A Novel Fuzzy Clustering with Metaheuristic based Resource Provisioning Technique in Cloud Environment

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Abstract

Cloud Computing (CC) becomes a commonly available tool to enable quick, on-demand services from a shared pool of configurable computing resources which can be allocated and utilized. Resource provisioning is a major issue in CC environment which ensures guaranteed outcomes on the applications related to CC. This study introduces an efficient fuzzy c-means clustering (FCM) with hybrid grey wolf optimization (GWO) and differential evolution (DE) algorithm, called FCM-GWODE for resource provisioning in cloud environment. The aim of the FCM-GWODE technique is to allocate the resources in such a way that the resource utilization can be accomplished. In addition, the FCM technique with metaheuristics is applied to partition the resources and scalable searching process can be minimized. Moreover, the GWODE algorithm is derived by resolving the local optima issue of the GWO and improve the population diversity using DE. A comprehensive simulation process takes place using CloudSim tool and the results are inspected in terms of several evaluation metrics. The simulation results highlighted the supremacy of the FCM-GWODE technique over the other methods.

Keywords: Resource provisioning, Cloud computing, Fuzzy clustering, Hybrid algorithms, Resource utilization, GWO algorithm.

1. Introduction

The conception of cloud computing (CC) clearly reflects the features of data provision in Internet phase; while the search of the vision of CC brought a novel challenge to information technology (IT) [1, 2]. Act as an important research application, the datacenter is launching a sequence of technological innovations to carry out the main characteristics of CC, for example, elasticity of extension, massive data storage, and on-demand service. The datacenter extensively adapts virtual techniques for achieving the uncoupled mode of physical application and resource [3-5]. The application uses Virtual Machine (VM) as a package unit for sharing several physical assets with another. Henceforth the resource scheduling entity is denoted as a fine grain VM rather than coarse grains service machine. Virtual technique provide accessibility to the datacenter, however, the VM resources provision bring additional problem to an effective controlling of datacenter framework. Since the major problems for CC, resource managing aim is to protect the fundamental resources complexity and heterogeneity through adapting virtualization techniques, that make the shared resource a united massive resource. Hence, it could assurance effective resource provisioning and implement resource managing techniques and methods reasonably. Hence, achieving an efficient managing of CC resource is confronted by various problems that are largely displayed in 3 kinds of imbalance [6, 7]. Fig. 1 illustrates the overall resource provisioning process in CC [8].
Dynamic resource management in CC platform denotes the procedure of dynamic optimization control, coordination, organization, and allocation of resources. It must assist scheduling tasks in real-time resources monitoring, job execution, and management domain/interorganizational, as well as preserve the self-managing of the nearby locations, provide equivalent support of Quality of Service (QoS) [9, 10]. It is an innovative version of resources managing, in addition, the basic element of resources managing scheme in CC platform, for shielding the complexity and heterogeneity of the fundamental resource, so as to deal with the massive distributed resource in the CC, for control the resource efficiently, for improving resources consumption, also for providing the rational sharing of resource operations for CC, therefore for balancing the load. As the conception of CC has been introducing, scheduling resources, particularly dynamic resource provision, was a significant study component. Interrelated work of resources provision is mostly from distinct points of view for constructing a CC method from a queue conception aims to achieve global results. But, with the aspects like incompatible interface, disparity of fundamental physical resource, and heterogeneity of built platform, experimental result demonstrates that discrepancy, hard to create similar analyses amongst one another [11-13].

[14] presented hybrid solutions for handling the resources provision problem with task analyses in a cloud platform. This solution used ICA and K-means to cluster the task presented with the end user. As well, they utilize DT model for determining scaling decisions to effective resources provision. The efficacy of the presented method in 2 actual tasks trace is assessed. [15] used to learn automated as decision makers for offloading the received active workload to the cloud/edge server. Additionally, proposed an edge servers provision method by means of LSTM method for estimating the upcoming workloads and RL methods for making suitable scaling decisions.

[16] presents a CMCDA method to select an optimal client provider pair according to reliability for resources provision in CC environments. The CMCDA models reduce the difficulty in offering the resource for the implementation of jobs and satisfy the expectation of providers and customers in CC.
platform. Also, the method finds an optimal customer provider pair in an effective manner through evaluating the reliability value beforehand the resources provisioning. In [17], novel solutions were introduced for provisioning resources on multilayered CC applications according to MAPE-K loop. A weight ensemble predictive model is presented for estimating the resource consumption in all the CC layers. Additionally, performances of the method and a standardization method are employed for regulating the weight of the model in the presented hybrid predictive method. Further, a DT model is proposed for analyzing the position of resources for making scaling decisions.

In [18], the integration of state action learning and GA models is employed for managing CC resources. Initially, a smart agent schedules the task in the course of the learning procedure by examining the workflows. Later, all the resources are allocated to agents, and their consumption is tried to be exploited in the learning procedure of its equivalent agents. This is performed by electing a suitable group of workloads which maximize resources consumption.

This study introduces an efficient fuzzy c-means clustering (FCM) with hybrid grey wolf optimization (GWO) and differential evolution (DE) algorithm, called FCM-GWODE for resource provisioning in cloud environment. The aim of the FCM-GWODE technique is to allocate the resources in such a way that the resource utilization can be accomplished. In addition, the FCM technique with metaheuristics is applied to partition the resources and scalable searching process can be minimized. Moreover, the GWODE algorithm is derived by resolving the local optima issue of the GWO and improve the population diversity using DE. A comprehensive simulation process takes place using CloudSim tool and the results are inspected in terms of several evaluation metrics.

2. The Proposed Resource Provisioning Technique

In CC, the resources attribute has three groups: bandwidth, computation, and storage. Varied processes are included in numerous assets. Some kinds of computation task and computational resource is very efficient where few bandwidth task and resource is deliberated to be important. Henceforth, in order to beat the distinct requirements of the user, the resource is divided into clusters. Due to the heterogeneity and dynamicity of fog resources, it could be complex for defining the exclusive resource. Now, it is used by the FCM-GWODE method for clustering the resource according to multidimension attribute. The group of fog assets \( R = \{ r_1, r_2, r_3, \ldots, r_m \} \) displays m fog resources node and all the nodes consist of n feature. In Eq. (5), \( r_{pq} \) are qth featured attributes of resource \( r_p \).

Before fuzzy clustering, it is important to standardize the information for different processes indicator [19]. The steps to cluster fog resources were given as follows. In fog computing framework, due to the presence of different fog assets, real information might be treated in a straightforward way, since the impacts of clustering results must not be regular. Therefore, in order to solve the instantaneous effect that is created because of the translation, SD transformation should be used for the normalization of the resources matrix information.

\[
r_{pq}' = \frac{r_{pq} - \bar{r}_{pq}}{S_q} \quad (1)
\]

\[
F = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{q=1}^{n} r_{pq} \quad (2)
\]

\[
S_q = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{p=1}^{n} (r_{pq} - \bar{r})^2} \quad (3)
\]

Whereas maximal values of resource in qth dimensional features are \( \bar{r} \), \( \bar{r}_{pq} \) indicate the maximal values of qth certain features of resource \( r_p \) and SD of all resources in qth dimensional features are \( S_q \). The calculated information satisfies a standard distribution which denotes mean as 0 and SD as 1. Supposedly, resource information isn't proficient in fulfilling the plan of fuzzy matrix. Henceforth, translation range was used to covert information in matrix to be achieved in the range of zero and one.
Whereas, $\min \{r'_{pq}\}$ display low values in $\{r'_{1q}, r'_{2q}, ..., r'_{mq}\}$, and $\max \{r'_{pq}\}$ depict high values in $\{r'_{1q}, r'_{2q}, ..., r'_{mq}\}$.

Although the GWO technique displays capable performances in many applications, when the training sample is further, it is made up of minimal computation speed, less accuracy, and problem of local optimal [20]. Therefore, it is used by DE i.e., incorporated with GWO for enhancing the functions which relate DE to efficient search ability for improving the GWO to remove local optimal and reach the appropriate measure amongst exploration and exploitation. Likewise, selection and difference of DE model are positioned for producing early populaces which enhance diversity of populace. Primarily DE generates new populace with the procedure of populace’s crossover, collection, and difference to obtain optimal solution for improvising the populace diversity. Because of its easiness, a group of skillful parameters, and strong features, DE is frequently used in numerous optimal issues by the succeeding process.

**Initialization Populace**

Initially, the early populace of DE occurs by:

\[
\{x_i(0)|x_i^U \leq x_i(0) \leq x_i^L, i = 1,2, ..., NP, j = 1,2, ..., D\},
\]

Whereas $x_i(0)$ denotes the ith individuals, j indicates the dimensions.

\[
x_i(j)(0) = x_i^L + \text{ran}(0,1)(x_i^U - x_i^L),
\]

Whereas $x_i^L$ and $x_i^U$ indicates the upper and lower bound of the j dimensions, correspondingly, ran [0,1]represents a random amount in the range of zero and one.

**Mutation**

DE performs the understanding of an individual variation with differential mechanisms. The normal differential mechanisms randomly select a group of 2 different individuals in the populace, perform vector scaling difference, and synthesize the vector using the individual that undergoes mutation procedure.

\[
v_i(j + 1) = x_{r1}(j) + F(x_{r2}(j) - x_{r3}(j)),
\]

Whereas $r1 - r3$ indicates random number and F indicates scaling factor.

**Crossover**

Generally, it occurs on jth populace $\{x_i(j)\}$ and the alternate intermediates are $\{v_i(j + 1)\}$.

\[
u_{ij}(j + 1) = \begin{cases} 
 v_{ij}(j + 1) & \text{if ran}(0,1) \leq \text{CR} \\
 x_i(j) & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

Whereas CR shows likelihood crossover.

**Selection**

Now, greedy selection processes are used in DE, showed the optimum individual is selected as a new one.

\[
x_i(j + 1) = \begin{cases} 
 u_{ij}(j + 1) & \text{if } f(u_{ij}(j + 1)) \leq f(x_i(j + 1)) \\
 x_i(j) & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]
Algorithm 1. Pseudocode of GWO algorithm

| Step | Description |
|------|-------------|
| 1    | Initialize the position of the wolf’s populace $I_i (i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n)$ arbitrarily. |
| 2    | Begin an Acc, Coe |
| 3    | Examine $\alpha, \beta, \delta$, as the 3 optimum solutions as per the fitness value. |
| 4    | $l = 0$ while $l \leq \text{Max}_{\text{Iter}}$ do
|      | $\forall$ Wolves$_i \in$ pack do
|      | Update current position of wolves. end |
|      | -Update an Acc, Coe |
|      | -Calculate the location of wolves. |
|      | -Update $\alpha, \beta, \delta$ locations as first optimum 3 solution in existing population. |
|      | -$l = l + 1$ |
| 5    | Select an optimal grey wolf’s position. |

3. Experimental Analysis

The proposed FCM-GWODE technique is simulated using CloudSim tool. The results of the FCM-GWODE technique are investigated using two benchmark datasets namely Iris and Wine datasets. Table 1 and Fig. 2 offer the result analysis of the FCM-GWODE technique on the applied test iris dataset. The results demonstrated that the FCM model has provided poor outcomes with 134 correctly clustered and 16 incorrectly clustered instances. In addition, the FAP technique has resulted in somewhat increased results with 138 correctly clustered and 12 incorrectly clustered instances. Next to that, the FCMFP technique has showcased reasonable outcomes with 142 correctly clustered and 8 incorrectly clustered instances. Finally, the FCM-GWODE technique has accomplished maximum outcome with 144 correctly clustered and 6 incorrectly clustered instances.

Table 1 Results analysis of FCM-GWODE technique on Iris Dataset

| Methods | Correctly Clustered | Incorrectly Clustered |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| FCM     | 134                 | 16                    |
| FAP     | 138                 | 12                    |
| FCMFP   | 142                 | 8                     |
| FCM-GWODE | 144             | 6                     |
Table 2 and Fig. 3 provide a comprehensive comparative study of the FCM-GWOIDe technique on the applied test Wine dataset. The results confirmed that the FCM model has offered lower performance with 122 correctly clustered and 56 incorrectly clustered instances. Moreover, the FAP technique has attained slightly improved results with 129 correctly clustered and 49 incorrectly clustered instances. Furthermore, the FCMFP technique has demonstrated sensible outcomes with 146 correctly clustered and 32 incorrectly clustered instances. Lastly, the FCM-GWOIDE technique has gained maximum outcome with 150 correctly clustered and 28 incorrectly clustered instances.

| Methods      | Correctly Clustered | Incorrectly Clustered |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| FCM          | 122                 | 56                    |
| FAP          | 129                 | 49                    |
| FCMFP        | 146                 | 32                    |
| FCM-GWOIDE   | 150                 | 28                    |
Fig. 3. Comparative study of FCM-GWODE technique on wine dataset

Detailed correct rate analysis of the FCM-GWODE technique with existing techniques is made in Table 3 and Fig. 4. From the results, it is obviously clear that the FCM-GWODE technique has resulted in maximum correct data on the applied two datasets. For instance, under Iris dataset, the FCM-GWODE technique has resulted in an increased correct rate of 0.9600 whereas the FCM, FAP, and FCMFP techniques have accomplished a reduced correct rate of 0.8933, 0.9200, and 0.9466. Similarly, under Wine dataset, the FCM-GWODE technique has resulted in an increased correct rate of 0.8426 whereas the FCM, FAP, and FCMFP techniques have accomplished a reduced correct rate of 0.6850, 0.7250, and 0.8202. Therefore, the FCM-GWODE technique has appeared as an effective tool for provisioning resources in the cloud platform.

Table 3 Correct Rate of Existing with Proposed Method

| Methods | FCM   | FAP   | FCMFP  | FCM-GWODE |
|---------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Iris    | 0.8933| 0.9200| 0.9466 | 0.9600    |
| Wine    | 0.6850| 0.7250| 0.8202 | 0.8426    |
4. Conclusion

This study has introduced an efficient FCM-GWODE technique for resource provisioning in cloud environment. The FCM-GWODE technique is intended to allocate the resources in such a way that resource utilization can be accomplished. In addition, the FCM technique with metaheuristics is applied to partition the resources and scalable searching process can be minimized. Moreover, the GWODE algorithm is derived by resolving the local optima issue of the GWO and improve the population diversity using DE. A comprehensive simulation process takes place using CloudSim tool and the results are inspected interms of several evaluation metrics. The simulation results highlighted the supremacy of the FCM-GWODE technique over the other methods. In future, load balancing and task scheduling approaches can be focused to improve resource utilization in cloud platforms.

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