Abstract— Data mining application has massive advantages, as historical data have huge number of features. Feature selection is an essential role in improving the eminence of learning algorithms in data mining and machine. This has been broadly deliberated in supervised learning, whereas it is still comparatively infrequent researched in case of unsupervised learning. Every data mining application has common issue; dataset has huge number of features which is immaterial or redundant to the data mining job in hand which pessimistically affects the performance of the fundamental learning algorithms, and makes them less efficient. Henceforth reducing the dimensionality of dataset is primary and important job for data mining applications and machine learning algorithms so that computational burden of the learning algorithms can be minimized. In this paper we will discuss different feature selection algorithms so as to find out factors which affect the performance of existing algorithm so that we can move further for researching another novel method for data mining application.

Key words: Supervised learning, Unsupervised learning, Feature selection

I. INTRODUCTION

Feature selection is an essential role in improving the eminence of learning algorithms in data mining and machine. This has been broadly deliberated in supervised learning, whereas it is still comparatively infrequent researched in case of unsupervised learning. As per Dunham (2002), machine learning tasks can be seen as predictive or descriptive ones. Classification is an example of predictive models. Friedman (1997) described it as a model where discrete output values (class labels) are learnt from the different variables (features) of the input data. Clustering, on the other hand, is categorized by Dunham (2002) as a descriptive task. The features of the input data are used to categorize it without supervised training. In both cases, the choice of the feature-set plays an important role in the performance of the data mining problem. Liu et al. (2010) listed three advantages for removing irrelevant and redundant features: it makes the data mining task more efficient, improves its accuracy and simplifies the inferred model, making it more comprehensible.

By unsupervised learning we stand for unsupervised clustering. Clustering is the procedure of finding groupings by combining “similar” founded on some similarity measure objects collectively. For numerous learning domains, human being defines the features that are potentially functional. However, not all of these features may be relevant. In such a case, choosing a subset of the original features will often lead to better performance.

Feature selection is popular in supervised learning (Fukunaga, 1990; Almuallim & Dietterich, 1991; Cardie, 1993; Kohavi & John, 1997). For supervised learning, feature selection algorithms maximize some function of predictive accuracy. Because we are given class labels, it is natural that we want to maintain only the features that are interrelated to or lead to these classes. But in case of unsupervised learning, class labels not given. Which features should we keep? Why not use all the information we have? The problem is that not all features are important. Some of the features may be redundant, some may be irrelevant, and some can even misguide clustering results. In addition, reducing the number of features increases comprehensibility and ameliorates the problem that some unsupervised learning algorithms break down with high dimensional data. Concluding two approaches have been proposed for dimension reduction feature selection, and feature extraction.

Fig. 1: Type of feature reduction approaches

Concluding that reducing the dimension of data set has following advantages:
- It reduces the storage, time and space required.
- Elimination of multi-co linearity improves the feat of the machine learning algorithm.
- It becomes easier to think about the data when reduced to low dimensions such as 2D or 3D.

The remaining sections of the paper are organized as section II we will converse about previous work has been carried out in this field. Further in section III we will discuss about how we motivated for research work. In section IV we will identify problems in dimension reduction approach. Section V converse the comparison of some existing algorithms. Section VI concludes our survey.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Numerous research works has been carried for dimension reduction of data instance to exploit feature.

Ahmed Elgohary, Ali Ghodsi & Ahmed K. Farahat (2013) proposes algorithm that depends on a novel recursive formula for the reconstruction error of the data matrix, which allows a greedy selection criterion to be calculated efficiently at each iteration. They have also presents an...
accurate and efficient MapReduce algorithm for selecting a subset of columns from a massively distributed matrix. This work enables data analysts to comprehend the insights of the data instance and explore its secreted structure. The preferred data instances can also be used for data preprocessing tasks such as learning a low-dimensional embedding of the data points.

Ahmed K. Farahat, Ali Ghodsi, and Mohamed S. Kamel (2013) defines a generalized column subset selection problem which is concerned with the selection of a few columns from a source matrix A that best approximate the span of a target matrix B. They propose a fast greedy algorithm for solving this problem and draws connections to different problems that can be efficiently solved using the proposed algorithm.

Carlos Vicent (2012) discussed about log jam introduced by the manual semantic mapping process. To deal with this problem, presents a domain-independent, automatic and unsupervised method to detect relevant features from heterogeneous textual resources, associating them to concepts modeled in background ontology. The method has been applied to raw text resources and also to semi structured ones (Wikipedia articles). The work has been weathered in the Tourism domain, showing promising results.

Ahmed K. Farahat (2011) presents a novel greedy algorithm for unsupervised feature selection. The algorithm optimizes a feature selection standard which measures the reconstruction error of the data matrix based on the subset of selected features. Ahmed K. Farahat proposes a novel recursive formula for calculating the feature selection criterion, which is then employed to develop an efficient greedy algorithm for feature selection. Additionally, two memory and time efficient variants of the feature selection algorithm are proposed.

Yi Yang & Heng Tao Shen (2011) discussed that it is much more complicated to select the discriminative features in unsupervised learning due to be deficient in of label information. They have proposed a new unsupervised feature selection algorithm which is able to select discriminative features in batch mode. An efficient algorithm is proposed to optimize the l2,1-norm regularized minimization problem with orthogonal constraint. Different from existing algorithms which select the features which best preserve data structure of the whole feature set

Jennifer G. Dy & Carla E. Brodley (2003) identified two issues involved in developing an automated feature subset selection algorithm for unlabeled data: the need for finding the number of clusters in conjunction with feature selection, and the need for normalizing the bias of feature selection criteria with respect to dimension. They present proofs on the dimensionality biases of these feature criteria, and present a cross-projection normalization scheme that can be applied to any criterion to ameliorate these biases.

### III. MOTIVATION

There are some reasons that why we need dimension reduction over data instance because:

- It is easy and expedient to accumulate data from sources and Data is not collected only for data mining.
- Data accumulates in an unprecedented speed. Hence data preprocesses plays significant part for effective machine learning and data mining applications. Dimensionality reduction is an effectual approach to downsizing data.
- The majority machine learning and data mining techniques may not be helpful for high dimensional data and Query correctness and efficiency disgrace speedily as the dimension increases.
- Data compression: efficient storage and retrieval.
- Noise removal: positive effect on query accuracy.

**Fig. 2: Document Classification**

In above document Classification job is to classify unlabeled documents into categories and the bottleneck is there are thousands of terms, all are not related to job hence we need to apply dimensionality reduction so as to improve the performance of desired data mining application. There are several applications of Dimensionality Reduction:

- Customer relationship management
- Text mining
- Image retrieval
- Microarray data analysis
- Protein classification
- Face recognition
- Handwritten digit recognition

### IV. PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

There are some bottlenecks in dimension reduction approach.

- Physically tagging of huge amounts of training data is very prolonged; furthermore, it is hard for one data mining system to be ported across different domains. Due to the limitation of supervised methods, some semi-supervised approaches have been recommended.
- Order selection and discriminative label identification.
- The intrinsic dimension.
- Data compression for data instance storage.
- Speed of learning
- Predictive accuracy
- Simplicity and comprehensibility of mined result

The difficulty of (nonlinear) dimensionality reduction can be explained as follows. Suppose we have dataset represented in a nxD matrix X consisting of n data vectors x(i) (i ∈ {1, 2, . . . , n}) with dimensionality D. Suppose auxiliary that this dataset has intrinsic dimensionality d (where d < D, and often d<<D). at this
point, in mathematical stipulations, intrinsic dimensionality means that the points in dataset X are lying on or near a manifold with dimensionality d that is embedded in the D-dimensional space. Dimensionality reduction techniques transform dataset X with dimensionality D into a new dataset Y with dimensionality d, while retaining the geometry of the data as much as possible.

In general, neither the geometry of the data manifold, nor the intrinsic dimensionality d of the dataset X is known. Therefore, dimensionality reduction is an ill-posed problem that can only be solved by assuming certain properties of the data (such as its intrinsic dimensionality).

V. COMPARISON

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Table 1: Comparison

VI. CONCLUSION

Reducing the dimensionality of dataset is primary and important job for data mining applications and machine learning algorithms so that computational burden of the learning algorithms can be minimized. Dimension reduction is based on two approach feature reduction and feature selection. In feature reduction all original features are used and the transformed features are linear combinations of the original features. In feature selection only a subset of the original features are selected. In this paper we will discuss different feature selection algorithms so as to find out factors which affect the performance of existing algorithm so that we can move further for researching another novel method for data mining application.

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