

into four major groups; namely manufacturing, finance, business and education. The J-Series contained 185 pages and had 10 classifications while the K-Series contained 400 web pages in 20 categories. 800 pages were randomly selected from the original 2100 pages and the number of vectors was set to 40, which doubled the number of categories in the K-Series experiment. The choice of this number of clusters is premised on the fact that it is the most natural number based on the initial tests and observations. The number of maximum nodes per graph was set to be higher to provide improved baseline for the results as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Performance of Graphs with increasing nodes

Max. Nodes/Graph	A^M (average)
150	0.2218
120	0.2142
90	0.2074
75	0.2045
60	0.1865
45	0.1758
30	0.1617
15	0.1540
5	0.1326

Each row in Table 2 provides results for 10 experiments using the same data sample of 800. The variation in the results is due to randomization in the first stage of the algorithm. Previously obtained data were represented in the graph for better visualization and with a 2.2 GHz processor, it took 7 minutes to represent five nodes per graph. Euclidian distance, δ for point (x,y) was also determined with a view to measuring the vector distance metrics as follows:

$$\delta(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2} \quad (18)$$

x_i and y_i are the i^{th} components of the x and y vectors respectively. The cosine equivalent, β of the distance is obtained as follows:

$$\beta(x, y) = 1 - \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \|y\|} \quad (19)$$

* is the dot operator, and $\|$ shows the magnitude of the vector being considered. Comparison of the results obtained from the graphs with those from other techniques is presented in Table 3.

Table 3: Comparison of Graph theoretic approach with other techniques at an instance

Method	A^M (average)
Graphs (current study)	0.222
Extended Jaccard Similarity [34]	0.184
Pearson Correlation [34]	0.178
Cosine Measure [31]	0.178
Random [31]	0.066
Euclidean [31]	0.046

Since larger graphs hold more data, the mutual information is seen to increase as the graph increases in size. The random baseline was used to provide a basis for comparison in the experiment. The Jaccard means was based on the Jaccard similarity and the cosine and Pearson measures were omitted for improved clarity. The graphical

representation of experimental values for Graphs, Random, Euclidian and Jaccard methods with the same experimental conditions is shown in Figure 5. It is revealed vividly that the graph theoretic and genetic algorithm-based technique outperforms other techniques especially with increased graph nodes. In other words, as the complexity of the web contents increases, other reviewed techniques could not match up with the proposed technique in the area of mutual information index.

5. Conclusion

With standard tools for web content mining, there is opportunity for extracting only the relevant text from web while unrelated textual noise like advertisements, navigational elements, contact and copyright notes are reliably suppressed. The reported research hybridized graph theoretic and genetic algorithm to formulate a web content mining technique for achieving this purpose. The new technique provides timely search and discovery from large web datasets and experimental results had shown its superiority over other techniques. These suggest the new technique will be very useful in areas where knowledge discovery, web structure and web analytics are required. It is of note that the applicability of the new technique on complex and large number of parameters has not been investigated.

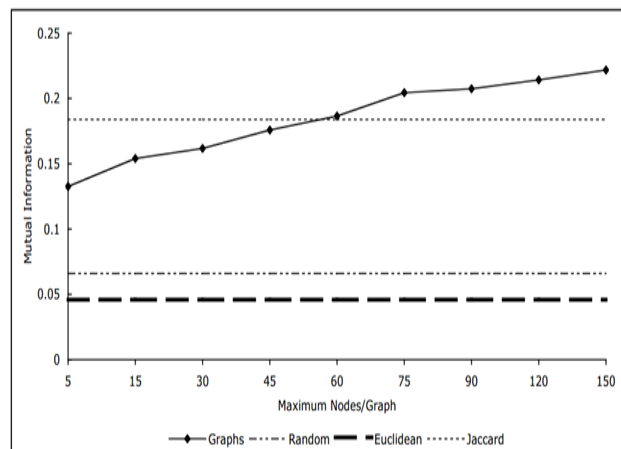


Figure 4.3: Comparison of graph with other techniques

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