		Capitals	n
	Male	Female	14 a 24	25 a 64	65 y mas	Less than 50.	More than 50.		
1	1	1				1			1
1	1	1					1		2
1	1	1					1	1	10
1	1		1			1			3
1	1		1				1		4
1	1		1				1	1	6
1	1		1				1		1
1	1		1			1			8
1	1		1				1		1
1	1		1			1			9
1	1	1	1			1			6
1	1	1	1				1		2
1	1	1	1			1		1	8
1	1		1			1	1		8
1	1		1				1	1	8
1	1		1			1			6
1	1		1				1		8
1	1		1			1		1	9
Unweighted total	36	64	30	37	33	28	36	36	100

Unweighted total

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Difference cause:

Random

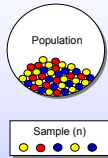
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**BALANCING**



Balancing is sometimes called:

**POST STRATIFICATION**  
because it creates strata in the sample joined by those individuals with the same values in all the balancing variables and because of this with the same weighting or balancing coefficient.

**RAKING**, after the algorithm usually applied to turn the sample balanced.

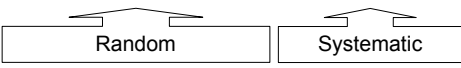
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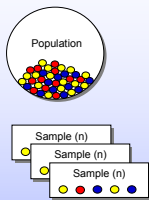
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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
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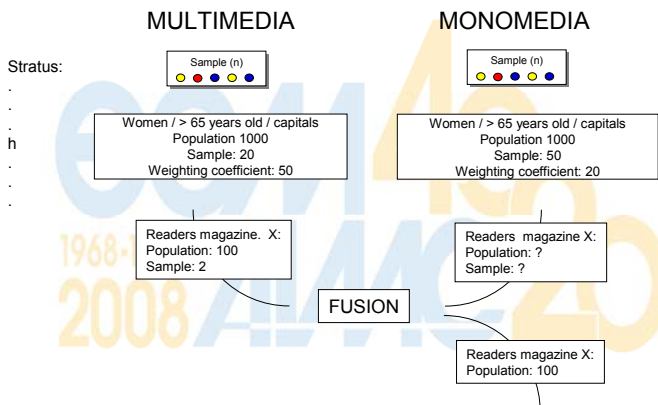
Difference cause:



**JOINT POST STRATIFICATION**

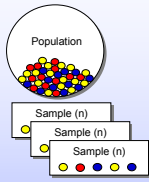


Strata are integrated by individuals absolutely equivalent and being affected equal weighting coefficients and so transfer of the information is done between equivalent individuals.



If we could make this transfer, put in the receiver file the information we have in the donor file, this information will be same not only for the equivalent strata in both file but for all their possible combinations

INFORMATION TRANSFER



MULTIMEDIA

MONOMEDIA

Stratus:



Women / > 65 years old / capitals  
Population: 180  
Sample: 2  
Weighting coefficient: 90

Women / > 65 years old / capitals  
Population: 180  
Sample: 3  
Weighting coefficient: 60

Common	To be fused
ABCD	XXXXXX
ABED	YYYYYY

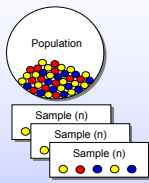
ABED	_____
ABCE	_____
ABCE	_____

Control:  
Defining the strata  
and being equal.

Free:  
They don't take part in the strata  
definition but make individuals  
more or less similar

It is not possible to transfer the  
information coming from two  
individuals to three and obtaining  
the same results

INFORMATION TRANSFER



In order to transfer information  
exactly we need to make a  
MULTIPLE IMPUTATION  
(Rubin): replicate the individuals  
in each survey stratus.

MULTIMEDIA

MONOMEDIA

Stratus:



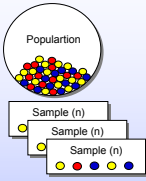
Women / > 65 years old / capitals  
Population: 180  
Sample: 6  
Weighting coefficient: 30

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Sample: 6  
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Common	To be fused
ABCD	XXXXXX
ABED	YYYYYY
ABCD	XXXXXX
ABED	YYYYYY
ABCD	XXXXXX
ABED	YYYYYY

ABED	XXXXXX
ABCE	YYYYYY
ABCE	XXXXXX
ABED	YYYYYY
ABCE	XXXXXX
ABCE	YYYYYY

FUSION



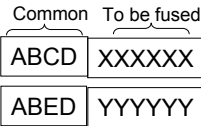
Now:

Which receiver is going to be given the information from which donor?

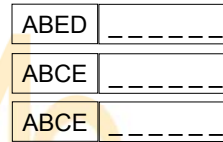
Nearest Neighbor

Procedure: distance among all donors and all receivers is computed and transfer is made between those being the closest.

DONOR



RECEIVER



Receivers:

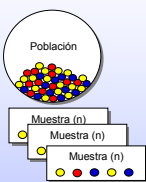


Donors:

ABCD	ABED	ABCE	ABCE	ABED	ABCE	ABCE
ABED	8					
ABCD	2	6	3			
ABED	1	7				
ABCD		5				
ABED						

- 1) Distance matrix is computed and distances are rank ordered from greatest to lowest.
- 2) Pair with the lowest distance between them is selected, information from donor is transferred to receiver and both, donor and receiver, are deleted from the table.

EGM BALANCING



Individuals balancing matrixes

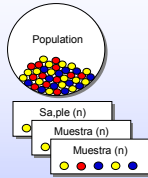
		Constrains	
Province		Town size	100
50		2	
Region	x	Town size	119
17		7	
Region	x	Gender	34
17		2	
Region	x	Edad	119
17		7	
Age	x	Sexo	14
7		2	
Weekday	x	Ama	14
7		2	
Housewife			2
2			
Region	x	Family size	27
9		3	
Region	x	Weekday	18
9		2	
<b>Total</b>		<b>447</b>	

Different Individuals Possible

Province x Town size x Gender x Age x Weekday x Housewife x Head x Town size = 411.600 Same weight

50 7 2 7 7 2 2 3

### JOINT STRATIFICATION INTO SAME SIZE STRATA



#### TWO APPROACHES:

1. LOOKING FOR THE THINNEST SPLIT INTO STRATA COMMON TO DONOR AND RECEIVER:

Segmentation techniques looking to split both donor and surveys in as many COMMON STRATA AS POSSIBLE. These strata are going to have probably a different aggregated weight in each survey.

Size of the strata unknown to be estimated from the file resulting joining both DONOR and RECEIVER and computing weights.

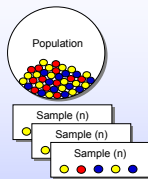
REWEIGHTING THE SURVEYS for meeting all the restrictions plus the new restriction that strata must weight the same.

2. PREDEFINED STRATA OF KNOWN SIZE IN THE POPULATION.

PROVINCE (50) x TOWN SIZE (2) x GENDER (2) = 200

Adding this new restrictions to our balancing matrixes and recomputing weighting coefficients for all the surveys.

### JOINT STRATIFICATION INTO SAME SIZE STRATA



#### SOLUTION:

1. NATURAL STRATIFICATION (PREDEFINED):

PROVINCE (50) X TOWN SIZE (2) X GENDER (2) = 200 STRATA

PROVINCE (50) X WEEKDAY (2) X GENDER (2) = 200 STRATA

(Depending on the data being fused)

2. DISTANCES AMONG DONORS AND RECEIVERS BASED ON

AGE  
ROL  
SOCIAL STATUS  
TOWN SIZE  
WEEKDAY  
HOUSEHOLD SIZE  
TOWN  
LANGUAGE  
....

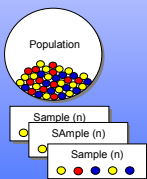
**TRASFER OF INFORMATION AMONG INDIVIDUALS NOT WEIGHTING THE SAME**

- 1) In the real situation individuals in the stratus would have different weighting coefficients, although the sum of all the coefficients should be the same for the same stratus in every source.
- 2) Distances matrix among donors and receivers is computed using control variables and non control but common variables
- 3) Distances are rank ordered and the pair of most similar individuals is selected.

For each stratus h

		Receivers						
		1	2	...	j	...	q	
		Weight	wr1	wr2	...	wrj	...	wrq
Donors	Weight							
	1	wd1						
	2	wd2						
	...	...						
	i	wdi						
	p	wdp						

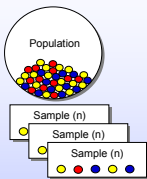
$$\sum w_d = \sum w_r$$



- 4) If donor weight  $w_d$  is greater than receiver weight  $w_r$ , information from the donor is transferred, pasted to the receiver, receiver is pasted to the fused file with its original weighting coefficient and donor remains in the table as a potential donor with a weight equal to its original weight minus the weight of the receiver having just got his information.
- 5) If donor weight is lower than receiver, then information from the donor is transferred to the receiver, and receiver is written to the fused file with a weight equal to that of the donor, donor is deleted from the table, it has already transferred all his information, and receiver remains in the table as a potential receiver with a weight equal to its original weight minus the weight of the donor.
- 6) Process continues till neither donor nor receivers are available.

**FUSION**

**DONOR and RECEIVERS HAVE DIFFERENT WEIGHTS**



- 1) Distance matrix is computed and distances are rank ordered from greatest to lowest.
- 2) Pair with the lowest distance between them is selected.

Donors and their weights:	Receivers and their weights:					Total Receivers weight:
	3,10	0,60	1,40	1,80	1,10	8,00
3,00						
1,50		8				
2,00	2	6	3			
1,00		1	7			
0,50			5			
8,00						

Distance Matrix

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2,00	2	6	3			
1,00	←	1	7			
0,50		↑	5			
8,00						
<b>Total weight</b>						

Distance Matrix

**Most similar pair: Donor weight greater than receiver weight**

- 1) Receiver is pasted donor information
- 2) Receiver is written to the fused file with its own weight and deleted from the distance table
- 3) Donor remains in the table with a weight equal to the difference of weights.

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### RESULTS:

**FUSION**

Donor file, Receiver file and Fused file contain **exactly the same information** in the imputed variables, and this for all the common strata and for all their possible aggregations.

Internal **relations among fused variables are kept** and are the same for all the files and surveys.

For those variable not controlled, distributions are as similar as possible.

**Traceability** is possible, one can know exactly how many times each record is replicated, and how original interviews are the base for each data.

The thinnest the strata the more similar information will result in every file but the possibility of finding individuals similar in very small strata decreases. **A compromise must be made among number and size of strata.**

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SINCRONIZING

Interviews								
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STEP 1:

- Information from Multimedia, TO Multimedia + Press + Radio + magazines

STEP 1(A):

- Information from HOUSEWIFE from Multimedia, TO Multimedia + Press + Radio + magazines

STEP 2:

- Information from Multimedia + RADIO TO Multimedia + Press + Radio + magazines

Size of the final file is roughly three times the size resulting from simply joining the surveys

AUTOMATIZATION

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PROGRAM FUSION
  IMPLICIT NONE
  APZ = " 10000"
  1 READ(10,901,END=999)A
  901 FORMAT(A14242)
  READ(A(159:159),'(I1)')ITIPO
  IF(J.NE.ITIPO) GOTO 1
  IF (ITIPO.EQ.1) THEN
    I1 = I1 + 1
    READ(11,911)A1
    A(6739:6746) = A1
    A(6767:6764) = APZ
    READ(13,931)WBO(I1)
    WRITE(A(6766:6773),'(I8)')INT(WBO(I1)*10000.)
    AA(I1) = A
  ELSE IF (ITIPO.EQ.2) THEN
    I2 = I2 + 1
    READ(11,951)W10(I2)
    READ(13,931)WBO(I2)
    AA(I2) = A
  ELSE IF (ITIPO.EQ.3) THEN
    I3 = I3 + 1
    READ(11,951)W10(I3)
    READ(13,931)WBO(I3)
    AA(I3) = A
  END IF
  GOTO 1
  999 CONTINUE
  911 FORMAT(SX,16X,3(8X),A8)
  951 FORMAT(SX,16X,3(8X),F8,4)
  931 FORMAT(16X(8X),F8,4)
  
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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROCESS:

- EFFICIENT
- NO NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS
- TRANSPARENT
- OPTIMAL

STEPS

- Common stratification.
- Weighting and balancing: same weight for strata
- Transfer of information: distance based with multiple replication

SOME RESULTS:

EGM: 1ST WAVE 2008  
SPAIN

	FINAL FILE AFTER FUSION	EGM MULTIMEDIA	RADIO	PRESS	MAGAZINES
Total POPULATION	38.261	38.261	38.261	38.261	38.261
<b>LAST PERIOD READERS (000)</b>					
Daily newspapers	28.876	29.647		28.876	
Sunday supplements	11.767	11.765			
Weekly magazines	21.394	18.583			21.394
Biweekly magazines	2.802	2.094			2.802
Monthly magazines	21.660	18.869			21.660
Total Magazines	28.087	25.874			28.086
<b>RADIO LISTENERS</b>					
TOTAL TEMÁTICA	10.845	11.807	10.845		
TEMÁTICA MUSICAL	9.749	10.601	9.749		
TEMÁTICA INFORMATIVA	1.300	1.391	1.300		
OTRAS TEMÁTICAS	73	69	73		
C40	3.140	3.266	3.140		
Dial	1.530	1.706	1.530		
C100	975	901	975		
M80	533	553	533		
<b>CINEMA</b>	17.651	17.653			
<b>INTERNET</b>	17.549	17.554			