

# Evaluating Clustering Algorithms for the Management of Extensive Datasets

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**Abstract:** *The exploratory nature of data analysis and data mining makes clustering one of the most usual tasks in many applications like biology, text analysis, signal analysis, etc that involve huge amount of datasets . Traditional Clustering methods like K-means or hierarchical clustering are beginning to reach its maximum capability to cope with this increase of dataset size. The limitation for these algorithms come either from the need of storing all the huge data in memory or because of their computational time complexity. These have been opened an area for research of algorithms that able to reduce this overhead. In one perspective the solutions can be in the stage of data pre-processing by transforming the data to a lower dimensionality manifold that represents the structure of the data or at the last stage of summarizing the dataset by obtaining a smaller subset of examples that represent an equivalent information. A Second perspective is to modify the Traditional clustering algorithms or to derive other ones that are able to cluster larger datasets. This perspective depends on many different approaches. An approaches such as sampling techniques, on-line processing, summarization, and efficient data structures have being applied to the problem of scaling clustering algorithms. This paper presents a review of different approaches and clustering algorithms that apply these techniques. The aim is to cover various methodologies applied for clustering data and how they can be scaled.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Now a days, data is being produced at a very fast rate and resulting into a huge mass of data that is referred to as Big Data. Big data exhibits various features such as huge volume, diverse variety, highly varying, multi-valued, varying swiftness and huge convolution, which makes it difficult to examine the data and obtain the required information with traditional data mining methods. Extracting meaningful and required information or to find out unrelated relationship between the data is viewed as Data mining. There are different stages that data mining technology has come across, which assistances the business organizations to nurture their business figures or helps them in decision making. Big data have five different stages of data mining. In Stage one we make use of a solitary machine for a solitary algorithm that uses vector data, in second stage we go for numerous algorithms used for database combinations, third stage is used where grid computing is used and the distribution of data is in the fourth stage. Finally, Parallel data mining algorithms are used in the Last stage. The parallel data mining method can be partitioned into four modules such as classification algorithms to classify the data, association rule mining to generate rules, clustering algorithms to differentiate the data without any training data set given and stream data mining algorithms. Sparse datasets in bigdata is the major challenge for designing and developing efficient techniques for mining partial and inexact data. Because of variety of applications, analysis of clustering data has been an evolving problem in data mining. These algorithms have become popular because of development of various data clustering tools and their comprehensive use in a a broad range of applications like image processing, computational biology, medicine, mobile communication and economics which in turn improves the popularity of these clustering algorithms. Standerization of clustering algorithms is the main issue. The results may be performing best for one type of dataset ,but may perform poorly for other type of datasets .Though

efforts were made to standardize the algorithms which performs well in any kind of situations, no significant progress is made. Since, every algorithm has its own pro's and con's a single algorithm cannot be designed which can be used for all sorts of data.

The ability of the algorithm to handle a growing amount of input by adding additional resources to the system is measured in terms of its scalability. Based on the size of the work, the system can be scaled up or down. In today's world, the scaling the resources has become an essential factor as a result of the cost of adding resources to the system. That's why research is carried out in these areas for developing ways to deal with scalable systems, especially in cases of big data and what means real-time versus cost. Based on Scalability, the techniques are broadly divided into two types: traditional and scalable techniques. The traditional techniques consist of clustering algorithms without regard to the system's scalability. In contrast, the scalable techniques consist of the clustering algorithms which take into account the system's scalability. Due to the limitations of the traditional clustering algorithms either in output speed or in processing data, researchers investigated in two directions to face these challenges. The first direction is by trying to improve traditional algorithms to working with large data size and the other orientation by proposed new methodology based on the benefit of new technology such as parallel computing, cloud computing, and map-reduce.

## II. REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

Bozdemir et al., (2021) On education datasets, a parallel clustering technique based on message passing interface (MPI) called M-K-Means is applied. M-K-Means is composed of MPI and Sequential K Means. Additionally, the K-Mean and Message Passing interfaces are employed concurrently in the same experiment, which is likewise based on random centroids selection and divides a dataset into "p" sub-datasets, where "p" is the number of nodes connected to the main computer. The approach is validated on a DNA dataset and the Simple K-Mean algorithm is parallelized with randomly chosen initial centroids. When the data set is tiny, the classic clustering technique performs well and produces satisfactory results. However, it struggles with huge datasets due to a variety of reasons, including data volume, data dimensionality, computational power, and memory. Numerous strategies have been developed to increase the efficiency and accuracy of clustering results in a large amount of data environment.

Wang et al., (2021) conducted a similar analysis and discovered that a threshold value is used to create this new list. When the new list's items meet the threshold, the new list's values are returned as initial centroids. The Parallel K-Mean clustering algorithm is implemented using the Para Means programme. They parallelize the Simple K-Mean clustering technique for common laboratory application. Para Means is a client-server application that is simple to manage. Cluster analysis has been extensively studied as a subfield of statistics for many years. Numerous statistical analysis software packages or systems now include analysis tools. Multiple dimensions or attributes may exist in a database. Numerous clustering techniques are efficient in terms of processing. Generally, two to three dimensions are involved in low-dimensional data. In general, the quality of clustering can be accurately assessed only in three-dimensional scenarios. Clustering data items in a high-dimensional space is extremely difficult, much more so when the data is severely skewed and sparse. Capacity for noisy data processing: The majority of data in practical applications include outliers, such as missing, unknown, or in accurate data. Certain clustering methods are sensitive to this type of data, resulting in low-quality clustering results.

Karwan Qader et al. (2017) investigated three distinct data mining techniques, including K-Means, Fuzzy C Means, and EM, as well as a 44-class strategy for network fault classification. The established approach benefited in identifying anomalous behaviors in communication networks and provided a means of real-time fault classification and management. Then, datasets from networks with high and low traffic volumes were collected, and a prototype was created for performing network traffic fault classification under the provided conditions. k-Means and EM algorithms significantly reduced the processing overhead compared to other standard techniques. However, the time complexity remained over the acceptable level. By optimizing the findings of network and system measurements, the similarity measure addressed the shortcomings of existing techniques. Additionally, the similarity measure aided in traffic clustering. However, it was unable to forecast traffic flows.

Yu Wang et al. (2016) devised a limited clustering approach to improve traffic clustering accuracy. The decisions were constructed using a constrained clustering approach in conjunction with background traffic statistics. Additionally, a set of similar constraints was included in the constrained clustering technique. Then, to maximize the evaluation of

algorithm parameters, we employed Gaussian mixture density and an approximate approach called the SBCK algorithm on the observed data with limits. Additionally, the effect of unsupervised characteristics on clustering was recognized using a fundamental binning method. As a result, while the limited clustering technique improves the CA, it also raises the temporal complexity.

### III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In the case of high-dimensional data, clustering is the process of grouping data with any where from a few dozen to a lot of dimensions. As the number of dimensions in a dataset grows, the concept of distance becomes less precise because the distance between any two points in a given dataset converges. This is known as the curse of dimensionality. The distinction between the closest and farthest point in particular is meaningless at this point. This paper is about how well hierarchical clustering works for big datasets. In experiments, NBC works well with fake datasets that have Gaussian distributions. Algorithm 1 is the name of the new NBC clustering algorithm. From Algorithm1,the NBC algorithm has five main steps in each run. In the first step, a quad-tree is used to divide up the input dataset (i.e., line 3 in Algorithm1). The second step is grouping the data with the NNB method (i.e., line 5 in Algorithm 1).The third step is

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Algorithm 1 NBC Algorithm
1: Initial original clusters
2: repeat
3: Store clusters in a quad-tree
4: for each leaf node of the quad-tree do
5: Group the points in the NNB of the leaf node
6: Get mutual nearest neighbor pairs and nearest neighbor pairs of the regional points
7: end for
8: Globalize all mutual nearest neighbor pairs
9: Merge clusters by the pairs to new clusters
10: until No new clusters produced
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to look for mutual nearest neighbor pairs and nearest neighbor pairs in all of the data groups that you have (i.e., line 6 in Algorithm 1). The fourth step is to find all the GMN pairs (i.e., line 8 in Algorithm 1). This is the last step. It's about putting together pairs that came from the fourth step (i.e, line 9 in Algorithm1).

In the NBC algorithm, the task of grouping the points in NNB of each leaf node is separate from the task of grouping them together. After grouping data with NNB, the computation of each group is not connected to the computation of the group next to it. So, the NBC algorithm can be sped up by using parallel and distributed computing framework to do more work at once. In Algorithm 4, you can see how the NBC parallel and distributed computing (NBCP) algorithm works.

#### Algorithm 4 The NBCP algorithm

- 1: Initial original clusters
- 2: repeat
- 3: Store clusters in a quad-tree
- 4: Use multi-process to group the points in the NNB of the leaf node
- 5: Get grouped data files
- 6: Use Map and Reduce model to calculate mutual nearest neighbour pairs of the grouped points
- 7: Globalize all mutual nearest neighbour pairs
- 8: Merge clusters by the pairs to new clusters
- 9: until No new clusters produced

Multiple processes are used to group each leaf node in the quad-tree into groups, and then the Map Reduce model is used to find the mutual nearest neighbor pairs for each group (i.e. line 6 in Algorithm 4). People who use parallel and distributed computing can improve the performance of NBC. There is a very high number, based on NNR, that a point and its closest neighbor will be classified as the same thing when there are many data points.

#### New NNB pseudo-code

- 1: for each point in region do
- 2: Get each point's NNB scope  $\{(x1, y1), (x2, y2)\}$
- 3: if  $xb1 > x1$  then
- 4:  $xb1 \leftarrow x1$
- 5: end if
- 6: if  $yb1 > y1$  then
- 7:  $yb1 \leftarrow y1$
- 8: end if
- 9: if  $xb2 < x2$  then
- 10:  $xb2 \leftarrow x2$
- 11: end if
- 12: if  $yb2 < y2$  then
- 13:  $yb2 \leftarrow y2$
- 14: end if
- 15: end for
- 16: return  $R1$ 's NNB scope  $\{(xb1, yb1), (xb2, yb2)\}$

NNM may be utilized to accelerate computation. The NNM algorithm, presented in Algorithm5, merges NN pairings into sub-clusters. When NNM is utilized to cluster original clusters to sub clusters in then NBC algorithm, the new algorithm is termed NBC fast(NBCF) algorithm.

**Algorithm 5 NNM algorithm pseudo-code**

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1: for each NN pair ( $P1, P2$ ) in NN pairs do
2: if ( $P1 \in cluster A$  and  $P2 \notin any cluster$ ) then
3: Add  $P2$  into  $cluster A$ 
4: end if
5: if ( $P2 \in cluster B$  and  $P1 \notin any cluster$ ) then
6: Add  $P1$  into  $cluster B$ 
7: end if
8: if ( $P1$  and  $P2 \notin any cluster$ ) then
9: Create new cluster  $C$ 
10: Add  $P1$  and  $P2$  into  $cluster C$ 
11: end if
12: end for

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**IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

We show the results of an experimental data of our algorithmic proposals on both synthetic and real-world data sets. Our trials are done on a server with 2.5 GHz 24 cores Intel Xeon CPU E5-2640. We employ 60 Hadoop computing nodes to search for mutual closest neighbor pairings in the NBCP algorithm, which runs 10 processes for grouping data by NNB.

In experiments, the outcomes of NNC, NBC, AHC and MLHC are explored and Ward's approach is employed as the connection function between two clusters. On datasets of varying sizes, the time costs of these techniques are compared. Finally, NBC and NBCP's outcomes and performances are examined.

Figure 2 shows the synthetic dataset's clustering results for the NBC, NNC, MLHC, and AHC algorithms. Figure 2 indicates that the linking function employed in NBC meets the cluster aggregate in equality, hence any MN pairings must be kept and will merge ultimately in normal AHC.

NBC and MLHC cluster the dataset in the same order by locating all MN pairings and merging them to new clusters together, then they continue this procedure until only one cluster is left, as illustrated in Figure. 2(a) and 2(c) (c). As illustrated in Figure 2, NNC searches for a pair of MN and merges them into a new cluster all at once. This procedure is repeated until only one cluster remains (b). AHC selects the smallest distance MN pair in the dataset and merge them to a new cluster at once, then repeats this procedure as illustrated in Figure. 2(d).

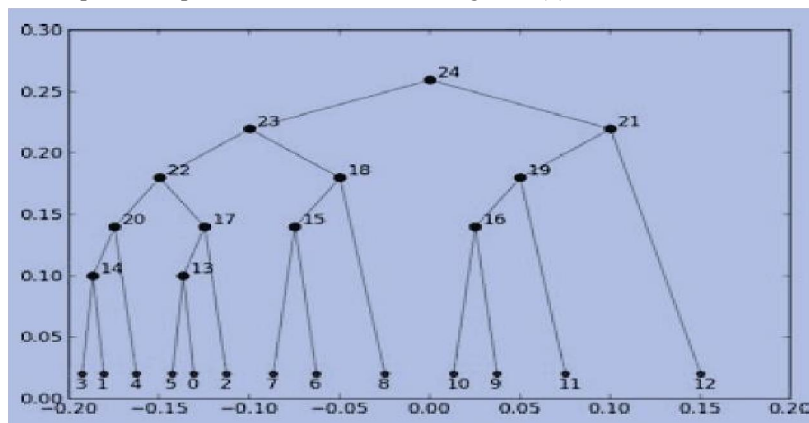


Figure 2(a) NBC dendrogram

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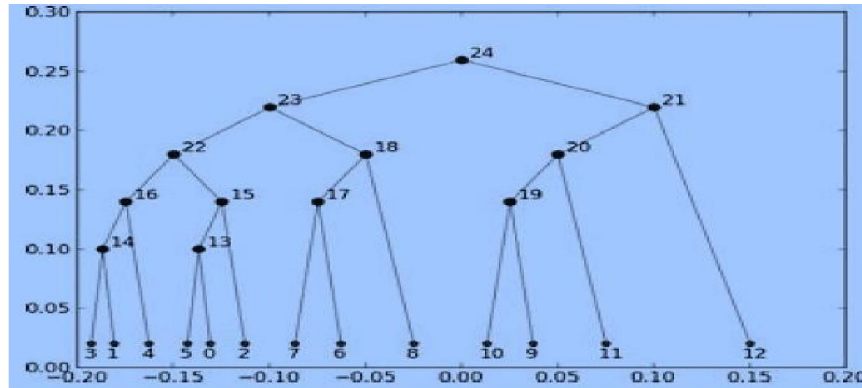


Figure 2(b) NNC dendrogram

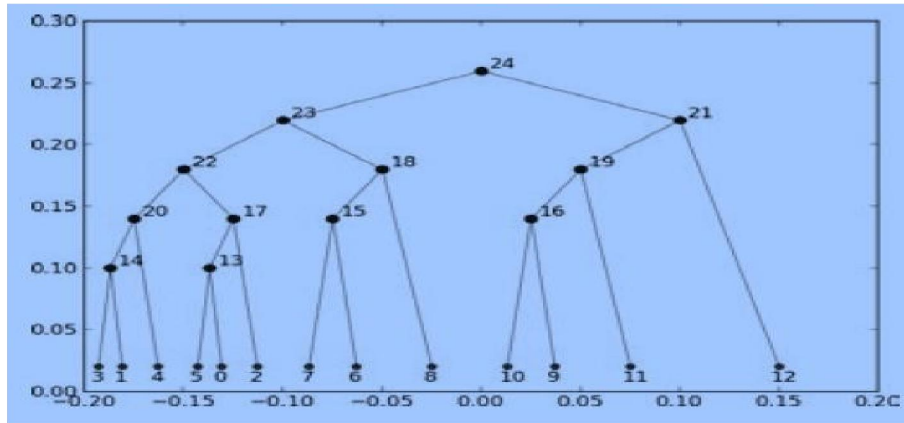


Figure 2(c) MLHC dendrogram

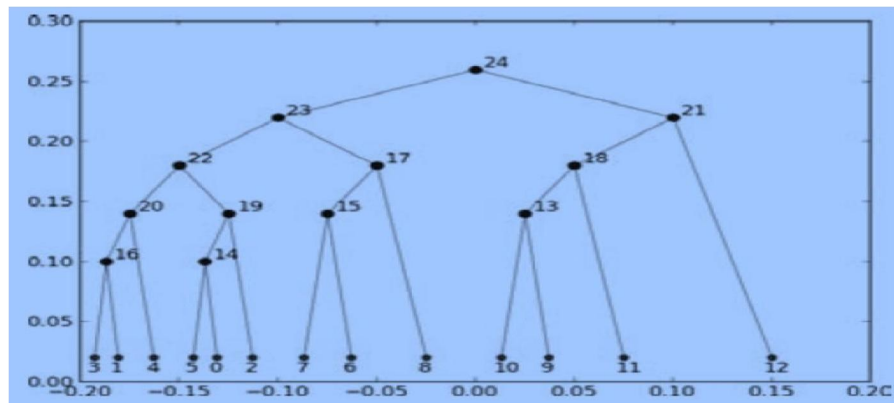


Figure 2(d)AHC dendrogram

To conclude, NBC computes precisely the same clustering results as those of the MLHC, NNC and AHC and algorithms, however in a different sequence, as illustrated in Figure. 2.

It is shown in Figure 3 that the NBC algorithm is better than NNC, MLHC, and AHC when it comes to how well it works. Figure3 shows that NBC is much faster than the other algorithms. When the number of synthetic data items grows to more than 9000, the time costs of NNC, MLHC, and AHC are not worth the time they will take.

**NBC and NBCP performance comparison**

Shown in Figure 3, the time costs of NBC are more than those of NBCP. This happens when there are lots of "synthetic" data items (more than 180k). This makes NBCP number faster. In other words, when the number of data items is less than 180k, the NBC method is more efficient than the method called NBCP. These files must be moved from disk to HDFS using Hadoop. This is because data is written to disk in files. Map Reduce's I/O and start-up process take a certain amount of time.

From the experiments, it looks like NBC can cut the time it takes to do a lot of work. Based on the idea of NNB, parallel and distributed computing frameworks can be used to make NBCP run faster. Our new algorithms make clustering large datasets a lot more practical, so it can be done.

Data Size	$m^*$	m	$T_{max}$	Time cost
10k	3.5	9.7	20	6.1s
20k	3.6	18.5	30	13.7s
30k	3.7	19.7	35	22.9s
40k	3.7	25.2	45	31.8s
50k	3.7	16.5	45	42.9s
60k	3.8	15.4	45	53.7s
70k	3.8	17.0	35	64.4s
80k	3.8	19.5	45	74.6s
90k	3.8	21.9	45	86.1s

Figure 3(a)

Data Items	NBC	NNC	MLHC	AHC
1k	0.5s	5.4s	9.8	155.6s
2k	1.2s	22.6s	37.7	1263.2s
3k	2.3s	51.7s	84.3	4234.1s
4k	2.8s	97.3s	154.4	10133.4s
5k	3.7s	154.3s	235.4	19884.6s
6k	4.6s	221.8s	344.5	34405.2s
7k	5.6s	319.8s	469.5	52888.1s
8k	7.0s	406.1s	618.3	79824.8s
9k	7.9s	509.2s	796.4	116178.1s

3(b) NBC, NNC, MLHC and AHC performance comparison

4(a) NBC performance time cost in various data sizes n and average number of leaf nodes m, The experimental findings of parameter assessment are equivalent to the algorithm analysis in the NBC sequential algorithm. However, due to the complexity of the NBC parallel algorithm and the parallel and distributed computing infrastructure, the practical results of parameter assessment deviate the algorithm analysis. The time costs associated with NBCP gradually grow as data size increases.

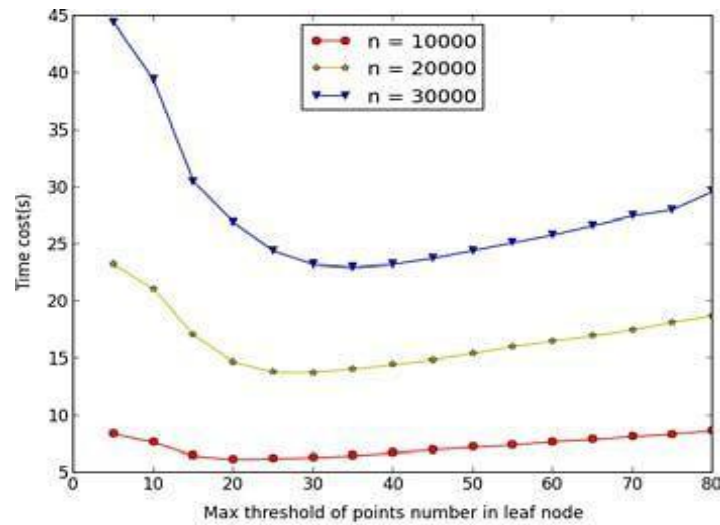


Figure 4(a)

## V. CONCLUSION

Clustering huge datasets is a pervasive problem. This paper discusses partitioning huge datasets and presents an effective hierarchical clustering technique called NBC. By using NNB, NBC may significantly minimize the time complexity of hierarchical. NBC excels in two-dimensional space. Because each set of data in NNB is distinct from the others, multi-process and Map Reduce models may be utilized to speed NBCP processing. Nearest neighbour search is a critical technique in a wide variety of industries. The notion of NNB enables an effective approach of searching for closest neighbours in huge datasets. In future study, we may use NNB to handle a variety of additional issues involving enormous datasets.

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