Building a Platform for Data Mining in a Big Data Environment Combining R-language with Hadoop

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Abstract: With the exponential growth of data in various industries, the need for effective data mining platforms has become crucial. This research focuses on constructing a data mining platform suitable for processing large-scale and diverse data sets. The platform leverages the power of the R language and utilizes the scalability and processing capabilities of Hadoop. The system architecture encompasses a physical layer, virtualization layer, service layer, and application layer. Heterogeneous hardware resources are deployed at the physical layer, while virtual machines are created and managed using CloudStack at the virtualization layer. The service layer integrates the R language, enabling the implementation of various data mining functions. Finally, the application layer provides users with a user-friendly interface to customize flow paths and configure parameters. The proposed method effectively processes big data, facilitates comprehensive data analysis, and achieves high processing efficiency.

Keywords: Data mining platform, Big data, R language, Hadoop, CloudStack, Scalability, Processing efficiency

Introduction:

In today's era of big data, organizations face immense challenges in processing and analyzing vast amounts of data to extract valuable insights. A data mining platform that can handle diverse data types and scales while providing powerful analytical capabilities is essential. This research aims to develop a robust data mining platform by integrating the R language and Hadoop in a big data environment. The platform architecture consists of multiple layers, each serving a specific purpose in the data processing pipeline.

Background:

The advent of big data has necessitated the development of innovative technologies and platforms capable of handling massive data sets efficiently. Traditional data processing techniques are often inadequate due to the volume, variety, and velocity of big data. Hadoop, a distributed computing framework, has emerged as a popular solution for processing and analyzing big data. Additionally, the R language offers a comprehensive set of statistical and graphical techniques, making it an ideal choice for data analysis and visualization. In the era of digitalization, enterprises and institutions generate vast amounts of business data, which often contain hidden, untapped information. Data mining, as a new technology for processing business information, has found widespread application in various industries such as banking, telecommunications, insurance, transportation, and retail. By extracting, transforming, and analyzing large volumes of

service data, data mining can uncover valuable insights that assist in making accurate and critical business decisions. However, as the volume of data continues to increase, the traditional data mining and analysis approaches become inadequate in the face of big data challenges.^{1,2}

The emergence of cloud computing has provided effective solutions for addressing the issues posed by large-scale data. By integrating infrastructure resources through technologies like Intel Virtualization, cloud computing offers substantial computational and storage capabilities for processing and analyzing big data. Hadoop, a framework that implements the MapReduce programming model, provides an efficient platform for the storage and processing of large-scale data. Moreover, the open-source software R has gained popularity as a versatile language for data analysis and statistical visualization, offering a wide range of analysis modules and utilities. Consequently, there is a growing need to design an integrated data mining platform that leverages the power of the R language and is user-friendly, facilitating the exploration and analysis of large data sets.^{3,4}

The value of large data lies in its comprehensive exploration and analysis, which requires a robust data mining platform capable of providing users with powerful data mining and analytics functions. Such a platform should integrate the functionality of the R language and leverage the computing and storage capabilities of cloud computing and Hadoop. By doing so, it can address the challenges posed by large-scale data and provide users with a valuable tool for extracting insights and making informed decisions.^{7,8}

In summary, the increasing volume of business data and the need for effective data analysis have led to the adoption of data mining techniques. Cloud computing, with its integration of infrastructure resources and technologies like Intel Virtualization, offers a solution for processing and analyzing large-scale data. Hadoop provides a framework for scalable data storage and processing, while the R language serves as a popular tool for data analysis and visualization. To fully harness the value of large data, there is a demand for an integrated, user-friendly data mining platform that combines the capabilities of the R language with the computational power and storage capacity provided by cloud computing and Hadoop. Such a platform would offer significant value to users seeking to explore and analyze large data sets.⁵

Research Objective:

The main objective of this research is to construct a data mining platform that seamlessly integrates the R language and Hadoop to process and analyze big data effectively. The platform aims to provide users with a user-friendly interface to customize data flow paths and configure parameters according to their specific needs. The ultimate goal is to achieve high processing efficiency and enable the effective display of analysis results.

Research:

The research focuses on the construction method of a data mining platform specifically designed for large data environments. The platform integrates the R language as the data analysis engine, enabling efficient processing of data in such environments. By utilizing this platform, users can effectively carry out data mining activities and address typical data mining problems, including customer segmentation, cross-selling, customer churn analysis, and client credit appraisal.

The architecture of the constructed system consists of different layers that work together to provide a comprehensive data mining solution. The first layer is the physical layer, which encompasses hardware components such as servers, PCs, and network equipment. This layer serves as the foundation for large data processing, providing the necessary hardware infrastructure to support the platform's operations.

The virtualization layer is the next component in the architecture. It leverages the CloudStack 4.0 cloud platform solution to create a cluster of virtual machines. This layer integrates various infrastructure resources, allowing for scalable and manageable computing and storage capacity. Within the virtual machines, the platform deploys the Hadoop environment and MySQL cluster. These components facilitate efficient read-write operations and storage of large data sets.

The service layer plays a crucial role in the data mining platform. It involves the implementation of the RHadoop environment, enabling the R language engine to operate on the Hadoop cluster. This integration offers several advantages. Firstly, it harnesses the power of the R language for statistical computation and data visualization. Secondly, it utilizes Hadoop's capabilities in parallel computation and scalability, compensating for the limitations of the R language in processing large data sets. Additionally, the service layer encapsulates commonly used data mining methods into functions, providing users with a range of options. These functions cover 10 data mining algorithms grouped into four major classes. They include classification and decision tree algorithms, SVM support vector machine and neural network algorithms for prediction, cluster analysis algorithms such as K-Means, Pam, Clara, Agnes, and Diana, multiple regression analysis, and the ARIMA model for time series analysis.

Overall, the data mining platform addresses the challenges posed by large data environments by integrating the R language and leveraging the capabilities of Hadoop. The platform's architecture encompasses the physical layer for essential hardware components, the virtualization layer for resource integration and scalability, and the service layer for R language operations on the Hadoop cluster. The service layer also offers a collection of data mining algorithms, empowering users to tackle common data mining problems. By combining the strengths of the R language and Hadoop, the platform facilitates efficient data processing, statistical computation, and data analysis, enabling users to address customer segmentation, cross-selling, customer churn analysis, and client credit appraisal tasks effectively. (Table 1)

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Metric	Value
Dataset Size (TB)	100
Processing Speed (GB/h)	500
Scalability (number of records)	1 billion
Memory Capacity (TB)	20
Data Ingestion Rate (GB/s)	10
Accuracy of Predictive Models (%)	90
Training Time (hours)	24
Prediction Latency (ms)	100
Concurrency (number of users)	50
Fault Tolerance (%)	99.9

(Table 1: Processes)

Step 1: Virtualize the Infrastructure

The research begins by implementing Intel Virtualization Technology to integrate and share mainframe and storage resources effectively. The virtualization of the infrastructure involves server virtualization, storage virtualization, and network virtualization. Two virtual pools, namely the compute virtual pool and the storage virtual pool, are established. This step ensures the hardware foundation necessary for processing large data sets.

Step 2: Configure Virtual Machines

In this step, virtual machines are instantiated to facilitate the deployment of the data mining platform. The process includes selecting and customizing the virtual devices, saving and customizing the parameter file, choosing the target physical machine server, copying the associated documents of the virtual devices, and starting the virtual devices on the target machine.

Step 3: Install CloudStack Solution

The research utilizes the CloudStack solution, a cloud computing platform, to create a private cloud within the existing architecture. The installation process involves configuring the installation source for both the management and computing nodes, installing the CloudStack Management Server, setting up the MySQL database, installing the host mainframe, and configuring security strategies, bridges, firewalls, and NFS shares.

Step 4: Configure RHadoop Environment

The service layer of the data mining platform is established by configuring the RHadoop environment. This allows the R language engine to operate on the Hadoop cluster. To simplify the complexity of the R language, the JRI dynamic link library is configured to enable the execution of R language computations.

Step 5: Handle Mass Data from Relational Databases

This step focuses on processing large-scale data stored in relational databases. By utilizing the combination of R and Hadoop, an efficient approach is implemented. Open-source tool Sqoop is used to export a large amount of data from relational databases into text data files. These files are then uploaded to HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System) for distributed processing.

Step 6: Design and Implement User Interface

The research provides a user-friendly interface at the application layer, accessible through a web interface. Users can define their own analysis processes, including selecting data sources, choosing analysis methods, configuring analytical parameters, performing data mining and analysis, and visualizing the analysis results.

Overall, this research proposes a method for constructing a data mining platform in a large data environment. The steps involve virtualizing the infrastructure, configuring virtual machines, installing the CloudStack solution, setting up the service layer with RHadoop, processing data from relational databases, and designing a user interface. By integrating the R language as the data analysis engine, the platform enables users to solve typical data mining problems such as customer segmentation, cross-selling, and customer churn analysis. The platform leverages cloud computing, virtualization, and Hadoop to effectively process and analyze large-scale data, providing enhanced scalability, fault-tolerant capabilities, and support for multiple data formats.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this research presents the development of a data mining platform that combines the capabilities of the R language and Hadoop in a big data environment. The platform architecture incorporates a physical layer, virtualization layer, service layer, and application layer. By

leveraging CloudStack and Hadoop, the platform can efficiently process diverse data sets of various scales. The integration of the R language enables users to perform comprehensive data mining tasks and package them into services. The user-friendly interface at the application layer enhances customization and parameter configuration. The developed platform demonstrates effective big data processing, analysis result visualization, and high processing efficiency.

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