



A Comparative Review of Incremental Clustering Methods for Large Dataset

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ABSTRACT

Several algorithms have developed for analyzing large incremental datasets. Incremental algorithms are relatively efficient in dynamic evolving environment to seek out small clusters in large datasets. Many algorithms have devised for limiting the search space, building, and updating arbitrary shaped clusters in large incremented datasets. Within the real time visualization of real time data, when data in motion and growing dynamically, new data points arrive that generates instant cluster labels. In this paper, the comparative review of Incremental clustering methods for large dataset has done.

Key words: DBSCAN, dynamic data, Incremental clustering, K-means.

1.INTRODUCTION

The emergence of IOT technology gives the increasing use of the web connected IOT devices causes an impetus to the quantity and disparity of knowledge. The quantity keeps increasing with every information exchange over the web or maybe the minuscule IoT objects we use [1][2]. Today, most of the devices are connected online.

Now, if a corporation wants to gather information online, it needs a rigorous process because the info generated are going to be massive also there could also be disparity within the format of knowledge . This adds up to the complexity in most sort of data viz. Structured, semi-structured, or unstructured data [3]. Handling efficiently such amounts of knowledge may be a big challenge and traditional methods and tools aren't found suitable to affect very large dynamic high dimensional datasets [6].

The characteristics of huge data, including high volume and dynamically evolving [3], created a new challenge for the researchers because this type of data cannot be analyzed using classic data mining techniques. Rather it requires a clustering method that can rapidly partition continuously arriving datasets and effectively update the cluster structures.

2. INCREMENTAL CLUSTERING

In the situation where data is coming dynamically, it is impossible to cluster all those data at once. In non-incremental clustering, we need re-cluster the data collected newly or updated in database periodically. The incremental

clustering technique uses previous resulted clusters to classify new data points. There are many challenges also in the way of Incremental clustering: (1) accurate prior clusters in the absence of enough datasets, (2) time taken for cluster updating, (3) prone to outliers etc. Seeking these challenges a lot of work still to do.

The Incremental clustering process is given in figure.1. we can see that, in step (1) the dataset is preprocessed for clustering, step (2) clustering techniques applied on dataset, step (3) new data point arrived in the database, step (4) distance is calculated from previous clusters resulted using similarity measure techniques, (5) assign new data point to the appropriate cluster or create new cluster.

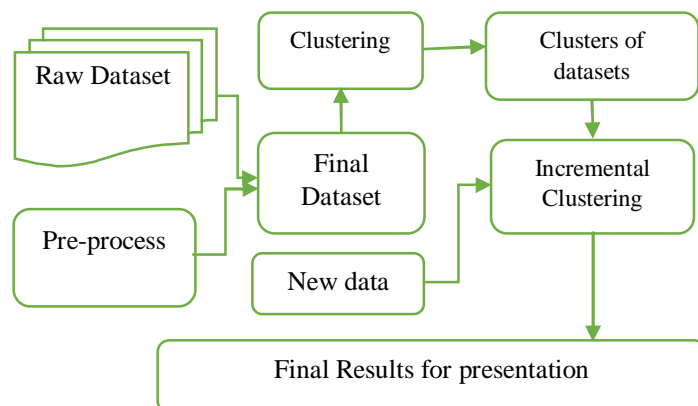


Figure1: Incremental Clustering Process.

Some popular Incremental Clustering Techniques are:

- **Incremental K-means** [1],[48].
- **Incremental DBSCAN** [13],[36],[55].
- **Incremental Fuzzy Clustering** [21],[25],[37],[42].
- **Incremental Genetic Algorithm** [30],[50],[51].

There are many incremental clustering methods are evolving these days.

3.REVIEW OF INCREMENTAL CLUSTERING TECHNIQUES

Incremental clustering or dynamic pattern recognition aims to adapt the training models according to the arriving data without forgetting the acquired knowledge. Incremental

Clustering transfers the acquired knowledge from different batches to classify the test data. It helps to grow the pattern recognition capacity by overcoming the problem of catastrophic interference i.e., successive training of each batch of newly arrived data causes the clusters to forget the previously acquired knowledge partially or completely. This type of learning can be applied on the data set of incremental nature to provide accurate results addressing the issues of limited computational resources such as memory and time [58].

The example of Incremental clustering is given in the figure.2. In the figure, A and B are the clusters generated from database and C is the new dataset, case (i), (ii) and (iii) represents the cluster assignment for new data points.

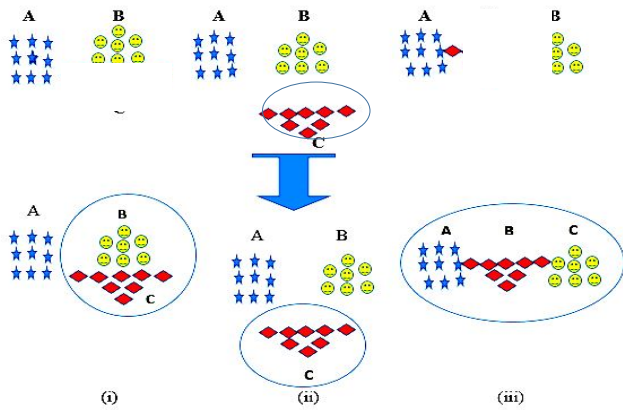


Figure2: Incremental Clustering example

Incremental clustering algorithms work by processing data objects one at a time, incrementally assigning data objects to their respective clusters while they progress [3][4].

An automated process requires helping and managing this growing large data and information. So the clustering system is being investigated that can cluster data from disparate sources into event-centric clusters. In the past decade, many incremental clustering methods have proposed to fulfill requirements for clustering of large incremental data.

A comparative review of Incremental Clustering Algorithms for large dataset has done in this paper, based on the different parameters such as clustering methods used, complexity, dimensionality of data used, outlier effect on the result, type of data domain, the volume of data supported, nature of algorithm, dynamic updation and year published with corresponding authors, given in Tabular form for the shake of convenience in Table 1.

Table 1: A comparative Review of Incremental Clustering Techniques

| Sl No. | Techniques Applied | Nature of Algorithm | Complexity | High Dimensional | Outlier Effect | Dataset | Suitable for Large Dataset | Incremental | Dynamic Update (Y/N) | Noise Reduction (Y/N) | Ref./Year |
|--------|--|--|---|------------------|----------------|--|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Incremental K-means | Cluster Centre Jumping Operation | $O(K^2 * n * \text{no. of iterations})$ | NO | NO | Real & Imaginary | YES | YES | N | Y | [1] 2004 |
| 2 | Spectral Clustering / Stochastic Block Model (SBM) | Filtering random signals on the graph | $O(kn \log n)$ | NO | - | real-world dataset: RCV1 (Reuters Corpus Volume I) | YES | YES | Y | - | [11] 2020 |
| 3 | Fully-Unsupervised PCM (FU-PCM) | Pearson Correlation Coefficient for describing the global structure of samples: | | NO | NO | Real & Artificial Data sets | YES | YES | Y | - | [12] 2020 |
| 4 | Inc Any DBC | Work-efficient parallel method. Parallel dynamic clustering. unique anytime work-efficient technique | $O(n^2)$ | YES | YES | Very large real, dynamic and synthetic datasets | YES | YES | Y | Y | [13] 2019 |
| 5 | Graph Convolutional Network (GCN) | an incremental face clustering method | $O(n)$ | YES | YES | Very large real, dynamic and synthetic datasets | YES | YES | Y | Y | [14] 2021 |

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|----|--|--|--|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| 6 | SVM | incremental spam images filtering (ISIF) approach ISIF approach with a SVM filter & higher-order local autocorrelation approach | $O(n^2)$ | YES | YES | Personal Spam Image Dataset, PSID, real dataset for spam image | YES | YES | NO | N | [15] 2011 |
| 7 | Graph-based incremental clustering | Probabilistic encoding | Bloom filters and counting Bloom filters | NO | NO | Multiple large real datasets | YES | YES | NO | YES | [17] 2020 |
| 8 | Nearest Neighborhood Assignments & K-Medoids | Efficient Incremental Clustering by Fast Search driven Improved K-Medoids (EICFS-IKM) | $n \log_2 n$ | YES | YES | large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | NO | YES | [20] 2019 |
| 9 | stochastic average gradient algorithm with less memory | Non-replacement sampling strategy | Non-replacement sampling strategy sampling strategy | YES | YES | large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [22] 2018 |
| 10 | Incremental Conic Functions (ICF) algorithm (k-means based) | polyhedral conic functions Generation | polyhedral conic functions Generation | YES | YES | large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | NO | YES | [23] 2018 |
| 11 | uCLUST and ELM++. MEHOD-ELM | CUIL (Classification of Unstructured data using Incremental Learning) framework | a framework CUIL which adopts Extreme Learning Machine (ELM) neural networks | NO | NO | Binary and multi-class datasets | YES | YES | NO | YES | [24] 2018 |
| 12 | Incremental fuzzy clustering | Single-Pass FCMdd based on DTW (spFDTW) and Online FCMdd based on DTW (oFDTW) | $O(n)$ | NO | NO | Binary and multi-class datasets | YES | YES | NO | YES | [25] 2018 |
| 13 | UPFICC Unsupervised Parameter-Free Incremental MULTI-MODAL CO-CLUSTERING | Multi-modal Cyber-Physical-Social Systems (CPSS) | $O(N)$ | YES | NO | multi-modal datasets collected from CPSS | YES | YES | NO | NO | [26] 2017 |
| 14 | fast finding and searching of density peaks based on kmedioids (ICFSKM) | Improvised fast finding and searching of density peaks (CFS) | k-medioids is employed to modify the clustering centers | YES | YES | large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [27] 2017 |
| 15 | An incremental clustering method based on the CFS. | CFS clustering by fast search and find of density peak. An enhanced cluster adjustment strategy. multiple representatives based partitioning one-time cluster splitting-merging strategy | Maximum min-distance mechanism, based on convex hull theory. | NO | NO | Real-world image datasets | YES | YES | YES | NO | [28] 2017 |

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|----|---|--|---|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| 16 | Evolving Fractal-based Clustering of Data Streams (eFCDS) | framework e FCDS - Evolving Fractal-based Clustering of Data Streams using fractal Dimension designed to analyze evolving data streams | Cluster multivariate data streams based on their evolving behavior over time. | YES | YES | multivariate data stream Real-world dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [29] 2016 |
| 17 | improvement of the BFR algorithm, with data streams composed by data points of “medium” dimension | local distance approach, based on the computation of the Mahalanobis distance | Local Metric, Based On The Mahalanobis Distance. A Technique Based On Hierarchical Clustering | YES | YES | multivariate data stream Real-world dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [30] 2015 |
| 18 | Incremental conceptual hierarchical text clustering approach using CFu-tree (ICHTC-CF) representation. | A novel incremental conceptual hierarchical text clustering method using CFu-tree | Term-Based Feature Extraction | YES | YES | large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [32] 2015 |
| 19 | An enhanced version of the incremental DBSCAN algorithm | Incremental version of DBSCAN and incremental similarity-histogram based clustering algorithm (specific for documents clustering) | Incremental clustering process by limiting the search space | YES | YES | large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [36] 2015 |
| 20 | IGrid | Partition the grid space by dimensional radius in a dynamic and incremental manner | Partition the grid space by dimensional radius in a dynamic and incremental manner | YES | YES | Real datasets and synthetic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [44] 2011 |
| 21 | Boundary-vector-based boundary point detection (BV-BPD) algorithm. | A boundary-profile-based incremental clustering (BPIC) method to find arbitrarily shaped clusters with dynamically growing datasets. | $O(n^2)$ | YES | YES | Real static and dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | YES | [45] 2018 |
| 22 | NJW Spectral Clustering Algorithm. incremental spectral clustering algorithm have been introduced with k-Eigen vector | Incidence vector used to update the change of data in the form of Eigen-system to keep a newest set of representative point | Employed ARPACK (a variant of Lanczos method) to compute the spectrum of D-1L | YES | NO | Real evolutionary data sets | YES | YES | NO | NO | [47] 2011 |

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|----|---|--|---|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| 24 | ICFS with multiple representatives (ICFSMR) and the enhanced ICFSMR (E_ICFSMR) | Multiple representatives-based ICFS clustering approach to rapidly partition new arrivals into current clusters. | ICFSMR based on convex hull theory to modify the representatives identified for each cluster. | YES | NO | Large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | YES | NO | [49] 2010 |
| 25 | ICGA is density-based in nature. Currently works only for insertion operation | Incremental Clustering in Data Mining using Genetic Algorithm | Genetic algorithm Based on the formal definition of clusters for metric database | YES | NO | Any database containing data from a metric space, | YES | YES | NO | NO | [50] 2010 |
| 26 | Incremental spatial clustering algorithm, based on density clusters ISC(GA-RTree). | The density based algorithm is applied to find a cluster for a new spatial object. Euclidian distance has been applied. | It is based on GA and R-tree structure to solve a clustering task in spatial data mining. | NO | NO | Shape datasets (Spatial Data Set) | YES | YES | NO | NO | [51] 2012 |
| 27 | new Incremental Induction of Multivariate DT algorithm for large datasets (IIMDT), | IIMDT processes the training objects one by one, in this way only the processed object must be kept in main memory at each step. | It is an algorithm for inducing decision trees for large numerical datasets | YES | NO | large real Dynamic datasets | YES | YES | NO | NO | [52] 2008 |
| 28 | Algorithm employed GA-based clustering methods and Two techniques, one with fixed number of clusters and another with a variable number of fuzzy clusters | FVGA-clustering technique can be attributed to the use of both genetic search and the optimizing Criterion. | The fuzzy c-means (FCM) algorithm is a fuzzy counterpart of the K-means technique | YES | NO | Large real Dynamic datasets , (Numerical as well as image) data | YES | YES | NO | NO | [53] 2011 |
| 29 | The partial/merge k-means as a set of data stream operators, employed k-means in a highly scalable way in order to cluster massive data set efficiently. | Data stream based Approach to clustering, the partial/merge k-means algorithm based on based on the data Stream paradigm. | clustering technique that produces the multivariate histograms | YES | NO | Large real Dynamic datasets , (Numerical , Stream as well as image) data | YES | YES | YES | NO | [54] 2003 |
| 30 | Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGA-II)& parallel incremental DBSCAN | Density-Based Clustering and Classification | Suitable fitness functions for both labeled and unlabeled datasets. | YES | YES | Large real Dynamic datasets , (Numerical , Stream as well as image) data | YES | YES | YES | YES | [55] 2021 |

4.FINDINGS

We have reviewed many literatures available in different sources; a year wise graph is given in the figure 3, in which it is clear that most of the work done in the area of incremental clustering has grown in recent years.

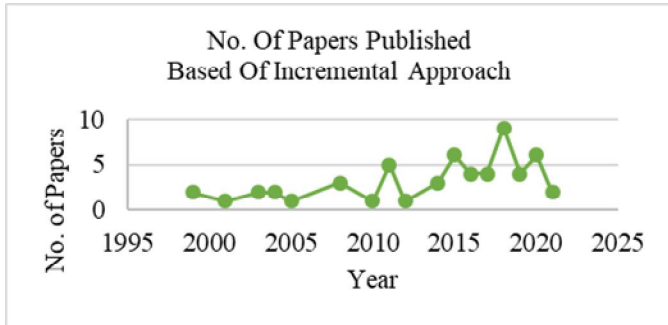


Figure 3: Year wise graph of literature published on Incremental clustering.

In Figure 4 the effectiveness on outliers is shown w.r.t. the No. of papers.

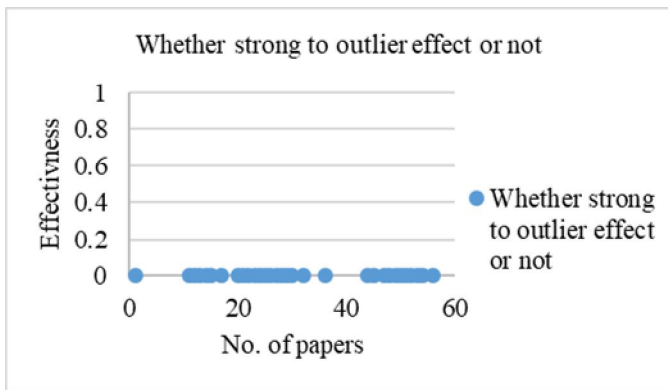


Figure 4: Effective on Outliers.

In figure 5, shown the percentage of papers that can handle the high dimensional datasets.

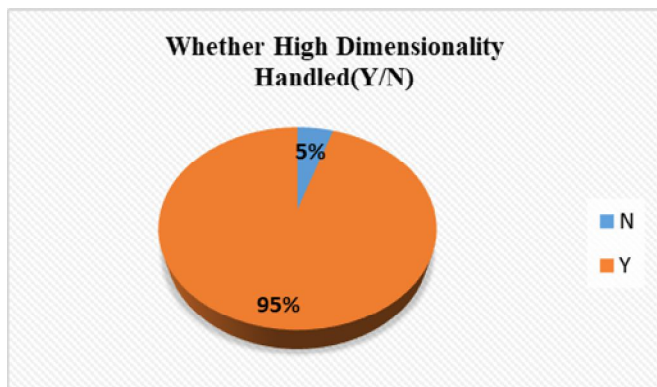


Figure 5: Percentage of paper Handles High Dimensionality

5.CONCLUSION

Authors in different publications for incremental clustering presents numerous techniques. Some of them conversed with reasonable accuracy and some conversed with compromised accuracies. The requirement of an efficient clustering technique for incremental large dataset is still required due to the advancement in dynamic data generation with optimum speed. Further, we are seeking to present a framework for incremental data clustering to enhance the acceptability and accuracy of predictions. By considering this study as base further also try to propose a method for the incremental clustering.

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