The development and application of data mining based on cloud computing

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Abstract. With the rapid increase of data storage capacity, massive data processing and massive data calculation has become an important problem in the field of data mining. Cloud computing is good at dealing with large-scale data and large-scale computing. If the data mining algorithm can be cooperated to the cloud computing platform, the large computational problems in the field of data mining will be solved. In this paper, the author introduces the basic characteristics and process of cloud computing and data mining, and summarizes the various methods of data mining in detail, including neural network method, genetic algorithm, decision tree method, statistical analysis, rough set method. Finally, the application of data mining based on cloud computing is summarized.

1. Introduction

The data processed by modern society is massive. Before the advent of cloud computing, when conducting data mining in the past, the high-performance machine or a larger computing device were expected to deal with it. In the context of massive data, the data mining process requires a good development environment and application platform. In such circumstances, the use of cloud-computing-based approach for data mining is more appropriate. And because of the lack of the current parallel classification algorithm and large-scale data sets being increasingly large, the traditional data mining system cannot be used for efficient mining and utilization. Therefore, how to improve the parallelism and efficiency of the algorithm is the urgent issue to be solved. By sorting out the development and application of data mining based on cloud computing, we hope to provide some help for future data mining research.

2. The Concept of Cloud Computing

Cloud Computing [1] is an Internet-based computing approach, in which shared hardware and software resources and information can be provided to the computer and other equipment on demand. Cloud computing describes an Internet-based new IT service addition, usage, and delivery model that provides dynamic, scalable, and often virtualized resources over the Internet.

Cloud Computing [2,3] is a computing platform which is distributed in large-scale data centers, and can dynamically provide various server resources to meet the needs of research, e-commerce and other fields. Cloud computing is the development of Distributed Computing [4], Parallel Computing [5], and Grid Computing [6], and the integrated evolution result of Virtualization [7], Utility Computing [8], IaaS (infrastructure as a service), PaaS (platform as a service), and SaaS (Software as a service).
3. The Features of Cloud Computing

3.1. Verification of the Finite Element Model
Cloud computing provides the most reliable and secure data storage center, users need not worry about data loss, virus invasion and other troubles. The “Cloud” uses data replica fault tolerant and interchangeable compute nodes to protect the high reliability of service so that using cloud computing is more reliable than using local computers.

3.2. Virtualization Technology
The most important feature of the existing cloud platform is virtualization technology, which can realize virtualization management, dispatch and application of hardware resources of servers through virtualization technology. Cloud computing allows users to access applications at any place and from a variety of terminals. The requested resource comes from the cloud, not the fixed tangible entity. Applications are running somewhere in the cloud, but in fact, users don't need to understand nor worry about where the application will run. With just one laptop or a mobile phone, you can do everything you need, including even supercomputing, through web services.

3.3. Flexibility of Service
Users can customize according to their own needs in the cloud platform personalized services, applications and resources, cloud platform is based on users’ demand to deploy resources, services, the corresponding calculation capability and application. Users can also manage customized services, unsubscribe, deleting certain services, and so on.

3.4. Versatility
Cloud computing is not specific to certain applications, and can be built with the support of the “cloud”. The same "cloud" can support different applications at the same time.

4. The Concept of Data Mining
Data mining [9] (DM) is the process of extracting the implied, unknown in advance but potentially useful information and knowledge from a large number of incomplete, noisy, fuzzy, random data. With the rapid development of information technology, the amount of data accumulated by people rapidly increase, often is calculated by TB, how to extract useful knowledge from the massive data has become a problem, which must be solved. Data mining came into being for adapting to this need and became a data processing technology. The basic process of data mining is shown in figure 1.

![Figure 1 Basic process of data mining](image)
5. The Method of Data Mining

5.1. Neural network method
Because of its good robustness, self-organization adaptability, parallel processing, distributed storage and high fault tolerance, neural network is very suitable for solving the problem of data mining, that it has been paid more and more attention in recent years. The typical neural network model is divided into three categories: feedforward neural network model for classification, prediction and pattern recognition, represented by perceptron, Back propagation (BP) and function network. The feedback neural network model taking the hopfield discrete model and continuous model as the representative for associative memory and optimization calculation, respectively; A self-organizing mapping method for clustering, represented by the art model and the koholon model.

5.2. Genetic algorithm
Genetic algorithm is a kind of stochastic search algorithm based on biological natural selection and genetic mechanism, which is a bionic global optimization method. The genetic algorithm has the implicit parallelism, which is easy to combine with other models and other properties so that it is applied in data mining.

The application of genetic algorithm is also reflected in the combination of neural networks, rough set and other technologies. Such as the use of genetic algorithm to optimize the neural network structure, under the premise of not increasing the error rate, delete the redundant connections and hidden layer unit; genetic algorithm and bp algorithm are combined to train neural network, and then extract the law from the network.

5.3. Decision tree method
Decision tree algorithm is one of the most basic and most commonly used algorithms in data mining, which is similar to the tree structure of a flow chart. Each internal node in the tree represents a test of a property, and each branch represents a test result, while each leaf node represents a classification. The basic algorithm of decision tree induction is the greedy algorithm, which constructs the decision tree in the way of top-down recursion [10]. The construction of decision tree algorithm usually goes through two stages: tree construction stage and tree pruning stage.

5.4. Statistical analysis
There are two relationships between database field items: function relationships (deterministic relationships that can be represented by function formulas) and correlations (which can not be represented by functional formulas, but still relevant deterministic). The analysis of them can be done by statistical method, that is, using the principle of statistics to analyze the information in the database. Common statistics, regression analysis, correlation analysis and difference analysis can be used.

5.5. Rough set method
In 1980s, Pawlak proposed the concept of Rough Set [11,12]. Rough set is a mathematical tool with fuzzy and uncertainty, it is commonly used to study data expression, study and induction, and is widely used in many fields such as data mining, knowledge discovery, uncertainty reasoning, granular computing. The application of rough set theory to classification algorithm can help to find inaccurate or data structure relationships existing in noisy data. However, rough sets only can process discrete data. If it is a continuous data object, it needs to be discretized first and then processed by rough sets. Rough sets can be used to reduce attributes, correlation analysis and other operations, according to the upper approximation and lower approximation to determine the data set. The lower approximation set contains data samples that belong to the data set, and the upper approximation set contains data samples that definitely do not belong to the data set.
6. Application of Data Mining Based on Cloud Computing

Data mining technology is the application service from its emergence, and it has a wide range of applications in various fields. The application is especially broad in the financial, retail, telecommunications, electronic engineering, aviation, medicine, transportation and other fields. The typical application of data mining in the field of commercial includes database marketing, customer classification, background analysis, market behavior analysis and customer churn analysis, credit rating, fraud and so on. Specific application areas are shown in table 1.

Table 1 Application areas of data mining technology

| Application areas       | Scenarios for data mining applications                                                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Financial Data Analysis| Financial data model mining, loan repayment prediction and customer credit analysis, customer classification and clustering. |
| Retail data analysis    | Merchandise placement, purchase recommendation and commodity reference; customer loyalty analysis; reasonable design of data warehouse, overall sales control, market and trend analysis. |
| Medical field data analysis | Electronic medical record analysis, drug test, DNA data analysis, etc.                                    |
| Telecom industry data analysis | Customer market speculation analysis, misappropriation model analysis and abnormal pattern recognition, customer consumption model analysis, customer churn analysis, visualization tools in telecom data analysis |

6.1 The major advantages of cloud computing and data mining

(1) Stronger mass data processing capability. Data mining is often faced with a large amount of data, and small scale data can usually reach to the bulk of several GB or more than a dozen GB, while a large scale of data mining may have to deal with more than a dozen TB data. The accumulation of massive historical data transmission by enterprises is also a challenge. The emergence of cloud computing allows data mining to get rid of the dilemma on the traditional Unix platform. The flexible scalable cloud computing service resources can provide more processing power. The cloud based data mining system can improve its processing ability to ten to several times.

(2) Better support for information sharing. With the business growth in the volume of data and frequent business operations across the region, the data is typically stored in the data warehouse or distributed data center. The existing large-scale data management software and business decision-making software does not support the distributed mining technology under the network environment. Because of the sharing of cloud computing, it can integrate information resources and intellectual resources distributed in different regions. Therefore, data mining based on cloud computing can better support data sharing.

(3) Stronger system of coherence. The business decision with timeliness can guide the enterprise to make the correct management decision, Therefore, enterprises have higher requirements for the effectiveness of data mining. However, the traditional data mining system is relatively closed, which prevents them from providing real-time and intelligent services. The data mining system combined with cloud computing will have better timeliness, and the whole data mining process will have better openness.

(4) Lower cost. Cloud computing provides on-demand services, that is, on-demand service model, the enterprise does not need to purchase servers and other physical devices to enjoy the data mining system, only need to pay in accordance with the amount of usage. In addition to the acquisition cost and use cost, the maintenance cost is greatly reduced as well, because in cloud computing environment, the enterprises do not have to spend time or money on data mining system maintenance, which can save the cost of human resources.
7. Conclusion
Because the cloud computing with its distributed computing platform provides a powerful computing, the combination of cloud computing and data mining has a huge advantage and potential. The application of cloud computing to data mining can provide solutions for more and more massive data mining, which has become the trend of data mining industry development. This paper summarizes the basic concept and principle of cloud computing and data mining in detail, as well as the basic methods of data mining. Finally it sorts out the related application of cloud based data mining. We hope that this paper will provide a new direction for future data mining research.

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