Clustering Techniques in Bioinformatics

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Abstract—Dealing with data means to group information into a set of categories either in order to learn new artifacts or understand new domains. For this purpose researchers have always looked for the hidden patterns in data that can be defined and compared with other known notions based on the similarity or dissimilarity of their attributes according to well-defined rules. Data mining, having the tools of data classification and data clustering, is one of the most powerful techniques to deal with data in such a manner that it can help researchers identify the required information. As a step forward to address this challenge, experts have utilized clustering techniques as a mean of exploring hidden structure and patterns in underlying data. Improved stability, robustness and accuracy of unsupervised data classification in many fields including pattern recognition, machine learning, information retrieval, image analysis and bioinformatics, clustering has proven itself as a reliable tool. To identify the clusters in datasets algorithm are utilized to partition data set into several groups based on the similarity within a group. There is no specific clustering algorithm, but various algorithms are utilized based on domain of data that constitutes a cluster and the level of efficiency required. Clustering techniques are categorized based upon different approaches. This paper is a survey of few clustering techniques out of many in data mining. For the purpose five of the most common clustering techniques out of many have been discussed. The clustering techniques which have been surveyed are: K-medoids, K-means, Fuzzy C-means, Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise (DBSCAN) and Self-Organizing Map (SOM) clustering.

Index Terms—Clustering Techniques, Data Mining, DBSCAN, Hierarchical Clustering, Performance Analysis.

I. INTRODUCTION

The field of data mining is used to extract useful information, identify the concealed patterns and identical attributes within big body of dataset. Data mining provides a powerful support for decision-making through the application of supervised and unsupervised data analysis techniques.

Data mining tasks utilize different techniques such as clustering, prediction, association, classification, sequential patterns and decision tree. These data mining techniques are briefly explained as under:

A. Association

Association is also known as relation technique as it is based on a relationship between items in the same operation a pattern is discovered. Most common example of this technique is market basket analysis to recognize the purchasing trends of consumers associated with different products.

B. Classification

Classification is a typical data mining technique which is used to classify predefined set of classes based on each item in a dataset. Mathematical techniques like neural network, statistics, decision trees and linear programming are used to perform classification.

C. Prediction

Prediction is a data mining techniques that discovers relationship and dependencies of different attributes. In this technique independent variables relationships and dependent variables relationship are discovered. Based on the historical data, fitted regression curve can be drawn for future prediction.

D. Sequential Patterns

Sequential patterns analysis technique seeks to explore or identify similar patterns, consistent events or trends in transaction data over ascertain timeframe.

E. Decision trees

Decision tree is one of the mostly used data mining techniques because of its ease to understand and use. The root of the decision tree is a condition that has different answers and each answer leads to a set of conditions to help process the data so that final decision can be made.

F. Clustering

Clustering is a data mining technique that automatically creates suitable cluster of objects which have similar characteristics. Clustering technique is unsupervised as compared to classification technique in which objects are assigned into predefined classes. Clustering defines the classes and places objects in each class based on similar properties.

Data mining systems are either supervised or unsupervised, depending on whether the domain is already known or not. If domain is known then separate supervised classes are defined for making it supervised classification, or if domain is unknown then unsupervised
Clustering is performed where exploratory data analysis is done to identify the hidden data patterns.

Clustering technique is an unsupervised data mining technique which is used to place individual artifacts into relevant groups without prior knowledge of distinct group properties to explore structure in the data. Clusters automatically link hidden patterns by learning the data pattern which is then utilized for learning. The aim of clustering is to make unlabeled dataset into isolated set of data structures by means of learning hidden data concept. For example, the spending behaviors of different population segments can be compared to find out which segments to target for a new product release.

Clustering is an initial and fundamental step in data analysis. Historically, clustering has its foundations laid down by mathematics, statistics and numerical analysis making it a classification of patterns, in unsupervised manner, into groups of similar objects. So patterns in a cluster are more alike to each other than to a pattern related to other cluster. It identifies groups of related records that can be used as an opening point for exploring further associations. Clustering can be classified into the five major types based on criteria like: Hierarchy, Density, Partition, Grid and Model

One of the biggest challenges in clustering is to decide which algorithm is to be used for a specific problem. Algorithms differ in their execution characteristics, creating discrete cluster analysis models. Understanding these analytical models is very important in identifying the variances between the outputs of various algorithms. These clustering models include Connectivity models, Centroid models, Density models, Subspace models, Graph-based models, Group models and Distribution models.

Cluster formation is one of the most difficult techniques used for knowledge extraction process. The goal is to identify clusters without any prior knowledge to differentiate the attributes of different clusters. Clustering techniques are used for correlating identified artifacts into groups based on the following criteria:

- Each cluster is homogeneous in nature.
- Each cluster should be diverse in nature from other clusters.

The usefulness of clustering lies in various arenas e.g. Geo-informatics, web mining, Bio-informatics, market research, market segmentation, Image processing, Document categorization, learning and pattern recognition.

The unsupervised characteristics of the task require that its structural properties are unknown making dimensional distribution of the data in terms of the number, volume, density, shape, and orientation unknown. When applied to data mining applications; clustering encounters three additional complications, including huge data repositories, objects having different characteristics and numerous attributes types.

By default clustering poses different problems for which each solution might be violating at least one rule regarding scale invariance, richness, and cluster consistency. All these properties and rules are defined to enhance the credibility of clustering techniques as if we do not have equal variance then it will be impossible to avoid clusters that are dominated by variables having most variation. Same is the case with cluster consistency and richness; if there is lack of consistency between data partitions then it will be again a serious threat to the credibility of clusters formed.

Based on different assumptions, clustering techniques uses certain data model, and there are chances that due to misguided assumptions, we might have chosen wrong model to apply on sample data causing erroneous or unrelated results. So, it is important that domain knowledge of data is available for successful clustering and there are chances that even domain experts might not be able to provide such crucial information. To establish strong grounds for the sample data’s distribution or processing tin to the proper number of clusters we need to identify relevant subspaces or visualization of domain knowledge. Hence efficient and effective methods are required to strengthen the individual clustering algorithms due to exploratory nature of clustering tasks.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Jelili et al. [1] implemented k-mean clustering analysis technique to examine students’ academic performance data. The k-means clustering technique is used in combination with Euclidean distance, a deterministic statistical analysis technique, to analyze the students’ performance. Main aim of the paper is to present predictive power of clustering algorithms and statistical techniques. A futuristic approach for data analysis as used for 79 student’s results for nine courses offered to each student. The trends were presented as distance. A qualitative data analysis approach was used to measure the similarity distances and produce the numerical explanation of the results for the performance assessment. Usually time complexity is dependent on speed and type of the system.

The technique proposed is not only a model for academic forecasts but is an improved version of the existing models by removing their limitations. The existing methods described in this paper are fuzzy models which uses the dataset of only two course results to predict students’ academic behaviors. Another approach described is rough Set theory to analyze student data using Rosetta toolkit. The purpose of using this toolkit is to assess data in relation to identifying association between the affecting factors and student grade.

Reference [2] utilizes input data points based on arbitrary distribution to analyze the performance and quality of two clustering algorithms i.e. k-Means and k-Medoids. Clustering algorithm is dependent on the type of data chosen for processing. The data points are clustered according to the distribution of arbitrary shapes of the data points. Partition based algorithms are known to perform well to analyze small or medium datasets to identify cluster of spherical shape. The results of both the
algorithms are analyzed on the exact figure of data points and the computational time required for each algorithm. Time complexity analysis is a part of computational complexity theory which is used to describe an algorithm’s utilization of computational resources; in terms of the best case and worst case execution time expressed.

The behavior of algorithm is analyzed using performance as a benchmark by calculating the computational time required by each algorithm to process the datasets. Quality assessment is based on analysis and measurement of distance between two data points. The author observed that average execution time of the k-Means is comparatively less than k-Medoids algorithm.

Processing high dimensional dataset has always been a challenging task because of its multiple dimensions. K-means is determined as the best technique to partition a dataset into groups according to their patterns among all the partition based clustering techniques. It is also known that in k-means algorithm results are dependent on the starting points known as centroids. Dimensionality reduction is an important task in the determination of centroid. Numbers of techniques have been proposed for the purpose of improving k-means efficiency but as compared to these techniques results shown by the method proposed by Tajunisha and Saravanan [3] are far better showing near perfect accuracy. K-means algorithm application results depend on the initial value of centroid. To find starting centroid for k-means the author has proposed the usage of Principal Component Analysis (PCA) for dimensional reduction of the datasets and heuristics approach to reduce the number of iterations in distance measurement in assignment of data point to clusters. Reason for application of PCA on microarray data prior to application of clustering technique is to improve the accuracy of the obtained results based on the assumption that improvement can be linked to the application of centroid values obtained by proposed method that are very much close to the optimum solution.

The authors compared results obtained by the application of k-means algorithm on microarray data with randomly initialized centroid and PCA generated centroid. Execution time of proposed technique was less than the average k-means execution time with random centroid initialization. The comparison of the results on IRIS dataset of UCI machine learning repository show that proposed technique is more effective, accurate and efficient than the existing methods.

Accuracy and efficiency in clustering of a really large high dimensional datasets having huge number of samples is quiet a challenging task. To resolve this issue it is usually advised to apply data reduction techniques in order to achieve the ultimate goal of acquiring efficiency and accuracy. The application of vertical data reduction techniques is required prior to implementing clustering technique. However, dimensionality reduction methods has disadvantage of damaging the result’s quality and causes data loss. In this study Khalilian, Mustapha, Suliman and Mamat [4] have proposed a method for improving K-Means algorithm performance by using divide and conquer strategy, i.e. application of Hill Climbing algorithm, in relation to compatibility and equivalence concept.

This study presents experimentation on data from PEIVAND web site, purpose of this website is to find suitable partners who have similar personality’s based on 8 pages of psychiatric questions for assessing personality. Different aspects of the hidden data patterns is extracted based on the recursive simulation of proposed method i.e. use of both HC and K-Means algorithm’s advantageous attributes. Property of K-Means is that, it is more qualified in dealing with big sized data set and dimension yielding low quality clusters, whereas HC algorithm has the capability of constructing structured clusters with high quality attributes but possesses complexity issues making it unsuitable to be used for huge datasets having high dimension data. Using the advantageous aspects of these two techniques allows us to define similarity within referred domain and it also allows us to subdivide our space according to certain criterion. The results of proposed method application demonstrate remarkably improved efficiency and accuracy in cluster formation allowing creation of structured / nested clusters as end result.

Reference [5] proposed a new algorithm by combining “A Fast DBSCAN” and “Memory effect in DBSCAN” to speed up the performance and to improve the output quality of the DBSCAN clustering technique. As the original DBSCAN algorithm uses the distance measures to compute the distance between objects, therefore it requires too much processing time.

To know the real performance difference achieved in the new algorithm, authors did not use any additional data structures (like spatial tree) to improve the performance. The new algorithm has small number of object loss than the Fast DBSCAN algorithm. The proposed algorithm analyzes all the border objects during the clustering process.

Reference [6] made an attempt to enhance the clustering effect on uneven density distribution of the datasets with high-dimensional attributes. The authors put forward an improved version of density distribution function based clustering algorithm using local-scale and boundary limits. The proposed technique employs partition, hierarchy, density, grid and model driven clustering techniques. Density point is with maximum value is identified as the centroid from which the cataloging is prolonged to density based boundary threshold. K Nearest Neighbor (KNN) method is applied for measuring each point density and then a center point is defined having the maximum density value / point. The proposed technique enhances density-based clustering algorithms sensitivity to parameters and improves the clustering on uneven density distribution of the high-dimensional datasets.

One of the major difficulties of data mining in medical field is the identification of understandable information from spatial data. Aim of clustering is to classify data into different clusters by partitioning datasets into subsets. Spatial data mining can handle huge amounts of spatial
knowledge gathering data collected through numerous applications. Pratap, Devi, Vani and Rao [7] propose a density based k-medoids clustering algorithm to overcome the limitations in DBSCAN and k-medoids clustering algorithms. Weka software has been utilized as a tool for algorithm execution and testing the proteins data base generated by Gaussian distribution function. Proposed algorithm’s performance is better than DBSCAN. Clustering technique proposed has an efficient way of identifying information from raw data utilizing K-means and K-medoids as basic methods, it also caters circularly distributed data points clusters and marginally overlapped clusters. Based on quality of classification measured by Rand index the proposed Density based K-medoids technique performed better than combined implementation of DBSCAN and k-medoids.

Most of the classical clustering techniques algorithms are dependent on static statistical data to identify the hidden patterns and relationships. As an upcoming requirement from the implementers of critical systems, dynamic data also needs to be clustered. For the purpose dynamic clustering techniques are required to be implemented. By dynamic clustering we mean to identify & analyze the clusters in live data environments. Clustering and visualizing high-dimensional dynamic data has always been great challenge for researchers.

To coup up with this problem incremental data mining is one of the many solutions with practical application in data warehousing and sensor network, both of these are dependent on dynamic data clustering algorithms. Mary and Kumar [8] have addressed the problems of clustering a dynamic dataset in which the dataset is increasing in size over time by adding more and more data. Density based dynamic data clustering algorithm for incremental clustering dataset has been evaluated, to compare performance of proposed techniques with normal DBSCAN, Chameleon algorithms on the dynamic dataset and successful implementation and evaluation of the proposed density based dynamic clustering algorithm has been claimed.

For the purpose of examining the performance of the proposed algorithms in comparison to DBSCAN and Chameleon algorithm UCI Data repository live datasets have been used. On comparing the Chameleon and DBSCAN algorithms with proposed algorithm it was concluded that proposed algorithm’s performance was significantly better for efficiency and accuracy. The speed of the proposed algorithm was better than Chameleon and normal DBSCAN algorithm.

In past corporate and military organization were the only ones having access to the location-acquisition technology. But with the advancement of technology and reduced costs ordinary people are also able to lay their hands on global positioning enabled devices generating huge amount of spatiotemporal data and enabling them to record location based personalized data. On the other hand communication technology advancement allows them to transmit this data to internet to be shared within their social circle. This new type of data may include location-tagged images, GPS coordinates, and mobile networks cell / sensors properties data.

The availability of huge amount of spatiotemporal data and its properties has opened new arenas for research and its application in various fields. As a consequence of this availability, new investigative techniques are required to be developed because of challenges posed by processing diverse nature of generated data. Kisilevich, Mansmann and Keim [9] have proposed, a new clustering algorithm P-DBSCAN which is built on original DBSCAN clustering algorithm to process and analysis geo-tagged pictorial spatiotemporal data of events and places of Washington, D.C.

Following two improvements in original definition of DBSCAN were introduced:

- Adaptive density approach to optimize search for dense zones and rapid correlation of algorithm with high density clusters.
- A well-defined density benchmark based on the statistical figures of people taking picture in the neighborhood.

Based on critical analysis it was concluded that adaptive density approach is the key ingredient of creating packed clusters with high density on one hand whereas on the other hand density based on ownership leads to creation of smaller clusters with low density.

Various domains of knowledge discovery have utilized Self-organizing Map (SOM), a renowned neural networking technique model, as tool for analyzing data. It also provides mapping technique based on topology-preserving to a lower-dimensional output space from a high-dimensional input space. Hidden features and characteristics of underlying data can be explored, identified and analyzed by utilizing powerful tools of sophisticated visualization techniques. Mayer and Rauber [10] is evaluating novel visualization technique enabled to explore and present structure inherent in the datasets by its application on benchmarked data. Proposed technique is not only able to expose similar data object groups, but also facilitates visualization of similar data objects in graph formation of identical datasets by utilizing minimum spanning trees. This technique is well capable to identify the similar attribute groups on the basis of graphs drawn using either input data or the SOM nodes. MST visualization technique is used for presenting the relationship & dependencies of the categories utilizing minimum spanning tree technique. On comparing this technique with density graph method by their application on a dataset of three categories of Iris flowers by their characteristics, i.e. length of Sepal, width of Sepal, length of Petal and width of Petal, consisting of 50 samples in each category; it was concluded that both techniques produce almost similar results. The only difference identified was that SOM is more efficient than density graph method and the reason for this is that SOM nodes have smaller magnitudes compared to number of data samples. The visualization does not require expert
user making it a more user friendly technique for rookie
users.
To minimize the risk in stock trading investors select
portfolios. Portfolio selection is the process of
minimizing financial investment risk by distributing
investor’s capital into set of stocks. Silva and Marques
[11] have strived to develop a tool for helping investors
to select stocks for investment purpose. The idea is to
build an intelligent mechanism that will help the
investors in the process of selecting portfolios. SOM is
proposed because of its relational and visualization
characteristics using Component Planes technique, which
has the capability of identifying the indirect and hidden
associations in input data making it an ideal technique for
modeling stock market systems. Implementation of
improved Rvco efficient is suggested for the purpose of
comparing Component Planes and to produce a distance
matrix between features leading to hierarchy oriented
clustering method used to obtain feature’s clusters. The
main aim of building portfolio is to diversify the
investor’s profile by limiting the purchase of dissimilar
stocks as it is risky to invest in the stock of similar
behavior.
For the purpose of normalization of values of different
stocks results were interpreted. Analysis of the values
obtained by distance matrix of two products determined
that they are not closely correlated. It was also observed
that feature clustering based on SOM is good option to
cluster time-series data. The proposed technique was
used to visualize time-series data of insurance companies
stocks and financial institutions stocks presenting good
empirical results for portfolio determination. On the basis
of these finding it can be safely assumed that consecutive
clusters are usually correlated but depend heavily on
organizational performance.
With the increase in the amount of data, requirement
for the better information extraction technique with better
presentation of data is growing, for the purpose clustering
techniques of data mining are utilized. Clustering is
process of separating data into groups. K-Means is one of
the famous clustering techniques due to its simplicity and
efficiency. When k-means id used to cluster large
datasets it has accuracy of problems. Therefore there is a
need to improve this technique, making it suitable for
processing all kinds of data. To solve this problem Sakthi
and Thana Mani [12] have proposed to include some
constraints in the algorithm naming it Constrained K-
Means Clustering. The constraints introduced are
Cannot-link constraint, Must-link constraint, ξ-constraint
and δ-constraint. To generate Cannot-link and Must-link
constraints SOM has been utilized.
Data from UCI machine learning Repository has been
used to test proposed technique using two datasets i.e.
IRIS and Wine Dataset.50 samples of four features for
each species of three Iris flowers (virginica, setosa and
versicolor) were taken. Fisher developed a discriminant
linear model, on the basis of four feature’s combination,
for differentiating species from each other. Experiments
of both techniques i.e. existing K-Means algorithm and
constrained K-Means were performed on the datasets to
evaluate the efficiency and accuracy differences between
the techniques. Based on experimental results it was
concluded that proposed technique produces centroids
more closely to true centers more efficiently as compared
to traditional method. Hence it was proved that proposed
method is capable of classifying all kind of data
accurately with less time requirement to process.
Researchers tend to use fuzzy C-Means algorithm
(FCM) for Computational geometry, pattern recognition,
data compression, vector quantization, and pattern
classification. Velmurugan and Santhanam [13] are
presenting an efficient application of FCM clustering
algorithm on three types of inputs; i.e. Data points are
first distributed manually, Statistical distributions of
normal data points using the Box-Muller formula and
Statistical distributions of uniform data points using the
Box-Muller formula; are given to algorithm. Clustering
quality is the benchmark for smooth execution of the
algorithm and the data points along with number of
clusters determine the behavior of the algorithm.
Multiple executions of the program elaborate the
performance of the algorithm based on the input data
points and the execution time required. The execution
time required for the execution of the algorithm is
dependent on the power of the processor and available
computational resources.
In broad spectrum picture results obtained from the
execution of Java based program shows that execution of
program on Uniform distribution of input data points
required much lesser execution time as compared to time
required for execution of program on manual and Normal
distribution of data points, whereas on comparing the
time required for manual distribution with normal
distribution it was found that manual distribution require
lesser time. On the basis of iterative executions of the
program it was concluded that FCM algorithm is efficient
for Uniform distribution of input data points.
C-means clustering algorithm is highly dependent on
centroid value and is sensitive to noise in data therefore
data requirements are set on the higher end, in this paper
it is proposed to utilize information entropy method to
identify the initial centroids. Introduction of weighting
parameter is also suggested for making adjustments in
the cluster center location to reduce the noise problem,
to reduce its dependence on the centroid and to make
arbitrary shape clusters and later on sort them through
certain predefined rules. For the purpose of testing the
idea experiments were conducted utilizing the IRIS as the
dataset to verify the functionality of suggested
modifications to the algorithm. The test dataset contains
150 iris species information which was distributed into
following three Iris classes i.e. setosa, versicolor and
virginica. Each category consist of 50 type’s datasets
containing five kinds of attributes with each dataset.
Reference [14] claim, based on experiment’s findings,
that improved c-means model will be able to differentiate
arbitrary shape clusters, and reduce the dependence of
algorithm on centroid. Experiment results also showed
that the error fraction of the entropy weighting c-mean
algorithm is much lower than actual algorithm.
Suggested modifications tend to improve the algorithm’s efficiency.

Gath–Geva (GG) algorithm is a famous procedure for numerical data clustering in fuzzy c-means technique which based on assumption that GG generated clusters are more flexible than FCM generated spherical clusters. To handle mixed category and numerical attributes data; traditionally fuzzy k-prototypes algorithm is used which is an extended version of FCM but it does not use same dissimilarity function. To cater this issue Chatzis [15] has proposed a GG algorithm extension for effective handling mixed numeric and categorical properties data. The method proposed is dependent on Kullback-Leibler (KL) fuzzy objective function and is based on probability oriented supposition regarding shape of the clusters derived, providing important in-built advantage over the novel objective function of FCM algorithm.

Efficacy of the proposed method is compared with other non-fuzzy and fuzzy techniques for clustering on standard data from UCI repository of Vote dataset, Heart disease dataset and Australian credit approval dataset. Quality of the clustering results is assured by using used data ground truth labeling. Number of objective criteria were employed to measure intersection between obtained results and used data ground truth results. The experimental results for performance evaluation of proposed method for pattern recognition show that the proposed technique’s performances far efficient and in improved manner than other competing non-fuzzy and fuzzy clustering algorithms for mixed category and numerical attributed data.


Khan et al. [26, 27] proposed a machine learning approaches for post-event timeline reconstruction. Khan [28] suggests that Bayesian techniques are more promising than other conventional machine learning techniques for timeline reconstruction. Rafique and Khan [29] explored various methods, practices and tools being used for static and live digital forensics. In [30], Bashir and Khan discuss triaging methodologies being used for live digital forensic analysis.

Table 3. Critical evaluation

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<td>This research work presents k-means as more efficient and accurate technique for clustering arbitrarily distributed input data points in comparison to k-Medoids.</td>
<td>Type of data and application of that data in particular scenario determines the selection of a particular clustering algorithm.</td>
<td>The experimentation was executed on arbitrary dataset to perform performance evaluation it is suggested that same experimentation may be performed on actual data from data repositories.</td>
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<td>Application of three principal components along with usage of PCA technique scrutinized about 99.48% of processed data consistency causing bare minimum loss of data with aspect of dimension reduction.</td>
<td>The proposed technique should have been applied to multiple types of data sets for the purpose of evaluating the actual potential.</td>
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III. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Clustering is the organization of related objects into similarity based groups of different shapes and density. In other words we can safely say that, the dividing a dataset into groups so that the data in each subset has mutual characteristic. Data clustering is a common method for arithmetical study of data, which is utilized by numerous fields of life, like bioinformatics, image analysis, pattern recognition and machine learning. While conducting this study, few aspects were found that lured us to continue our research in particular direction. By working further in the direction of covering the gaps identified implied clustering techniques can further be improved in the future using amalgamation of clustering technique to achieve more precision in result and reduce the time required for data and/ or information repossess from large data set.

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