

## COMPARISON OF CLASSIFICATION SUCCESS OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX BY USING ORDERED LOGISTIC REGRESSION ANALYSIS AND ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK METHODS

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### Abstract

*Economic development and growth are among the most important objectives for many countries. Not only economic development but also human development, which means enhancing and improving people's quality of life, plays an important role for reaching this objective. In this way, it's possible to take a more human oriented perspective by taking education, health and welfare dimensions of development into consideration by widening the perspective, which is focused narrowly on economic growth only. For this reason, human development index has become a widely preferred and recognized numerical indicator for comparison and classification of countries. Human Development Index (HDI) calculated by Human Development Report Office of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) measure people's level of welfare every year. The purpose of this research is to compare the classification success of Human Development Index by using ordered logistic regression and artificial neural network. The data of 81 countries, which has United Nations Development Program's Human Development Index, between the years of 2010-2012 were used in this study. Countries are classified for having very high, high and moderate levels of human development. The results of the ordered logistic regression model indicate that determinants including infant mortality rate, health expenses, number of internet users, import and export were observed as statistically significant. As a result of the analysis, Ordered Logistic Regression Analysis proved 88% success in classification while Elman's back propagation learning algorithm showed 92% success.*

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## 1. Introduction

Human development is the process of enhancing and improving people's life skills. This process aims to make a positive contribution to human and their living standards by equipping them with skills and capacity (UNDP 1990:1).

By its *Human Development Index* (HDI) developed in 1990, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) takes a more composite and human oriented perspective by taking education, health and welfare dimensions of development into consideration by widening the perspective which is focused narrowly on economic growth only (Lind, 1992:89).

Until 2010, GDP calculated per person based on purchasing power parity was taken into consideration for the economic dimension while life expectancy since birth was used for the health dimension and literacy and schooling were used for the education dimension. HDI calculates the arithmetic mean. Both economy and health dimension has one indicator while education dimension has two being literacy (2/3) and schooling (1/3) (Ivanova et al, 1999:159-160).

The human development approach comprises two central theses about people and development which are concerned with evaluating improvements in human lives as a distinctive development objective and what human beings can do to achieve such improvements particularly policy and political changes (Fukuda-Parr, 2003).

In 2010, index calculation was significantly changed. In this context, index calculation was based on arithmetic average instead of geometric average. With regards to education dimension, literacy among adults was excluded and the average of schooling rate and estimated schooling rate was considered (Morse 2014:249).

In the contemporary era, the concept of development has been in greater need of analysis and clarification and the word has come to be extraordinarily widely used in public discourse probably more so than ever before in its history (Payne & Phillips, 2010; Eren, et, al, 2014).

HDI is scored between 0 and 1. 1 shows the highest human development status. The human development report in 2014 stated 4 levels of human development as very high, high, moderate and low. Countries with HDI value lower than 0,550 was classified as low, 0,550–0,699 as moderate, 0,700–0,799 as high and higher than 0,800 as very high (UNDP 2014:156).

The purpose of this study is to compare the success of multiple classifications and to determine the effective factors by using logistic regression analysis and Elman ANN, multi-layer ANN and LVQ network. This study is comprised of 3 parts. In the first part, logistic regression analysis is introduced while the second part focuses on Elman ANN and LVQ network. In the third part, application results are compared.

## 2. Ordered Logistic Regression Model

Logistic regression models are used for modelling the relation between dependent variables measured in different categories and independent variables of categorical or continuous measurement. Ordered logistic regression (OLOGREG) is used when dependent variables consists of at least three categories and measured by ordinal scale (Demirtas v.d.2009:869).

The main features of ordered logistic regression model are as follows (Chen and Hughes, 2004: 4):

- ✓ Outcome variable of categorical and ordinal measurement is a variable, which can be rearranged multiple times from an unobserved continuous latent variable, however it's not clear whether the space between the categories of this ordinal outcome variable is equal.
- ✓ Ordered logistic regression analysis, uses a correlation function to explain the effects of independent variables on ordered and categorical outcome variable. This model does not require normality and constant variance assumption.
- ✓ Since regression coefficient value is not dependent on the categories of categorical output variable, ordered logistic regression model assumes that the relation between explanatory variables and ordered categorical output variable is independent from categories.

Ordered logistic regression model is actually based on the existence of an continuous and unobserved random  $Y^*$  latent variable under a categorical dependent  $Y$  variable. The categories of this variable are estimated as sequential intervals on a continuous plane named as cut-off point or threshold value (McCullagh, 1980:109).

In  $\theta_{s-1} < Y^* < \theta_s, s=1, \dots, j$  interval and in the event of  $\theta_0 = -\infty$  and  $\theta_j = +\infty$  (Anderson, 1984:3), this latent  $Y^*$  variable is stated as in equity (1).

$$Y^* = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k x_k + \varepsilon \tag{1}$$

Here  $\theta$  refers to threshold value,  $x_k$  refers to independent variables vector,  $\beta_k$  refers to parameter vector and  $\varepsilon$  refers to error term.

The relation between observed  $Y$  variable and unobserved  $Y^*$  is shown in equity (2) (Liao, 1994:37-38):

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i^* \leq \theta_1 \\ 2 & \text{if } \theta_1 < y_i^* \leq \theta_2 \\ 3 & \text{if } \theta_2 < y_i^* \leq \theta_3 \\ \vdots & \\ i & \text{if } \theta_{j-1} < y_i^* \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

$\theta$ 's refer to threshold values that separate categories dependent variable.  $F$  being distribution function of error term, which is assumed to be distributed logistically, general probability of observed dependent variable's falling into  $k$ . Category is shown in equity (3) for given independent variables:

$$Prob(y = j | x) = F \left[ \theta_j - \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k x_k \right] - F \left[ \theta_{j-1} - \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k x_k \right] \tag{3}$$

There are many correlation functions, which are formations of cumulative probabilities in order to estimate ordered logistic model. These functions are shown in Table 1 (Elamir and Sadeq, 2010: 652):

**Table 1. Correlation Functions and Typical Application**

Function	Form	Application Area
<b>Logit</b>	$\log\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)$	Categories are distributed evenly
<b>Complementary Log-Log</b>	$\log(-\log(1-x))$	High categories are more likely
<b>Negative Log-Log</b>	$-\log(-\log(x))$	Low categories are more likely
<b>Probit</b>	$F^{-1}(x)$	Variable is distributed normally
<b>Couchit</b>	$\tan(\pi(x-0.5))$	Variable has excessive values

L being logit distribution function in ordered logit model, the probability of observed variables' falling into categories of dependent variable is shown in equity (4) (Akkus v.d., 2010:323):

$$\begin{aligned}
 Prob(y = 1) &= L\left(-\sum_{k=1}^K x_k \beta_k\right) \\
 Prob(y = 2) &= L\left(\theta_2 - \sum_{k=1}^K x_k \beta_k\right) - L\left(-\sum_{k=1}^K x_k \beta_k\right) \\
 Prob(y = 3) &= L\left(\theta_3 - \sum_{k=1}^K x_k \beta_k\right) - L\left(\theta_2 - \sum_{k=1}^K x_k \beta_k\right) \\
 Prob(y = j) &= 1 - L\left(\theta_{j-1} - \sum_{k=1}^K x_k \beta_k\right) \tag{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

The most important assumption in ordered logistic regression model is the assumption of parallel curves. According to this assumption, regression parameters obtained in the model is the same in all categories of the dependent variable. In other words, the relation between independent variables and dependent variable does not change according to the categories of dependent variable, and parameter estimations do not change according to different threshold values. Thus, if there's a dependent variable of J category, " $\beta_k$ " parameter is only one. On the other hand, there is  $\theta_{j-1}$  cut-off point (threshold value) for J-1 logit comparisons (Akin and Senturk, 2012:185).

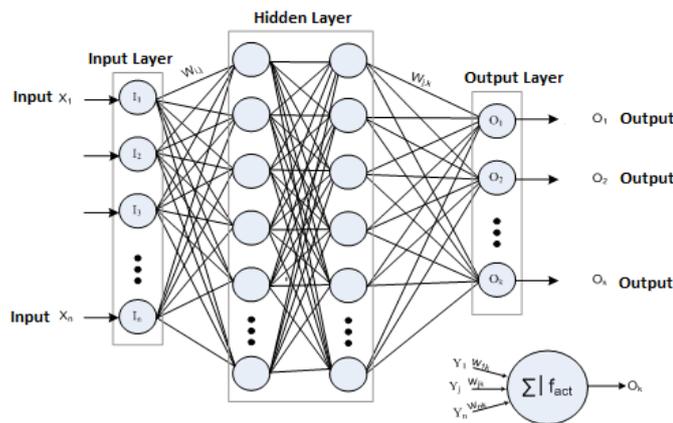
It's challenging to interpret parameters in ordered logistic regression. Methods of calculation of standardizes coefficients, calculation of estimated probabilities, calculation of factor change in estimated probabilities and percentage change in estimated probabilities are used for interpreting parameters. Odds ratio can also be used for interpreting parameters. In the event that all other variables are held constant,  $\exp(\beta_k)$  is odd ratio for dummy variable. To standardize odds ratios,  $s_k$ : showing standard deviation,  $\exp(\beta_k * s_k)$  is calculated provided that all other variables are held constant. For continuous variables; the percentage is found by  $[\exp(\beta - 1) * 100]$ (Ucdogruk vd., 2001).

### 3. Artificial Neural Networks

ANNs are cellular systems that can receive, store and use information. ANNs are parallel systems, which are formed by connecting many connecting elements with links of variable weights. Multi-layer artificial neural network is the most popular one among many artificial neural networks (Lippman 1987: 15). ANN is a system based on simple neural net-

works, which can receive interconnected information as input, process them and submits to other units, and which can even use the outputs as inputs again (Pissarenko, 2001-2002: 35). ANN simulates the operation of a simple biological neural system. ANNs provide solutions to problems, which normally requires a person's natural ability to think and observe.

Artificial neural networks are computer systems which are developed to perform some characteristics of a human brain automatically without getting any help such as getting new information through learning, creating new information and discovering (Oztemel, 2003: 29). Artificial neural networks are used to achieve one or more processes including learning through using available data, associating, classification, generalization and optimization (Sen, 2004: 13).



**Figure 1. General Structure of an Artificial Neural Network**

Use of artificial neural networks in such problems whose algorithmic solution could not be found has increased due to the fact that artificial neural networks can find solutions to new occurrences by way of examining former instances and learning the relationship between inputs and outputs of the said occurrence, regardless of whether the relationship is linear or not, from the current instances in hand. The biggest problem in artificial neural networks is that there is a need for such artificial neural networks that contain either very large neurons or multi-layered and a great amount of neurons in order to solve complicated problems (Kohonen,1987: 1-79). An artificial neural network is an intensively parallel-distributed processor which is comprised of simple processing units, has a natural tendency to collecting experiential information, and enabling them to be used (Haykin, 1999:2).

In a general artificial neural network system, neurons gather on the same direction to form layers (Yildiz, 2001: 51-67). There is parallel flow of information from the input layer to the exit in an architectural structure. Such flow is possible with parallel placed cells.

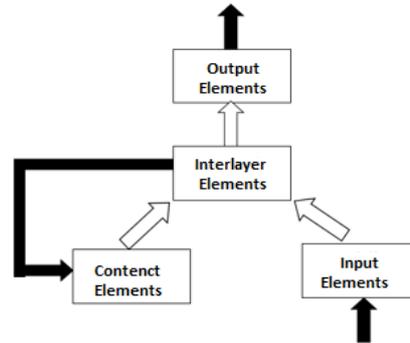
**3.1. Elman Network**

Elman network is an ANN type, which includes the whole multi layer ANN as well as interlayer outputs as a parallel input (Sen, 2004: 144).

Elman network delivers not only input values of a given time but also previous activity values of interlayers as an input into the network. Once the inputs are determined, the network becomes a multilayer feed-forward receptor. These inputs are used to determine network's forward outputs (Elman, 1990: 182).

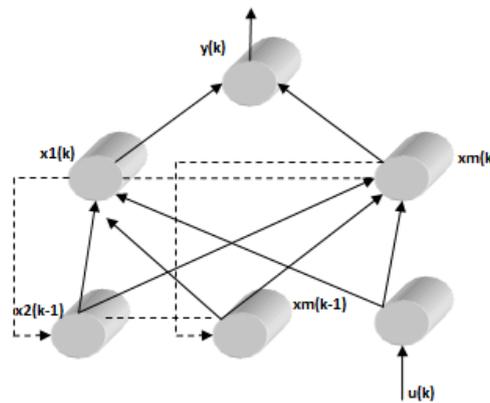
Although Elman network is quite similar to Jordan network, there are significant differences. First of all, they obtain feedback activation values from the interlayer instead of

output layer. Secondly, content elements are not self-connected. This network structure is shown below (Kucukonder, 2011: 78)



**Figure 2.** Structure of Elman Network

In Elman network, learning is achieved in two steps according to generalized delta learning rule. Firstly, weight of net input value received by processor elements in interlayer is multiplied with and added to the weight of element values of input layer. Secondly, these connection values from content elements is multiplied with and added to previous activation values in interlayers. Elman network is shown in detail in Figure 3 below (Oztemel, 2003: 167).



**Figure 3.** Detailed demonstration of Elman network

### 3.2. LVQ Model (Learning Vector Quantization)

Developed by Kohonen (1984), LVQ Model is a network structure using reinforcement-learning model. LVQ networks are mostly used for solving classification problems.

Learning means finding which set of vectors (reference vector) should represent input vector. LVQ network's duty is to determine the set of vectors, i.e. the ones that may be a member of input vectors, by means of learning. It learns by Kohonen's learning principle. Only one output is valued as 1 while the others are given 0 value, and if the output is valued as 1, it means that the input belongs to the class represented by the output. Since LVQ network is used as a method of statistical classification and distinction, its purpose is classifying input data (Kohonen, 2001: 245).

LVQ network consists of entrance, exit and Kohonen levels and all neurons of the entrance layer are in connection with all neurons in interlayers. The main purpose of this network is mapping a vector of n dimension in sets of vectors (Kucukonder, 2011: 70).

During training, input vector is breakdown based on the nearest neighbour rule. The model looks for the shortest distance between the input vector and reference vectors

and it's assumed that the input vector belongs to the nearest vector group. The weights of the network are changed in order to determine reference vectors for an accurate breakdown of input vectors. For this purpose, reinforcement learning strategy is used. For determining the output value, "winner-takes-all" strategy is used. In training process, not the output value but whether it's correct or not is stated for each iteration. Only the values of the winner vector, which is the closest to the input vector, are changed (the weights of the network for this vector). The architectural structure of LVQ network demonstrating these details is shown in Figure 4 (Oztemel, 2003: 116).

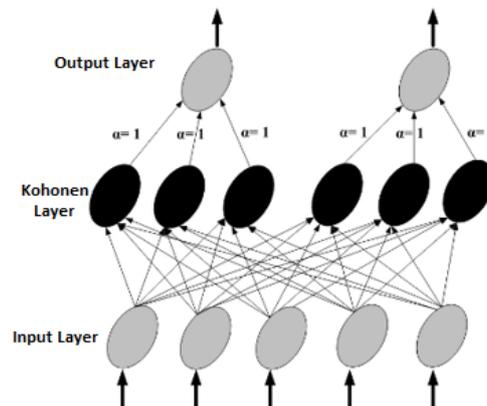


Figure 4. Structure of LVQ Network

LVQ network is composed of three layers (Adiyaman, 2007: 38):

- **Input layer:** There's no data processing in this layer, and incoming information forms the vector. Each process element in this layer is connected to each process element in Kohonen layer. Learning is achieved by changing weights of input layer and Kohonen layer.
- **Kohonen layer:** In this layer, the weight vector, which is the closest to the input set, is determined. Each element in this layer shows a reference vector and composed of weight values of links connecting input values to process elements in Kohonen layer. The number of elements in reference vector is equal to the number of elements in input layer.
- **Output layer:** In this layer, the class, which the input belongs to, is determined. Process elements in Kohonen layer is linked to only one process element in output layer. The weights between Kohonen layer and output layer is  $(\alpha)$  and equal to 1.

#### 4. Scope and Method of Study

This part gives information about the purpose, scope, limitations, universe and analysis method of the study.

##### 4.1. Purpose and Significance of Study

Economic development and growth are among the most important objectives for all countries. For this reason, human development index has become a widely preferred and recognized numerical indicator for comparison and classification of countries. The purpose of this research is to compare the classification success of Human Development Index and determine the by using ordered logistic regression as well as Elman ANN, multi layer ANN and LVQ network as artificial neural networks.

#### **4.2. Scope, Limitations and Constraints of Study**

In this study, data of highly developed, developed, moderately developed and less developed countries produced by Human Development Report Office of United Nations Development Program (UNDP), which is published annually. This data covers a period of three years and is obtained from 2010-2012 Human Development Index published at United Nations Development web site. Since it was difficult to find data about less developed countries, they are excluded from the analysis. The study classifies 81 countries based on data of three years. With the addition of one more country in 2012, the universe of the study is total of 244 countries.

Income, education and life expectancy are indispensable components in calculation of human development index. Since human development level would be subject to multiple classification process, 11 independent variables were added to these three variables, thus 14 independent variables were studied in order to enable a more detailed examination of methods. The following variables were used in the analysis respectively:

- X1: BÖO "infant mortality rate",
- X2: GSMH "gross national product",
- X3: LKO "high school enrolment",
- X4: BY "growth",
- X5: DYY "direct foreign investment",
- X6: ET "energy consumption",
- X7: EÜ "energy production",
- X8: E "inflation",
- X9: IH "export",
- X10: IKS "number of internet users",
- X11: ISZ "unemployment",
- X12: ITH "import",
- X13: MTAS "number of mobile phone subscribers",
- X14: SH "health expenses"

Answer variables for Human Development are coded as follows for Ordered Logistic Regression Analysis:

- 0: Moderately Developed,
- 1: Developed,
- 2: Highly Developed.

#### **4.3. Data Analysis Method**

Countries are classified for their Human Development Level by using Stata 11.2 package, Ordered Logistic Regression and Matlab 2012 software with Elman, Multi Layer Neural Networks and LVQ Network methods. In artificial neural network method, if a country is highly developed in human development, it is valued as 1 while the others' output values are stated as 0.

**4.4. Ordered Logistic Regression Analysis**

Stata 11.2 statistical analysis program is used to classify Human Development Index of countries.

**Table 2. Relevance Values of the Established Model**

<b>Log-Lik Intercept Only:</b>	<b>-256.865</b>	<b>Log-Lik Full Model:</b>	<b>-98.392</b>
<b>D(228):</b>	196.784	LR(12):	316.947
		Prob>LR:	0.000
<b>McFadden's R2:</b>	0.617	McFadden's Adj R2:	0.555
<b>ML (Cox-Snell) R2:</b>	0.727	Cragg-Uhler(Nagelkerke) R2:	0.828
<b>McKelvey&amp;Zavoina's R2:</b>	0.886		
<b>Variance of y*:</b>	28.850	Variance of error:	3.290
<b>Count R2:</b>	0.881	Adj Count R2:	0.779
<b>AIC:</b>	0.938	AIC*n:	228.784
<b>BIC:</b>	-1.056.570	BIC:	-250.981
<b>BIC used by Stata:</b>	273.745	AIC used by Stata:	224.784

In order to test relevance of the model used in study, fitstat command was run in Stata 11.2 software. Table 2 shows the conformity values of the model. Akaika information criteria (AIC) was found to be 228.784 while Bayes information criteria (BIC) was found as -250.981. Prob>LR: 0.000 model with all independent variables was found to be statistically significant. McKelvey and Zavonia's R<sup>2</sup> value approximates to R<sup>2</sup> value, which is obtained by estimating linear regression model (Long and Freese, 2001: 148). McKelvey and Zavonia's R<sup>2</sup> value of the model was measured as 88.6%.

**Table 3. ParallelCurves Assumption Test**

Variable	chi2	p>chi2	df
All	14.12	0.118	14

Table 3 shows the test results of parallel curves assumption of logistic regression model. Zero hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>) and alternative hypothesis (H<sub>a</sub>) used for testing parallel curves assumption test are as follows:

"H<sub>0</sub>: Relevant regression coefficients are the same in all categories of dependent variable

H<sub>a</sub>: Relevant regression coefficients are different at all levels of dependent variable"

Brant, detail command was run in Stata software. In the model, as P>χ<sup>2</sup>: 0,118, H<sub>0</sub> hypothesis was accepted, thus it shows that estimated regression coefficients are the same in each category of the dependent variable and parallel curves assumption is realized with P>0,05.

**Table 4. Established Model's Goodness of Fit**

<b>Goodness of Fit Test of Ordered Logit Model</b>	
<b>Pearson χ<sup>2</sup> test statistic</b>	10.24
<b>Liberty Level</b>	14
<b>P&gt;χ<sup>2</sup></b>	0.332

"H<sub>0</sub>: Model-data fit is sufficient in terms of parameter's decisiveness

H<sub>a</sub>: Model-data fit is not sufficient in terms of parameter's decisiveness"

Omodel logit command was run in Stata software. Likelihood ratio test known as  $\chi^2$  goodness of fit test, evaluates ordered logistic regression model as a whole. In the model, as  $P > \chi^2$ : 0,332,  $H_0$  hypothesis was accepted, thus it was found that ordered logistic regression model is a sufficient model for classification of human development index. It can be stated that model's goodness of fit is quite good and parameters are good at classification decisiveness.

**Table 5.** Results of Ordered Logistic Regression Analysis of Variables Effecting Human Development Level

						Number of obs	244	
						LRchi2(12)	316,95	
						Prob > chi2	0.0000	
Log likelihood			-110,706			Pseudo R2		0,617
HDII	Coef.	Std. Err.	Wald	z	P>z	Odds Ratio	[95% Conf. Interval]	
BÖO	-0,132	0,035	13,985	-3,740	0,000	0,876	0,817	0,939
GSMH	0,000	0,000	1,840	1,360	0,174	1,000	1,000	1,000
LKO	0,017	0,013	1,749	1,320	0,186	1,017	0,992	1,043
BY	-0,076	0,063	1,482	-1,220	0,223	0,926	0,819	1,048
DYY	0,000	0,000	0,175	-0,420	0,674	1,000	1,000	1,000
ET	0,000	0,000	0,603	-0,780	0,438	1,000	1,000	1,000
EÜ	0,000	0,000	0,011	-0,110	0,916	1,000	1,000	1,000
E	0,051	0,037	1,837	1,360	0,175	1,052	0,978	1,131
IH	0,058	0,023	6,475	2,540	0,011	1,059	1,013	1,108
IKS	0,104	0,020	26,893	5,190	0,000	1,109	1,067	1,154
ISZ	-0,005	0,044	0,012	-0,110	0,914	0,995	0,914	1,084
ITH	-0,062	0,024	6,788	-2,610	0,009	0,940	0,897	0,985
MTAS	-0,006	0,009	0,506	-0,710	0,477	0,994	0,977	1,011
SH	0,237	0,110	4,616	2,150	0,032	1,267	1,021	1,573
/cut1	1,563	1,539					-1,453	4,580
/cut2	6,487	1,614					3,323	9,651

Results of the ordered logistic regression analysis of dependent and independent variables using mlogit command in Stata 11.2 package program are shown in Table 5. As seen in Table 5, the number of observations is 244 in the model and  $\chi^2$  value is statistically significant ( $p < 0.01$ ). Log likelihood value of the model was found to be -110.71. The first column of Table 5 shows  $\beta$  coefficients of ordered logistic regression analysis. BÖO "infant mortality rate", IKS "number of internet users" and ITH "import" with 0.01 significance level and IH "export" and SH "health expenses" with 0.05 significance level were observed as statistically significant. BÖO and ITH variables above the statistically dependent variable is marked negative while estimated value of IKS, IH and SH variables are marked positive. In addition, marginal effects will be calculated for the change in probabilities of dependent variable pursuant to change in  $\beta$  coefficients.

In odds ratio, one unit increase in BÖO variable decreases odds of high level human development rate by 12.4% while one unit increase in ITH variable decreases it by 6%

provided that all other independent variables are held constant against moderate and low level of human development rate. One unit increase in IH variable increases odds of high level human development rate by 5.9% while one unit increase in IKS variable increases it by 10.9% and one unit increase in SH variable increases it by 26.7% against moderate and low level of human development rate. Thus, the most important variable that has a positive effect on human development level is SH "health expenses" variable, the second one is IKS "number of internet users" variable and the third one is IH "export" variable while the most important variable with negative effect is BÖÖ "infant mortality rate".

For the number of categorical variables,  $M-1=2$  cut-off value is obtained.

Ordered logistic regression model which is established for dependent variable with 3 categories used for calculation of probabilities is shown in Table 5.

$$Z = \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k X_k = -0,132B\ddot{O}O + 1,37 \cdot 10^{-12}GSMH + 0,017LKO - 0,076BY - 1 \cdot 10^{-11}DYY - 5,38 \cdot 10^{-6}ET - 3,42 \cdot 10^{-7}E\ddot{U} + 0,051E + 0,058IH + 0,104IKS - 0,005ISZ - 0,062ITH - 0,006MTAS + 0,237SH$$

Probabilities will be calculated by ordered logistic regression model. Z values obtained from the above equation will be written in the formulas below and the class the countries belong to as per their human development levels will be determined by calculating probability values of moderate, developed and highly developed index of countries.

$$P(Y = 0) = 1 - \frac{\exp(Z_i - cut_1)}{1 + \exp(Z_i - cut_1)} = \text{probability values of moderate development index,}$$

$$P(Y = 1) = \frac{\exp(Z_i - cut_2)}{1 + \exp(Z_i - cut_2)} - \frac{\exp(Z_i - cut_1)}{1 + \exp(Z_i - cut_1)} = \text{values of development index,}$$

$$P(Y = 2) = \frac{\exp(Z_i - cut_2)}{1 + \exp(Z_i - cut_2)} = \text{probability values of high development index,}$$

#### Probability Values of Human Development Index of Turkey in 2010:

$$Z_1(x_i) = -0,132 \cdot B\ddot{O}O(16) + 1,37 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot GSMH(7,31E+11) + 0,017 \cdot LKO(56) - 0,076 \cdot BY(9,29) + 1 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot DYY(9,04E+09) - 5,38 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot ET(105133,1) - 3,42 \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot E\ddot{U}(32225) + 0,051 \cdot E(5,7) + 0,058 \cdot H(21) + 0,104 \cdot KS(39,8) - 0,005 \cdot SZ(11,9) - 0,062 \cdot ITH(27) - 0,006 \cdot MTAS(85) + 0,237 \cdot SH(6,7) = 3,441$$

$$Z_i - cut_1 = 3,441 - 1,563 = 1,878$$

$$Z_i - cut_2 = 3,441 - 6,487 = -3,046$$

$$P(Y=0) = 0,133, \text{probability of being a moderately developed country,}$$

$$P(Y=1) = 0,822, \text{probability of being a developed country,}$$

$$P(Y=2) = 0,045, \text{probability of being a highly developed country,}$$

It's determined that Turkey, which was included in the category of developed countries for human development in 2010, was classified correctly in the category of developed countries for human development with the highest probability result of 0.822 by ordered logistic regression analysis.

**Probability Values of Human Development Index of Turkey in 2011:**

$$Z_1(x_i) = -0,132*BÖO(15)+1,37*10^{-12} *GSMH(7,75E+11)+0,017*LKO(61)-0,076*BY(8,8)-1*10^{11}*DYY(1,6E+10)-5,38*10^{-6} *ET(112458,7)-3,42*10^{-7}$$

$$*EÜ(32064)+0,051*E(8,6)+0,058*IH(24)+0,104*IKS(43,1)-0,005*ISZ(9,8)-0,062*ITH(33)-0,006*MTAS(89)+0,237*SH(6,7)=3,916$$

$$Z_i - cut_1 = 3,916 - 1,563 = 2,353$$

$$Z_i - cut_2 = 3,916 - 6,487 = -2,571$$

P(Y=0)= 0,087, probability of being a moderately developed country,

P(Y=1)=0,842, probability of being a developed country,

P(Y=2)=0,071, probability of being a highly developed country,

It's determined that Turkey, which was included in the category of developed countries for human development in 2011, was classified correctly in the category of developed countries for human development with the result of 0.842 by ordered logistic regression analysis.

**Probability Values of Human Development Index of Turkey in 2012:**

$$Z_1(x_i) = -0,132*BÖO(14)+1,37*10^{-12} *GSMH(7,89E+11)+0,017*LKO(62)-0,076*BY(2,2)-1*10^{11} *DYY(1,26E+10)-5,38*10^{-6} *ET(115701,2)-3,42*10^{-7}$$

$$*EÜ(31117)+0,051*E(6,8)+0,058*IH(26)+0,104*IKS(45,1)-0,005*ISZ(9,3)-0,062*ITH(32)-0,006*MTAS(91)+0,237*SH(6,7)=4,891$$

$$Z_i - cut_1 = 4,891 - 1,563 = 3,328$$

$$Z_i - cut_2 = 4,891 - 6,487 = -1,596$$

P(Y=0)= 0,035, probability of being a moderately developed country,

P(Y=1)=0,797, probability of being a developed country,

P(Y=2)=0,168, probability of being a highly developed country,

It's determined that Turkey, which was included in the category of developed countries for human development in 2012, was classified correctly in the category of developed countries for human development with the result of 0.797 by ordered logistic regression analysis.

In this way, Turkey's human development rate was successfully classified.

**Table 6.** Marginal Effects on Probability

Variable	Probability of Moderate Development	Probability of Development	Probability of High Development
<b>BÖO</b>	0,0017023	0,0285864	-0,0302887
<b>GSMH</b>	-1,76E-14	-2,96E-13	3,14E-13
<b>LKO</b>	-0,0002201	-0,0036953	0,0039154
<b>BY</b>	0,0009831	0,0165083	-0,0174914
<b>DYY</b>	1,29E-13	2,17E-12	-2,30E-12
<b>ET</b>	6,92E-08	1,16E-06	-1,23E-06
<b>EÜ</b>	4,40E-09	7,39E-08	-7,83E-08
<b>E</b>	-0,0006499	-0,0109138	0,0115637
<b>IH</b>	-0,0007436	-0,0124877	0,0132313
<b>IKS</b>	-0,0013342	-0,0224047	0,0237389
<b>ISZ</b>	0,0000608	0,0010203	-0,0010811
<b>ITH</b>	0,0007969	0,0133821	-0,014179
<b>MTAS</b>	0,0000785	0,0013188	-0,0013973
<b>SH</b>	-0,0030488	-0,0511975	0,0542463

Marginal effects show the effect of one unit change of average on the probability of dependent variable categories. In order to calculate marginal effects, mfx command was run in Stata 11.2 software. When statistically significant variables are taken into consideration in the equation of ordered logistic regression and provided that all other variables are held constant, one unit increase in BÖO variable decreases the probability of being a highly developed country with regards to human development by 3% while it increases the probability of being a developed country with regards to human development by 2.9% and being a moderately developed country with regards to human development by 0.17%.

One unit increase in IHT variable decreases the probability of being a highly developed country with regards to human development by 1% while it increases the probability of being a developed country with regards to human development by 1% and being a moderately developed country with regards to human development by 0.08%.

One unit increase in IH variable increases the probability of being a highly developed country with regards to human development by 1% while it decreases the probability of being a developed country with regards to human development by 1% and being a moderately developed country with regards to human development by 0.07%.

One unit increase in IKS variable increases the probability of being a highly developed country with regards to human development by 2% while it decreases the probability of being a developed country with regards to human development by 2% and being a moderately developed country with regards to human development by 0.1%.

One unit increase in SH variable increases the probability of being a highly developed country with regards to human development by 5% while it decreases the probability of being a developed country with regards to human development by 5% and being a moderately developed country with regards to human development by 0.3%.

**Table 7.** Classification Success of Ordered Logistic Regression Analysis

Ordered Logistic Regression Analysis		Estimated Group				Accuracy Rate
		Moderate	Developed	Highly Developed	Total	
Observed Group	Moderate	44	9	0	53	83
	Developed	7	66	5	78	84,6
	Highly Developed	2	6	105	113	92,9
	Total	53	81	110	244	88,1

Table 7 shows the results of 244 countries' human development level classification results by using ordered logistic regression analysis. Ordered logistic regression analysis of development classification variable showed that 44 of 53 moderately developed countries, 66 of 78 developed countries and 105 of 113 highly developed countries were estimated accurately hence achieving 83% success rate for moderately developed countries, 84.6% for developed countries and 92.9% for highly developed countries. Total classification success for all countries is 88.1%.

#### 4.5. Artificial Neural Networks Analysis

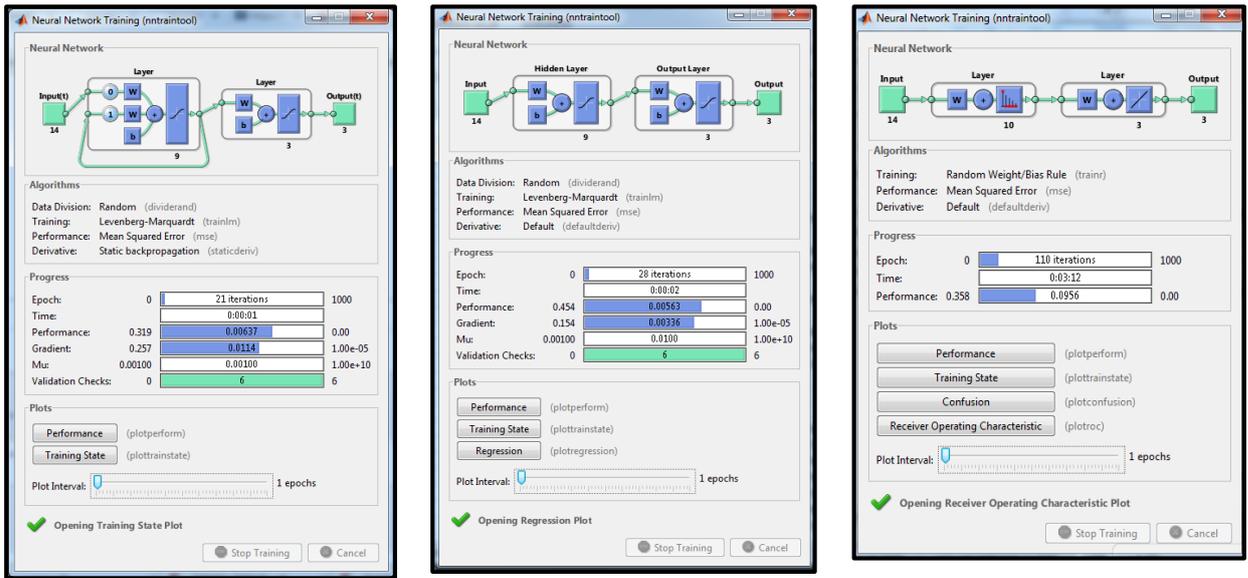
Matlab R2012a computer software was used to establish artificial neural network models. In order to determine the appropriate artificial neural network method,

trial-and-error method is commonly used and many tests are performed. In this context, different combinations of parameters including number of hidden layers, number of nodes in hidden layers, momentum term, activation function, number of cycles were tested on both the training set and the test set to find the best performing network. Elman artificial neural network, multi layer artificial neural network and LVQ network were used as artificial neural networks in this study.

**Table 8:** Parameters of Elman ANN, Multi Layer ANN and LVQ Network

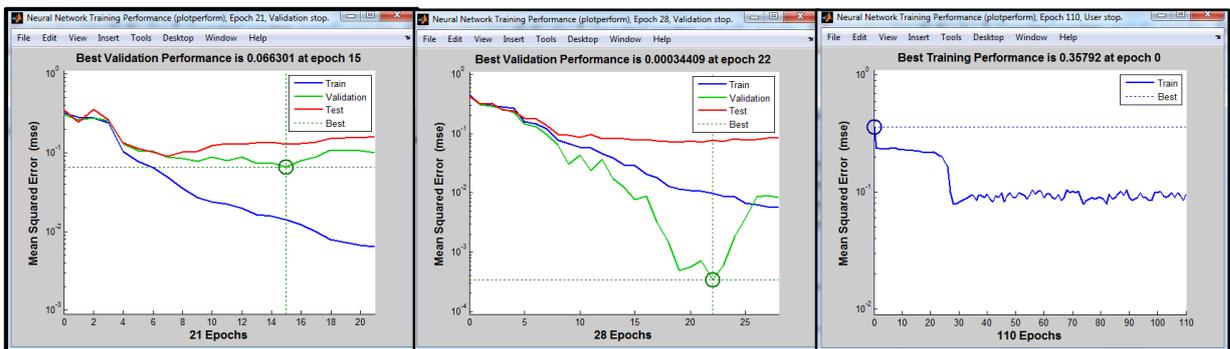
Network type	Elman	Multi Layer	LVQ
	ANN	ANN	ANN
<b>Learning Algorithm</b>	Levenberg-Marquardt Optimization (Supervised Learning)	Levenberg-Marquardt Optimization (Supervised Learning)	Learnk (Reinforcement Learning)
<b>Learning Rule</b>	Gradient descent rule	Gradient descent rule	Kohonen rule
<b>Number of Nodes in Entrance Layer</b>	14	14	14
<b>Number of Hidden Layers</b>	1	1	1
<b>Number of Nodes in Hidden Layer</b>	9	9	10
<b>Number of Nodes in Exit Layer</b>	3	3	3
<b>Learning Ratio</b>	0,01	0,01	0,01
<b>Number of Cycles</b>	21	28	110
<b>Learning Time (seconds)</b>	1	2	192
<b>Transfer Function for Hidden Layers</b>	Tansig	Tansig	Learnlv1 (LVQ1 weight learning function)
<b>Transfer Function for Output Layer</b>	Purelin	Purelin	Purelin
<b>Training Function of BackPropagation Network</b>	Trainlm	Trainlm	No back propagation

The network structure of the models with the best number of layers and nodes for ANN used for classification estimation is given in Table 8. Elman ANN, multi-layer ANN and LVQ models were used to classify human development levels of countries. All three models had 14 nodes in the input layer and this gives the results of 14 independent variables after normalization used in classifying human development levels. Multi-layer ANN and Elman ANN had 1 hidden layer with 9 nodes in each layer while the LVQ had 10 nodes in hidden layer. In order perform three-category classification in Elman ANN, multi-layer ANN and LVQ network, there were 3 nodes in the output layer. Figure 5 shows the architectural structure of ANN Models developed by Matlab 2012 program.



**Figure 5.** Models Developed by Matlab Program to Classify Human Development Level of Countries

After the training processes were completed for the established ANN models, numerous tests were performed. For Elman ANN and multi-layer ANN models, the following learning algorithm gave the best classification results for human development rate of countries: Levenberg-Marquardt Optimization learning algorithm, "tansig" as the sigmoid transfer function in hidden layers, "purelin" as the transfer function in output layer and "trainline" functions for training of back propagation network. Final ANN models, which provided the best classification results for human development levels are given in Figure 1. Reinforcement learning algorithm was used as the learning algorithm for LVQ networks, LVQ1 weight learning function was used in hidden layers and "purelin" functions were used for output layer. The most appropriate neural network models were selected as 14-1-3 for Elman neural ANN, Multi layer ANN and LVQ network.



**Figure 6.** Cycling Performance of ANN Models

Figure 6 shows the cycling performance of ANN models. At the beginning, 1000 iterations were given for the training of the established artificial neural networks and Elman

ANN spent 1 second for 21 iterations, multi layer ANN spent 2 seconds for 28 iterations and LVQ network spent 192 seconds for 110 iterations and completed the learning process.

**Table 9.** Classification Success of Elman ANN Analysis

Elman ANN		Estimated Group				Accuracy Percentage
		Moderate	Developed	Highly Developed	Total	
Observed Group	Moderate	48	5	0	53	90,6
	Developed	0	74	4	78	94,9
	Highly Developed	2	3	108	113	95,6
	Total	50	82	112	244	94,3

Table 9 shows the results of 244 countries' human development level classification results by using Elman ANN. Elman ANN analysis of development classification variable showed that 48 of 53 moderately developed countries, 74 of 78 developed countries and 108 of 113 highly developed countries were estimated accurately hence achieving 90.6% success rate for moderately developed countries, 94.9% for developed countries and 95.6% for highly developed countries. Total classification success for all countries is 94.3%.

**Table 10.** Classification Success of Multi Layer ANN Analysis

Multi Layer ANN		Estimated Group				Accuracy Percentage
		Moderate	Developed	Highly Developed	Total	
Observed Group	Moderate	53	0	0	53	100
	Developed	2	75	1	78	96,2
	Highly Developed	2	2	109	113	96,5
	Total	57	77	110	244	97,1

Table 10 shows the results of 244 countries' human development level classification results by using Multi Layer ANN. Multi Layer ANN analysis of development classification variable showed that 53 of 53 moderately developed countries (all of them), 75 of 78 developed countries and 109 of 113 highly developed countries were estimated accurately hence achieving 100% success rate for moderately developed countries, 96.2% for developed countries and 96.5% for highly developed countries. Total classification success for all countries is 97.1%.

**Table 11.** Classification Success of LVQ Network Analysis

LVQ Network		Estimated Group				Accuracy Percentage
		Moderate	Developed	Highly Developed	Total	
Observed Group	Moderate	46	7	0	53	86,8
	Developed	13	62	3	78	79,5
	Highly Developed	4	8	101	113	89,4
	Total	63	77	104	244	85,7

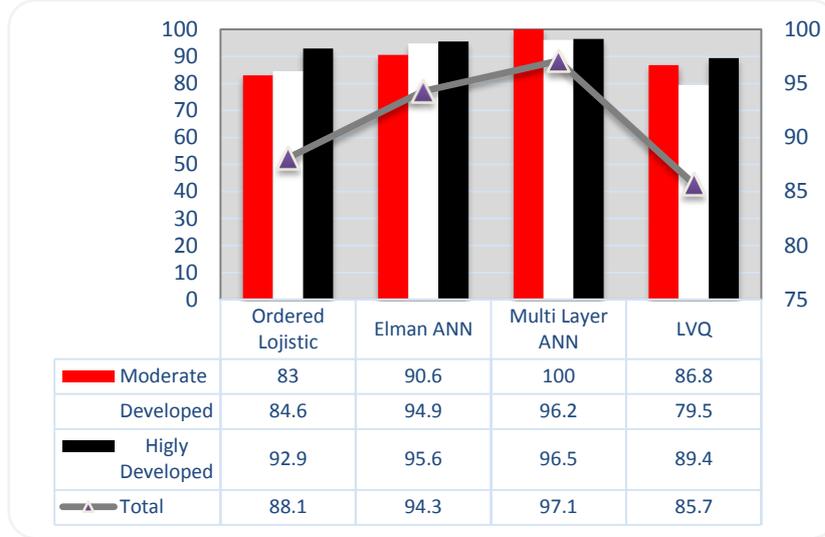
Table 11 shows the results of 244 countries' human development level classification results by using LVQ network analysis. LVQ network analysis of development classification variable showed that 46 of 53 moderately developed countries, 62 of 78 developed countries and 101 of 113 highly developed countries were estimated accurately hence achieving 86.8% success rate for moderately developed countries, 79.5% for developed countries and 89.4% for highly developed countries. Total classification success for all countries is 85.7%.

## **5. Conclusion**

In this study, human development level of countries were classified by using ordered logistic regression, Elman ANN, multi layer ANN and LVQ network. Multiple classification methods were used to determine the relation between moderately developed, developed and highly developed countries as the dependent variable with ordered variable of 3 categories and 14 independent variables. The data of 81 countries, which has United Nations Development Program's Human Development Index, between the years of 2010-2012 were used in this study.

In ordered logistic regression analysis among 14 independent variables, it was observed that BÖÖ "infant mortality rate" and ITH "import" had a statistically significant negative effect while IKS "number of internet users", IH "export" and SH "health expenses" a statistically significant positive effect. Thus, the most important variable that has a positive effect on human development level was SH "health expenses" variable and the second one was IKS "number of internet users" variable while the most important variable with negative effect was BÖÖ "infant mortality rate". Marginal effects for independent variables were calculated. It was observed that one unit increase in the most important variable SH increases the odds of being a highly developed country with regards to human development by 5% while the second most important variable IH increases this odd by 1%. The classification of Turkey, which was classified as a developed country with regards to human development in 2010, 2011 and 2012, was successfully estimated by using ordered logistic regression analysis.

For ANN, which is another classification technique for human development level; Elman ANN, multi layer ANN and LVQ network were used. For classification estimation, there was 1 hidden layer for Elman, Multi layer ANN and LVQ. For Elman ANN and Multi layer ANN, 9 nodes were used in hidden layers, and 10 nodes were used in LVQ network.



**Chart 1.** Performance Criterion for All Four Methods of Analysis

Chart 1 shows percentage values of all four methods of analysis for moderate, development and high development levels and the overall classification accuracy. Multi Layer ANN analysis had the best performance among all. Its classification success was 100% for moderately developed countries, 96.2% for developed countries and 96.5% for highly developed countries. As a result of comparison of analyses, it's seen that Multi Layer ANN provides results with a higher accuracy percentage compared to Elman ANN while ordered logistic regression analysis provides results with a higher accuracy compared to LVQ network. In all four methods of analysis, it was proved that Multi Layer ANN had a better performance compared to the other three methods with regards to total classification results of moderately, developed and highly developed countries.

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**ANNEX-1 Human Development Levels by Countries**

Country	Development Level	Country	Development Level
Germany	Highly Developed	Guatemala	Moderately Developed
USA	Highly Developed	Georgia	Developed
Australia	Highly Developed	Croatia	Developed
Austria	Highly Developed	The Netherlands	Highly Developed
Azerbaijan	Developed	Honduras	Moderately Developed
Belgium	Highly Developed	England	Highly Developed
Bolivia	Moderately Developed	Ireland	Highly Developed
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Developed	Spain	Highly Developed
Brazil	Developed	Israel	Highly Developed
Bulgaria	Developed	Sweden	Highly Developed
Algeria	Developed	Switzerland	Highly Developed
Czech Republic	Highly Developed	Italy	Highly Developed
China	Moderately Developed	Iceland	Highly Developed
Denmark	Highly Developed	Jamaica	Developed
Dominic Republic	Moderately Developed	Japan	Highly Developed
Ecuador	Moderately Developed	Canada	Highly Developed
El Salvador	Moderately Developed	Kazakhstan	Developed
Estonia	Highly Developed	Cyprus	Highly Developed
Morocco	Moderately Developed	Kyrgyzstan	Moderately Developed
Philippines	Moderately Developed	Colombia	Developed
Finland	Highly Developed	Korea	Highly Developed
France	Highly Developed	Costa Rica	Highly Developed

Country	Development Level	Country	Development Level
Latvia	Developed	Serbia	Developed
Lithuania	Developed	Slovenia	Highly Developed
Luxemburg	Highly Developed	Slovakia	Highly Developed
Hungary	Highly Developed	Sri Lanka	Moderately Developed
Macedonia	Developed	Syria	Moderately Developed
Malaysia	Developed	Saudi Arabia	Developed
Malta	Highly Developed	Chile	Developed
Mexico	Developed	Thailand	Moderately Developed
Egypt	Moderately Developed	Trinidad and Tobago	Developed
Moldova	Moderately Developed	Tunisia	Developed
Nicaragua	Moderately Developed	Turkey	Developed
Norway	Highly Developed	Ukraine	Developed
Pakistan	Moderately Developed	Uruguay	Developed
Panama	Developed	Jordan	Developed
Paraguay	Moderately Developed	Venezuela	Developed
Peru	Developed		
Poland	Highly Developed		
Portugal	Highly Developed		
Romania	Developed		
Russia	Developed		
New Zealand	Highly Developed		
Greece	Highly Developed		