

Achieving Quality of Anonymity and Data Privacy on released data of users by avoiding Data breaching using multidimensional k-Anonymity approach on large datasets

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ABSTRACT

In today's world data is collected and shared in large volume all public agencies like Insurance, Medical and Health sector etc. generates and share large volume of data in public domain but this data is released for various different purpose like for financial gain or for effective use of researchers or for the purpose to do compliance of government rules, but when such data is released publically on line then personal identity of user is on stake and any intruder can get critical personal information like salary, critical illness etc. about any individual user by linking this publically available data with other available dataset in public domain and due to these attacks on released data user's will get phone call about personal loan, treatment etc. these agencies obtained this personal confidential data by doing linking attack our proposed system successfully achieves data integrity and confidentiality while releasing data publically where multidimensional k-Anonymity approach is used to achieve anonymous datasets and to obtain equivalence classes in the datasets Nearest Neighbor strategy is used our obtained results on large volume of datasets proves that this method is doing better anonymization than traditional Encryption, Permutation or by Close-k and Mean methods using clustering approach

Key words : k-Anonymity, Close-k, Nearest Neighbour

1. INTRODUCTION

As new edge of Information technology is growing widely, there is wide requirement of data requirement and few of the organisations releasing the large volume of data for the purpose of public awareness, gaining money or for the purpose of researcher's benefit, also few of the organisations apply mining process on this released data to get some useful information which will be beneficial for them. But during this process of releasing, mining of data and gaining useful

information out of this user's privacy is on the stake because from the released data some key identifiers called as Quasi Identifiers like Age, sex, zipcode should be common for individuals in the publically released records so there may be possibility of matching these key attribute values with other publically released records and if match is observed then there may be possibility of acquiring personal confidential information such as critical illness, salary, mobile number etc. due to such attacks of linking information and already knowing some information about someone and by linking obtaining important confidential information takes place. This paper proposes K-anonymity [1] as a method for protection of data privacy during its release, during release to make anonymized dataset quasi-identifiers of published records must be same as of other k-1 records this will stop possibility of different linking attacks on the databases anonymity Sweeney L and Samarati proposed the k-anonymity approach [4][5][6], and describes algorithms. The representative task heuristic method Datafly [6] shows that k-anonymity implemented by generalization in full-domain also Incognito [7] recommended generalization by using full-domain approach where complete subset of records are taken for generalization, Reference [8] uses approach based on searching Ref [9] elaborates anonymity based on clustering approach, generally k-anonymity approach is divided in to two types top down and bottom up [25] and preference of the approach is decided by type of dataset and accordingly generalisation and suppression methods are used [28] to implement k-anonymity if generalized dataset is prepared for full domain sets it is called as full domain generalization and if some fields of data need to suppress due to hiding confidential information it is called as full domain suppression these two methods are preferably used to obtain k-anonymity on data sets,

1.1 Multidimensional K-Anonymization

K-Anonymity [13][14] generally applied in single dimension where only single dimension of n dimensional datasets [23] is considered for anonymization and single quasi identifier will

be either generalized or suppressed to obtain anonymous datasets but problem with single dimensional anonymization is anonymous [28]

datasets are easily able to recognised if other fields are known So multidimensional k-anonymity is used as a model for achieving quality of anonymity using different datasets

Table 1.1 Employee Data Table

Name	Zip	Age	Salary
Amit	411033	35	50000
Sachin	411038	36	35000
Kshitija	433110	25	34800
Sumit	411044	34	67000
Shravani	433155	24	27000
Revati	433122	28	23480

Table 1.2 Multi-dimensional k-Anonymous Table

Name	Zip	Age	Salary
Amit	411***	[34-38]	50000
Sumit	411***	[34-38]	67000
Sachin	411***	[34-38]	35000
Kshitija	433***	[24-28]	34800
Shravani	433***	[24-28]	27000
Revati	433***	[24-28]	23480

As shown in Table 1.1 Employee Table with salary, zipcode ad Age records of Employee and As shown in Table 1.2 Generated Table after applying Multidimensional K-Anonymity on Employee Data Table and which will generate 3 equivalence classes so called as 3-Anonymus Table and value of k is 2 and in generated 3-Anonymus Table if any intruder wants to know the salary of any employee using background knowledge and if Name filled is hidden it is difficult to guess the person and his/her salary.

2. RELATED WORK

During review of Literature various different papers are accessed for related work of the topic and I have compared two reference papers [11][12] in reference [11] privacy protection algorithm with different algorithms are discussed I have compared this work with my work for doing comparative study based on algorithm, methodology, Quality Matric, Information Loss Measures, Efficiency ,Testing and validation and ability to handle cross section databases and after comparative study it is observed that Clustering Method is used for finding the equivalence class in [11] Distance between the two points after clustering and Cost Metrics methods are used for anonymization, Distance and Cost Metrics are used to measure the quality of Anonymity Distance between 2 records defined by Formula

$$\Delta(r_1, r_2) = \sum_{i=1, \dots, m} \delta_N(r_1[N_i], r_2[N_i]) + \sum_{j=1, \dots, n} \delta_C(r_1[C_j], r_2[C_j]),$$

Efficiency of this algorithm depends on Measurement of Information Loss using IL Matric this (e) on MIN Ni and MAX Ni i.e MIN MAX value of e with attribute Ni we can calculate Total information loss after anonymization by

$$\text{Total-IL}(AT) = \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}} IL(e).$$

Here testing and validation is not done on huge volume of data in public domain to calculate efficiency and effectiveness In Paper[12] OLA algorithm is used to achieve the k-Anonymity and Two times K-Anonymity algorithm is used for doing Anonymization here Quality Measure specified by this Paper is by using OLA Algorithm for Simple Code for Degree Priority Lattice Tree Visiting and Second K-Anonymity and Here dataset is taken of 5000 values and for large volume of data no measures specified. This algorithm not tested on Cross section like multiple databases by grouping them together

3. GAP ANALYSIS

As per reference [18][39]paper survey done for research work it is observed that gaps are identified from reference papers related to dealing with different attacks capability of algorithm for handling large volume of datasets etc. and multidimensional k-anonymity approach[35] must have following abilities for doing anonymization

- 1) It must be able to handle information loss during Online release of data.
- 2) It must be having Quality Parameter values less in nature as compare to other methods.
- 3) It should be able to avoid Linking attack, Homogeneity attack and background knowledge Attacks
- 4) It should be validated and tested on large volume of datasets and gives better performance

4. PROPOSED WORK

In the proposed model for Multidimensional k-Anonymity for protecting privacy Nearest Neighbor algorithm is used to achieve k-Anonymity after mapping of Multi-Dimension to single dimension, Here after finding PRO,PPA and K-Anonymity values mapping is done and using Nearest Neighbor algorithm closest nearby value is located to form equivalence classes, As per increase in value of k if obtained Less values of CDM then this algorithm obtained Good Quality of anonymity

In CAVG The closer that average number of records in equivalence is to k, the lower the information loss is CAVG is calculated by following formula where total number of n records divided by Total equivalence classes and whole answer is again divided by k to obtain CAVG

$$C_{info} = \left(\frac{\text{Total_records}}{\text{Total_equivalence_classes}} \right) / (k)$$

Efficiency of this algorithm depends upon mapping Multi-dimensional data with single dimension and effective calculation of Neighbor value to get proper subset of equivalence class this we will obtain by Calculating Visual Measures CDM,CAVG and comparing Nearest Neighbor method with other similar methods such as Median and close-k Algorithm are Tested and verified for 54000 dataset and proves effective and efficient in execution , Algorithm is Tested and Validated on Intersection cross section databases like Adult and Voter data and LIC and Voter data processed, so as to reduce the probability that attackers This Method is well Tested on Linking Attack, Background Knowledge attack and Homogeneity attack and it can be used to avoid attack on real-time publically available datasets released online

4.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE:-

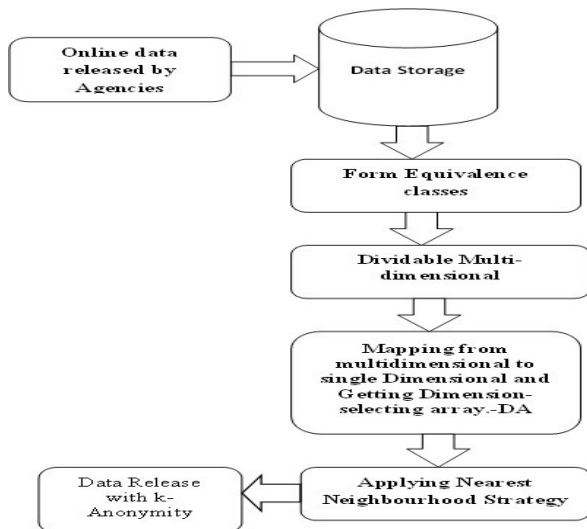


Figure 1: System Architecture of Multidimensional K-Anonymity
 As shown in Figure1 the system architecture of Proposed multidimensional K-Anonimization Model once bulk amount of data like LIC ,Voter data is released by any organization data is temporarily stored in database for further processing and for doing pre-processing of data to remove any ambiguity or fill the missing data if any, after preprocessing of data Equivalence classes are generated by using generalization and suppression methods and checking is done whether divided multidimensional sets are available after that mapping is done from multi to single dimension to calculate PROS and PPAS and DA (Dimension Array)is generated for applying Nearest Neighbor method after that anonymized data is released with improved privacy and integrity and users confidentiality is maintained

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After doing the experimentation as per research objectives on very large volume of datasets results are obtained voter dataset, Adult dataset and LIC Dataset are taken as input and

algorithm is applied step by step and obtained results are compared with results obtained in reference papers proves that Multidimensional k-Anonymity is the best and effective method for achieving user’s data privacy

5.1 Comparative study of results obtained

As mentioned in paper[11] two types of Metrics used quality of Data and Efficiency Measures where 3 methods value is plotted with incrementing in k value, Greedy k-Member, Greedy K- Member CM and Median Partitioning where partitioning by median method provides optimal results as shown in figure 2 also it compares clustering , Partitioning and Discernibility methods and it shows that efficient method is clustering

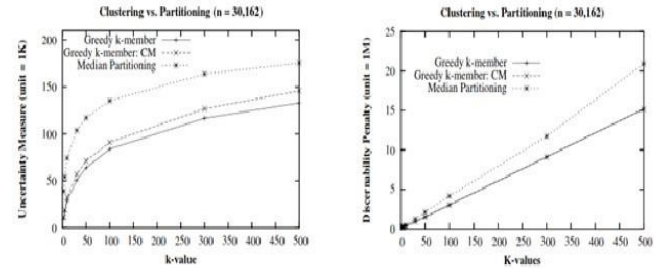


Figure 2: Information loss and Discernibility Metric
 As mentioned in paper[12] Degree-priority algorithm is showing better performance as shown in figure on the number of computed nodes and computing time when we compare it to OLA algorithm Two Times Information loss experiment results of k-anonymity and degree priority showing that Prec is used as information loss measure and entropy is used as relative information loss measure after comparison conclusion is that two times anonymity method always has less information loss

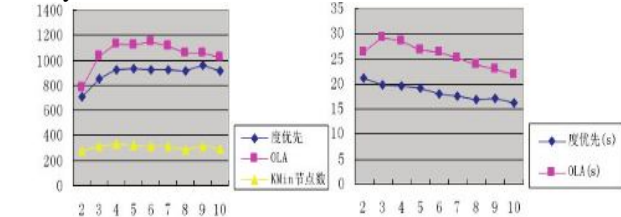


Figure 3 :-Efficiency Comparisons between Degree Priority and OLA

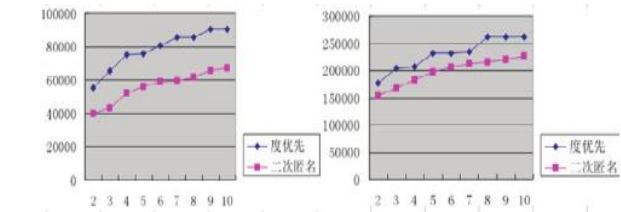


Figure 4:- Information Loss Comparisons between Degree Priority and OLA

also by using Multidimensional K-Anonymity to Protect Privacy by Nearest Neighbor Method results obtained are discussed as follows as shown in figure 4 and figure 5

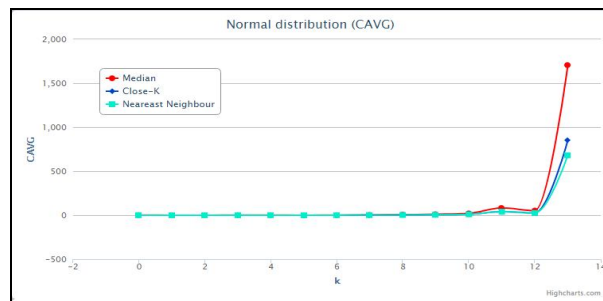


Figure 5:- CAVG Adult dataset large size

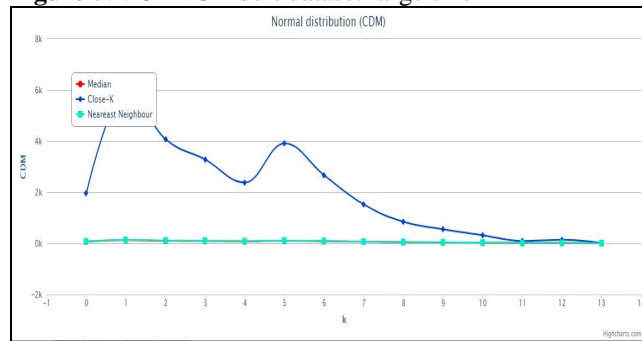


Figure 6:- CDM Adult dataset large size

As shown in figure 5 Results of CAVG i.e. size of equivalence classes (when doing Normal distribution) of Adult database in this scenario increment in k value results in lower values of CAVG for Nearest Neighbor Method which proves the Effectiveness and Optimal Execution of Nearest Neighbor Algorithm as compare to Median as well as close-k methods

As shown in figure 6, Results of CDM called as Discernibility Matrix (when doing Normal distribution) of Adult database ,in this scenario increase in k value gives lower in order values of CDM as for lower C_{DM} values, the more even the partition of datasets is and anonymity also performs in better way and effectively it results in higher efficiency of Nearest Neighbor Algorithm.

6. CONCLUSION

As data release at large volume in public domain may cause user's privacy on stake due to liking available released information in public domain with any other publically available datasets to avoid that proposed methodology provides data confidentiality and also avoids different types of attacks on released data and after anonymization the resultant dataset is also effectively used by various agencies such as research organizations, banking sectors, insurance sector etc. and obtained results by our proposed approach when compared with other obtained results by different methods proves that they are efficient provides good quality of anonymity and also does protection of users privacy effectively and also obtained results shows consistency when tested on very large volume of data as well.

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