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## I. INTRODUCTION

Clustering is the process of organizing data objects into a set of disjoint classes called Clusters. Clustering is an Unsupervised Clustering technique of Classification. Classification refers to a technique that assigns data objects to a set of classes. Unsupervised means that clustering does not depend upon predefined classes while clustering the data objects. Formally, given a set of dimensional points and a function that gives the distance between two points, we are required to compute cluster centers, such that the points falling in the same cluster are similar and points that are in different cluster are dissimilar. Most of the initial clustering techniques were developed by statistics or pattern recognition communities, where the goal was to cluster a modest number of data instances. However, within the data mining community, the focus has been on clustering large datasets [2]. Developing clustering algorithms to effectively and efficiently cluster rapidly growing datasets has been identified as an important challenge.

A number of clustering algorithms have been proposed to solve clustering problems. One of the most popular clustering methods are K-Means, SOM, HCA. Their shortcomings are discussed below.

The standard k-means algorithm needs to calculate the distance from the each data object to all

the centers of k clusters when it executes the iteration each time, which takes up a lot of execution time especially for large-capacity databases. In K-Means algorithm initial cluster centers are produced arbitrary, it does not promise to produce the peculiar clustering results. Efficiency of original k-means algorithm is heavily rely on the initial centroid. Initial centroid also has an influence on the number of iterations required while running the original K-Means algorithm. Computational Complexity of K-Means algorithm is very high and does not provide high quality clusters when it comes to cluster High dimensional data set.

Kohonen's SOMs are a type of unsupervised learning. The goal is to discover some underlying structure of the data. SOM algorithm is computationally expensive. Large quantity of good quality representative training data required. No generally accepted measure of 'quality' of a SOM e.g. Average quantization error (how well the data is classified). Every SOM is different therefore we must be careful what conclusions we draw from our results. SOM is non-deterministic and can and will produce different results in different run.

Hierarchical clustering algorithms are either top-down or bottom-up. Bottom-up algorithms treat each document as a singleton cluster at the outset and then successively merge (or agglomerate) pairs of clusters until all clusters have been merged into a single cluster that contains all documents. Bottom-up hierarchical clustering is therefore called hierarchical agglomerative clustering or HAC. [6] Top-down clustering requires a method for splitting a cluster. It proceeds by splitting clusters recursively until individual documents are reached. This algorithm is sensitive to outliers and sometimes it is difficult to identify the correct number of clusters from Dendrogram. [7]

Various methods have been proposed in literature but it have been analyzed that the K-Means, SOM, HCA fails to give optimum result when it comes to clustering high dimensional data set because their complexity tends to make things more difficult when number of dimensions are added. In data mining this problem is known as "Curse of Dimensionality". This research will deal the problem of high dimensionality and large data set.

A large number of algorithms had been proposed till date, each of them address some specific

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requirement. There does not exist a single algorithm which can adequately handle all sorts of requirement. This makes a great challenge for the user to do selection among the available algorithm for specific task. To cope with this problem, a new algorithm is going to be proposed in this research that is named as "Advanced Clustering Algorithm".

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents an overview of ACA. Section 3 introduces proposed method. Section 4 describes about the time complexity of proposed method. Section 5 experimentally demonstrates the performance of proposed method. And the final Section 6 describes the conclusion.

## II. ADVANCED CLUSTERING ALGORITHM

Experimental results have shown Kohonen's SOM is superlative clustering algorithm among K-means, HCA [8]. For the shortcomings of the above SOM algorithm, this paper presents an Advanced Clustering Algorithm method. The main idea of algorithm is to set two simple data structures to retain the labels of cluster and the distance of all the data objects to the nearest cluster during the each iteration that can be used in next iteration. We calculate the distance between the current data object and the new cluster center, if the computed distance is smaller than or equal to the distance to the old center, the data object stays in its cluster that was assigned to in previous iteration. Therefore, there is no need to calculate the distance from this data object to the other  $k-1$  clustering centers, saving the calculative time to the  $k-1$  cluster centers. Otherwise, we must calculate the distance from the current data object to all  $k$  cluster centers, and find the nearest cluster center and assign this point to the nearest cluster center. And then we separately record the label of nearest cluster center and the distance to its center. Because in each iteration some data points still remain in the original cluster, it means that some parts of the data points will not be calculated, saving a total time of calculating the distance, thereby enhancing the efficiency of the algorithm.

## III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

The process of the Advanced Clustering algorithm is described as follows: Input: The number of desired clusters  $k$ , and a database  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$  containing  $n$  data objects. Output: A set of  $k$  clusters.

1. Draw multiple sub-samples  $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_j\}$  from the original dataset.
2. Repeat step 3 for  $m=1$  to  $i$
3. Apply combined approach for sub sample.
4. Compute centroid
5. Choose minimum of minimum distance from cluster center criteria

6. Now apply new calculation again on dataset  $S$  for  $k_1$  clusters.
7. Combine two nearest clusters into one cluster and recalculate the new cluster center for the combined cluster until the number of clusters reduces into  $k$ .

## IV. TIME COMPLEXITY

This paper proposes an Advanced Clustering Algorithm, to obtain the initial cluster, time complexity of the advanced algorithm is  $O(nk)$ . Here some data points remain in the original clusters, while the others move to other clusters. If the data point retains in the original cluster, this needs  $O(1)$ , else  $O(k)$ . With the convergence of clustering algorithm, the number of data points moved from their cluster will reduce. If half of the data points move from their cluster, the time complexity is  $O(nk/2)$ . Hence the total time complexity is  $O(nk)$ . While the standard  $k$ -means clustering algorithm require  $O(nkt)$ . So the proposed algorithm in this paper can effectively improve the speed of clustering and reduce the computational complexity. But the Advanced  $k$ -means algorithm requires the pre estimated the number of clusters,  $k$ , which is the same to the standard  $k$ -means algorithm. If you want to get to the optimal solution, you must test the different value of  $k$ .

## V. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

This paper selects academic data set repository of machine learning databases to test the efficiency of the advanced algorithm and the standard algorithms. Two simulated experiments have been carried out to demonstrate the performance of the Advanced in this paper. This algorithm has also been applied to the clustering of real datasets. In two experiments, time taken for each experiment is computed. The same data set is given as input to the standard algorithm and the Advanced Clustering Algorithm. Experiments compare Advanced Clustering Algorithm with the standard algorithm in terms of the total execution time of clusters and their accuracy. Experimental operating system is Window 8, program language is java. This paper uses academic activities as the test datasets and gives a brief description of the datasets used in experiment evaluation. Table 1 shows some characteristics of the datasets.

Table 1 : Data Set Size

Dataset	Number of attributes	Number of records
Academic Activities	15	5504

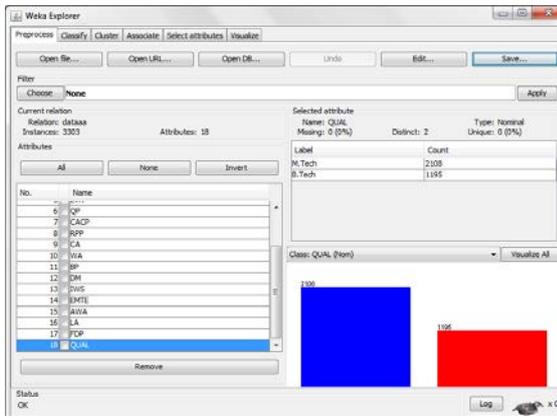


Figure 1 : Display data set according to class attributes

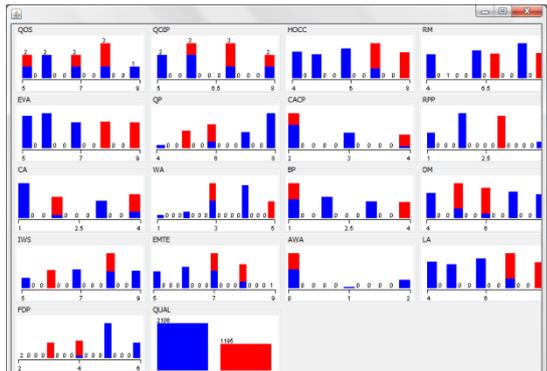


Figure 2 : Display All Attributes

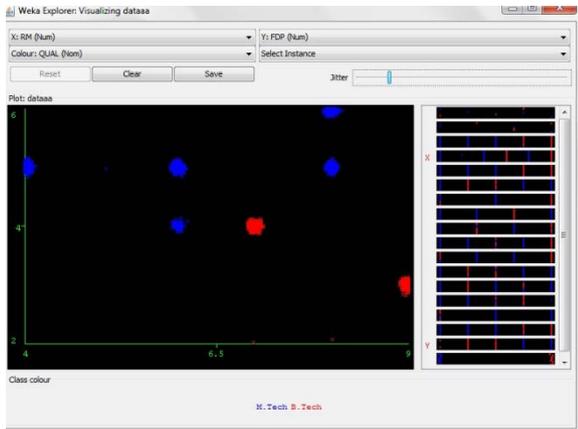


Figure 3 : Visualization of scatter plot

Table 2 : Analysis between traditional and Advanced Clustering Algorithm

Parameter	SOM	K-Means	HAC	ECA
Error Rate	0.8189	0.8456	0.8379	0.3672
Execution Time	297 ms	1281 ms	1341 ms	1000 ms
Accessing Time	Fast	Slow	Slow	Very fast
Number of Clusters	6	6	6	4



Figure 4 : Performance Comparison Based on Error Rate (Quality)

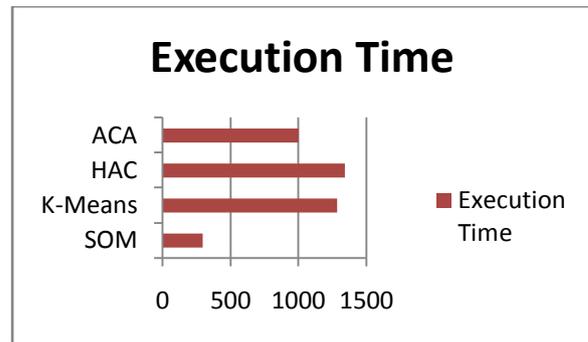


Figure 5 : Performance Comparison Based on Execution Time

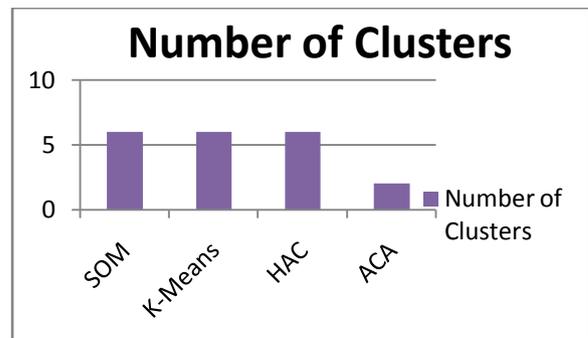


Figure 6 : Performance Comparison Based on Number of Clusters

## VI. CONCLUSION

SOM algorithm is a typical clustering algorithm and it is widely used for clustering large sets of data. This paper elaborates Advanced Clustering Algorithm and analyses the shortcomings of the standard k-means, SOM and HAC clustering algorithm. Because the computational complexity of the standard algorithm is objectionably high owing to the need to reassign the data points a number of times during every iteration, which makes the efficiency of standard clustering is not high. This paper presents a simple and efficient way for assigning data points to clusters. The proposed method

in this paper ensures the entire process of clustering in  $O(nk)$  time without sacrificing the accuracy of clusters. Experimental results show the Advanced Clustering Algorithm can improve the execution time, quality of SOM algorithm and works well on High Dimensional data set. So the proposed method is feasible.

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