

Clustering Categorical-Time Evolving Data from K-Means to Rough Set Theory using Map-Reduce Technique

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Abstract

Clustering is used to classify related data items under similar group but it fails to achieve well for big data due to massive time complexity of allocating unlabeled data point into proper cluster is big task in the categorical data domain, where real time data changes for every instance so for such scenarios in this paper using sampling and parallelization techniques from k-means to rough set theory by extending Hadoop Map Reduce programming we proposed to label the unlabeled data points. An analysis of projected approach to evaluate its efficiency over many other algorithms using standard data sets for testing and shows that the proposed sampling and parallelization technique can process big data efficiently.

Keywords - Big Data, Data Mining, Hadoop Map Reduce, k- means clustering, rough set Theory.

I. INTRODUCTION

We are in the world where gigantic amounts of data are collected and analyzing this data is a critical task. In other words we can say that we are living in the data age in which peta bytes (1000 Terabytes) of data is generated from all needs of business, society, science and engineering, medicine etc., Businesses around the world wide are generating large collection of data sets such as sales transactions, sales promotions, stock trading records, product details, company profiles and their performance and customer feedback [1]. For example large stores online and offline like Walmart, amazon, flip-kart, e-bay are handling millions of transactions per day at various branches across the globe. Scientific and engineering applications are generating peta bytes of data by remote sensing, scientific experiments and engineering observations.

The communication networks carry hundreds of peta bytes of data traffic every day. Even the medical and health industry generate large amounts of data by medical records. Web Searches like Google, social media like Facebook, producing images and videos, blogs. These are the list of various sources that

generate endless data in huge amounts. The organization face difficulties to create manipulate and manage the large datasets [2]. Thus extracting useful and valuable information from the huge data is difficult and led to data mining. Data mining makes a large collection of data into useful information referred as knowledge.

Clustering is a method for finding a collection of similar objects from a given data set. The algorithms that are developed for numerical data for clustering may be easy to use in normal conditions but not when it comes to categorical data [3], [4], [5]. Clustering is a challenging issue in categorical domain, where the distance between data points is undefined [1]. It is not easy to find out the class label of unknown data point in categorical domain.

Sampling and parallelization techniques accelerate the clustering [6], [7] and the data points that are not sampled are to be allocated into proper clusters. The data which depends on time called as time evolving data [8], [9]. For example, the buying preferences of customers may vary with time, depending on the current day of the week, availability of alternatives, discounting rate etc. [10] Since data is modified and thus evolve with time, the underlying clusters may also change based on time by the data drifting concept [11], [12]. The clustering time-evolving data in the numerical domain [13], [14] has been explored in the previous literature though not in the categorical domain. Categorical attributes also exist in real data with drifting concepts, for example web logs that record the browsing history of users, stock market details, buying records of customers often evolve with time. It is a challenging problem in the categorical domain therefore to evolve a procedure for precise categorization. Previous methods on clustering categorical data focused on doing clustering on the entire data set and drifting concepts were not taken into consideration. The objective is to propose a framework for performing clustering on the categorical time- evolving data.

One of data analysis techniques, rough sets based methods have been successfully applied in data mining and knowledge discovery during last decades [15], [16], [17] and particularly useful for rule acquisition [18], [19], [20] and feature selection [21], [22], [23]. To our Knowledge, most of the traditional algorithms based on rough sets are the sequential algorithms and corresponding tools only run on a single computer to deal with small data sets. To expand the applications of rough sets in the field of data mining and knowledge discovery from big data, we discuss about rough set based parallel methods for knowledge acquisition in this paper. Based on Map Reduce, we design corresponding parallel algorithm for knowledge acquisition on the basis of the characteristics of the data. The proposed algorithm is implemented on Hadoop platform [24] As a result, a rough set based method for performing clustering on the categorical time evolving data is proposed in this paper. This method find out if there is a drifting concept or not while processing the incoming data. However, in the categorical domain, the above procedure is challenging since the numerical characteristics of clusters are difficult to define. In this paper, a mechanism called rough membership function-based similarity is developed to allocate each unclustered categorical data point into the corresponding proper cluster.

Distributed Computing is a technology aimed at solving computational problems mainly by sharing the computation over a network of interconnected systems. Each individual system connected on the network is called a node and the collection of many nodes that form a network is called a cluster. For the purpose of processing big data, Google developed a software framework called Map Reduce to support large distributed data sets on clusters of computers [25], [26] which is effective to analyze large amounts of data. Implementation of Map Reduce is done through Apache Hadoop which is a software framework that helps constructing the reliable, scalable, distributed systems.

Apache Hadoop [27] is an open source framework that supports distributed computing. It came into existence from Google's Map Reduce and Google File Systems projects. It is a platform that can be used for intense data applications which are processed in a distributed environment. It follows a Map and Reduce programming paradigm where the fragmentation of data is the elementary step and this fragmented data is fed into the distributed network for processing. The processed data is then integrated as a whole. Hadoop [27], [28], [29] also provides a defined file system for the organization of processed data the Hadoop Distributed File System HDFS.

The Hadoop framework takes into account the node failures and is automatically handled by it. This makes Hadoop really flexible and a versatile platform for data intensive applications. The answer to growing volumes of data that demand fast and effective retrieval of information lies in the principles of data mining over a distributed environment such as Hadoop. This not only reduces the time required for completion of the operation but also reduces the individual system requirements for computation of large volumes of data. Starting from the Google File Systems [30] and Map Reduce concept, Hadoop has taken the world of distributed computing to a new level with various versions of Hadoop that are now in existence and also under Research and Development. Few of which include Hive [31], Zookeeper [32], Pig [33].

The remaining part of paper is organized as follows: the literature survey of the proposed work described in Section II. Section III illustrates the methodology of k-means to rough set based methods for knowledge acquisition with Map-Reduce, Section IV shows experimental analysis and Section V illustrates Conclusions.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

H. Venkateswara Reddy [34] wrote "A Study in Employing Rough Set Based Approach for Clustering on Categorical Time-Evolving Data" it defines that the proportionate increase in the size of the data with increase in space implies that clustering a very large data set becomes difficult and is a time consuming process. After sampling, allocating unlabeled data point into proper cluster is difficult in the categorical domain and in real situations data changes over time. In this paper, we propose and implement a parallel k-means clustering algorithm based on Map Reduce, which is a simple yet powerful parallel programming technique which can scale well and efficiently process large datasets.

Junbo Zhang [35] wrote "Parallel Rough Set Based Knowledge Acquisition Using Map Reduce from Big Data" it defines comprehensive experimental evaluation on large data sets shows that the proposed parallel methods can effectively process big data and future work will focus on unstructured data processing by using rough set theory and Map Reduce techniques. Y. Swapna [36] wrote "A Frame Work for Clustering Time Evolving Data Using Sliding Window Technique" it defines a new Drifting Concept Detection algorithm that finds the number of outliers that cannot be assigned to any of the cluster. The objective of this algorithm is to compare the distribution of clusters and outliers between the last clustering result and the

current temporal clustering result. The experimental evaluation shows that performing DCD is faster than doing clustering once on the entire data set and DCD can provide high-quality clustering results with correctly detected drifting concepts.

Prajesh P Anchalia [37] wrote “MapReduce Design of K- Means Clustering Algorithm” it defines Cluster is a collection of data members having similar characteristics. Data mining is the process of applying some operations like clustering on raw dataset. The raw data is collected from the different sources is unstructured. Hence, there is a continuous emerge of changing the unstructured data.

Weizhong Zhao [38] wrote “Parallel K-Means Clustering Based on MapReduce” it defines Data clustering has gained significant attention in many applications, such as data mining, document retrieval, image segmentation and pattern classification. The expanding volumes of information evolving by the progress of technology, makes clustering of very huge scale of data a challenging task. In order to deal with that problem, many scientists try to design efficient parallel clustering algorithms.

K. R. Madhavi [39] wrote “Data Labelling Method for Clustering Time-Evolving Categorical Attributes” it defines Rough Set based Data Labelling algorithm, RSDL allocates each unlabeled data item into suitable clusters and identifies occurrence of concept-drift.

Ashish A. Golghate, Shailendra W. Shende [40] wrote “Parallel K-Means Clustering Based on Hadoop and Hama” it defines the drawbacks of Map-Reduce are shortening trust worthiness and fault tolerance, MR jobs does not preserve data in memory. In the distributed file system MR jobs dumps does not read next MR Job. The Parallelism does not suffer this drawbacks, it is alternative to the MR model. Clustering techniques is used for data analysis across all disciplines. K-means is clustering algorithm its simplicity and speed to run on large data set. The performance of K-means is incompetent when large data set will be used. Map-Reduce and Parallelism solve the problem of inefficiency when large data set used.

Rajesh [41] wrote “Implementation and Analysis of Map-Reduce K-Means Clustering Algorithm in Hadoop” it defines that the proposed algorithm can scale well and efficiently process large datasets on commodity hardware and for future work, we can try to compare performance of k-means using map reduce and apache spark.

In this paper, discusses the implementation of the map-reduce K-Means Clustering Algorithm over a distributed environment using Apache Hadoop. K-Means Clustering is one such technique used to provide a structure to unstructured data so that valuable information can be extracted. The design of the k-means algorithm was implemented in the later part of this paper based on a small scale implementation of the K-Means Clustering Algorithm on an experimental setup to assist as a monitor for practical implementations.

III. METHODOLOGY

In this section we will review Cluster Analysis, Rough Sets, K-Means Clustering, Map Reduce paradigm, and K-Means Clustering using Map Reduce.

A. Cluster Analysis

Clustering basically deals with grouping of objects such that each group consists of similar or related objects. The main idea behind clustering is to maximize the intra-cluster similarities and minimize the inter cluster similarities.

The data set may have objects with more than attributes. The classification is done by selecting the appropriate attribute and relate to a carefully selected reference and this is solely dependent on the field that concerns the user. Classification therefore plays a more definitive role in establishing a relation among the various items in semi or unstructured data set.

Cluster analysis is a broad subject and hence there are abundant clustering algorithms available to group data sets. Very common methods of clustering involve computing distance, density and interval or a particular statistical distribution. Depending on the requirements and data sets we apply the appropriate clustering algorithm to extract data from them. Clustering has a broad spectrum and the methods of clustering on the basis of their implementation can be grouped into

Connectivity Technique

Example: Hierarchical Clustering

Centroid Technique

Example: K-Means Clustering

Distribution Technique

Example: Expectation Maximization

Density Technique

Example: DBSCAN

Subspace Technique Example: Co-Clustering
Advantages of Data Clustering

- i) Provides a quick and meaningful overview of data.
- ii) Improves efficiency of data mining by

combining data with similar characteristics so that a generalization can be derived for each cluster and hence processing is done batch wise rather than individually.

- iii) Gives a good understanding of the unusual similarities that may occur once the clustering is complete.
- iv) Provides a really good base for nearest neighboring and ordination of deeper relations.

B. Rough Sets

Given a pair $K = (U, R)$, where U is a non-empty finite set called the universe, and $R \subseteq U \times U$ is an equivalence on U .

The pair $K = (U, R)$ is called an approximation space. The equivalence relation R partitions the set U into several disjoint subsets. This partition of the universe forms a quotient set induced by R , denoted by U/R . If two elements, $x, y \in U$, are indistinguishable under R , we say x and y belong to the same equivalence class. The equivalence class including x is denoted by $[x]_R$.

An approximation space $K = (U, R)$ is characterized by an information system $S = (U, A, V, f)$, where

U is a non-empty finite set of objects, called a universe. A is a non-empty finite set of attributes.

V equals to $\cup V_a$, V_a is a domain of the attribute $a \in A$.

f is an information function $U \times A \rightarrow V$, such that $f(x, a) \in V_a$ for every $x \in U, a \in A$.

Specifically, $S = (U, A, V, f)$ is called a decision table if

$= C \sqcup D$, where C is a set of condition attributes and D is a decision, $C \sqcap D = \emptyset$.

A rough set definition for a given class, C is approximated by two sets – a lower approximation of C and an upper approximation of C . The lower approximation of C consists of all the data tuples that are based on the knowledge of the attributes, are certain to belong to C without ambiguity. The upper approximation of C consists of all the tuples that are based on the knowledge of the attributes, cannot be described as not belonging to C . Where each rectangular region represents an equivalence class. Decision rules can be generated for each class. Typically, a decision table is used to represent the rules.

C. K-Means Clustering

K-Means Clustering is a method used to classify semi structured or unstructured data sets. This is one of the most commonly and effective methods to classify data because of its simplicity and ability to handle voluminous data sets.

It accepts the number of clusters and the initial set of centroids as parameters. The distance of each item in the data set is calculated with each of the centroids of the respective cluster. The item is then assigned to the cluster with which the distance of the item is the least. The centroid of the cluster to which the item was assigned is recalculated.

One of the most important and commonly used methods for grouping the items of a data set using K-Means Clustering is calculating the distance of the point from the chosen mean.

This distance is usually the Euclidean Distance though there are other such distance calculating techniques in existence. This is the most common metric for comparison of points.

Suppose there the two points are defined as $X = (p_1(x), p_2(x), p_3(x), \dots)$ and $Y = (q_1(y), q_2(y), q_3(y), \dots)$. The distance is calculated by the formula given by

$$D(X, Y) =$$

$$\sqrt{(p_1(X) - p_1(Y))^2 + (p_2(X) - p_2(Y))^2 + \dots}$$

$$= \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i(X) - p_i(Y))^2}$$

The next important parameter is the cluster centroid. The point whose coordinates corresponds to the mean of the coordinates of all the points in the cluster.

The data set may or better said will have certain items that may not be related to any cluster and

hence cannot be classified under them, such points are referred to as outliers and more often than not correspond to the extremes of the data set depending on whether their values or extremely high or low.

The main objective of the algorithm is to obtain a minimal squared difference between the centroid of the cluster and the item in the dataset.

$$Xi(j) \square Cj^2$$

Where X_i is the value of the item and C_j is the value of the centroid of the cluster.

The Algorithm is discussed below:

Algorithm: k-means. The k-means algorithm for partitioning, where each cluster's center is represented by the mean value of the objects in the cluster.

Input:

K: the number of clusters,
D: a data set containing n objects.

Output: A set of k clusters.

Method:

- Arbitrarily choose k objects from D as the initial cluster centers;
- **Repeat**
- (re)assign each object to the cluster to which the object is the most similar, based on the mean value of the objects in the cluster;
Update the cluster means, that is, calculate the mean value of the objects for each cluster;

- **Until** no change;

Pseudo Code:

Pseudo code for k-means can be given as follows:

Input: $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$ set of entities to be clustered

K (number of clusters) MaxItems (limit of iterations)

Output: $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_k\}$ set of cluster centroids
 $L = \{l(e) \mid e = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ set of cluster labels of E for each $c_j \in C$ do

$C_i \leftarrow e_j \in E$ do (e.g. random selection) End

For each $e_j \in E$ do

$L(e_j) \leftarrow \text{argminDistance}(e_j, C_j) \mid j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ End

Changed \leftarrow false; Iter \leftarrow 0;

Repeat

For each $C_j \in C$ do

UpdateCluster(C_j);

End

For each $e_j \in E$ do

$\text{minDist} \leftarrow \text{argminDistance}(e_i, C_j) \mid j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$
if $\text{minDist} \neq l(e_j)$ then

$l(e_j) \leftarrow \text{minDist}$; changed \leftarrow true; end

end iter++; until

changed = true & iter \leq maxIters;

D. MapReduce Paradigm

Map Reduce is a programming paradigm used for computation of large datasets. A standard Map Reduce process computes terabytes or even peta bytes of data on interconnected systems forming a cluster of nodes. Map Reduce implementation splits the huge data into chunks that are independently fed to the nodes so the number and size of each chunk of data is dependent on the number of nodes connected to the network. The programmer designs a Map function that uses a (key, value) pair for computation. The Map function results in the creation of another set of data in form of (key, value) pair which is known as the intermediate data set. The programmer also designs a Reduce function that combines value elements of the (key, value) paired intermediate data set having the same intermediate key [42].

Map and Reduce steps are separate and distinct and complete freedom is given to the programmer to design them. Each of the Map and Reduce steps are performed in parallel on pairs of (key, value) data members. Thereby the program is segmented into two distinct and well defined stages namely Map and Reduce. The Map stage involves execution of a function on a given data set in the form of (key, value) and generates the intermediate data set. The generated intermediate data set is then organized for the implementation of the Reduce operation. Data transfer takes place between the Map and Reduce functions. The Reduce function compiles all the data sets bearing the particular key and this process is repeated for all the various key values. The final output produced by the Reduce call is also a dataset of (key, value) pairs. An important thing to note is that the execution of the Reduce function is possible only after the Mapping process is complete.

Each Map Reduce Framework has a solo Job Tracker and multiple task trackers. Each node connected to the network has the right to behave as a slave Task Tracker. The issues like division of data to various nodes, task scheduling, node failures, task failure management, communication of nodes, monitoring the task progress is all taken care by the master node. The data used as input and output data is stored in the HDFS file-system.

E. K-Means Clustering using MapReduce

The first step in designing the Map Reduce routines for K- means is to define and handle the input and output of the implementation. The input is given as a <key, value> pair, where 'key' is the cluster center and 'value' is the serializable implementation of vector in the data set.

The prerequisite to implement the Map and Reduce routines is to have two files one that houses the clusters with their centroids and the other that houses the vectors to be clustered.

Once the set of initial set of clusters and chosen centroids is defined and the data vectors that are to be clustered properly organized in two files then the clustering of data using K- Means clustering technique can be accomplished by following the algorithm to design the Map and Reduce routines for K- Means Clustering.

The initial set of centers is stored in the input directory of HDFS prior to Map routine call and they form the 'key' field in the <key, value> pair. The instructions required to compute the distance between the given data set and cluster center fed as a

<key, value> pair is coded in the Mapper routine. The Mapper is structured in such a way that it computes the distance between the vector value and each of the cluster centers mentioned in the cluster set and simultaneously keeping track of the cluster to which the given vector is closest. Once the computation of distances is complete the vector should be assigned to the nearest cluster.

Once Mapper is invoked the given vector is assigned to the cluster that it is closest related to. After the assignment is done the centroid of that particular cluster is recalculated. The recalculation is done by the Reduce routine and also it restructures the cluster to prevent creations of clusters with extreme sizes i.e. cluster having too less data vectors or a cluster having too many data vectors. Finally, once the centroid of the given cluster is updated, the new set of vectors and clusters is re-written to the disk and is ready for the next iteration.

After understanding of what the input, output and functionality of the Map and Reduce routines we design the Map and Reduce classes by following the algorithm discussed below.

Algorithm 1: Mapper for K-Means Clustering

procedure KMEANMAPDESIGN LOAD Cluster file
 $fp = \text{Mapclusterfile}$ Create two list $listnew = listold$

CALL read (Mapclusterfile) newfp = MapCluster()
 $dv = 0$

Assign correct centroid read(dv) calculatecenteroid
 $dv = \text{minCenter}()$ CALL KmeansReduce()
end procedure = 0

Algorithm 2: Reducer for K-Means Clustering

procedure KMEANREDUCEDESIGN NEW

ListofClusters

COMBINE resultant clusters from MAP CLASS

if cluster size too high or too low **then** RESIZE the cluster

$C_{\text{Max}} = \text{findMaxSize}(\text{ListofClusters})$

$C_{\text{min}} = \text{findMinSize}(\text{ListofClusters})$

if $C_{\text{Max}} > 1/20 \text{ totalSize}$ **then** Resize(cluster) WRITE cluster FILE to output DIRECTORY.

Algorithm 3: Implementing KMeans Function

procedure KMEANS FUNCTION

if Initial Iteration **then** LOAD cluster file from DIRECTORY

else READ cluster file from previous iteration Create new JOB

SET MAPPER to map class defined

SET REDUCER to reduce class define paths for output directory

SUBMIT JOB

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, we only evaluate the performance of the proposed parallel methods. All experiments run on the Apache Hadoop platform. Hadoop version 2.0 and Java 1.8 are used as Map Reduce system. Figure 1 shows all services which are started in a hadoop.

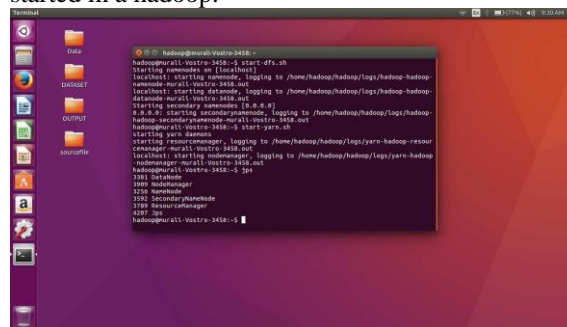


Figure 1. Hadoop all Services Started

We utilize the large data set, as shown in the figure 2 which consists of approximately one million records. Each record consists of 1 decision attribute and 35 condition attributes, where 5 are categorical and 30 are numeric. Since our method can only deal with categorical attributes, we discretize the 30 numeric

attributes firstly. In addition, three data sets are generated by means of Hadoop distributed file system. The data set, statistics are split into 64, 128 and 256 blocks, respectively when we upload these data to HDFS.

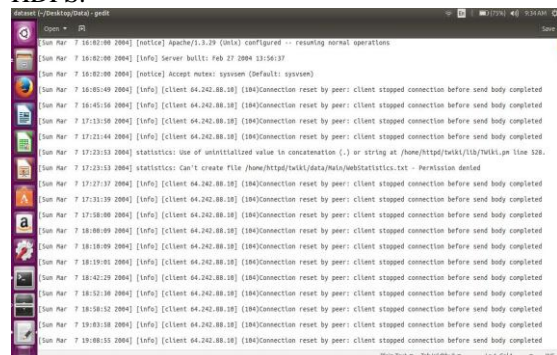


Figure 2. Data Set

Our experiments are conducted on large clusters of compute machines. The operating system in these machines was Linux Ubuntu 16.4 LTS. We executed the aforementioned three kinds of knowledge acquisition methods on Hadoop Map Reduce system. Further, we examine the purity ratio of the proposed parallel methods.

To measure the purity ratio, we keep the data set constant and increase the number of cores in the system. Purity ratio given by the larger system is defined by the following formula:

$$\text{Purity ratio } (\alpha) = \frac{T_l}{T_p}$$

Where p is the number of cores, T_l is the execution time on single core, T_p is the execution time on p cores.

Figure 3 shows the name node information on the Hadoop system.

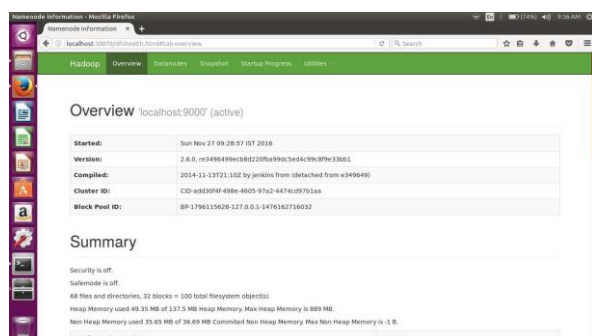


Figure 3. Name Node Information

We perform the purity ratio evaluation on data sets with quite different sizes and structures. The

number of processes varied from 1 to 64. Table 1 and figure 4 show the purity ratio for over all data sets for 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 and 64 processing cores. As the result shows, the proposed parallel method has a very good purity ratio performance. Therefore, the proposed parallel methods can treat big data efficiently.

Table 1: Purity Ratio Between Various K-Means

Data set	Number of Cores					
	2	4	8	16	32	64
K-means	1.98	3.84	7.49	13.61	25.35	27.92
K-means with map reduce	1.97	3.79	7.13	12.69	21.01	23.57
K-means through RST using map reduce	1.96	3.61	5.86	10.00	15.67	20.12

Figure.4 shows purity ratio for map reduce execution process we performed the execution time on data set with quite different sizes and structures. The number of processes varied from 1 to 64. Table 1 and Figure 4 show the purity ratios for over all data sets for 2, 4, 8, 16, 32 and 64 processing cores. As the result shows, the proposed parallel method has a very good speedup performance. K-means through RST using map reduce has a lower speedup curve, because the execution time of it is too small. As the size of the data set increases, the purity ratio performs better. Therefore, the proposed parallel methods can treat big data efficiently.

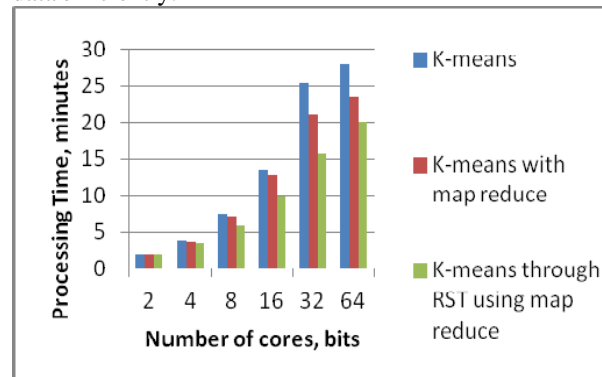


Figure 4. Purity Ratio For Map Reduce Execution Processes The Following Figure 5 Shows The Hadoop Node Manager .

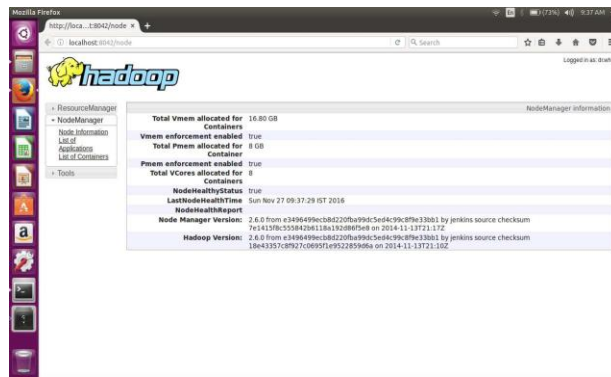


Figure 5. Node Manager

V. CONCLUSIONS

Data mining from big data has been a new challenge in recent years. Traditional rough sets based methods for knowledge discovery fail to deal with the enlarging data in applications. Comprehensive experimental results on the data sets demonstrated that the proposed methods could effectively process large data sets in data mining. Our future research work will focus on unstructured data processing by using rough set theory and Map Reduce techniques.

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