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A Cultural Algorithm for the Two Variable Integer **Programming Problem**

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Abstract - A specific implementation of cultural algorithm is presented here for solving the following two variable integer programming problem with n constraints: Maximize or Minimize $Z = p_1 x + q x_2$ subject to constraints $\{a_1x_1+b_1x_1 \le c_i; or a_1x_1+b_1x_1 \ge c_i\},\$ where $i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n; x_1, x_2 \ge 0; x_1$ and x_2 are integers; a_i, b_i and C_i are positive real numbers; p and q are signed integers. A cultural algorithm consists of a population component almost identical to that of the genetic algorithm and, in addition, a knowledge component called the belief space. As the integer programming problem is a constrained optimization problem, the constraints including non-negativity and integer restrictions are availed as the knowledge component and used to build the belief space.

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INTRODUCTION Ι.

e consider the following integer programming problem (IPP) with two decision variables and Maximize or constraints: Minimize $Z = p_1 x + q x_2$ subject to constraints $\{a_1x_1 + b_1x_1 \le c_i; or a_1x_1 + b_1x_1 \ge c_i\},\$ where $i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n; x_1, x_2 \ge 0; x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \text{ are integers; } a_i, b_i$ and c_i are positive real numbers; p and q are signed integers.

In 1958, Gomory (1963a) devised a method, known as the "method for integer forms", for solving integer programming problems. In 1960, Gomory (1963b) devised another method for solving all integer Several computers linear programming problems. codes using one or both methods have been written; and have successfully solved many real problems. However, their performance has not been nearly as predictable as that of ordinary linear programming codes- which are themselves rather unpredictable as regards running time (Beale, 1965). Martin et al. (1963) used a variant method of integer form called the

"accelerated euclidean algorithms". Dakin (1964) and Driebeck (1964) have developed programs using a "branch and bound" method for mixed integer programming. Later Forest et al. (1974), Tomlin (1971), Driebeck (1966), Dakin (1965), Beale and Small (1965), and others improved or refined the branch and bound approach of solving integer programming problems in a number of ways. There are many survey articles and text books to describe the usage of refined and improved methods of using branch and bound approaches (Hansen, 1979; Gupta and Ravindran, 1983a, 1985b)

But the most important facet of both Gomory's cutting plan approach and branch and bound approach is that they can be applied only after obtaining noninteger solution using traditional optimization techniques like Simplex Algorithms.

But the proposed cultural algorithmic approach directly searches the integer solution in the population space which is a space obtained by narrowing the population space where the population space is obtained by the constraints of the problem.

The implementation of the cultural algorithm is presented here to find (x_1, x_2) which satisfies all the *n* constraints and yields the optimal value for Z. As IPP is a kind of constrained optimization problem, the constraints including non-negativity constraints and integer restrictions are availed as knowledge component to build the belief space. A cultural algorithm, introduced by Reynolds (1994), and seen as extension to genetic algorithm, is a computational model of cultural evolution process in nature where there is a knowledge component in addition to population component. The knowledge component is used to build belief space. The best individuals are selected from belief space using a fitness function. These best individuals are used to update the belief space via a vote acceptance function.

Generally cultural algorithms use five different kinds of knowledge component namely: normative, domain specific, situational, historical and topographical knowledge. The proposed cultural algorithm for solving two variable integer programming problems with nconstraints uses a normative kind of knowledge gained from constraints including non-negativity and integer restrictions.

The proposed cultural algorithm for solving two variable integer programming problems uses the frame work for constrained optimization problem introduced by

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Carlos and Licardo (2002) to identify knowledge component and to build belief space. The algorithm is also using a variant of test bed introduced by Chang and Reynolds (1996) as the backbone of computational procedure.

II. THE CULTURAL ALGORITHM FOR Sloving Two Variable Interger Programmin Problems

Step 1: Initialization of Population Space

Lets define sets of integers for x_1 and x_2 that satisfies each of n constraints and let these sets be $S_1, S_2, ..., S_n$ and $T_1, T_2, ..., T_n$ respectively. S_i and T_i can be defined as follows:

i. Definition of Population Space for x_1

When the constrain *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_1 \le c_i$ with \le , then S_i can be defined as $0 \le x_1 \le c_i/a_i$ irrespective of b_i and if c_i/a_i is real, it should be rounded off to the immediate lower positive integer. When the constraint *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_1 \ge c_i$ with \ge , then S_i can be defined as $c_i/a_i \le x_1 \le \infty$ irrespective of b_i and if c_i/a_i is real, it should be rounded off to the immediate higher positive integer. Note that if $a_i = 0$ in the constraint *i*, then this constraint is ignored in defining space for x_1 .

ii. Definition of Population Space for x_2

When the constraint i is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \le c_i$ with \le , then T_i can be defined as $0 \le x_1 \le c_i/b_i$ irrespective of a_i and if c_i/b_i is real, it should be rounded off to the immediate lower positive integer. When the constraint i is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \ge c_i$ with \ge , then T_i can be defined as $c_i/b_i \le x_1 \le \infty$ irrespective of a_i and if c_i/b_i is real, it should be rounded off to the immediate higher positive integer. Note that if $b_i = 0$ in the constraint i, then this constraint is ignored in defining space for x_2 .

Now our objective is to find (x_1, x_2) for which px_1+qx_2 is the minimum or maximum according to the objective function, searching x_1 from $(S_1, S_2, ..., or S_n)$ and x_2 from $(T_1, T_2, ..., or T_n)$.

Here, all the population of S_i cannot satisfy all n constraints; similarly any member of T_i cannot satisfy

all *n* constraints. Hence we identify the lowest (l) and greatest (g) member of all common components in $S_1, S_2, ..., S_n$ and we build population space for x_1 , $POP(x_1) = \{l, l+1, l+2, ..., g-2, g-1, g\}$ as the range of values between lowest (l) and greatest (g)for x_1 will satisfy all the *n* constraints. This population space can also be stated as $POP(x_1) = \{S_1 \cap S_2 \cap, ..., \cap S_n\}$. Similarly, we build the population space for x_2 as $POP(x_2) = \{T_1 \cap T_2 \cap, \dots, \cap T_n\}.$

• Step 2: Initialization of Belief Space

When the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 and if $p\rangle 0$ then the largest component of $POP(x_1)$ can only aid in achieving maximum possible value of px_1+qx_2 . When the objective function is to maximize and if $p\langle 0$ then the smallest component of $POP(x_1)$ can only aid in achieving maximum possible value of px_1+qx_2 .

Similarly, When the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 and if $q\rangle 0$ then the largest component of $POP(x_2)$ can only aid in achieving maximum possible value of px_1+qx_2 . When the objective function is to maximize and if $q\langle 0$ then the smallest component of $POP(x_2)$ can only aid in achieving maximum possible value of px_1+qx_2 . Using this knowledge, the *fitness function* is built to identify the best fit component (or the optimal contributor (OC) in achieving optimal px_1+qx_2) to build the belief space. The fitness function which identifies and returns the optimal contributor is defined as follows:

Fitness Function:

When the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 :

The *OC* for x_1 is $\max(POP(x_1))$ if p > 0; The *OC* for x_1 is $\min(POP(x_1))$ if p < 0;

The *OC* for x_2 is $\max(POP(x_2))$ if q > 0; The *OC* for x_2 is $\min(POP(x_2))$ if q < 0;

Similarly, when the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 :

The *OC* for x_1 is $\min(POP(x_1))$ if $p \ge 0$; The *OC* for x_1 is $\max(POP(x_1))$ if $p \le 0$;

The *OC* for x_2 is $\min(POP(x_2))$ if q > 0; The *OC* for x_2 is $\max(POP(x_2))$ if q < 0;

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When the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 , the optimal contribution that x_1 can put in px_1+qx_2 is $[OC(x_1))^*p$ and x_2 can put is $[OC(x_2))^*q]$. Here if $[OC(x_1))^*p] \ge [OC(x_2))^*q]$ then x_1 can be greater contributor than x_2 , otherwise x_2 is greater contributor than x_1 in achieving optimal px_1+qx_2 .

Similarly, when the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 , and if $[OC(x_1))^*p] \ge [OC(x_2))^*q]$ then x_2 can be greater contributor than x_1 , otherwise x_1 is greater contributor than x_2 in achieving optimal px_1+qx_2 .

Thus, firstly, this greater contributor (*GC*) must be identified. An exceptional instance occurs while identifying this *GC* is that $POP(x_1)$ and/or $POP(x_2)$ may be a null set or unbounded or infinite. That is there may be no common component in $S_1, S_2, ..., S_n$ and/or in $T_1, T_2, ..., T_n$. This indicates the population space of x_1 and/or x_2 is unbounded or indefinite. We adapt the following rules in such instances.

- 1. If the population space of both x_1 and x_2 are bounded/definite and non-null, we identify the GC as discussed earlier and make use of this in building belief space.
- 2. If the population space of any one variable is found to be unbounded/indefinite or null, we consider the other variable as GC in building belief space irrespective of the unbounded/indefinite or null population space of former variable.
- 3. If the population spaces of both variables are found to be unbounded/indefinite or null, then this is indication that there is inability in building the belief space. With such population spaces, we declare that the problem has infeasible or unbounded solution space.

When the *GC* is identified evidently, we believe that the max(POP)(GC)) is playing the greatest role than all other components in the population space in achieving the maximum px_1+qx_2 and min(POP)(GC)) is playing the greatest role than all other components in population space in achieving the minimum px_1+qx_2 . Note that, here, *GC* is either x_1 or x_2 . Thus we define the belief space BLF(i), (*i* is initially 0), as follows:

Building Belief Space:

Case I: When x_1 is found to be GC and the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 :

 $BLF(i) = (x_1, x_2) \text{ such that:}$ $x_1 = \max(POP(x_1));$ $x_2 \in B;$

where *B* is a set of integers which is intersection of $B_1, B_2, ..., B_n$ and B_i can be defined as $x_2 \leq (c_i - a_i x_1)/b_i$ if the constraint *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \leq c_i$ with \leq and as $x_2 \geq (c_i - a_i x_1)/b_i$ if the constraint *i* as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \geq c_i$ with \geq where $x_1 = \max(POP(x_1))$.

If the constraint *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \le c_i$ with of \le , then $(c_i - a_i x_1)/b_i$ should be rounded off to the immediate lower positive integer and it is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \ge c_i$ with \ge , then $(c_i - a_i x_1)/b_i$ should be rounded off to the immediate higher positive integer.

Case II : When x_1 is found to be GC and the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 :

 $BLF(i) = (x_1, x_2) \text{ such that:}$ $x_1 = \min(POP(x_1));$

 $x_2 \varepsilon B;$

where *B* is a set of integers which is intersection of $B_1, B_2, ..., B_n$ and B_i can be defined as $x_2 \leq (c_i - a_i x_1)/b_i$ if the constraint *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \leq c_i$ with \leq and as $x_2 \geq (c_i - a_i x_1)/b_i$ if the constraint *i* as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \geq c_i$ with \geq where $x_1 = \min(POP(x_1))$.

If the constraint *i* is as $a_ix_1 + b_ix_2 \le c_i$ with of \le , then $(c_i - a_ix_1)/b_i$ should be rounded off to the immediate lower positive integer and it is as $a_ix_1 + b_ix_2 \ge c_i$ with \ge , then $(c_i - a_ix_1)/b_i$ should be rounded off to the immediate higher positive integer.

Case III: When x_2 is found to be GC and the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 :

$$BLF(i) = (x_1, x_2) \text{ such that:}$$

$$x_1 \in B;$$

$$x_2 = \max(POP(x_2));$$

where *B* is a set of integers which is intersection of $B_1, B_2, ..., B_n$ and B_i can be defined as $x_1 \leq (c_i - b_i x_2)/a_i$ if the constraint *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \leq c_i$ with \leq and as $x_1 \geq (c_i - b_i x_2)/a_i$ if

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Case IV: When x_2 is found to be GC and the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 :

 $BLF(i) = (x_1, x_2) \text{ such that:}$ $x_1 \in B;$ $x_2 = \min(POP(x_2));$

where *B* is a set of integers which is intersection of $B_1, B_2, ..., B_n$ and B_i can be defined as $x_1 \leq (c_i - b_i x_2)/a_i$ if the constraint *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \leq c_i$ with \leq and as $x_1 \geq (c_i - b_i x_2)/a_i$ if the constraint *i* as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \geq c_i$ with \geq where $x_2 = \min(POP(x_1))$.

If the constraint *i* is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \le c_i$ with of \le , then $(c_i - b_i x_2)/a_i$ should be rounded off to the immediate lower positive integer and it is as $a_i x_1 + b_i x_2 \ge c_i$ with \ge , then $(c_i - b_i x_2)/a_i$ should be rounded off to the immediate higher positive integer.

Note that, hereafter, we use the terms greater contributor (*GC*) and lower contributor (*LC*), instead of x_1 and x_2 . If x_1 is found to be *GC* in the earlier step then x_2 is *LC*, otherwise x_1 is *LC* and x_2 is *GC*.

Step 3: Evaluation of Space

The moment we arrive to evaluate the current belief space, GC is fixed with one single best component and LC lies in the set B. Now lets search the best component for LC from B which may produce the optimal value of px_1+qx_2 along with the already fixed best component of GC. To find the best component for LC, We evaluate the set B as follows:

Case I: If the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of *LC* in objective function is greater than zero or if the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of *LC* in objective function is less than zero, then the largest component of *B* is considered as the best component for *LC*.

Case *II*: If the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of *LC* in objective function is less than zero or if the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of *LC* in objective function is greater than zero , the smallest component of *B* is considered as the best component for *LC*.

Find the value of $Z = px_1+qx_2$ using the best components of *GC* and *LC*. And lets call this value as Z = BLF(i) and classify this outcome of evaluation as non-futile.

There may be an uncommon situation here while evaluating current belief space in search of the best component of LC that suits with the best component of GC which is already fixed while defining the current belief space. The unusual situation is that the set B identified for LC while defining the current belief space may be a null set. This indicates that there exist no single component in population space of LC to accept the best component chosen for GC to build the current belief space. In such situations, we assume that the mission with current belief space is failed and classify this outcome of evaluation as futile.

• Step 4: Vote Acceptance Function

If the $Z = BLF(i) \langle Z(BLF(i-1)) \rangle$ when the objective function is to maximize $px_1 + qx_2$ then we stop the process and declare that Z = BLF(i-1) is the optimal solution and x_1 and x_2 are the best components used for GC and LC in calculating Z = BLF(i-1)).

Similarly, If the $Z = BLF(i)) \rangle Z(BLF(i-1))$ when the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 then we stop the process and declare that Z = BLF(i-1)) is the optimal solution and x_1 and x_2 are the best components used for *GC* and *LC* in calculating Z = BLF(i-1)).

The vote acceptance function rejects the outcome of evaluation in all other circumstances except the above explained situations. Thus the function rejects the outcome of evaluation and suggest to reproduce the population space in all the following instances:

IF WE ARE WORKING WITH INITIAL BELIEF SPACE (THAT IS BLF(i) WHERE i = 0)

IF THE OUTCOME OF EVALUATION OF BLF(i) was found to be futile.

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• Step 5: Modification in the Belief Space

When the vote acceptance function suggests to reproduce population space, we modify the current belief space BLF(i) to get BLF(i+1) by the modifying the GC. Note that the GC is one fixed component and LC lies in the set B in the current belief space. We now modify this belief space by adjusting the component fixed to the GC. Based on this modified GC, we define once again the set B where LC lies, which along with fixed modified component of GC forms new belief space BLF(i+1). Thus the modification to GC is brought as follows:

Case I: If the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of GC in objective function is greater than zero or if the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of GC in objective function is greater than zero, GC is fixed with the immediate lower positive integer to the component fixed in the current belief space.

Case II: If the objective function is to maximize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of GC in objective function is less than zero or if the objective function is to minimize px_1+qx_2 and the co-efficient of GC in objective function is less than zero, GC is fixed with the immediate higher integer to component fixed in the current belief space.

Now we define the set *B* based on the component fixed to *GC*, which together form the new belief space BLF(i+1) as shown in the section 2.2.2 Building Belief Space.

Now the new belief space BLF(i+1) is (x_1, x_2) such that GC is the component codified above and LC belongs to the set B defined above. This modified belief space is then submitted to the promote influence function which will deicide the further course on whether this space is to be evaluated or not.

a. Step 6: Promote Influence Function

This modified belief space BLF(i+1) shall be promoted for evaluation through *Step 3*, if the set *B* of new space, where *LC* belongs to, is not a null set. The set *B* of BLF(i+1) being null indicates that there exist no component in the population space to be *LC*, accepting the modified *GC*. When *B* of BLF(i+1)is found to be null, we stop the process and declare that Z(BLF(i+1)) is the optimal solution and x_1 and x_2 are components used as *GC* and *LC* in calculating Z(BLF(i+1)).

III. CONCLUSION

A specific implementation of cultural algorithm is presented using the computational model of cultural evolution process to solve two variable IPPs. Identifying formative knowledge sources in IPPs, the belief space is built in addition to the traditional framework of genetic algorithms. Whilst the existing approaches like Gomery's and Branch and Bound need non-integer solution produced by traditional optimization methods like simplex algorithms, the proposed algorithm steer clear of the computational load of solving linear programming problem relaxations. Comparing the complexity of Gomery's and Branch and Bound approaches, searching global optimal solution using proposed algorithm is especially slender. cultural This implementation can be extended for solving IPPs with any number of decision variables and constraints with signed integers in future.

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Architectural principles support the continuous multimedia applications

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I. INTRODUCTION

e are interested in both communications and support for distributed processing reallime/multimedia applications in end systems, and believe that such applications require thread-tothread realtime support according to user supplied quality of service (QoS) parameters. Such support, depending on the level of QoS commitment required, may require dedicated, per-connection, resource allocation the CPU scheduler, virtual memory system and communication system. It may also require ongoing dynamic QoS management in all these areas[1]. Another important requirement we have imposed on ourselves is to support standard UNIX applications on the same machine as our real-time/ multimedia support infrastructure; we do not want to build a specialist realtime system that is isolated from the standard application environment. In our paper the prime consideration is the efficiency. In particular in minimizing system imposed overheads by reducing the cost and number of system calls, context switches and copy operation.

In this paper is structured as three main sections, each of which describes a key architectural principle of our design. The three principles are: i) up whereby driven application structuring call communications events are system rather than application initiated, ii) split-level system structuring whereby key system functions are carried out cooperatively between kernel and user level components and iii) decoupling of control transfer and data transfer whereby the transfer of control is carried out asynchronously with respect to the transfer of data.

II. UPCALL-DRIVEN APPLICATION STRUCTURING

In conventional designs, system APIs are mostly passive and applications are mostly active. For example, when an application needs to send or receive data, it typically invokes a system call such send() or recv(). It also provides the buffer from/to which data is to be sent/received. In contrast, our continuous media API is structured so that the system infrastructure is active and applications are passive. Application programmers attach rthandlers, which are C functions containing application code to process the real-time media, to rtports, which are globally unique units of addressing. Then, programmers establish connections with a given QoS between rtports. At connect time, the system, rather than the application, allocates buffers for connections ,and provides the thread on which the rthandlers will be executed. At data transfer time, the system decides to upcall the application to obtain/ deliver data at instants determined by the QoS specification (in terms of rate, jitter, delay etc.) provided by the application at connect time. When an application rthandler is upcalled, the address of the associated rtport's buffer is passed as an argument so that application code in the rthandler can access the buffer. Source rthandlers are expected to fill buffers with data to be sent, and sink rthandlers to use the data as provided.

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There are three major benefits of style of an application/system interaction in our context. First, it relieves the application of the burden of explicitly creating threads and allocating buffers. Second, the system, rather than the application, can choose the timing of application code execution, and thus can optimally monitor and manage the Quality of Service (QOS) of the connection, including the execution of application code, to provide the required thread-tothread QOS support. Third, the structuring of the API with the API rthandlers is a natural and effective model for real-time programming. Real-time programming is

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considerably simplified when programmers can structure applications to react to events and delegate to the system the responsibility for initiating communication events. The programmer is still ultimately in control of event initiation but this control is expressed declaratively through the provision of QOS parameters at connect time and need not be explicitly programmed in a procedural style[2].

Along with these benefits, an efficiency gain potentially results from upcall-driven application structuring, because a single thread ca be used for both protocol and application processing. In conventional systems, application interface with communications by performing system calls which block and reschedule if the communications system is not ready to send or if data has not yet arrived. With infrastructure initiated communication, on the other hand, it is not necessary for the application and communications system to wait for each other, and thus no context switch is incurred, as the communication system always initiates the exchange and the application code is always be ready to run.

III. SPLIT-LEVEL SYSTEM STRUCTURING

The distributed multimedia applications will require high degree of internal concurrency. For example, it is likely that each media stream will require at least one thread of execution and it is also likely that applications will be structured as pipelines of processing stages on streams of media. Split-level structuring is used to maintain the merits of user space management while mitigating its demerits.

IV. SPLIT LEVEL SCHEDULING

The above merits and demerits are particularly evident in the case of CPU resource management through user level threads. Here the benefits are cheap user level concurrency and the drawback is that the relative urgencies of threads in different address spaces are not visible to the kernel scheduler.

In split level scheduling, a small number of virtual processors (VPs) execute user threads in each address space. The split level scheduling schemes maintains the invariant that [5]:

- Each user level scheduler (ULS) always runs its most urgent user thread, and
- The kernel level scheduler (KLS) always runs the VP supporting the globally most urgent user thread.

Split level scheduling allows many contexts switches to take place cheaply in the same address space but also ensures that the relative urgencies of threads across the whole machine are appropriately taken into account.

V. SPLIT LEVEL COMMUNICATION

The strategy of split level communication structuring is a leave the kernel responsible for multiplexing and demultiplexing network packets to application address spaces, but the application address spaces perform transport level processing. In this way, transport protocol processing can automatically take advantages of the split level scheduling infrastructure and thus exploit cheap user level context switches.

Split level communication structuring also allows meaningful deadlines to be placed on (transport level) protocol processing activities, as the ultimate deadline of the final packet delivery is easily available in the application context. Thus, the scheduling of protocol processing need not be performed 'blind' as it is in typical kernel implementation. Another advantage is that multiple transport protocols can easily be dynamically configured in and out of applications according to their particular requirements. This is important in a multimedia context where different protocols may be appropriate for different media types.

VI. Split Level Buffer Management

The strategy of split level buffer management is for the kernel level manager to 'loan' physical, locked, buffers to per-address space managers, but to reserve the rights to reclaim the buffers if memory is urgently required or to retain the buffer longer than it has agreed to. The policy adopted in the design level is that the application is allowed to keep buffer for at least the normal duration of transport protocol processing time plus rthandlers execution time. If the period has elapsed and the application space has not returned ownership of the buffer to the kernel, the kernel may reclaim the buffer.

The semantic of 'reclaiming' locked buffers is to convert locked memory into standard swappable virtual memory. In this way, applications do not lose their data although they do lose guaranteed access latency to that data as the memory region is subject to being paged out. If the kernel does not need to reclaim buffers at the end of an rthandler execution, the user space manager may reuse buffers for other connections.

VII. DECOUPLING OF CONTROL TRANSFER AND DATA TRANSFER

In traditional systems, the transfer of control and the transfer of data are usually tightly coupled. For example, the execution of a UNIX system calls passes data to the kernel and simultaneously transfers control to the kernel.

VIII. DIRECT CONNECTIONS

In distributed multimedia applications it is often required to receive continuous media data from the network and directly play it out on a device such as an audio card or a frame buffer (which is probably

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managed by kernel level code). The application may or may not require keeping track of the transfer of individual buffers of data for synchronization purposes. The opposite scenario, where data from a local device is to be put directly onto the network, is equally common. In conventional operating system, the only way to achieve such a data flow is to route the data through an intermediate user process. But it involves significant perbuffer overheads [2].

In a direct connection, data that is to be passed directly between the network and a local device does not pass into user space at all; it is processed entirely within kernel space. When a direction connection is established, the infrastructure pre-maps the buffer associated with the connection into the output device's memory. Then, the data can be directly copied off the network card on to the device without leaving kernel space. The fragmentation/re-assembly functions of the in-kernel transport protocol.

If the user application does not need to synchronize with the delivery of buffers, no further overhead is incurred. However, if it is required to synchronize, the application can attach an rthandler to the rtport. This is up called on each buffer transfer with the usual rthandler semantic. The only difference in the API between this case and the normal case is that buffer pointer passed as an argument to the rthandler upcall will be a null pointer as the application context will not have the rights to directly access the kernel managed buffer.

IX. ASYNCHRONOUS SYSTEM CALLS

For continuous media connections asynchronous system calls exploit the predictable periodicity of the transfer of control and data between application address spaces and the kernel. To issue an asynchronous system call (e.g. an asynchronous version of send()), user level library code:

- Places an operation identifier and parameters in the shared KLS/ULS memory bulletin board area and then
- Sets an 'operation request' bit, also in the bulletin board area.

The KLS, when it runs at the next system clock tick, notices that an operation bit is consequently passes the user's parameters to a kernel server thread which carries out the system call on behalf of the ULS. This avoids a special domain crossing for the system call at the expense a bitmap on each clock interrupt.

X. Asynchronous Software Interrupts

The implementation of software interrupts is similar to that of asynchronous system calls and similarly avoids a special domain crossing. The mechanism for kernel to VP control transfer is as follows:

- The KLS places an event identifier and parameters in the KLS/ULS bulletin board area
- The KLS alters the program counter field of the target VP's context structure points to a standard entry point in the ULS.

Thus, when the VP is next scheduled, the VP immediately enters its ULS, which picks up the event identifier and parameters, and schedules a user thread to deal with event. Asynchronous software interrupts are also provided as a service accessible from user level code. This service enables library code in one address space to cheaply notify an event to another address space on the same machine. The service also allows the sender to name a pre-existing memory segment shared between the sender and receiver address spaces so that data can be optionally transferred in the same call.

XI. USER LEVEL PIPELINES

The API for pipelines of processing stages is very similar to the connection abstraction. But rather than passing a pair of rtports as arguments to the connect() primitives, we pass a list of rtports. In the case of pipelines, the delay QOS parameter applies end-toend over the entire chain of rtports.

Intermediate processing stages in pipelines are also realized in a similar way to that described above: When data arrives at an intermediate processing stage, the rthandler returns, it is assumed that the rthandler's application code has performed some appropriate processing on the buffer whose address was passed up to it, and the data can be passed on to the next page.

As the various stages of a pipeline form part of the same application, it is typically the case that pipelines are implemented in a single address space. The data transfer mechanism in this case is as follows: When an rthandler implementing one stage of a pipeline returns, having operated on a buffer, the next stage in the pipeline is simply passed the address of the same buffer. Meanwhile, the first stage sets of work on a second buffer; and so on. At the end of the pipeline, when buffers are finished with, they are returned to a user level pool from which that can be reused by the first pipeline stage. With this implementation, intra address space pipelines incur only user level control transfers between the threads dedicated to each pipeline stage, and zero copy operations between stages. The API is the identical regardless of whether intra-address space, inter-address space or inter-machine connections or pipelines are used. Inter-address space communication on the same machine uses buffers that are statically mapped into both the source and sink address spaces for data transfer, and use asynchronous software interrupts.

XII. PROPOSED SCENARIO

The integrated use of the principles and techniques described above, the scenario is illustrated

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in figure 1, involves the transfer of compressed video from a frame grabber card on a source machine to a decompress/display application on a sink machine. In figure 1, the large ovals represent user address spaces with library code below the horizontal line and application code above. The rectangles represent kernel space with the enclosed shaded regions representing devices. The send side features a direct connection, involves the video capture device and the network interface, which avoids the need for data to pass into user space. It also features the (optional) use of an rthandler to allow the sender, which is structured as an upcall-driven application, to monitor and synchronize with the progress of the connection.

On the receive side, the split level buffer management system allocates a physical buffer from the kernel buffer pool to hold incoming network packets associated with the connection. This buffer is statically mapped into both kernel space and the application address space. In the split level communication system, when a complete network level packet has been received, the application address space's ULS is notified via the conditional deadline mechanism and initiates transport level processing.

This may involve the receipt of further network packets to build a complete user level buffer.When a complete user buffer has been built, and the receiving thread has the globally earliest deadline, the ULS runs a thread which upcalls the application's rthandler with the address of the buffer as a parameter. The receive side features a user level pipeline which involves one user thread performing decompressed and another displaying uncompressed video in a window. The display is achieved by means of asynchronous system calls to display device. Context switches between the two pipeline threads are achieved at user level costs and the transmission of data from the decompressor to the displayer does not involve data copying.

XIII. CONCLUSIONS

We discussed three architectural principles useful for the support of distributed real-time multimedia application in operating system. Firstly we contended that the principles of upcall-driven application structuring leads to well structural real-time applications, relieves applications of the burden of explicit thread creation and buffer allocation, and leads to potential efficiency gains because of reduced context switches.

Secondly we argued for the principles of splitlevel system structuring. We suggested that it can improve efficiency by exploiting application specific knowledge (e.g. scheduling deadline or buffer requirements) in a local, user level, context where application/manager interact6ion is cheap, while relying on a kernel level manager to 'bias' resources to application address spaces of the basis of their relative needs. Active co-operation of management information between user and kernel level managers is key, but as long as an asynchronous style of communication between managers is acceptable, this can be achieved cheaply by means of a shared memory 'bulletin board'.

Finally we discussed the three principles working together in this paper. They are capable of exploited in a range of operating system environments. Similarly many of individual techniques can be useful in a stand alone fashion. When it can be compared with the distributed level, the principles which we have discussed validated in terms of direct performance measurements.





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I. INTRODUCTION

he fact that Earth is an aquatic plant with more than 80% of the surface covered with water, has attracted many earth observers to understand what is lying below water using sonar techniques. SONAR (SOnar NAvigation and Ranging), initially used in submarines during World War II, is increasing being used in Earth observations along with various civilian applications, sea-bed imaging, depth sounding and fish-echolocation. Sonar information collected while searching for, or identifying, underwater surfaces is often presented to the operator in the form of a two dimensional images. Sonar images are created using a fan-shaped sonar beam that scans a given area by moving through the water to generate points, which forms high resolution sonar image of the given area. The Sonar images thus acquired are often disturbed by various factors like the transmission of limited range of light, disturbance of lightening, low contrast and blurring of image, color diminishing during capturing and noise. These disturbances affect image quality which often lead to incorrect analysis and has to be handled carefully.

Sonar image quality can be assessed in terms of quality parameters like contrast, distortion, blur and noise. These parameters can be altered by various factors like, lighting, movement of beam and sensitivity of the imaging devices, all of which can produce images that are difficult to interpret. Sonar Image enhancement techniques are used to enhance these quality parameters and can be achieved through the use of techniques like histogram equalization, image smoothening, image sharpening, contrast adjustment, edge or boundary enhancement and denoising. Out of these, image denoising has become a mandatory task before many processes like segmentation, feature extraction and target classification.

Sonar images are often degraded by a special kind of noise called 'Speckle Noise'. Speckle is a random, deterministic, interference pattern in an image formed with coherent radiation of a medium containing many sub-resolution scatterings. Speckle noise removal can be performed either during data acquisition stage (multi-look process) or after data is stored (spatial filtering). In both cases, the main aim is to reduce/remove speckle noise while preserving both significant image and edge features along with spatial resolution. To achieve this goal, several solutions have been suggested (Pardo, 2011; Guo et al., 2011). Examples include the usage of traditional filters like Frost, SRAD (Speckle Reducing Anisotropic Diffusion), wavelets and Non-local Means techniques. Out of these the usage of wavelets is widespread (Kaur. and Singh, 2010; Delakis et al., 2007) and is considered in this paper.

Traditional wavelet-based algorithms exploiting parametric models initially perform wavelet decomposition on the noisy image. A Bayesian estimator developed using a suitable probability density function (pdf) is then used to estimate noise-free wavelet coefficients. These estimated values are used as a prior for modeling wavelet coefficients of the image. Finally, an inverse wavelet transform is performed to construct the denoised image. The statistical models proposed for this purpose include Gaussian model, Laplacian model, generalized Gaussian model, Student-t model and 2012

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alpha-stable model. The major concern with these models is that the efficiency depends on the correct estimation of the prior pdf used for modeling the wavelet coefficients.

To solve the problem of estimation, Tian and Chen (2011) proposed a maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimation-based image despeckling algorithm which incorporates a non-parametric statistical model into a Bayesian inference framework. This model, referred as Tian model formulates the marginal distribution of wavelet coefficients. The Tian model uses a two-level decomposition using a Daubechies's wavelet and a novel wavelet shrinkage method called Antshrink (Tian et al., 2010) that exploits the intra-scale dependency of the wavelet coefficients to estimate the signal variance only using the homogeneous local neighbouring coefficients. This is in contrast to conventional shrinkage approaches where all local neighboring coefficients are used. Furthermore, to determine the homogeneous local neighboring coefficients, an Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) technique is used which is also used to classify the wavelet coefficients and this advanced technique is termed as AntShrink algorithm.

In this work, the Tian model is enhanced in three manners. First, the traditional wavelet transform is replaced by a more efficient wavelet transforms, Stationary wavelet (undecimated wavelet transform). Second, the AntShrink algorithm in Tian model uses intra-scale dependency of wavelet coefficients. This method is enhanced by a method that combines both intra-scale and inter-scale dependency of the wavelet coefficients. Finally, the shrinkage is applied only to the magnitude wavelet coefficients at non-edge points. For this, a simple classification algorithm based on the coefficient's statistical features is used. The rest of the paper is organized as below. Section 2 discusses the proposed despeckling algorithm. The efficiency of the proposed method is analyzed using various experiments and the results are compared with traditional despeckling algorithm and the Tian model. The experimental results are presented in Section 4. Section 5 concludes the work with future research direction.

II. PROPOSED DENOISING MODELS

One common idea is to perform a logarithmic transformation to convert the multiplicative speckle noise into an additive noise (Arsenault and April, 1976; Xie et al., 2002), followed by a wavelet decomposition on the input noisy image to pack the energy of the image into a few large coefficients, then modify the noisy wavelet coefficients using certain shrinkage functions. Finally, the denoised image is reconstructed by performing an inverse wavelet transform, followed by an exponential transformation. The proposed denoising algorithm consists of four steps as listed below.

Step 1: Apply log transformation of the noisy image

Step 2: Apply stationary wavelet to the log transformed image

Step 3: Identify edge and non-edge coefficients

Step 4: Identify homogenous neighbour of non-edge coefficients

Step 5: Estimate each noise-free coefficient using hybrid intra-scale and inter-scale dependencies excluding LL subband coefficients

Step 6: Perform inverse stationary wavelet transform

Step 1: Log transformation of the noisy image

Given an image in spatial domain, the noisy pixel gi is given using Equation (1),

$$g_i = f_i + \epsilon_i \tag{1}$$

where fi is the noise-free pixel, ei is the speckle noise and i is the pixel index. The multiplicative noise is converted to an additive one by applying the logtransformation on both sides of Equation (1)

$$\mathbf{g}_{i} = \mathbf{f}_{i} + \mathbf{\epsilon}_{i}$$
 (2)

where \mathbf{g}_{i} , \mathbf{f}_{i} , $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{i}$, are log transformed version of g_i, f_i and e_i respectively. Logarithmic transform shows the frequency content of an image. This transformation maps a narrow range of low gray level values in the input image into a wider range of the output level. The opposite is true of higher values of input level. This type of transformation is used to expand the values of dark pixels in an image while compressing the higher level values. The log function has the important characteristic that it compresses the dynamic range of images with large variation of pixel values. However, the histogram of this data is usually compact and uninformative. Log transformation is done in two steps. The first step requires the creation of a matrix to preserve the phase of the transform image. This will be used later to restore the phase of the transform coefficients. In the second step logarithm is taken on the modulus of the coefficients according to the following equation.

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j}) = \ln(|\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j})| + \lambda)$$
(3)

where λ is a shifting coefficient, usually set to 1. After log transformation, the stationary wavelet transformation is performed to obtain the wavelet coefficients on the noisy image. The wavelet coefficients of the log transformed image corrupted by the speckle noise is expressed as

$$y_i = x_i + n_i \tag{4}$$

where y_i , x_i and n_i represent wavelet coefficients of g_i , f_i and e_i respectively.

Step 2: Stationary wavelet transformation

The wide usage of the traditional Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) is because of the various advantages it has for denoising images. Some of the merits offered like its multi-scale filtering property and sparse transformation, which while compressing the signal energy to a small number of wavelet coefficients also leaves the majority of the coefficients with values close to zero. However, it has a serious flaw. The DWT does not preserve translation invariance due to the subsampling performed. That is a transformed version of signal X is not the same as the original signal. To preserve the translation variance, this paper uses a Stationary Wavelet Transform (SWT) (Nason and Silverman, 1995).

Introduced by Holdschneider et al. (1989), the SWT is similar to the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) in that the high-pass and low-pass filters are applied to the input signal at each level. However, in the SWT, the output signal is never subsampled (not decimated). Instead, the filters are upsampled at each level. SWT handles translation-invariance by removing the downsamplers and upsamplers in the WT and upsampling the filter coefficients by a factor of 2(j-1) in the jth level of the algorithm (Shensa, 1992). The SWT is an inherently redundant scheme, as the output of each level of SWT contains the same number of samples as the input. Thus, for a decomposition of N levels there will be N redundant wavelet coefficients. This algorithm is more famously known as "algorithme à trous" in French (word trous means holes in English) and refers to inserting zeros in the filters. The block diagram of SWT along with the filters in each level (up-sampled versions of the previous) is shown in Figure 1. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stationary wavelet transfor m). An overview of the different names with explanation is provided by Fowler (2005).



Figure-1 : Block Diagram of SWT

Step 3: Identification of Non-Edge region

The local statistics of the wavelet coefficients are used to classify a coefficient as edge or non-edge. This step is performed in order to maintain edge and line features of the image. It is a well-known fact that the coefficient of variation of edges is higher than that of smooth regions (Schulze, 1997). Using this, the coefficient of variation is calculated for the wavelet coefficients. The process of identifying edge and nonedge regions among wavelets begins by first dividing an image into 3 x 3 square windows. Four sub-images (Figure 2) are constructed for each square window for each subband that has edge details. As HL subband has vertical edge information, the subimage is created in vertical fashion, while since LH subband has horizontal edge information; the subimage is created in horizontal fashion. As the HH subband has edge details in 45[°] directions, two diagonal subwindows are used.



Figure-2:3 x 3 Window and its sub-windows Formation

The coefficient of variation is then calculated using Equation (5)

$$CV = \frac{S \tan dard Deviation}{Mean}$$
(5)

The edge regions are obtained based on the assumption that a coefficient is considered as an edge if its coefficient of variation measured over the subwindow is greater than the entire window. That is, Let CS and CSW is the coefficient of variation of a window and its subwindow and if the condition CSW > CW produces a true result, then the wavelet coefficient under consideration is taken as an edge coefficient, else it is taken as a non-edge coefficient.

Step 4: Identify homogenous wavelet coefficients

The main task of this step is to classify the wavelet coefficients to find the homogenous neighbours among the non-edge coefficients using Ant Colony Optimization (Figure 3).



Figure-3 : ACO-based Image Classification

Step 5: Estimation of wavelet coefficient dependencies

Although a wavelet transform decorrelates images in an efficient manner, there still exist strong dependencies between wavelet coefficients. Exploitation of such dependency information with proper statistical models could further improve the performance of coding denoising algorithms. Statistical modeling and techniques that consider the dependencies between wavelet coefficients can be grouped into three categories. The first group exploits interscale dependencies while the second exploits intrascale dependencies. All techniques that exploit both interscale and intra-scale dependencies fall into the third category. The AntShrink algorithm belongs to the first category and this paper enhance it by converting it the third category.

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While considering Inter-scale dependency, if at a given scale a coefficient is large, its correspondent at the next scale (having the same spatial coordinates) will be also large. The wavelet coefficients statistical models which exploit the dependence between coefficients give better results compared to the ones using an independent assumption (Crouse et al., 1988; Fan and Xia, 2001). That is, the estimation of coefficients in high frequency subbands based on those in lower-frequency subbands, in other words, inter-scale uses the dependency on edges. In simple terms, the correlations between the coefficients and their parents are portraved by inter-scale dependencies. The dependencies between a coefficient and its siblings (neighborhood in the same subband) are given by the intra-scale dependencies. The various steps in the proposed hybrid algorithm is listed and explained below.

- Using the non-edge homogeneous wavelet coefficients neighbours, find parent-child relationship using inter-scale dependences of wavelet coefficients.
- Estimate local noise variance and marginal noise variance and perform denoising

Considering each cluster from ACO separately, construct a centered window and estimate the local noise variance using Equation (6).

$$\hat{\sigma}_{n}^{2} = \left(\frac{1}{|c(i)|} \sum_{y_{j} \in c(y_{i})} y_{j}^{2} - \frac{\text{median}(|y_{i}|)}{0.6745}\right)$$
(6)

In this equation, the coefficient of y_i belongs to the HH band. $c(y_i)$ is defined as the coefficients within a local square window and have the same category as that is centered at the coefficient y_i . Next calculate marginal variance of noisy observations of y_1 and y_2 using Equation (7) for each wavelet coefficient.

$$\hat{\sigma}_y^2 = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{y_i \in N(k)} y_i^2 \tag{7}$$

where M is the size of the neighborhood N(k) and N(k) is defined as all coefficients within a square-shaped window that is centered at the k^{th} coefficient as illustrated in Figure 4.



Figure-4 : Example of Neighbourhood N(k)

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Then, σ can be estimated using Equation 8,

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\left(\hat{\sigma}_{y}^{2} - \hat{\sigma}_{n}^{2}\right)_{+}} \tag{8}$$

where (.)+ is defined as in Equation (9),

$$(.)_{+} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } < 0 \\ 1 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(9)

Compute the MMSE estimation for each coefficient excluding those of the LL subband, by substituting the noise variance estimated through Equation (6) into the following Equation (10),

$$S_i = \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \sigma_n^2} y_i$$
(10)

Step 6: Reconstruct image

Perform the inverse wavelet transform, followed by an exponential transformation, to obtain the denoised image.

III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Several experiments were conducted to evaluate the proposed model. The performance metrics

used are (i) Peak Signal to Noise Ratio (PSNR) and (ii) Denoising Time. **PSNR** is a quality measurement between the original and a denoised image. The higher the PSNR, the better the quality of the compressed, or reconstructed image.

To compute PSNR, the block first calculates the Mean-Squared Error (MSE) and then the PSNR (Equation 11)

$$PSNR = 10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{R^2}{MSE} \right]$$
(11)

where,
$$MSE = \frac{\sum [I_1(m,n) - I_2(m,n)]^2}{M*N}$$

and M and N, m and n are number of rows and columns in the input and output image respectively.

Denoising time denotes the time taken for the algorithm to perform the despeckling procedure. Further, the proposed method was compared with Lee, Frost, SRAD, conventional Wavelet and Tian Models. Several images were used to test the proposed model. The results projected in this chapter uses the four test images shown in Figure 5(a).



Sonar1

Sonar2

Sonar3

Sonar4





Figure-5(b) : Noisy Images

Figure 5(b) shows the speckle noisy images. The proposed model was implemented using MATLAB 7.3 and was tested on Pentium IV machine with 512 MB RAM. The PSNR values obtained for the proposed and traditional despeckling algorithms are shown in Table I.

Algorithm Used	Test Images			
Aigoritilli Useu	NS1	NS2	NS3	NS4
Median	31	34	33	32
Kaun	30	35	32	31
Lee	30	34	31	32
Frost	32	38	34	34
SRAD	34	39	33	35
Wavelet	36	39	32	37
Tian	40	42	41	40
Proposed	42	44	44	41

TABLE I : PSNR (dB)

From the results, it is evident that the proposed enhanced method is an improved version of the existing systems and shows significant improvement to its base method (Tian Model). The high **PSNR** obtained by the proposed model indicates that it is the better choice for removing Speckle noise from sonar images and produces a despeckled image whose visual quality is very near to its original noise free image. According to Venkatesan et al. (2008), an improved denoising algorithm is recognized by a high **PSNR** or a lower **MSE**. In agreement with this, the results of the proposed systems with high **PSNR** prove that they are an improved version over existing methods. Similarly, according to the report of Schneier and Abdel-Mottaleb (1996), a **PSNR** value in the range 30-40 indicates that the resultant image is a very good match to the original image. In accordance with this report, the results of all the three the proposed hybrid algorithms produce PSNR values in the range 42-44dB proving that it is an enhanced version when compared with the conventional algorithms. Figure 6 shows the time taken by the proposed and conventional filters to perform the denoising operation.



Figure-6 : Despeckling time

While considering the computational complexity, the proposed model is comparable to that of the Tian model and selected traditional despeckling algorithms. According to Müldner et al. (2005), PSNR and speed are the two most important performance factors of any denoising algorithm. From the results, it is evident that the proposed denoising algorithms is fast and produces visual quality improved images and therefore can be considered as an attractive option for several advanced applications in the field of sonar imaging. The visual comparison of the denoised image produced the proposed filters are shown in Figure 7.





IV. CONCLUSION

The Sonar images, a type of Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) images, are most frequently affected with speckle noise. Speckle noise is multiplicative in nature and reduces the image quality. An important feature of sonar images is that they contain almost homogenous and textured regions and the presence of edges is relatively rare. This paper proposed a non-parametric statistical model using hybrid intra-scale and inter-scale dependencies of wavelet coefficients for removing speckle noise from speckled sonar images. First, the multiplicative speckle noise that disturbs the SONAR images is transformed into an additive noise with the aid of a logarithm computation block, after which a

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stationary wavelet is applied. The inter-scale and intrascale dependency of the wavelet coefficients are exploited during denoising. The experimental results prove that the proposed method is efficient in terms of reduction in speckle noise and speed. In future, other wavelet variants like complex wavelets, wavelet tree are to be explored.

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I. INTRODUCTION

n the recent time the expansively considered field in the data mining is the frequent pattern mining. The advantage of this technique is that it can be widely utilized in several methodologies such as Association rule mining [2] [3] [12], sequential pattern mining [4], structured pattern mining [7], correlation mining [5], and associative classification [9]. Even to determine these frequent patterns that are present in the transaction databases, plenty of procedures were put forward specifically Apriori [3], FP-growth [8], and Eclat [15]. The drawback of these procedures is that they can produce huge amount of the patterns on the condition of low support threshold value. As this drawback being one of the reasons, maximum procedures are not utilized for the data mining job. So, as a case of evading the above mentioned ineffectual and outmoded patterns, the latest patterns such as frequent itemsets [1] [6] [11], and closed frequent itemsets [10] were been established.

One of the common characteristic of these procedures is that they don't determine the time stamps that are related to the actions in the database. This leads to the loss of exposure of the vibrant nature of the patterns. For an illustration let us consider an electronic showroom's database. The amount of retails of refrigerator during the peak summer season is very much more when compared to that of the retails in the winter. But when we determine all the transactions in whole on an average the retails are frequent, while in actual they are frequent only in the peak season. So in order to find out such a vibrant characteristics, latest patterns have been established like Transitional patterns [13] [14]. There are two kinds in them such as the positive patterns and the negative patterns. Positive transitional patterns have the characteristic of incrementing the recurrence of the pattern's time stamp where as the negative patterns decrement the recurrence of the pattern's time stamp.

The periodic positions where the recurrence of the transitional patterns alters often are termed as the significant milestones of the transitional pattern. So to determine these transitional patterns and the respective significant milestones TP-Mine algorithm [13][14] [17] has been projected.

The two most important and chief stages of the TP-Mine[14] algorithm are as follows:

- 1. In the Initial stage each and every frequent pattern is produced from the present transaction database.
- 2. The consumer have some of the preferences, In the consequent stage based on those preferences the frequent patterns are utilized for the production of the transitional patterns and significant milestones,

By considering all the above mentioned problems we in our article are introducing an adaption to the present TP-Mine[14] algorithm with a view of decrementing the patterns that were derived in the initial stage. As a result the count of the calculations required for the production of transitional patterns gets decremented. By this there is a feasibility to develop the importance of transitional patterns by keeping in account the periodicity of the mentioned series as the milestones.

The structure of the remaining paper is designed as below: The second part of the paper illustrates the preface and defining of the terms that

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were being utilized in the TP-Mine[14] algorithm. The later part that is the 3^{rd} one illustrates the PTP-Mine Algorithm and the 4^{th} one represents the tentative outputs of the approach. And as a final part, the 5^{th} one terminates the approach.

II. PREFACE AND DEFINITIONS

The following are the definitions taken from [14]. Apart from these, new definition defined in definition 3.2. The major elementary function of data mining approaches in digging out the valuable patterns that are present in the databases is excavation of the frequent patterns. Assuming a group of items is I= $\{i1, i2 \dots in\}$ with a group of database transactions D that consists of individual transaction T. T is termed as the group of items and the count of the transactions in D is derived by ||D||.

The specified equation

 $X = \{i_j...i_k\} \subseteq I (j \le k \text{ and } 1 \le j, k \le n)$ is termed as a pattern. The pattern's X in an action D has a support value, which is termed as the count of the transactions in the D that consists of the respective pattern X. This X is defined as recurrent or simply frequent if and only if the corresponding support value is greater to the consumer mentioned the least support threshold value.

Definition 2.1: The representation of the cover for the individual itemset X in D. This is represented using cov(X, D). This is the count of the transactions that consists of the item X.

Definition 2.2: The individual itemset X for the transaction database D consists of a support value. The representation of it is $\sup(X, D)$. This is termed as the proportionate value involving the cov(X, D) and the count of transactions in D which is represented by ||D||.

$$\sup(X,D) = \frac{\operatorname{cov}(X,D)}{\|D\|}$$

Definition 2.3: Let us consider that the all the transactions in the transaction database D are arranged according to the respective time-stamps then the position of the transaction T in D which is represented using $\rho(T)$, is defined as the count transactions for which the time-stamp is lower or equivalent to the time stamp value of T. Hence $1 \le \rho(T) \le ||D||$.

Definition 2.4: For a pattern X in D, the i^{th} transaction which is represented by $T^i(X)$ is defined as the i^{th} transaction for the cover of X i.e., cov(X) that has the transactions arranged based on their positions. Here $1 \le i \le cov(X, D)$.

Definition 2.5: For a pattern X in D, the i^{th} milestone which is represented by $\xi^i(X)$, is termed as

$$\xi^{i}(X) = \frac{\rho(T^{i}(X))}{\|D\|} \times 100\%$$
, where $1 \le i \le \text{cov}(X)$
Definition 2.6: For a pattern X in D, the support value

preceding its i^{th} milestone in D which is represented by $\sup^{i} (X)$ is termed as follows:

$$\sup_{-}^{i}(X) = \frac{i}{\rho(T^{i}(X))} \quad \text{, where } 1 \le i \le \operatorname{cov}(X)$$

Definition 2.7 For a pattern X in D, the support value following its i^{th} milestone in D which is represented by $\sup_{i=1}^{i}(X)$ is termed as follows:

$$\sup_{i+}^{i}(X) = \frac{\operatorname{cov}(X) - i}{\|D\| - \rho(T^{i}(X))} , \quad \text{where}$$
$$1 \le i \le \operatorname{cov}(X)$$

Definition 2.8: For a pattern X in D at the i^{th} milestone the Transitional ratio is termed as follows:

$$tran^{i}(X) = \frac{\sup_{+}^{i}(X) - \sup_{-}^{i}(X)}{Max(\sup_{+}^{i}(X), \sup_{-}^{i}(X))}$$

where $1 \le i \le \operatorname{cov}(X)$

Definition 2.9: For a pattern X in D is considered as transitional pattern (TP) in D if on minimum, single milestone of $X, \xi^k(X) \in T_{\xi}$ must be present, so that:

$$\sup_{-}^{k} (X) \ge t_{s} \text{ and } \sup_{+}^{k} (X) \ge t_{s} \text{ and } up_{+}^{k} (X) = t_{s} \text{ and$$

here T_{ξ} is the series of $\xi^{i}(X)$ ($1 \le i \le cov(X)$) t_{s} and t_{t} are named correspondingly as pattern support threshold and transitional pattern threshold. Here X is defined as a Positive Transitional Pattern (PTP) only on condition that "*trans*^k(X) > 0; and X is defined as a Negative

Transitional Pattern (PTP) only on condition that $tran^{k}(X) < 0$

Definition 2.10: The significant frequencyincrementing milestone for the derived positive transitional pattern X by considering the time period T_{ξ} is termed in form of a tuple, $(\xi^{M}(X), tran^{M}(X)), where \ \xi^{M}(X) \in T_{\xi}$ is considered as the Mth milestone for a pattern X such that

 $\operatorname{su}_{-}^{M} p(X) \ge t_{s} \text{ and } \forall \xi^{i}(X) \in T_{\xi}, \operatorname{tran}^{M}(X) \ge \operatorname{tran}^{i}(X)$

Definition 2.11: The significant frequency-

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decrementing milestone for the derived negative transitional pattern X by considering the time period T_{ϵ} termed in form of is а tuple, $(\xi^{N}(X), tran^{N}(X)), where \xi^{N}(X) \in T_{\varepsilon}$ is considered as the Nth milestone for a pattern X such that su ${}^{N}_{\pm}(X) \ge t_{\varepsilon}$ and $\forall \xi^{i}(X) \in T_{\varepsilon}$, tran ${}^{N}(X) \le tran^{i}(X)$

TP-MINE[14] ALGORITHM III.

Let us assume the below transaction database as represented in Table 1.

TID	List of Item IDs	Time stamp
001	P1,P2,P3,P5	Nov, 2005
002	P1,P2	Dec, 2005
003	P1,P2,P3,P8	Jan, 2006
004	P1,P2,P5	Feb, 2006
005	P1,P2,P4	Mar, 2006
006	P1,P2,P4,P5,P6	Apr, 2006
007	P1,P2,P3,P4,P6	May, 2006
800	P1,P4,P6	Jun, 2006
009	P4,P5,P6	Jul, 2006
010	P1,P2,P3,P4,P5,P6	Aug, 2006
011	P1,P3,P4,P6	Sep, 2006
012	P1,P3,P5	Oct, 2006
013	P1,P2,P3,P6,P7	Nov, 2006
014	P1,P3,P4,P5	Dec, 2006
015	P1,P3,P4	Jan, 2007
016	P1,P2,P3,P5	Feb, 2007

The group of positive and negative transitional patterns including their significant milestones is produced using TP-Mine algorithm [14].

Input: A transaction database (D), milestone range (T_{ξ}) , pattern support threshold (t_s) , and transitional pattern threshold(t_t).

D is assumed as a group of transactions scheduled in Table 1, $T_{\xi} = \{25\%, 75\%\}, t_s = 0.05, t_t = 0.5$. As mentioned above the algorithm consists of a couple of important stages. Coming to the initial stage the production of every recurrent itemsets including the support values is done utilizing Apriori [3] or FP-growth [8] considering t_s as minimum support threshold. This stage involves the generation of n count of frequent patterns by the algorithm for which support $\geq t_s$ in the transaction database D. The consequential frequent patterns (n=87) have been represented in Table 2.

Subsequently in the second stage the support count (C_k) for each and every frequent patterns in the group of transactions starting from the initial action to latest one with the time stamp $T_{\mathcal{E}}$ is derived by the algorithm. Later the milestones of P_k $(1 \le k \le n)$ in the series $T_{\scriptscriptstyle{\mathcal{E}}}$ are also derived. It checks whether the

derived milestones are legal or not and for the legal ones $\xi^{c_k}(P_k)$ it determines the value for the support P_k preceding $\xi^{c_k}(P_k)$ i.e., $\sup_{-}^{c_k}(P_k)$ and support value P_k following $\xi^{c_k}(P_k)$ i.e., $\sup_{\perp}^{c_k}(P_k)$. Then it compares whether the values are higher to that of t_s , and if they are higher, then algorithm verifies the transitional ratio P_k . It again compares whether the ratio value is more than that of the t_t . If more, then P_k is considered as the positive transitional pattern. This comparison is continued with the current maximal transitional ratio of P_k , if proved to be more, then that group of significant frequency incrementing milestones of P_k is made to consist the $\{\xi^{c_k}(P_k), tran^{c_k}(P_k)\}$ as its only component. If proved to be less, then $\{\xi^{c_k}(P_k), tran^{c_k}(P_k)\}_{is}$ summed up with the significant frequency incrementing milestone of P_k . This format is repeated for the determination of negative transitional patterns and their significant milestones in the condition that $tran^{c_k}(P_k) \leq -t_t$

Table 2 : A group of frequent patterns

FP	Sup
P1	15
P3,P5	5
P1,P6,P7	1
P1,P2,P5,P6	2
P2	10
P3,P6	4
P2,P3,P4	2
P1,P2,P6,P7	1
P3	10
P3,P7	1
P2,P3,P5	3
P1,P3,P4,P5	2
P4	9
P3,P8	1
P2,P3,P6	3
P1,P3,P4,P6	3
P5	8
P4,P5	4
P2,P3,P7	1
P1,P3,P5,P6	1
P6	7
P4,P6	6
P2,P3,P8	1
P1,P3,P6,P7	1
P7	1
P5,P6	3
P2,P4,P5	2
P1,P4,P5,P6	2
P8	1
P6.P7	1
P2,P4,P6	3
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P2,P3,P4,P5	1
P1,P2	10
P1.P2.P3	6
P2.P5.P6	2
P2 P3 P4 P6	2
P1 P3	10
P1 P2 P/	10
D2 D6 D7	1
D2 D3 D5 D6	1
1 2,1 3,1 3,1 0 D1 D4	0
P1,P4	0
P1,P2,P5	5
P3,P4,P5	2
P2,P3,P6,P/	1
P1,P5	7
P1,P2,P6	4
P3,P4,P6	3
P2,P4,P5,P6	2
P1,P6	6
P1,P2,P7	1
P3,P5,P6	1
P3,P4,P5.P6	1
P1,P7	1
P1 P2 P8	1
P3 P6 P7	1
P1 P2 P3 P4 P5	1
D1 D2	1
D1 D2 D4	5
P1,P3,P4	3
P4,P3,P0	3
P1,P2,P3,P4,P6	2
P2,P3	6
P1,P3,P5	5
P1,P2,P3,P4	2
P1,P2,P3,P5,P6	1
P2,P4	4
P1,P3,P6	4
P1,P2,P3,P5	3
P1,P2,P3,P6,P7	1
P2,P5	5
P1,P3,P7	1
P1,P2,P3,P6	3
P1,P2,P4.P5.P6	2
P2.P6	4
P1 P3 P8	1
P1 P2 P3 P7	1
P1 P3 P/ P5 P6	1
11,13,14,13,10 D2 D7	1
$\Gamma \angle , \Gamma /$	2
r1,r4,r3	3
P1,P2,P3,P8	1
P2,P3,P4,P5,P6	1
P2,P8	1
P1,P4,P6	5
P1,P2,P4,P5	2
P1,P2,P3,P4,P5,P6	1
P3,P4	5
P1,P5,P6	2
P1,P2,P4,P6	3

Table 3: A group of Positive transitional patterns and the corresponding incrementing milestones.

Pattern	Incrementing Milestone	Transitional Ratio
P3	Aug2006(62.5%)	60.0%
P4	Mar2006(31.25%)	72.50%
P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	72.0%
P1, P3	Aug2006(62.5%)	60.0%
P1, P4	Mar2006(31.25%)	68.57%
P1, P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	66.66%
P3, P4	May2006(43.75%)	67.85%
P3, P5	Aug2006(62.5%)	60%
P3, P6	May2006(43.75%)	57.14%
P4, P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	66.66%
P1,P3,	May2006(43.75%)	67.85%
P4	-	
P1,P3,	Aug2006(62.5%)	60%
P5		
P1,P3,	May2006(43.75%)	57.14%
P6		
P1,P4,	Apr2006(37.5%)	58.33%
P6		

Table 4: A group of Negative transitional patterns and the corresponding decrementing milestones.

Pattern	Decrementing Milestone	Transitional Ratio
P2	May2006(43.75%)	-66.66%
P6	Sep2006(68.75%)	-63.33%
P1, P2	May2006(43.75%)	-66.66%
P1, P6	Sep2006(68.75%)	-56.0%
P2, P4	May2006(43.75%)	-74.07%
P2, P5	apr2006(37.5%)	-60.0%
P4, P6	aug2006(62.5%)	-66.66%
P1,P2, P4	may2006(43.75%)	-74.07%
P1,P2, P5	apr2006(37.5%)	-60.0%
P1,P4, P6	aug2006(62.5%)	-58.33%
P2,P4, P6	may2006(43.75%)	-61.11%
P1,P2,P4, P6	may2006(43.75%)	-61.11%

There is a clear understanding from the outcome in the tables that the count for the transitional patterns that were produced in the transaction data group of magnitude 16 that come in the lower region of support and threshold value is just 26. And it is also found out that those transactions that were produced from the standard data groups that has more than ten transactions directs towards the large value complication and maximum patterns are also not significant patterns. Due to this reason the patterns must be produced in the periodical series which will help us to determine the large significant patterns. In order to reduce the complication an algorithm called Bide [16] algorithm is preferred for determining the frequent patterns and decrementing the count of the pattern.

Definition 3.1: A pattern can be sniped out if it is a resident of other patterns and their support values are equal.

Assuming that A and B are a couple of patterns such that

$$\sup(A) \text{ is } \omega$$
$$\sup(B) \text{ is } \omega$$
$$and \ \omega \cong \omega$$

if $A \subseteq B$ *then* A has a chance to be sniped out from the group of patterns.

Definition 3.2: The development in the impact of the transitional patterns is done by checking T_{ξ} for the specified timely intervals of transactions rather than checking the particular time threshold value.

Assuming that $TD = \{td_1, td_2, ..., td_n\}$ is a group of dates on which the transitions are occurred,

$$TDR = \{tdr_{1}, tdr_{2}, \dots, tdr_{s}\}$$

here
$$tdr_{1} = \{td_{1}, td_{2}, \dots, td_{m}\}$$

$$tdr_{2} = \{td_{m+1}, td_{m+2}, \dots, td_{m+i}\}$$

$$tdr_{3} = \{td_{m+i+1}, td_{m+i+2}, \dots, td_{m+i+x}\}$$

.....
$$td_{n} = \{td_{m+i+x}, \dots, td_{n}\}$$

TD denotes the group of transitional dates

TDR denotes the group of transition interval and every interval consists of the group of transition dates.

At this instant the transition patterns threshold T_{ξ} checked among the interval Transition range tdr_i .

As a result there is an apparent development in the count of the transition patterns that are based on tdr_i when compared to that of transition patterns based on td_i

$$TP(tdr_i) = TP(td_{i_i}) \bigcup TP(td_{i_j}) \bigcup TP(td_{i_j}) \dots \bigcup TP(td_{i_i})$$

Periodic Transitional Patterns

Input:

A transaction database (D), an appropriate milestone range that the user is interested (T_{ξ}), pattern support threshold (t_s), and transitional pattern threshold (t_t). transition range(tdr_i)

Output:

The group of transitional patterns (positive($S_{\text{PTP}})$ and negative($S_{\text{NTP}}))$ including their significant milestones.

Algorithm:

- 1. Determine frequent patterns
 - a. In order to preserve the individual patterns, snip out the patterns that are as subset for the superset frequent patterns and has the equal support values(definition 3.1). As a result the count of the patterns gets reduced.
- 2. Utilizing the Periodic Transitional Pattern Mining methodology.
 - a. Check the positive and negative transition for every pattern in a group of transitional dates tdr_i (definition 3.2).
- 3. In order to evaluate the supports S_{ptp} for a pattern aroused preceding tdr_i and supports S_{ntp} for the same pattern aroused following tdr_i , examine the transaction data group.
- 4. $S_{PTP} = \phi, S_{NTP} = \phi$
- 5. for all k = 1 to n do
- 6. MaxTran (P_k) = 0, MinTran ((P_k) = 0
- 7. S_{FAM} (P_k) = ϕ , S_{FDM} (P_k) = ϕ
- 8. end for
- 9. for all transactions T_i whose position satisfying T_{ξ} do
- 10. for k = 1 to n do
- 11. if $T_i \supseteq P_k$ then
- 12. $C_k = C_k + 1$
- 13. if $\sup_{+}^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k) \ge t_s$ and $\sup_{-}^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k) \ge t_s$ then
- 14. if $\operatorname{tran}^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k) \ge \mathbf{t}_t$ then
- 15. if $P_k \notin S_{PTP}$ then
- 16. Add P_k to S_{PTP}
- 17. end if
- 18. if tran^{c_k} (P_k) > MaxTran(p_k) then
- 19. $S_{FAM}(P_k) = \{\xi^{c_k}(P_k), tran^{c_k}(P_k)\}$
- 20. $MaxTran(P_k) = tran^{c_k}(P_k)$
- 21. else if $tran^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k) = MaxTran(\mathbf{P}_k)$ then
- 22. Add $\{\xi^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k), \operatorname{tran}^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k)\}$ to $S_{FAM}(\mathbf{P}_k)$
- 23. end if
- 24. else if $\operatorname{tran}^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k) \leq -t_t$ then
- 25. if $P_k \notin S_{NTP}$ then
- 26. Add P_k to S_{NTP}
- 27. end if
- 28. If $\operatorname{tran}^{c_k}(\mathbf{R}_k) < \operatorname{MinTran}(\mathbf{p}_k)$ then
- 29. $S_{FDM}(P_k) = \{\xi^{c_k}(P_k), \operatorname{tran}^{c_k}(P_k)\}$
- 30. $MinTran(P_k) = tran^{c_k}(P_k)$
- 31. else if $\operatorname{tran}^{c_k}(\mathbf{P}_k) = \operatorname{MinTran}(\mathbf{P}_k)$ then
- 32. Add $\{\xi^{c_k}(R_k), \operatorname{tran}^{c_k}(R_k)\}$ to $S_{FDM}(R_k)$

33. end if

- 34. end if
- 35. end if
- 36. end if
- 37. end for
- 38. end for

39. return S_{PTP} and ${}^{S_{FAM}}$, $({}^{P_k})$ for each ${}^{P_k} \in {}_{S_{PTP}}$ 40. return S_{NTP} and ${}^{S_{FDM}}$, $({}^{P_k})$ for each ${}^{P_k} \in {}_{S_{NTP}}$

IV. TENTATIVE OUTPUTS

Input: A transaction database (D), milestone range (T_{ξ}) , pattern support threshold (t_s) , and transitional pattern threshold (t_t) .

D is assumed as a group of transactions

scheduled in Table 1, T_{ξ} = 25%, t_s =0.05, t_t =0.1, tdr_i =3months.

ED	CUD	ED	CUD
гг	SUP	FP	SUP
P1	15	P1, P3, P6	4
P1, P2	10	P1, P2, P3, P5	3
P1, P3	10	P1, P4, P5	3
P4	9	P4, P6	6
P1, P4	8	P1, P2, P3, P6	3
P1, P2, P3	6	P1, P4, P6	5
P5	8	P1, P3, P4, P5	2
P1, P5	7	P1, P2, P4, P6	3
P1, P2, P4	4	P1, P3, P4, P6	3
P1, P6	6	P1, P2, P3, P8	1
P6	7	P1, P2, P3, P4, P6	2
P1, P3, P4	5	P4, P5, P6	3
P1, P2, P5	5	P1, P2, P4, P5, P6	2
P1, P3, P5	5	P1, P2, P3, P6, P7	1
P1, P2, P6	4	P1, P2, P3, P4, P5,	1
P4, P5	4		

Table 5 : A group of frequent patterns which are
generated by PTP-Mine algorithm.

Table 6 : some set of Positive Periodic Transitional pattern and the corresponding incrementing milestones.

Pattern	Incrementing Milestone	Transitional
		Ratio
P4,P5	Apr2006(37.5%)	44.44%
P1,P5	Aug2006(62.5%)	19.99%
P1,P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	66.66%
P1,P3,P4,P5	Aug2006(62.5%)	40.0%
P3,P1	Aug2006(62.5%)	60.0%
P4,P2,P1,P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	16.66%
P4,P1	Mar2006(31.25%)	68.57%

P3,P2,P1,P6	May2006(43.75%)	35.71%
P4,P3,P1,P6	May2006(43.75%)	35.71%
P4,P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	66.66%
P4	Mar2006(31.25%)	72.5%
P4,P1,P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	58.33%
P1	Aug2006(62.5%)	10.00%
P4,P6,P5	Apr2006(37.5%)	16.66%
P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	72.26
P5	July2006(56.25%)	22.22
P4,P2,P1	Mar2006(31.25%)	26.66
P4,P3,P1	May2006(43.75%)	67.85
P3,P1,P5	Aug2006(62.5%)	60.0%
P2,P1,P6	Apr2006(37.5%)	44.44%
P3,P1,P6	May2006(43.75%)	57.64%
P4,P1,P5	Apr2006(37.5%)	16.66%

Table 7 : some set of Negative Periodic Transitional Patterns and the corresponding Decrementing Milestones.

Pattern	Decrementing	Transitional
	Milestone	ratio
P4,P2,P1,P6	May2006(43.75%)	-61.11%
P3,P2,P1,P6	Aug2006(62.5%)	-16.66%
P4,P3,P1,P6	Aug2006(62.5%)	-16.66%
P3,P2,P1,P5	Aug2006(62.5%)	-16.66%
P4,P1,P6	Aug2006(62.5%)	-58.33%
P4,P6,P5	July2006(56.25%)	-35.71%
P3,P2,P1	May2006(43.75%)	-22.22%
P4,P2,P1	May2006(43.75%)	-74.07%
P2,P1,P5	Apr2006(37.5%)	-60.0%
P2,P1,P6	Aug2006(62.5%)	-44.44%
P4,P1,P5	Aug2006(62.5%)	-16.66%
P3,P1,P6	Sep2006(68.75%)	-26.66%
P4,P5	Aug2006(62.5%)	-44.44%
P1,P5	Apr2006(37.5%)	-19.99%
P1,P6	Sep2006(68.75%)	-56.0%
P4,P1	Sep2006(68.75%)	-26.66%
P2,P1	May2006(43.75%)	-66.66%
P4,P6	Aug2006(62.5%)	-66.66%
P4	Sep2006(68.75%)	-37.14%
P1	June2006(50.0%)	-12.50%
P4,P2,P1,P6,P5	Apr2006(37.5%)	-40.00%
P4,P3,P2,P1,P6	May2006(43.75%)	22.22%
P6	Sep2006(68.75%)	-63.33%

Many tests have been organized on artificial data groups having 8 values and with transactions greater than 200. JAVA 1.6_ 20th build was utilized for execution of the PTP-Mine including TP-Mine[14] for examination. A computer unit prepared with core2duo processor, 2GB RAM and Windows XP loaded was utilized for inquiring the algorithms.

a) Dataset Characteristics

The dataset prepared is a very opaque dataset, which assists in excavating enormous quantity of recurring clogged series with a profitably high threshold

somewhere close to 90%. It also has a distinct element of being enclosed with more than 200 transactional series and 8 divergent objects. Reviewing of serviceable legacy's consistency has been made use of by this dataset.

Comparative study: In assessment with TP-Mine has made its mark as a most preferable, superior and sealed example of transitional pattern mining

Table 8 : contrast account of patterns derived below
diverse supports by PTP-Mine and TP-Mine[14]

Support	TP-Mine[14]	PTP-Mine
20%	432	382
30%	411	374
40%	390	347
50%	310	292
60%	124	93
70%	35	32
80%	11	9



Fig1 : Count of the patterns derived by TP-Mine[14] and **PTP-Mine**

Table 9 : Contrast account of +ve Transitional Patterns derived below diverse supports by PTP-Mine and TP-Mine[14]

Support	TP-Mine[14]	PTP-Mine
20%	80	142
30%	63	127
40%	57	83
50%	41	69
60%	23	45
70%	7	19
80%	3	14



Fig 2 : Positive Transition patterns derived by TP-Mine[14] and PTP-Mine.

Table 10 : Contrast account of -ve Transitional Patterns derived below diverse supports by PTP-Mine and TP-Mine[14]

support	TP-Mine[14]	PTP-Mine
20%	234	434
30%	217	449
40%	111	493
50%	105	507
60%	223	531
70%	139	557
80%	143	562

The fig-1 represents the count of the patterns that were reduced on contrasting the PTP-Mine with the TP-Mine[14] and equally we can distinguish that the functioning of PTP-Mine in determining the +ve and -ve transitional patterns is sound. This serves as the proof for defining that the PTP-Mine subsequently works better on contrasting with the TP-Mine[14]. The PTP-Mine decreases the count of patterns in order to decrement the calculation complications and generates a large amount of transitional patterns to progress the construction of constraint dependent resolutions impact (fig 2 and fig 3).





V. CONCLUSION

We observe that Compare to TPMine[14], PTP-Mine produces less no. of frequent patterns. TP-Mine[14] algorithm produces less number of positive and negative transitional patterns because of transitional pattern threshold that is assumed to be 0.5, in which case only the patterns which change dramatically are displayed. In PTP-Mine the transition pattern threshold is considered as 0.1 so that, even the positive and negative patterns which have less change are also exhibited. The tentative outcome delivered by our methodological algorithm that was put forward is decidedly resourceful and proficient.

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I. INTRODUCTION

ata mining techniques have been applied in many application domains such as Banking, Fraud detection, Instruction detection and Communication. Recently the data mining techniques were used to improve and evaluate the engineering education tasks. Some authors have proposed some techniques and architectures for using data warehousing and data mining for higher technical education. Data mining is a process of extracting previously unknown, valid, potentional useful and hidden patterns from large data sets. As the amount of data stored in educational data bases in increasing rapidly. In order to get required benefits from such large data and to find hidden relationships between variables using different data mining techniques developed and used. Clustering and decision tree are most widely used techniques for future prediction. The aim of clustering is to partition students in to homogeneous groups according to their characteristics and abilities. These applications can help both instructor and student to improve the quality education. Analyze different factors effect a students learning behavior and performance during academic career using K-means clustering algorithm and decision tree in an higher educational institute. Decision tree analysis is a popular data mining technique that can be used to explain different variables like attendance ratio and grade ratio. Clustering is one of the basic techniques often used in analyzing data sets. This study makes use of cluster analysis to segment students in to groups according to their characteristics. Academic decisions may require extensive analysis of student achievement levels. Statistical data can also be used to see the results of important academic decisions. It is necessary to have measurements to make appropriate academic decisions on one hand; while on the other hand, there is a need to see the results of academic decisions by taking measurements. The decision, implementation, measurement and evaluation mechanisms work like a chain one leading to the other. Their relationship is shown in Fig.1.



Figure 1 : Academic decision phases.

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II. RELATED WORK

a) Data Base

A data base is a collection of data usually associated with some organization or enterprise. Unlike a simple set, data in a data base are usually viewed to have a particular structure or schema with which it is associated. For example,(ID, Name, Address, Salary, Job No) may be the schema for a personal data base.

b) Data warehousing

Data warehouse is a data base devoted to analytical processing. Data warehouse to be a set of data that supports DSS and is subject-oriented, integrated, time-variant, and non-volatile. A complete repository of historical corporate data extracted from transaction systems that is available for ad-hoc access by knowledge workers. The processes of DW involve taking data from the legacy system together with corresponding transactions of the system's data base and transforming the data in to organized information in a user friendly format. The data warehouse market supports such diverse industries as manufacturing, retail, telecommunications and health care. It has access a warehouse includes traditional querying, OLAP, and data mining. Since the warehouse is stored as a data base, it can be accessed by traditional query languages.





Example of data warehousing can be defined in any of your organization. Consider the case of a Bank; a bank will typically have current accounts and saving accounts, foreign currency account etc. The bank will have an MIS system for leasing and another system for managing credit cards and another system for every different kind of business they are in . However, nowhere they have the total view of the environment from the customer's perspective. The reason being, transaction processing systems are typically designed around functional areas, within a business environment. For good decision making you should be able to integrate the data across the organization so as to cross the LoB (Line of Business). So the idea here is to give the total view of the organization especially from a customer's perspective within the data warehouse, as shown in below figure 3.





c) Data Mining

Data mining Techniques are used to extract useful and valid patterns from huge data bases. Data mining techniques are used to operate on large volumes of data to discover hidden patterns and relationships helpful in decision making. Large amount of data is accumulated in university students. Data mining software allow the users to analyze data from different dimensions categorize it and a summarized the relationships, identified during the mining process. Different data mining techniques are used in various fields of life such as medicine, statistical analysis, engineering, education, banking, marketing, sale etc. Data mining techniques can be differentiated by their different model functions and representation, preference criterion, and algorithms .The main function of the model that we are interested in is Classification, as normal, or malicious, or as a particular type of attack . We are also interested in link and sequence analysis. Additionally, data mining systems provide the means to easily perform data summarization and visualization, aiding the security analyst in identifying areas of concern .The models must be represented in some form. Common representations for data mining techniques include rules, decision trees, linear and non-linear functions (including neural nets), instance-based examples, and probability models.



Figure 2 : The transition from raw data to valuable knowledge.

III. CLUSTERING

Clustering is a method to group data in to classes with identical characteristics in which the similarity of intra-class is maximized or minimized. Cluster analysis used to segment a large set of data in to subsets called clusters. Each cluster is a collection of data objects that are similar to one another are placed within the same cluster but are dissimilar to objects in other clusters. A cluster of data objects can be treated collectively as one group in many applications. Cluster analysis is an important human activity. Cluster analysis has been widely used in numerous applications, including pattern recognition, data analysis, image processing, and market research. Clustering is a descriptive task that seeks to identify homogeneous groups of objects based on the values of their attributes. Current clustering techniques can be broadly classified in to three categories; partitional, hierarchical and locality-based algorithms.

Definition: Given a data base $D = \{ t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \}$ of tuples and an integer value K, the clustering problem is to define a mapping **f:D** $\{1,2,3,\dots,K\}$ where each t_i is assigned to one cluster K_i , $\not\in j \leq k$. A

cluster K_j , contains precisely those tuples mapped to it; that is $K_j = \{t_i / f(t_i) = k_j, 1 \le i \le n \text{ and } t_i \boxdot \}.$

a) K-Means Clustering

K-Means is one of the simplest unsupervised learning algorithms used for clustering. K-means partitions "n" observations in to k clusters in which each observation belongs to the cluster with the nearest mean. This algorithm aims at minimizing an objective function, in this case a squared error function.



Flow chart: K-Means clustering.

Algorithm: K-Means Clustering.

- 1. Select number of K points as the initial centroids.
- 2. Repeat.
- 3. Form K clusters by assigning all points to the nearest centroid.
- 4. Recomputed the centroid of each Cluster.
- 5. Until the centroids don't change.

IV. DECISION TREE

Decision tree induction can be integrated with data warehousing techniques for data mining. A decision tree is a predictive node ling technique used in classification, clustering, and prediction tasks. Decision tree use a "divide and conquer" technique to split the problem search space in to subsets.

A decision tree is a tree where the root and each internal node are labeled with a question. The arcs emanating from each node represent each possible answer to the associated question. Each leaf node represents a prediction of a solution to the problem under consideration. Given a data base $D = \{t_1, t_2, ----t_n\}$ where $t_i = (t_{i1}----t_{in})$ and the data base schema contains the following attributes $\{A1, A2, -----An\}$. Also given is a set of classes $C = \{C1, C2, -----Cm\}$. A decision tree or classification tree is a tree associated with D that has the following properties:

- 1. Each internal node is labeled with an attribute, Ai.
- 2. Each arc is labeled with a predicate that can be applied to the attribute associated with the parent.
- 3. Each leaf node is labeled with a class, Cj.

The basic algorithm for decision tree induction is a greedy algorithm that constructs decision trees in a top-down recursive divide-and-conquer manner.

- Decision Tree Algorithm: generate a decision tree from the given training data
- 1. Create a node N
- 2. If samples are all of the same class, C then
- 3. Return N as a leaf node labeled with the class C;
- 4. If attribute-list is empty then
- 5. Return N as a leaf node labeled with the most common class in samples.
- 6. Select test-attribute, the attribute among attribute-list with the highest information gain;
- 7. Label node N with test-attribute;
- 8. For each known value a_i of test-attribute.
- 9. Grow a branch from node N for the condition test attribute $= a_i$;
- 10. Let Si be the set of samples for which test-attribute = a_i ;
- 11. If Si is empty then
- 12. Attach a leaf labeled with the most common class in samples;
- 13. Else attach the node returned by generate-decision-tree(S_i,attribute-list-attribute);

Each internal node tests an attribute, each branch corresponds to attribute value, and each leaf node assigns a classification.



Figure 4 : Decision Tree

Table 1 shows the form of training data.1500 student score records are used for training.

S NO	Student	Course	Professor	Marks	Grade	Results
1	Ferede Adugna	Cryptography	Dr. Rao	86	А	YES
2	Rwibasira M	Interfacing Tech	Miss Maria	75	В	NO
3	Makuei Nyok	Operating Systems	Genetu Yohannes	85	А	YES
4	Daniel Tekif	Microprocessor	Michael	55	D	NO
5	Mesfin Dadi	Distributed Systems	Lea	95	А	YES
6	Debebe Shibeshi	Computer Networks	Genetu Yohannes	90	А	YES
7	Gidey Abrha	Network security	Dr. Srinivas	98	А	YES
8	Samuel Hagos	Web technology	Oliver	45	F	NO
9	Desta Desisa	Compiler Design	Melissa	73	В	NO
10	Tibabu Beza	Cloud computing	Praveen	50	D	NO
11	Desta Hagos	Mobile Communication	Dr.K.A.Lathiaf	70	В	NO
12	Ferede Adugna	Cryptography	Dr. Rao	86	А	YES
13	Rwibasira M	Interfacing Tech	Miss Maria	75	В	NO
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15	Daniel Tekif	Microprocessor	Michael	55	D	NO

Table 1 : Form of training examples.

Table 2: shows Data base for Previous Semester student with effort taken from Marks taken.

Student Roll number	Marks	Effort		
DEC-01	10-50	More Attention, Conducting Special Classes, Assigments, Conducting more practical classes,		
		Daily tests and Parents and Faculty meeting.		
DEC-02	51-60	Conducting Special Classes,		
		Assignments and		
		Conducting more practical classes.		
DEC-03	61-75	Assignments and		
		Conducting more practical classes.		
DEC-04	76-85	Assignments and		
		Conducting classes for Interviews.		
DEC-05	86-100	Conducting classes for Interviews and		
		Giving exposure for career important.		

Formation of Decision tree from students marks table and applying effort depending on marks.



Figure 5: Flowchart of students marks table and applying effort depending on marks.

After the pattern is classified from the decision tree we can obtain the specify knowledge discovery to form the knowledge base system. Similarly the same data mining process can be done to the professors for classifying their performance which help in improve Technical education system.

Results

V.

Both K-Means clustering, Decision tree algorithm were applied on the data set.





VI. CONCLUSION

In this study of research paper idea is a starting attempt to use data warehousing and data mining techniques to analyze and find out student academic performance and to improve the quality of the engineering system. The managements can use some techniques to improve the course outcomes according to the improve knowledge. Such knowledge can be used to give a good understanding of student's enrollment pattern in the course under study, the faculty and managerial decision maker in order to utilize the necessary steps needed to provide extra classes. Other hand, such type of knowledge the management system can be enhance their policies , improve their strategies and improve the quality of the system.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the spot contains multiple copies of single DNA sequence [2].

Microarray expression technology helps in the monitoring of gene expression for tens and thousands of genes in parallel. During the biological experiment, the mRNA of two biological tissues of interest is extracted and purified. Each of the mRNA samples are reverse transcribed into complementary DNA (cDNA) copy and labeled with two different fluorescent dyes resulting in two fluorescence-tagged cDNA (red Cy5 and green Cy3). The tagged cDNA copies, called the sample probe, are hybridized with the slide's DNA spots. The hybridized glass slides are fluorescently scanned at different wavelengths (corresponding to the different dyes used), and two digital images are produced, one for each population of mRNA. Each digital image contains a number of spots of various fluorescence intensities. The intensity of each spot is proportional to the hybridization level of the cDNAs and the DNA dots, the gene expression information is obtained by analyzing the digital images [3] [4].

The processing of the microarray images usually consists of the following three steps: (i) gridding, which is the process of assigning the location of each spot in the image. (ii) Segmentation, which is the process of grouping the pixels with similar features and (iii) Intensity extraction, which calculates red and green foreground intensity pairs and background intensities.

The evaluation of microarray images is a difficult task as the fluorescence of the glass slide adds noise floor to the microarray image. The processing of the microarray image requires noise suppression with minimal reduction of spot edge information that derives the segmentation process. Thus the task of microarray image enhancement is of paramount importance.

Non-linear filters exhibit better performance as compared to linear filters [5] when restoring images corrupted by impulse noise. Filtering techniques such as Vector Median Filter (VMF) [6], Progressive Switching Median Filter (PSMF) [7], Decision Based Algorithm (DBA) [8] etc., have been developed for removal of impulse noise. These techniques estimate noisy pixels taking into account all pixels within the window, without considering the status of (noisy/ noise-free) pixels. Consequently, the estimated noisy pixel value will not be accurate, degrading the quality of restored image.

In this paper, we proposed a new iterative algorithm for removal of impulse noise in Microarray images. The algorithm emphasis on the noise-free pixels within small neighborhood. First the pixels affected with noise are detected. If we did not find certain number of noise-free pixels within neighborhood, then the central pixel is left unchanged. Otherwise the noisy pixel is replaced with the value estimated form the noise-free pixels within neighborhood. The process iterates until all noisy pixels are estimated in the image. The main steps of the proposed filtering algorithm are shown in figure 1. The rest of the paper is organized as follows:

Section 2 presents the impulse noise models in digital images, Section 3 presents the proposed iterative algorithm, Section 4 presents the experimental results and finally Section 5 reports conclusion.

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II. IMPULSE NOISE IN DIGITAL IMAGES

Impulse noise is independent and uncorrelated to the image pixels and is randomly distributed over the image. For an impulse noise corrupted image all the image pixels are not noisy, a number of image pixels will be noisy and the rest of pixels will be noise free. There are two types of impulse noise namely fixed value impulse noise and random valued impulse noise.

In this paper, we focus on the detection and denoising of fixed valued impulse noise, namely salt and pepper noise. In salt and pepper type of noise the noisy pixels takes either salt value (gray level - 225) or pepper value (grey level -0) and it appears as black and white spots on the images [9]. Consider a corrupted image Y of size NxM, which containing the salt and pepper noise with probability p is mathematically represented in the form:

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} n_{ij} \text{ , zero or } 255 \text{ with probability p} \\ x_{ij} \text{ ,with probability 1- p} \end{cases}$$
(1)

Where i=1,2,...,M and j=1,2,...,N and $0 . <math>y_{ij}$ represents the intensity of the pixel located at position (i, j). x_{ij} and n_{ij} denote the intensity of the pixel (i, j) in the original image and the noisy image respectively.

III. THE PROPOSED ALGORITHM

The proposed algorithm is divided into three stages.

Stage 1: Construction Of Binary Image

In this step, a binary image is constructed for the noisy image Y. When the gray level images is contaminated with salt-and-pepper noise, a noisy pixel takes either a maximum intensity value (I_{max} =255) or a minimum intensity value (I_{min} = 0). This dynamic range [Imax Imin] provide information about the noisy pixels in the image. The binary image b_{ij} is constructed by assigning a binary value 1, if the intensity of the pixel located at position (i, j) in the noisy image is I_{max} or I_{min} , otherwise assign a binary value 0.

The binary image B is computed from the noisy image Y as follows:

$$b_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, \text{ if } y_{ij} = I_{max} \\ 1, \text{ if } y_{ij} = I_{min} \\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(2)

where $i=1,2,\ldots,N$ and $j=1,2,\ldots,M$. The entries of "1" and "0" in the binary image B represent the noisy and noise-free pixels, respectively. This binary image provides information about the noisy density in the corrupted image, which is used in the filtering process.

The Noise Density of the corrupted image is calculated as follows:

$$ND = \frac{Number of 1' s in binary image}{Total number of pixels (NxM)}$$
(3)

The value of the noise density (ND) ranges between 0 and 1.

Stage 2: Impulse Noise Filtering Method

Consider a window of size $q \ x \ q$ at each pixel location (i, j) of the noisy image Y and the binary image B. We prefer to use the value of q (=3), because the larger size window may not be too efficient and effective. Larger window may also remove the edges and fine image details. By applying small window of size 3x3, we obtain the noisy image patch $Y_{i,j}$ and the binary image path $B_{i,j}$.

For each iteration, we count the number of noisy pixels in the binary map **B**. If the value of count **K** is a positive integer and the central pixel y_{ij} within the 3X3 window is noisy, then the array **R** is populated with noise-free pixels. The maximum length of the array **R** is eight, indicating all the pixels are noise free. The minimum length is zero, shows that all the pixels in the window are noisy. Depending upon the noisy density in the window, the length of the array varies from zero to eight.

We emphasize a constraint of minimum three noise-free pixels within the window, ie., the minimum length of the array R should be three. If this condition is satisfied, then we replace the central noisy pixel with the estimated value ie.,

$$g_{ij} = \begin{cases} e_{s}, \text{ if } b_{ij} = 1 \&\& \text{ Length}(R) \ge 3\\ \\ y_{ij}, \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
(4)

Where e_s is the estimated value of the noisy pixel. Currently, we estimated the value of noisy pixels by using a suitable distance measure. The elements (noise-free pixels) in the array R are ordered on the basis of the sum of distances between each element and other elements in the array R. The sum of distances is arranged in ascending order and the same ordering is associated with the elements in the array R. The element in the array with the smallest sum of distances is the estimated value of the noisy pixel. If d_i is the sum of distances of the ith element in the array R with all other elements, then

$$\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{i}} = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \quad \Delta(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{i}}, \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{j}}) \tag{5}$$

where $1 \le i \le N$, X_i , X_j are the elements in the array, N is the length of the array R, and $\Delta(X_i, X_j)$, is the distance measure given by L_1 norm.

The ordering may be illustrated as

$$d_1 \leq d_2 \leq d_{3,\dots,n} d_N \tag{6}$$

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and this implies the same ordering to the corresponding elements in the array R.

$$X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots, \leq X_{(N)}.$$
 (7)

Where the subscripts are the ranks. Since the element with the smallest distance is the estimated noisy pixel, it will correspond to rank 1 of the ordered elements ie., $X_{(1)}$. Figure 1 shows the main steps of the proposed algorithm.

Stage 3: Update Noisy Image And Binary Image.

If the noisy pixel is estimated from the noise-free pixels within the window, the binary image B is also updated by changing the entries at the corresponding location of the image from "1" to "0". At the end of each iteration, we obtain a refined image G and updated binary image B. After a few iterations, depending upon the intensity of the salt-and-pepper noise, all entries in the binary image becomes zeros. The updating process terminated and we obtain a restored image G.

- 1. Take the intial noisy image Y.
- 2. Computation of binary map B
- 3. Compute the value of K that represent the noise-free
 - pixels in B and assign $Y \rightarrow X$
- 4. Check: If K=0, output resorted image X and stop.

else

- i. Check if y_{ij} is noisy, then do
- ii. Fill the array **R** with noise-free pixels
- iii. Check if length of array R > 3, do
- iv. Update b_{ij} and xij using the value estimated from noise-free pixels in R.
- v. Process each y_{ij} and get updated X and B
- vi. For the next iteration; assign $X \rightarrow Y$ and go to step 3.

Fig 1 : Proposed Algorithm

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Noise removal steps of the microarray image are performed on a sample microarray slide that has 48 blocks, each block consisting of 110 spots. A sample block has been chosen and 108 spots of the block have been cropped for simplicity. The sample image is a 154*200 pixel image that consists of a total of 30800 pixels. The RGB colored image microarray image have been converted to grayscale image to specify a single intensity value that varies from the darkest (0) to the brightest (255) for each pixel shown in figure 2.



Fig2 : a) RGB Color microarray image b) Grayscale Image

First the microarray image is corrupted with varying levels of noise density from 10 to 90 using the salt-and-pepper noise. The simulation results obtained from the proposed scheme are compared with the well known salt-and-pepper filtering algorithms: AMF, PSMF and DBA. Figure 3 shows the results.

We used the image quality metric, peak signaltonoise ratio (PSNR), to measure the quality of the restored image. The PSNR measure is defined as

$$PSNIP = 10 \log_{-10} \frac{(255)^2}{}$$

 $PSNR = 10 \log 10$ MSE Where MSE is the mean squared error between the original noise-free image and the restored image.

Table 1 shows the simulation results, in terms of the **PSNR** measure, for the microarray image. In table 1, our proposed algorithm provided the best **PSNR** value. Among other restoration algorithms, our proposed scheme highlights the best visible quality of the restored microarray image.

v. Conclusion

In this work, we propose an iterative algorithm for removal of impulse noise in microarray images. The proposed scheme works iteratively by replacing the noisy pixel with the value estimated from the noise-free pixels within the small neighborhood for the entire image. This scheme provides superior performance in removing the noise, while preserving the fine image details and edges. The proposed algorithm provides noise suppression in the microarray image with minimal reduction of spot edge information that derives the segmentation process.

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ND(in percentage)	VMF	PSMF	DBA	Proposed
10%	33.74	36.41	38.24	43.64
20%	28.47	30.27	32.44	37.47
30%	23.03	26.23	29.03	33.83
40%	18.15	20.25	21.15	26.62
50%	14.36	15.21	17.36	24.36
60%	11.61	13.06	15.61	21.61
70%	9.08	11.06	13.48	19.28
80%	7.16	9.46	12.06	13.16

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Noisy Image (20%)	Noisy Image (40%)	Noisy Image (60%)		
Filtered Image	Filtered Image	Filtered Image		

Fig3 : Experimental results of proposed algorithm on Microarray image



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I. RESEARCH SCOPE FOR DATA CENTRE

he data centre project scope shall include the deliverables as mentioned in the document. The brief descriptions of the project scope have been described below in this document. HCL Scope as per the requirements given in the tender document as follows:

- > Data Cabling
- Computing Setup with DR Solution
- > WAN Connectivity

II. OVERALL SOLUTION DESCRIPTION

The overall solution describes the required hardware need to be installed to run the applications/modules for the purpose of the Subdivision Automation of State Electricity Departments in respect to the business functionality. This solution covers the functionality as mentioned and required in the Document as this is an advanced engineered office management tool. It is developed to manage all types of useful databases, analyzes them by applying standard concepts and implement them in a manner consistent with its purpose or design the logic of electrical engineering and subdivision level management in a modernize way.

After a deep study of RAPDRP requirements and the difficulties of DISCOMs, our research has suggested the solution with additional amenities. DISCOMs related business functionality would be customized in the product on the base of the Document.

The Data Center solution has the capability to integrate with other Business Process Applications as

per the requirement captured in system study and suggested by Document. The integration architecture of Data Center solution is based on SOA (Service Oriented Architecture) and due to this it is easily mapped with the integration middleware for exposing the business functionality to external systems as well as to consuming the business functionality of external systems and other future needs which will be fulfilled by the installed hardware, networking equipments and storage devices for coming decades.

Features:

- Flawless Integration of Functions and Processes
- Increase Operation Efficiency
- Process Streamlining
- Enhance Customer Service
- Business Assessment Support for Strategic
 Issues
- Revenue Augmentation
- Scalability, Flexibility for future application integration

III. BASIC HARDWARE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

In this research we will study the Basic Design Principles for the data centre and disaster recovery solution for APDRP which has been arrived at in conformance with the RFP Guidelines, Industry Best Practices, Critical Nature of the Centralized application and our experience in handling such large data centre and Multi-location projects.

We have considered the following key design considerations for architecting the Data centre -

- Scalability
- > Availability
- ➢ Reliability
- > Performance
- ➢ Security
- a) Scalability

In Utility segment the no of consumers are bound to grow with the increase in population and the usage of IT. Also as the various facilities are extended to new geographical areas the no. of offices / no. of consumers are bound to grow. This

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necessitates the scalability requirement at the Design level to ensure that there is enough room for growth to meet the future requirements.

To meet the Scalability requirements Horizontal scalability, vertical scalability or a combination of both can be used. As per the RFP guidelines we have both horizontal and vertical scalability based on the product set and the application for which it is being used.

b) Availability

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This is a one of the most important design objective for the datacenter set-up, especially when all the applications are centralized in nature. Highly available Datacenter design ensures that the end users are able to operate and access the applications at all times with desired response time.

To meet this objective we have taken care of redundancies at all levels and the choice of technology is to ensure that the applications are made available to the users in any event of failure or disaster.

- ➢ High Availability within the datacenter.
 - High Availability at DC Core Network level
 - Application Load Balancing for all Web and Application Servers
 - Clustering and failover for all Database servers
- Application Availability in case of DC Site Failure
 - 100% replica of the DC site so that there is no impact on the response time of the application.
 - Continuous Replication of data to DR Site for disaster recovery
 - Transparent failover of users to the DR site in case of a Primary site failure

c) Reliability

Product reliability is a very important design criterion while designing various components of the Datacenter. Some of the key aspects which have a direct implication on product reliability are as follows:

- Provision for Redundant Power Supplies
- Provision for Redundant Cooling Fans
- Mirrored Hard Disk Drives
- Redundant Ethernet Connectivity
- Redundant Storage Connectivity
- ECC Memory

Each of the elements contributes towards improving the MTBF of the System / Component. To achieve high reliability we have offered the best in class products which passes through stringent test conditions as well as provides component level redundancy wherever needed.

d) Performance

We also understand that the systems should be designed keeping in view the performance requirement so that the desired response is met at all times. This requires capacity planning at all level to meets the performance availability criteria. Some key aspects which have been taken care in the design to meets the performance requirements are:

- All the Servers have been sized keeping in mind the appropriate concurrency at User Level
- The Servers are being load balanced to ensure that there is no performance choke due to excess load on one server
- The Interconnectivity between servers are on high performance network with Non-Blocking Architecture
- The Bandwidth Capacity planning is done keeping in mind the appropriate user load.

e) Security

It's an inevitable fact that security is required at all levels to ensure that the application is available to the users as well as the data is protected from any kind of unauthorized access. In today's environment where the users access the Datacenter from both Intranet as well as Internet it becomes a challenge to ensure that we protect the datacenter from any damage due to different attacks. We have taken care of the following design considerations on the Infrastructure side to ensure end to end security from edge location to the Datacenter -

- End Point Security Provision of Antivirus and Antispyware.
- Gateway level Security Multi Layered Antispam and Antivirus for Mail Messaging; AV, Content filtering and URL Filtering for Web.
- Transmission Security IPSec for edge to DC encryption.
- Datacenter Security
 - Perimeter security Intrusion Prevention, Firewall and extended ACLs on required VLANs.
 - Identity and Access Management for user authentication, authorization and accounting
 - Security at OS Level by OS Hardening

IV. **BASIC COMPONENTS OF THE** PROJECT

As per our research and available international standers, the overall data centre project will include the following modules:

a) Active Directory Implementation

- Validating the proper installation Windows 2008 Operating System as per best practices and basic OS hardening to be configured in New AD servers
- Design & Implementation of Active Directory Infrastructure for APDRP
- > Active Directory Integrated DNS will be configured.
- \geq Creation of users and their mailboxes (email addresses) as per defined naming convention by customer
- Configuration required for Integration with IAM (if any)
- \geq Testing AD functionality and GPOs
- b) Enterprise Messaging Setup on Exchange 2007 -DC & DR
 - Validating the proper installation Windows 2008 Operating System as per best practices and basic OS hardening to be configured
 - > Design & Implementation of Exchange Server for Enterprise wide messaging setup
 - Extending Exchange 2007 attributes in AD \geq Schema
 - Installing and configuring Exchange 2007 \geq Active/Passive cluster
 - \triangleright Configuring Exchange Single Copy Cluster Replication (SCC) for primary site and Standby Cluster Replication (SCR) from Primary site to DR site
 - Enforcement of mailbox quota & mail \geq attachment size policies
 - Enforcement of delivery restrictions \triangleright
 - ≻ Configuration of protocols - MAPI, HTTP/HTTPS and S/MIME for access by different types of clients, although the preferred client would be Microsoft Outlook 2003/2007
 - \triangleright Augment email services with other collaboration tools such as calendaring, scheduling, contacts, tasks
 - \triangleright Configuration of Deleted item recovery for enduser mail management. Customer will define the maximum period for which a mail, which has been removed from the recycle bin, be kept for the end user to recover.
 - Integrate the Exchange mailing setup with \geq Antivirus Solution to prevent it from viruses and spam.
 - \geq The system should automatically ensure that users are properly authenticated to access their mailbox.

- Configuring the web based secure mail access \geq for the use
- \triangleright Configuring Outlook on 10 Sample User Desktops for Exchange 2007.
- Testing of mail flow, routing, failover and other \geq Exchange 2007 features
- C) ISA 2006 Server – DC & DR
 - \geq Validating the proper installation Windows 2003 Operating System as per best practices and basic OS hardening to be configured
 - > Integrate with Windows domain for basic authentication and users directory
 - Installing and configuring ISA servers in 2 Node NLB at DC & DR sites
 - \geq Configuration of reverse proxy rules on ISA server for Exchange web access & MOSS Portal
 - Testing and validating web publishing \triangleright
- d) MS Infra Enablement for Applications - DC, DR & 3 CC Sites
 - \triangleright Validating the proper installation Windows 2008 Operating System as per best practices and implementing the basic OS hardening for all servers in DC, DR Site & 3 Customer Care Sites.
 - \geq Adding all Windows servers as part of Active **Directory Domain**
 - Backend Infra -
 - Preparing the systems for Windows cluster
 - Configuring Windows 2008 Active Passive Cluster for SQL Database usade
 - Installing and configuring SQL Failover Cluster
 - Creating the SQL Instance for Application usage
 - Test and validate failover clustering
 - Front end Infra - \triangleright
 - Installing and configuring the Windows Network Load Balancing for the front end application (if required)
 - Test and validate Network Load Balancing
 - Publishing the Application to AD Users
 - Test & Development \geq
 - Installing and configuring Windows • Hyper-V based virtualization for testing environment (if required)
 - Installing and configuring the OS for the application usage similar to Production deployment
 - Setting up the Active Directory environment for \triangleright test lab

e) Enterprise Management System (EMS)

- The IT platform shall assist in capturing and validating the energy and revenue model to gather in a transparent manner with accuracy.
- To monitor network and server infrastructure for fault and performance issues reducing outages and interruptions by proactive monitoring of infrastructure.
- To improve IT staff efficiency by enabling process-driven management, automated actions based on business policies and rapid root-cause analysis
- To improve service availability by integrating event and performance management across all domains: systems, network, storage, database and applications
- To improve IT support management by providing a thorough, versatile set of functionality that leverages ITIL principles and other practices and improves IT governance
- To collect hardware and software inventory for network devices, servers and desktops and to deploy software packages / patches remotely.
- To Setup customer care center in the towns along with supply, installation, testing and commissioning of all necessary hardware, software and managing the facilities.
- To setup Data center & Disaster Recovery center at identified location and set up the Local Area Network and Wide Area Network. Data from primary site to be replicated to DR site in a synchronized mode.

) Identity and Access Management Systems

- Installing and configuring the IM, SSO and Site Minder
- Configuring the IM for enterprise identity of users
- Deploying the agents for the web server of the application
- Deploying the agents for the desktop clients
- Validating the functionality of the deployed software's

g) Customer care center solution

- Unified Administration manage inbound, outbound, email, workflow and web interactions
- Unified Routing apply unified routing strategies across your contact center
- Unified Reporting eliminate the need to integrate reporting data from multiple point solution data sources
- Automatic Call Distribution answer calls and intelligently route them to available agents based on the customer profile, service level goals and agent availability

- Predictive Dialing leverage the capabilities needed to make your outbound collections, sales or telemarketing strategies successful
- Voice Portal deliver rich voice self-service applications to your customers via standard speech enabled Voice XML or dual tone multi frequency (DTMF) applications
- Web Interaction Management offer assisted service to customers who visit your website
- Email Management efficiently handle the volume of email messages by providing service levels, prioritization, queuing, auto acknowledgement, auto response and reporting
- Knowledge Base manage a repository of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and empower your agents with information to quickly respond to customer inquiries
- Contact Recording and Quality Management whether for quality control or compliance purposes, Aspect Unified IP provides you with the tools needed to monitor, record, score and analyze the performance of your contact center
- Choice of Transport empower IT to select their transport of choice using either open source voice over IP (VoIP), such as the Asterisk® IP-PBX, closed source VoIP or traditional voice. Migrate from traditional switching technologies to SIP-based VoIP, single-site to virtual contact center, centralized to localized management or any combination thereof
- Multi-Tenancy take advantage of the secure partitioning and SIP-based VoIP applications that support software as a service (SaaS) models to provide hosted contact center functionality to internal and external customers

h) Antivirus

- Installing the Antivirus server
- > Configuring the Antivirus policies
- Deployment of anti-virus clients on all the servers and desktops
- Installing and validating gateway anti-virus for SMTP
- Installing and validating gateway anti-virus for HTTP
- i) Storage and Backup
 - > Configuration of Storage and the SAN switches
 - Creation of storage group/LUNs for the servers
 - > Configuring the storage replication
 - Installing the backup software
 - > Deploying the backup clients
 - Configuring the tape library
 - Configuring the backup policy
 - > Validating the backup and restore process

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j) Network and Security

- Creating the LAN at DC, DR, CCC and other utility offices
- Creating the WAN for the DC, DR, CCC and other utility offices
- Creation of VLAN
- Creation of firewall policies
- Creation of IPS policies

- > Configuring the load balancer
- Validating the functionality

V. DATA CENTER PROPOSED SOLUTION ARCHITECTURE

The proposed solution diagram for datacenter has been defined below as per the scope of work.

a) Overall layout for data center

DATA Centre Floor layout



b) Overall Architecture of the datacenter

The diagram below gives an overall snapshot of the datacenter architecture -



During Research it has been found that the DC layout will been divided into the following Zones from datacenter security perspective –

- Meter Data Acquisition Zone This Zone Comprises of Servers required for Meter Data acquisition.
- External De-Militarized Zone This Zone Comprises of Reverse Proxy, Antivirus, External DNS Servers, SMTP & HTTP Gateway, and Access Control server.
- Internal De-Militarized Zone This Zone will comprise of Web Portal Farm, IAM servers and Active Directory Servers.
- Militarized or Trusted Zone This zone comprises of the application, database, Backup, Mail DB, Integration Servers, DWH and BI servers and Storage infrastructure
- Test and Staging Zone This Zone will host the Test and Staging servers. This zone will be created using the firewall Blade given in Core

Switch or using Extended ACLs feature as per the need basis.

- Management Zone This Zone will comprise of Management Servers. We have created a separate Management Zone as per Industry best practices. This zone will be created using the firewall Blade given in Core Switch or using Extended ACLs feature as per the need basis.
- Administration Zone One zone will be created for the Administrative users of the Data Center.
- LAN Users One zone will be created for the LAN users of the Data Center.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The beginning of the twenty first century has brought considerable advances in the field of computer-based information retrieval systems, where data with "hidden asset" called "knowledge" is quickly becoming the most valuable resource. Associative rule mining (Park *et al.*, 1995; Agrawal *et al.*, 1996) is defined as the task that deals with the extraction of hidden knowledge and frequent patterns from very large databases. Mining frequent patterns has become a focused topic in data mining research with the development of numerous interesting algorithms for mining association, partial periodicity, constraint-based frequent mining, associative classification and emerging patterns.

The popular area of application is the market basket analysis, which studies the buying habits of customers by searching for sets of items that frequently appear together. Associations among items of the same transaction lead to correlation and identification of frequent itemsets (Gionis et al., 2007). Traditional associative mining processes are iterative, time consuming and storage expensive. Once the database becomes huge, it increases the number of Input/Output (I/O) scans and also reduces space complexity. In order to increase the performance of these applications, methods that can present data in a compact form is becoming crucial. The current need is to develop way of representation which reduces this size so that it can reside in the main memory and at the same time maintains all the important and relevant data needed to extract the desired knowledge from transactional database.

This paper analyzes algorithms that produce compact databases for knowledge discovery from large transaction databases like market basket database and databases. From these web log compact representations, association rule mining is applied to mine frequent patterns. In order to obtain a compact representation of the database Dai et al. (2008) proposed an algorithm called M²TQT which uses a 'Merge Transactions Scheme (MTS)' to reduce storage requirement during analysis. The algorithm is efficient in two manners, namely (i) reduces database size and prunes irrelevant transactions, which saves time and (ii) Reduces the I/O time required. However, it has disadvantages namely (i) Although some rules can be mined from the new transactions, it still needs to scan the database again to verify the result. This is because the data mining step produces potentially ambiguous results. (ii) The compressed database is reversible to its original form (iii) It has the serious problem of scanning the database multiple times, which results in high cost of re-checking the frequent itemsets and (iv) Processing time is still high when compared to uncompressed mining algorithms. To solve the above difficulties, this work enhances the M²TQT in the following manner.

- Develop an algorithm to recover the original transaction from the compressed database.
- M²TQT uses apriori-like algorithm which is main culprit for the multiple database scans. The present research work proposes the use of FP-Tree algorithm to avoid multiple scans of the database

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses the various existing methods available to obtain a representation of transaction databases. Section 3 presents the proposed method. The experimental results are discussed in Section 4, while Section 5 concludes the work with future research directions.

II. EXISTING METHODS

A compact representation of transaction database can be derived in three ways. They are (i) Compressing transaction database (ii) Transforming a transaction database to a compact representation (iii) Partitioning transactions in transaction database and (iv) Merging transactions in transaction database. This section briefly explains each of these techniques.

a) Compressing transaction database

Data compression is a technique that has been widely used to save storage requirement of transactional secondary devices. database in А simple characterization of data compression is that it involves transforming a string of characters in some representation (such as ASCII) into a new string (of bits, for example) which contains the same information but whose length is as small as possible. There are two fundamentally different types of data compression: lossless and lossy. A lossy compression technique removes unwanted data which eventhough degrades the output quality maintains overall important information. Lossless compression technique, on the other hand, attempts to compress data while retaining all information. Examples include, GZIP, BZIP, BOA and PKZip. File systems like NTFS are also used. The main disadvantage of these techniques is that they have to be decompressed before analysis. So, even though the problem of storage requirement is solved, the high transfer rate needed still exists. Thus the problem area still remains unsolved.

b) Transforming a transaction database to a compact representation

Another method used is to use compact data structures to represent the transactions in the database. Prefix tree (Bayardo, 1998) is an ordered tree data structure that is used to store an associative array where the keys are usually strings (items in transaction database). Unlike a binary search tree, no node in the tree stores the key associated with that node; instead, its position in the tree shows what key it is associated with. All the descendants of a node have a common prefix of the string associated with that node, and the root is associated with the empty string. Values are normally not associated with every node, only with leaves and some inner nodes that correspond to keys of interest, thus reducing same required to store a database. Another compression approach using data structure is to "unravel" the data structure into a single byte array (Germann et al., 2009). This approach eliminates the need for node pointers which reduces the memory requirements substantially and makes memory mapping possible which allows the virtual memory manager to load the data into memory very efficiently. Packing the trie (Liang, 1983) is another compression approach used with prefix trees. Liang describes a space-efficient implementation of a sparse packed trie applied to hyphenation, in which the descendants of each node may be interleaved in memory. The FPgrowth method uses another compact data structure, FP-tree (Frequent Pattern tree), to represent the conditional databases. FP-tree is a combination of prefix tree structure and node-links (Han et al., 2000).

All these algorithms efficiently reduce the both the secondary and primary storage requirements. The major disadvantage here is the number of scans required during the construction of tree and during frequent pattern mining process.

c) Partitioning transactions in transaction database

A partition is a division of a logical database or its constituting elements into distinct independent parts. Database partitioning is normally done for manageability, performance or availability reasons. Partitioning databases increases performance of regular transactional databases which are done by either building separate smaller databases (each with its own tables, indices, and transaction logs), or by splitting selected attributes of the itemsets. Two types of partitioning algorithms exist. They are horizontal and vertical partitioning. Horizontal partitioning involves putting different rows into different tables. Vertical partitioning involves creating tables with fewer columns and using additional tables to store the remaining columns. Current high end database analysis systems provide different criteria to split the database. Some common criteria are range partitioning, list partitioning, hash partitioning and composite partitioning. All these partitioning schemes, however, require additional computations and while finding frequent patterns, the inter-relationship association between partitions might be missed.

d) Merging transactions in transaction database

Merging transaction approach to create compact transaction database is used as a preprocessing step prior to frequent pattern generation. In this technique, several transactions are merged together to create a new transactional database, which has the following desirable properties.

- Compact representation of the transactional database reduces the problem of memory requirement (both secondary and primary)
- Reduce processing time and I/O time for identifying frequent itemsets and association rules
- Frequent data mining can be performed over the compact representation without losing any mining accuracy
- Can be decompressed to get the original database at any time

As this is the method that is used by this work, the detailed description of the same is provided in the following Section.

III. PROPOSED METHOD

This section presents the M^2TQT along with the enhanced M^2TQT algorithm.

a) M^2TQT algorithm

The M² TQT algorithm uses a merge Transaction

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Scheme (MTS) for producing a compact representation of the transaction database. The MTS is a two-step procedure. Step 1 : Preprocessing and Step 2 : Frequent Pattern Mining. The preprocessing step, uses lexical symbols, to first transform the original raw data into a new data representation. This step is based on the assumption that items in a transaction are sorted in lexicographic order. The second step of preprocessing then sorts all the transactions, groups them and then merges each group into a new transaction. The details on the algorithmic details of merging transaction algorithm, please refer to Dai *et al.* (2008).

b) Enhanced M^2 tqt (E- M^2 tqt) Algorithm

The general process of E-M²TQT is shown in Figure 1. It consists of three steps, namely, preprocess, compressing database and frequent pattern mining. The proposed method focus on the problems of repeated database scans and huge number of candidate itemsets generated. The E-M²TQT algorithm takes advantage of the FP-Tree data structure of FP-Growth algorithm to solve the first problem and the second problem is solved by using a quantification table. The usage of quantification table allows the algorithm to retrieve the original database from the compressed form and prunes irrelevant candidate itemsets, which further reduce the size of the database. Reduction of database indirectly helps to reduce the time required by the mining process. Figure 2 presents the compression algorithm.

The algorithm begins by identifying related transactions and then merging these related transactions together, for which a quantification table is constructed. A transaction T1 is said to be related to transaction T2, if T1 is a subset of T2 or if T2 is a superset of T2. The distance between T1 and T2 is calculated as the difference between the items of two transactions. For example, if T1 = {ABCD} and T2 = {ABC}, the difference (D) between T1 and T2 is 1. Similarly, if T1 = {A} and T2 = {C}, the D is given as 2.

The next step is the creation of quantification table, which is used to record details regarding the transaction relationship. Since the items in a transaction appear in a lexicographical order, the process starts from the left-most item and is termed as a prefix-item. After finding the length of the input transaction (n), for varying lengths (L = 1 ... n), the frequency of count of each itemset appearing in the transactions are recorded. The quantification table has details for each length where information regarding the prefix-item and its frequency count is recorded. Consider for example a transaction database with five items, as shown in Table I.

The quantification process begins by considering the first transaction, $\{ABCDE\}$ with TID 100 and length = 5. Consider each item one by one in the transaction. Initially, For A, all the five counters L5 to L1 are incremented by 1. Second, for B, the counters L4 to L1 are incremented. Similarly, for C, counters L3 to L1

are incremented, for D, L2 to L1 is incremented and finally, for E, L1 is incremented by 1. Now considering the next transaction {CDE} with TID 200 and leng = 3.



Figure 1 : Proposed Algorithm

For I = 1	to number of transactions
	Create Quantification Table
	Quantification table records the length of the transaction database (n) and records the
	count of each itemset appearing in the transaction under each length (L1 – has single
	length, L2 – has two itemset,)
	Compute length of transaction using quantization table
	Calculate relation distance between transactions and relevant transaction groups
	Relation distance is defined as number of different items between two transactions.
	The smallest transaction of a relevant transaction group is grouped with the longest transaction of
	the same relevant transaction group.
	For $d = 1$ to $n-1$
	Consider a transaction, if the relation distance between transaction and merged group $=$ a
	distance 'd', then merge the transactions.
	End for
End for	

Figure 2 : Compression Algorithm

The counters L3 to L1 is incremented by 1 for C, L2 and L1 are incremented for D and for E, L1 is incremented. Thus, L3 has C2, L2 has D2 and L1 has E2. Finally, for the last transaction, {ACD} (with length 3 and TID 300), A1 is changed to A2 in L3, L2 and L1, C2 is changed to C3 in L2 and L1 and D2 is changed to D3 in L1. The final result is shown in Table II. Now, considering the minimum support, all the candidate itemsets whose counters is less than the minimum support can be pruned out. After pruning, the next step performs the merging process. The merging process is explained with an example below.

Table I : Sample Database

TID	Transactions
100	ABCDE
200	CDE
300	ACD

Let d = 1. Consider two transactions {BCG} and {BG}. After merging these two transactions, the relation transaction group will be {BCG=2.1.2}. Consider another transaction {B}. Compute relation distance for $\{BCG=2.1.2\}$ and $\{B\}$. Since the relation distance is 1, {B} is merged into the relation transaction group and thus becomes {BCG=3.1.2}. The next step calculates the support count of items using a minimum-frequency function. This function takes as input the original transactions and merged transactions and returns the minimum number of itemsets in a transaction. For example, let C2 be {BC, AE} and transaction T* be {{AE=2.1}, {BCG=2.1.2}, {CDEG=2.3.3.1}, {ABCE}, $\{C\}$. The minimum frequency function returns 2 for both BC (0+1+0+1+0=2) and AE (1+0+0+1+0=2), as the number of itemsets in the transactions. These values and the transaction set T* is used by FP-growth algorithm to generate frequent itemsets and association rules.

Table // : Quantification Table

L5	L4	L3	L2	L1
A1	A1	A2	A2	A2
	B1	B1	B1	B 1
		C2	C3	C3
			D2	D3
				E2

c) Decompression Algorithm

The main requirement of any compression algorithm that produces a compact representation of the original transaction database is to reproduce the original database without any loss. The proposed algorithm satisfies this requirement also. The algorithm used for this purpose is shown in Figure 3.

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- 1. Let merged transaction be expressed as <s1, s2..., sk ..., sn-1,sn>= c1, c2...ck.. cn-1.cn, where s1, s2..., sk , sn-1, sn are items and c1, c2..., ck, cn-1, cn are their corresponding support counts.
- Identify the smallest count in ci (i=1..n) whose transaction is the longest transaction. Thus the count of longest transaction is ck. Thus the transaction { s1, s2..., sk, sn-1, sn } is recovered and the merged transaction becomes <s1, s2..., sn-1, sn>= c1-ck.c2-ck... cn-1-ck. cn-ck.
- 3. Remove items with a zero count from the merged transaction.
- 4. Repeat the above process to find the next longest transaction in the merged transaction until no count left.

Figure 3 : Decompression Algorithm

The decompression algorithm is the reverse process of compression algorithm and is explained using an example merged transaction. Consider a merged transaction <ABCD>=3.1.4.2 which has the smallest count of 1 (that is, the count of transaction <ABCD> is 1). Next, decrease the count of each item in <ABCD> by 1 to obtained <ACD>=3-1. 4-1. 2-1 = 2.3.1. Item B is removed since it has a zero count. Repeat this process, to get, <AC>==2-1.3-1=1.2. Finally, <C>=2-1=1. Combining the results we get the decompressed version of the merged transaction <ABCD>=3.1.4.2 as {ABCD}, {ACD}, {AC}, {C}.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The efficiency of the proposed algorithm was tested using various test data and performance metrics. The proposed model was tested using synthetic dataset as proposed by Agarwal and Srikanth (1994). These transactions mimic the actual transactions in a retail environment. datasets. namelv. Four svnthetic T10I8D100K, T5I4D50K. T20I10D100K and T20I12D200K were used during experimentation. The proposed algorithm was analyzed using compression ratio in terms of speed, number of transactions and storage required. The average size of the potentially large itemset is taken as 5 and minimum support is varied from 5% to 25% in steps of five. The proposed algorithm was compared with M²TQT. The algorithms were developed in JAVA with NetBeans 5.5 as front end. All the experiments were conducted on a Pentium IV machine with 512 MB RAM.

a) Compression Ratio with Respect to Storage Space Saved

The compression result in terms of storage size is shown in Figure 4 for the selected four datasets.





Figure 4 : Compression Ratio For Storage Space Saved

From the results, it could be seen that while both the algorithms are efficient in generating a compact version of the original database, the enhanced M²TQT shows significant improvement in terms of storage size reduction. The results also show that the E-M²TOT algorithm scales with different sized datasets. An interesting trend observed is that the maximum amount of compression achieved was when the minimum support is around 15% after which a slow decline in compression rate is envisaged. This means that the maximum performance of the algorithm can be achieved by setting the support value to 15%. Another pattern observed with respect to compression ratio is the relation between size of dataset and average compression achieved. As the size of the dataset increases the compression efficiency decreases. However, the efficiency gain is consistent with all databases which imply that the enhanced approach is better than the traditional algorithm. Thus, the results show that the introduction of FP-Growth algorithm to M²TQT provides effective data compression.

b) Compression Ratio with Respect to Number of Transactions

Figure 5 shows the compactness efficiency in terms of number of transactions. These experiments were conducted to evaluate the performance of the pruning algorithm introduced in the merging transaction step of the compression algorithm.





Figure 5 : Compression Ratio For No. Of Transaction

The results of compression ratio with respect to number of transactions again show that the Enhanced M^2TQT algorithm is an improved version. While considering various minimum support, the results shows that the minimum support and compression ratio are directly proportional. This is evident from the increasing trend line obtained. While analyzing the scalability of the algorithm, the trend obtained shows that the efficiency is not affected by different sized datasets and remains consistent between 23% and 25%. In conclusion, it could be seen that the pruning algorithm with merging transaction scheme has improved the E-M²TQT algorithm by 25.32% on average.

c) Execution Time

Table III shows the average execution time of each dataset along with the efficiency gain obtained with respect to execution speed. The speed is calculated in seconds.

Table III : Average Execution Speed (Seconds)

DATASET	M ² TQT	E-M ² TQT	EFFICIENCY (%)
T5I4D50K	1.692	0.970	42.67
T10I8D100K	1.872	1.114	40.49
T20I10D200K	2.222	1.560	29.79
T20I12D300K	2.312	1.840	20.42

As with compression ratio, the $E-M^2TQT$ algorithm shows an average 33.34% speed efficiency with respect to M^2TQT algorithm. This shows that the speed efficiency has improved in the enhanced version. As expected, the algorithm takes more time to execute large sized datasets than small sized datasets. The small sized datasets (T5I4D50K and T10I8D100K) shows maximum speed efficiency of 42.67% and 40.49%, while it decreased to 29.79% and 20.42% with large sized datasets (T20I10D200K and T20I12D300K).

These results indicate that the performance of $E-M^2TQT$ algorithm in terms of compactness achieved with respect to storage size, number of transactions and execution speed with different datasets and different minimum support is efficient when compared with to its existing version.

v. Conclusion

This research work proposed an enhanced transaction database compacting algorithm for frequent

mining. Experiments were conducted to analyze the performance of the algorithm. The results showed high performance and there can be reliably used in various applications where pattern mining is needed. Moreover, the speed of the algorithms further makes it suitable for online applications. In future, plans for including frequent pattern-based clustering algorithms and partitioning algorithm to further improve the efficiency of the pattern-mining algorithm are considered.

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I. INTRODUCTION

xtracting shapes from noisy backgrounds was always been a challenging problem in image processing. Recent studies represented some solutions, but no one could give 100 percent guaranteed results. In this paper, we are going to introduce another method which is a combination of different filters and techniques. Our purpose is to achieve a better result in detecting the circular shapes within an impulse noisy background. Due to this, 4 steps are listed to be applied to image. First step is using median filter for removing impulse points in the image. These points have an absolutely different color from their neighborhood pixels, and they can have bad effects in the result of edge detecting process. So, median filter will be applied to remove them. Other implicit effect of this filter is smoothing the edges. It can make the edge detection harder and the have bad effects on the result. So, another filter that should be applied as the second step, is laplacian sharpen spatial filter. This filter causes the details become more impressive and the edges become clearer. An implicit effect of this filter is noise increasing in image, but we don't worry about it, because the next step will neutralize this effect. Now, it is time to detect the edges. Due to it,

some methods were introduced like Sobel and Canny edge detection. Here, we employ Canny edge detection as the third step, because it has a better performance in detecting the thin edges and when the edges are not very sharp and clear. As the edges were detected, it is time to extract the circular shapes. So, as the fourth step, we will employ Hough transform. In general it can be used for any type shapes. But this special form of this transform is called Circular Hough Transform (CHT).

We are going to investigate all of the mentioned steps in depth during the "METHODOLOGY" section. Then, special uses of this method will be talked, and finally "CONCLUSION" is placed at the end of the paper.

II. METHODOLOGY

In this section, we are going to explain the basic concepts of techniques which are used in this paper. Also, their application on the proposed image to extract the circular shapes will be investigated.

a) Median filter

One of the most efficient solutions for disappearing "salt and pepper" noises is applying median filter. Median filter belongs to the group of order static nonlinear filters. It could be easily used for erasing impulse noise. The process is that it replaces the value of a noise pixel with the median gray levels in the neighborhood of that pixel. It causes the impulse noise in the background be disappeared, but also an extra consequence is blurring the edges. This effect could be neutralizing impressively by applying the laplacian sharpening spatial filter [1].

b) Laplacian sharpening spatial filter

The purpose of using laplacian sharpening spatial filter is for highlighting fine details and enhance them which are blurred such as edges. As you know, laplacian is a linear and rotation invariant operator. Laplacian equation can be written for each dimension independently. Partial second-order derivatives in x and y directions could be calculated by **(/)** and **(//)**.

$$\nabla^2 f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = f(x+1, y) + f(x-1, y) - 2f(x, y)$$
(1)

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y+1) + f(x, y-1) - 2f(x, y)$$
(2)

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$$\nabla^2 f = [f(x+1, y) + f(x-1, y) + f(x, y+1) + f(x, y-1)] - 4f(x, y)$$
$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) \pm \nabla^2 f(x, y)$$

A 3x3 laplacian mask which could be obtained is as Fig.1.

-1	-1	-1
-1	9	-1
-1	-1	-1

Fig. 1 : One pass realization of 3x3 laplacian mask

Result of its application is indicated in Fig.2 [1].





(b)

Fig.2: (a) Original image, (b) Sharpen image

Laplacian filter by itself causes the increasing noise in the image. But using it in consequence of median filter avoids from occurring this problem. Since the major part of noise is reduced in median filtering process.

c) Canny edge detection

Edge detection is an important topic in the research area of image analysis [2]. The purpose of edge detection in general is to significantly reduce the amount of data in an image, while preserving the structural properties to be used for further image processing. Several algorithms exists, and this worksheet focuses on a particular one developed by John F. Canny (JFC) in 1986 [3]. Even though it is quite old, it has become one of the standard edge detection methods and it is still used in research [4] [5].

The aim of JFC was to develop an algorithm that is optimal with regards to the following criteria:

- 1. **Detection**: The probability of detecting real edge points should be maximized while the probability of falsely detecting non-edge points should be minimized. This corresponds to maximizing the signal-to-noise ratio.
- 2. **Localization**: The detected edges should be as close as possible to the real edges.
- 3. **Number of responses**: One real edge should not result in more than one detected edge (one can argue that this is implicitly included in the first requirement).

The algorithm runs in 5 separate steps:

- 1. **Smoothing**: Blurring of the image to remove noise.
- 2. **Finding gradients**: The edges should be marked where the gradients of the image has large magnitudes.
- 3. **Non-maximum suppression**: Only local maxima should be marked as edges.
- 4. **Double thresholding**: Potential edges are determined by thresholding.
- 5. Edge tracking by hysteresis: Final edges are determined by suppressing all edges that are not connected to a very certain (strong) edge.

Fig.3 shows the result of applying this algorithm on an image [6].





(a) Original

(b) Smoothed



(c) Gradient magnitudes (d) non-maximum suppression

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(e) Double thresholding (f) Edge tracking by hysteresis



(g) Final image

Fig.3 : Applying Canny edge detection algorithm to example image

Even though Canny algorithm involves smoothing process, but it doesn't dispel the need for using median filter. Because smoothing step just blur the image and it causes the little noises to be smoothen. But median filter causes impulse noise to be disappeared.

d) Circular Hough Transform (CHT)

A commonly faced problem in computer vision is to determine the location, number or orientation of a particular object in an image. For example, recognizing of roads in an aerial image or detection of circles in the image are two samples of this problem. But it can be solved using Hough transform. Often the objects of interest have other shapes than lines, it could be parables, circles or ellipses or any other arbitrary shape. The general Hough transform can be used on any kind of shape, although the complexity of the transformation increase with the number of parameters needed to describe the shape [7].

The CHT has been recognized as robust techniques for curve detection. This method can detect object even polluted by noise. The CHT was sketched by Duda et al. [8]. The CHT is one of the modified versions of the HT. The CHT aims to find circular patterns within an image. The CHT is used to transform a set of feature points in the image space into a set of accumulated votes in a parameter space. Then, for each feature point, votes are accumulated in an accumulator array for all parameter combinations. The array elements that contain the highest number of votes indicate the presence of the shape. A circle pattern is described by (///).

$$(x_p - x_0)^2 + (y_p - y_0)^2 = r^2$$
(3)

Where x_0 and y_0 are the coordinates of the center and *r* is the radius of the circle. An example of conventional CHT is shown in **Fig.4**.



Fig.4 : The contribution of the edge points to the accumulator space

The black circles indicate a set edge points within the image. Each edge point contributes a circle of radius R to an output accumulator space indicated by the grey circles. The output accumulator space has a peak where these contributed circles overlap at the center of the original circle. Modification to the CHT has been widely implemented to either increase the detection rate or reduce its computational complexity [9] [10]. The algorithm for Circular Hough Transform can be summarized to following steps [11]:

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- 1. For each edge point
 - Draw a circle with center in the edge point with radius r and increment all coordinates that the perimeter of the circle passes through in the accumulator.
- 2. Find one or several maxima in the accumulator

//HOUGH END

3. Map the found parameters *(r,a,b)* corresponding to the maxima back to the original image.

After applying the median and laplacian filter, Canny edge detection and CHT, circular shapes will be achieved efficiently.

e) Use cases of represented method

A question which might be asked is "What are the uses of this method?"

Following items can indicate just a small part of use cases of proposes technique:

 Building extraction: Most of building extraction methods can specify the buildings with polygonal rooftops and they have a weak performance in detecting circular buildings. For example look at the method which was introduced by Masoud S. Nosrati et al. [12].

- Digital filming: While taking film from sport matches like football and volleyball it can be possible to trace the ball by enhancing this technique. It means that a simple camera can take film automatically by using a developed form of this method.
- Biometric security: One way for identification of people is using their iris characteristics. For detecting the iris area this technique can be used. Eyelashes act like impulse noise and the filters which are used in this technique can make the detection process easier and more accurate.
- Astronomy: Proposed method can be used for detecting the planets surrounded by narrow clouds and recognizing the black holes in the special dim images.

Many other use cases can be found in chemistry, physics, biology, computer science and other fields of study. Also, with a little change in this method, other shapes in different noise styles can be extracted.

III. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we introduced a method for extracting circular shapes from impulse noisy images. Due to this, 4 steps were nominated which were:

- 1. Applying median filter for erasing the impulse noise.
- 2. Applying laplacian sharpening spatial filter for neutralizing the blurring effect of median filter and sharpen the edges in the image.
- 3. Applying Canny edge detection.
- 4. Applying Circular Hough Transform for extracting the circular shapes in the image.

At the end of paper, different use cases of this method was investigated.

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I. INTRODUCTION

ata mining or knowledge discovery is needed to make sense and use of data. Knowledge discovery in the data is the non-trivial process of identifying valid, novel, potentially useful and ultimately understandable patterns of data [2]. Data mining is the core step of knowledge discovery in database(KDD) and interdisciplinary field includes database management system, machine learning, statistics, neural network, fuzzy logic etc. Any of the technique may be integrated depending on the kind of data to be mined. The research in KDD is expected to generate a large variety of systems because diversity of disciplines to be contributed. Therefore a comprehensive classification system is required able to distinguish between the systems and identify the most required by the user. The major issue involved with the classification rule mining is to identify a dataset for a small number of rules to serve as classifier for predicting the class of any new instance. The classification algorithm should be accurate, simple and efficient. The existing classification algorithm assuming that the input data is drawn from a pre-defined distribution having stationary majors. Therefore these algorithms perform poorly when used to infer real world datasets.

In this paper, we propose a modified tree classification method which is result of knapsack implementation on Decision Tree Approach.

II. CLASSIFICATION METHODS IN DATA MINING

Following classification methods are used in data mining:

(1) Decision Tree Induction: Decision tree is the learning of decision trees from a class labeled training tuples. A decision tree is a flow chart like tree structure, where each internal node denotes a test on an attribute, each branch represents an outcome of the test, and each leaf node holds a class label. The topmost node in a tree is the root node. The construction of decision tree classifier does not require any domain knowledge of parameter setting, and therefore is appropriate for exploratory knowledge discovery. Decision trees may handle high dimensional data. Their representation of acquired knowledge in tree from is intuitive and generally easy to understand by humans. The learning and classification steps of decision tree induction are simple and fast. In general, decision tree classifier has good accuracy. Decision tree induction algorithms have been used for classification in many applications areas, such as medicine, manufacturing and production, financial analysis, astronomy etc.[3]

(2) Rule-Based classification: In rule based classifiers, the learned model is represented as set of IF-THEN rules. We first examine how such rules are used for classification. Then we study the ways in which they may be generated, either from a decision tree of directly from the training data using a sequential covering algorithm. Rules are a good way of representing information or bits of knowledge. A rule-based classifier uses a set of IF-THEN rules for classification. An IF-THEN rule is and expression of the form:

IF condition THEN conclusion

The "IF" part of rule is known as the rule antecedent or precondition. The "THEN" part of the rule is known as the rule consequent. A rule R may be assessed by its coverage and accuracy. Given a tuple, X, from a class-labeled data set, D, let N_{COVERS} be the number of tuples covered by R; $N_{CORRECT}$ be the number of tuples correctly classified by R; and ID I be the number of tuples in D. We may define coverage and accuracy of R as

 $coverage(R) = n_{corrects/} n_{covers [3]}$

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 $coverage(R) = n_{covers/ID I}$

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(3) Classification by backpropagation: Backpropagation is a neural network learning algorithm. The field of neural networks was originally kindled by psychologists and neurobiologists who sought to develop and test computational analogues of neurons. A neural network is a set of connected input/output units in which each unit has a weight associated with it. Neural network learning is also referred to as connectionist learning due to the connections between units. Neural networks involve long training times and are therefore more suitable for applications where this is feasible. Backpropagation is the most popular neural network algorithm. Backpropagation learns by iteratively processing a data set of training tuples, comparing the network's prediction for each tuple with the actual known target value. The target value may be the known class label of the training tuple or continuous value. For each training tuple, the weights are modified so as to minimize the mean squared error between the network's prediction and the actual target value. These modifications are made in the "backwards" direction, that is, from the output layer, through each hidden layer down to the first hidden layer.[3]

(4) Lazy Learners: Decision tree induction, Bayesian classification, rule-based classification, classification by backpropagation, support vector machines are the example of the eager learner. Eager learners, when given a set of training tuples, will construct a generalization model before receiving new tuples to classify. Imagine a contrasting approach, in which the learner instead waits until the last minute before doing any model construction in order to classify a given test tuple. That is, when given a training tuple, a lazy learner simply stores it and waits until it is given a test tuple. Only when it sees the test tuple does it perform generalization in order to classify the tuple based on its similarity to the stored training tuples. Unlike eager learning methods, lazy learners do les work when a training tuple is presented and more work when making a classification or prediction. Because lazy learners store the training tuples of "instances", they are also referred to as instance based learners. When making a classification of prediction, lazy learners may be computationally expensive. They require efficient storage techniques and are well suited to implementation on parallel hardware. Lazy learners naturally support incrementing learning. K-nearest neighbor classifier and case-based reasoning classifiers are the example of the lazy learners. [3]

III. MOTIVATION

While studying the Decision Tree Classification following shortcomings are observed[6].

Decision trees are less appropriate for estimation tasks where the goal is to predict the value of a continuous attribute.

- The process of growing a decision tree is computationally expensive. At each node, each maydidate splitting field must be sorted before its best split may be found. In some algorithms, combinations of fields are used and a search must be made for optimal combining weights. Pruning algorithms may also be expensive since many maydidate sub-trees must be formed and compared.
- Most decision-tree algorithm only examine a single field at a time. This leads to rectangular classification boxes that my not correspond well with the actual distribution of records in the decision space.

Looking at these shortcomings, there is need to modify the decision tree classification into a new structure. In this paper in later section we propose a modified tree classification, the idea for which is to implement the concepts of Knapsack approach in Decision Tree Classification.

IV. WHY KNAPSACK

Knapsack is well- known NP-hard problem. It has many applications like budgeting, network planning, network routing, and parallel scheduling etc. Knapsack problem may be of three types

0-1 knapsack problem: In the 0-1 knapsack problem the object is either completely selected or rejected in order to find the optimal solution. In the classical 0-1 knapsack problem only one knapsack is used and binary 1 represents that the object is selected and the binary 0 represents that the item is rejected.

Fractional knapsack: In the fractional knapsack problem the objects may be selected in fractions in order to maximize the profit or in other words we may say to find the optimal solution. For example in we have to select the objects like gold or diamond. Then these type of objects may be selected in fractions.

Multiple knapsack problem(MKP): Consider m containers (knapsacks) with capacities c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_m and a set of n items, where each item has a weight w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n and a profit p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_n . Packing the items in the containers to maximize the total profit of the items, such that the sum of item weights in each container does not exceed the container's capacity, and each of item is assigned to at most one container, is the 0-1 multiple knapsack problem[4].

For example consider two knapsacks having capacities $c_1=10$, $c_2=7$. Suppose we have four items with weights 9,7,6,1 and profits 3,3,7,5. Now we have the problem that which item should be placed in which knapsack so that the profit may be maximized i.e. we

want to find out the optimal solution for this MKP. The optimal solution to this problem is move item 1 and 4 to the first knapsack, and item 3 to the second knapsack, it will give us a total profit of 15. So we may say that the MKP is the generalization of the classical 0-1 knapsack problem. Let the binary decision variable x_{ij} be one if item j is placed in container i, and 0 otherwise. The 0-1 MKP may be formulated as given below.

$\begin{array}{cc} m & n \\ maximize \sum\limits_{i=1}^{n} \sum\limits_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} x_{ij} \end{array}$	
subject to: $\sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{j}x_{ij} \leq c_{i}$	i=1,,m
$\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_{ij} \leq 1$	j=1,,n
$x_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$	for all i, j

So in this way 0-1 MKP may be represented as a classical 0-1 knap knapsack problem [5]. After looking the 0-1 multiple knapsack problem, we have observed that in the multiple knapsack problem more than one knapsacks are used and different objects may be placed in the different knapsacks in order to find the optimal solution. That is on the basis of certain attributes objects are assigned to a knapsack. Now in the classification in data mining, constraint set is defined for a class and a object satisfying the constraint set is assigned that class. Many classes may be there and each has its own constraint set. So in multiple knapsack problem multiple knapsacks (containers) are there and if we consider that objects in one knapsack have same attributes then we may consider a knapsack as class. So in this way both approaches have the probability of combination.

V. MODIFIED TREE CLASSIFICATION

In this section, we propose a new tree classification method. The modified tree is inherited from the hybrid concept of the decision tree and the knapsack problem.

As shown in the figure1, Two knapsacks are defined.

- 1. The topmost node of the proposed tree (i.e. the root node) consists of all data sets.
- 2. On the left branch of the tree, a class is defined satisfying the first set of the attribute constraints as an external node. The left branch generate a new class.
- 3. Now the right subtree is explored recursively. The right branch is said to explore further

recursively.

4. Each internal node represents the decision node, and each leaf node holds a class label.



Figure1

With this approach the tree may handle and classify very high dimensional data effectively. However the complexity of the tree may be on higher side in comparison of the decision tree but the quality of the generated classes will definitely be higher. The leaf node of the proposed tree is represented by the rectangle and the internal nodes are represented by the oval.

In the figure1 D represents the all data set, on the left branch of the tree class C1 is derived from the constraint set defined for the class C1 (i.e. the objects in data set D satisfying the constraint set of C1 are placed in the class C1). So all the objects in the class C1 have the same attributes. Now the data set becomes E (E=E-C1). After this the subtree with the root node E is explored and on the left branch of the subtree class C2 is defined as the external node. Now data set becomes F(F=E-C2). Again the same method is applied to derive the class C3. In this way classes C1,C2,C3,.....and so on may be derived recursively in order to classify the data set.

This system has a number of advantages over various classified systems like decision tree induction, rule based classification and lazy learners. This technique may be used to solve a number of real world problems.

VI. CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

We proposed the modified tree for classification in data mining. The features of 0-1 Multiple Knapsack and decision tree are inherited. Greedy approach may be used to find the optimal solution of 0-1 multiple knapsack problem. Implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques like Neural Network, Genetic Algorithm, Simulation Annealing may be used for the above said classification method.

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I. INTRODUCTION

reveral dimension and related factors influence the definition of e-Governance. The word "electronic" in the term e-Governance implies technology driven governance. E-Governance is the application of Information and communication Technology (ICT) for delivering government Services, exchange of information communication transactions, integration various stand-one systems and services between Government-to-citizens (G2C), Government-to-Business (G2B), Government-to-Government(G2G) as well as back office processes and interactions within the entire government frame work.

According to the World Bank [1]:- "E-Government refers to the use by government agencies of information technologies (such as Wide Area Networks, the Internet, and mobile computing) that have the ability to transform relations with citizens,

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businesses, and other arms of government. These technologies can serve a variety of different ends: better delivery of government services to citizens, improved interactions with business and industry, citizen empowerment through access to information, or more efficient government management. The resulting benefits can be less corruption, increased transparency, greater convenience, revenue growth, and/or cost reductions."

Thus, the stress here is on use of information technologies in improving citizen-government interactions, cost-cutting and generation of revenue and transparency.

UNESCO defines e-Governance as [2]:-"Governance refers to the exercise of political, economic and administrative authority in the management of a country's affairs, including citizens' articulation of their interests and exercise of their legal rights and obligations. E-Governance may be understood as the performance of this governance via the electronic medium in order to facilitate an efficient, speedy and transparent process of disseminating information to the public, and other agencies, and for performing government administration activities."

This definition visualizes the use of the electronic medium in the exercise of authority in the management of a country's affairs along with articulation of citizens' interests leading to greater transparency and efficiency.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India, has visualized e-Governance [3] in the Indian context to mean: "A transparent smart e-Governance with seamless access, secure and authentic flow of information crossing the interdepartmental barrier and providing a fair and unbiased service to the citizen."

E-Governance : "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) that empowers the Government, its citizens including the Government employees, weaker sections, women, people living in far flung and difficult areas and the business houses to transact businesses with government and its agencies online 24/7 "[4]. There are a numerous of definitions for e-Governance. In the framework, E-Governance is defined as a great application of Information Communication and Technology (ICT) to get the better governance and develop a healthy communication

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between the government and various parts of the society.

"E-Governance is defined as the application of electronic means in [5] the interaction between government and citizens and government and businesses, as well as [6] in internal government operations to simplify and improve democratic, government and business aspects of Governance." [5] "Electronic Governance (e-Governance) incorporates all those processes and structures by means of which the new information and communication technologies (ICTs) can be deployed by government to enable the following:

 Administration of government (eAdministration) and delivery of services to the public (eServices). This generically constitutes electronic government (abbreviated eGovernment);

Informing, vote-enabling, representation-enabling, consulting and involving the citizenry in, among others, broad consensus making in society in matters pertinent to decision making in political, social and economic priorities in government.

This constitutes Electronic Democracy (abbreviated eDemocracy); Transacting business with its "supply chain", namely, partners, clients and the markets. This constitutes Government Electronic Business (abbreviated simply eBusiness)." [6]

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A simpler translated diagram is as follows



Fig . (b)

It is clearly showing that several benefits of IT which can reach the public at large as the development of e-Government services. The major components for e-Governance project are reengineering government. E-Governance is not just an ICT enabled, efficient and effective public service with enhanced revenue generation for the Government and also not just an application of certain technology but also a way of providing a great citizen services through the use of ICT.

Punjab (Land of five rivers) Punjab is located in the northwest of India surrounded by Pakistan on the west, the Indian states of Jammu and Kashmir on the north, Himachal Pradesh on its northeast and Haryana and Rajasthan to its south. It covers a geographical area of 50,362 sq. km which is 1.54 % of country's total geographical area. Punjab state is located between 29° 30' N to 32° 32' N latitude and between 73° 55' E to 76° 50' E longitude. Its average elevation is 300 m from the sea level. Chandigarh is the capital of the Punjab.

Sikhism is the predominant faith in Punjab. About 60% of the people in the state are Sikhs. The holiest of Sikh shrines, the Sri Harmandir Sahib (or Golden Temple), is in the city of Amritsar. The Sri Akal Takht Sahib which resides within the Golden temple complex is the temporal seat of Sikhs. Of the five Takhts (Temporal Seats of religious authority) of Sikhism, three are in Punjab. These are Sri Akal Takht Sahib, DamdamaSahib and Anandpur Sahib. Anandpur Sahib is where Guru Gobind Singh created the Khalsa in 1699 on the day of Vaisakhi. During major holidays on the Sikh calendar (suchas Vaisakhi, Hola Mohalla, Gurpurb and Diwali), many Sikhs gather and march in religious processions through virtually every city, town and village in Punjab.

According to India Today [7], Leading magazine in India, Punjab has been awarded best

overall state since 2003, and has been able to retain the top position every year. It also affords best quality of life to its residents.

Punjab has the best infrastructure in all of <u>India</u> [8]. Although it has a huge shortage of electricity due to high demand, all major cities in Punjab benefit from this and have some of the lowest tariffs in India. All of Punjab's villages have been provided electricity and connected to the state electrical power grid since 1974.

II. VISION OF E-GOVERNANCE IN PUNJAB

In consonance with the national objective of making India a global IT Power and a front runner in the information revolution, the government of Punjab set up Department of Information Systems the and Administrative Reforms (DISAR). The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has been set up to execute IT policy framework in the state of Punjab. Punjab IT Policy was formulated in 2001 so as to make Punjab a favored industrial destination with a world class infrastructure, to provide citizen-centric governance, and to turn the state into a knowledge society. Punjab was the first state to implement the national e-governance plan under National common services centers (NCSC). The e-governance initiatives of the state focus on creating efficient and cost effective government by improving the internal processes of the government through administrative reforms, process re-engineering, modernization and deployment of IT for an efficient, productive and accountable government. The new Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has been entrusted with the following responsibilities [9].

- To formulate the policy on the use of Information Technology in the State.
- To formulate and implement a plan for introduction

of Information Technology in the Punjab Administration at all levels, in coordination with the concerned Government Departments; and

• To give technical advice to all the Government Departments regarding adoption of suitable information technology systems and for making appropriate arrangements to maintain the same.

Keeping in view the resources constraints, the government considered it a better strategy to prioritize its departments and agencies on rational criteria so as to computerize them in phased manner. Twenty four departments of the State Government had participated in preparation of the Roadmap and they were prioritized into three phases as below:

- **First Phase:** Agriculture, Excise & Taxation, Finance, Health & Family Welfare, Local Government, Revenue, Transport, e-District, Food & Civil Supplies, Secretariat.
- Second Phase: Education, Home, Information Technology, Labour & Employment, Rural Development & Panchayats, Irrigation & Power, Public Health, Social & Women Welfare& Welfare of Schedule caste & Backward Classes, Industries.
- Third Phase : Co-operation, Information & Publicity, Planning, PWD B & R, Town & Country Planning, Advocate General, Punjab, Animal Husbandry, Chief Architect, Election, Forest, Governor House, Hospitality, legal remembers, Printing and Stationery, Prosecution & Litigation, Puinjab Vidhan Sabha, Sainik Welfare, Sports, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Tourism & Culture Affairs.

III. PROJECTS OF E-GOVERNANCE IN PUNJAB

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) prepares and executes plans in collaboration with the concerned departments to leverage the power of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) as a vehicle for improved governance and service delivery to the citizens in different departments of the State Government [9]

- Suwidha Integrated Citizen Services: (Benefits of the project: All the applications pertaining to different jobs of DC office are accepted at Single Window, Delivery time for each and every job is pre-defined, Delivery is made through SUWIDHA counter, Citizen can check the status of application through web site http://suwidha.nic.in)
- Integrated Land Records Management System: (Benefits of the project: 153 Common service centers are being opened for delivery of services relating to Land Records and Registration of Properties in an integrated manner across the State)
- Transport Services: (Benefits of the project: Able to deliver Driving licenses and Vehicle Registration

Certificates in 45 minutes which earlier use to take 10-15 days)

- Excise & Taxation: (Benefits of the Project: Better Management of Records, Reduction in Tax evasion, Improvement in delivery of services to the business community through front-end windows, Reduction in defaulter's list, Zero-level in denial transactions from Information Collection Centre (ICCs), Significant plugging of tax evasion / leakage, Empowering all stakeholders through technology, Sole method of retrieving, monitoring, verification of business records and its transaction by the Staff at every level, Eliminating paper administration, Facilitates matching of Returns filled by each dealer with its transactions during a particular period)
- ICT Education Project: (Benefits of the project: Providing computer education to 11 lacs student population of Punjab out of total 13.2 lacs students in Government schools. This will give tremendous confidence and competitive advantage to the students of Government schools and especially SC's and poor students to enable them to bridge the digital divide)
- Treasury & Accounts Management System: (Benefits of project: Inter Connectivity between Secretariat and Directorate District Treasuries and Directorate and District Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries has been provided by BSNL. The Integrated Treasuries Information System of Punjab (ITISP) has been implemented at Patiala and Ropar Distt. Treasuries and the software has been replicated in all Distt. and Sub Treasuries through which data of all treasuries shall be transferred on Central Server placed at Head Quarter for generating different MIS reports. This would enable to monitor the working of Treasuries and exchange data online from the State Headquarters and viceversa. It will also facilitate effective control over the expenditure by allocating DDO-wise allocation of budget to the Treasuries, whereby, it will not be possible for DTO to pass bills beyond the authorized appropriation. Any change in budget allocation by the HOD shall have to be intimated to the Directorate of Treasuries and Accounts from where it will pass online to the concerned DTO to enable the)
- Social Security Management System: (Benefits of the project: To streamline the functioning of the department, To reduce delays, To bring efficiency in disbursement, To keep proper accounting for audit, To have proper re-conciliation with the banks, To keep track of verifications and re-verifications resulting in savings of funds on account of weeding out the wrong beneficiaries)
- **Punjab Wide Area Network:** (Benefits of the project: Provide reliable, vertical and horizontal connectivity

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within the state administration to make the Government more productive. Reduce communication cost. Provide a secure backbone for electronic transactions. Provide encouraging efficient service management Strengthen Disaster Management Capacity. Provide the Government agencies, the ability to leverage a robust infrastructure to provide a complete array of Government services and information. Ensure that every citizen in the state has access to Government services and information whenever and wherever they need it. Make services available in a costefficient manner, offering public constituencies' equivalent access at an equivalent price, regardless of their location in the State of Punjab. Move toward the provisioning of converged communication Services (voice, data and video) and the interconnection and interoperation of network platforms.)

- Common Service Centers.
- Agrinet Punjab
- Food & Civil Supplies
- Personal Management System
- e-Procurement
- State Data Centers
- e-District

IV. SECURITY OF E-GOVERNANCE

The information systems give the false impression of being impregnable and secure. This impression is created because, most people are not aware of the limitation of the technology. They believe that machines are more reliable than men as they can not be corrupted. However, the incidents of cyber crimes are increasing with every passing day. The credit card frauds and fake electronic transactions are becoming the order of the day. Most people, who are aware of the cyber frauds, are quite reluctant to use technology if they believe that the IT systems are not secure. Most people are afraid of making e-payments and using credit cards to make payments.

The security of the data and information is extremely important to win the trust of the user. All the benefits of the e-government can be wiped away by a single act of security breach which may corrupt or manipulate all data of the system. It is often impossible to restore the system in the electronic environment as no copies of the original data can be extracted from the system. Therefore, the e-government projects must have highest standards of security and privacy to succeed.

It is important to note that the e-Governance security need is dynamic rather than static and depends on the operational dynamics. Thereby, the process of designing and deploying an information security infrastructure is a continuous and dynamic process. Often, the change in needs is frequent. In order to be sustainable under such frequent changes, the process has to be developed from a life-cycle approach. This observation leads to the concept of Security Engineering Life-Cycle.

Security Requirement Specification and Risk Analysis: The first phase in the Security Engineering Life Cycle collects information regarding assets of the organization that needs to be protected, threat perception on those assets, associated access control policies, existing operational infrastructure, connectivity aspects, services required to access the asset and the control mechanism for access the services. Policv Security Specification: Security Requirement Specification and Risk Analysis Report as input and generates a set of e-Gov security policies. The policy statements are high-level rule-based and generic in nature and thereby, does not provide any insight to system implementation or equipment configuration.

Security Infrastructure Specification: This phase analyses the Security Requirement Specification and the Security Policy Specification to generate a list of security tools that are needed to protect the assets. It also provides views on the location and purpose of the security tools.

Security Infrastructure Implementation: The organization, in this phase, procures, deploys, and configures the selected security infrastructure at the system level.

Security Testing: In this phase, several tests are carried out to test the effectiveness of the security infrastructure, functionality of the access control mechanism, specified operational context, existence of known vulnerabilities in the infrastructure etc.

Requirement Validation: This phase analyses the extent of fulfillment of the security requirements for implementing e-Governance organization by the corresponding security policy and the implemented security infrastructure. Change in the service goal, operational environment, and technological advancement may lead to a fresh set of security requirements and thereby, triggering a new cycle of the Security Engineering Life Cycle.



Fig.(c)

V. CONCLUSION

E-governance enhances the relationships between government to government, government to citizens, citizens to government, government to private sector and NGO's to government, using ICT. Thus, e-governance not merely provides information about various activities of a government but also involves citizens to participate in government's decision-making process. During the last few years, many initiatives have been taken by different state governments in India for using Information Technology as a tool in the functioning of government so as to provide better services to citizens. The initiatives of Punjab state are important. E-governance has eventually started to gain popularity in most cities of Punjab.

Many of the citizens of the developing countries like India are illiterate. Also, presently there is lack of inexpensive and easy to use security infrastructure in G2C application. Applications security issues like authenticity, accountability, confidentiality, integrity, non-repudiation, etc need also to be addressed.

Designing and implementing more effective approaches for securing E-government is an important issue, because, the governmental information is usually so sensitive. Security has an important role in trust information of citizens and their adoption of e-Governance. However proper use of egovernance certain points are still to be seen by the state government, which includes:

- Review of the progress of all the ongoing IT projects is must for all time to come.
- Sustainability of already started initiatives is must.
- Compulsory computer education from class 6th to 12th in government schools is required.
- Use of local languages in the IT implementation process. It is essential that local level databases be maintained in Punjabi language.
- Basic computer education should be given for proper use of e-governance in rural area.
- It's important to educate people at all levels about the benefits of e-governance by highlighting as to how it can save their precious time and efforts thereby making the government functioning more transparent. For this purpose, the public libraries

in the state can play a very crucial role. Hence, the state government must take measures to upgrade the public library system in the state.

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