

KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY OF THE STUDENTS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION USING INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY BASED CLUSTERING

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ABSTRACT

This study observes the aspects associated with the evaluation of Students performance. To improve the performance of Students, their previous records have to be analyzed in order to determine their behavioral pattern in academic wise. This may help to assist the difficulty faced by the students to produce more marks in the semester exams and to enhance their co-curricular activities. This is done by clustering the students based on their performance. For performing the clustering process, this work utilized the fuzzy K-Medoids which takes the membership value of each student in account towards the particular cluster. The main contribution of this work is assisting to determine the level of performance of students and filtering the students who are in need of special attention by the staffs which results in improvising the quality of education.

Keywords: Education mining, Student DataBase, Performance, Fuzzy K-Medoids, Academic

1. INTRODUCTION

Digging of the hidden knowledge from a voluminous data to get useful information is the main objective of knowledge discovery [1]. Identifying useful pattern in a given data set is done using set of procedures in the means of algorithm is known as data mining. The popularity of data mining is flourished in the field of various applications. This paper adopts the concept of data mining in field of education which is now growing tremendously. This technique enhances the analyzing capability of the student's activities and infers the knowledge about their performance which helps in improvising them in terms of academic.

The concept of educational data mining [2] pushes the border of data mining to handle educational institutions data. Its scope is efficiently utilized to find the impact on the academic activities of the students it also encompasses the other area in educational process namely students admission coverage, relationship with alumni and pattern of selecting courses by the students [3]

The main focus of this research paper is to infer the interesting patterns of student's academic performance by exploring the hidden knowledge about the students and train them

accordingly to produce good results. Hear by the technique of clustering the data set of the students for observing similarity pattern among them in order to evaluate their academic performance. The education data mining uses the following attributes from the student database of Karpagam University like Overall Semester Mark, Age, Day Scholar/hostler, Board Studied, Attendance, Co-curricular Activities (Paper Presentation, Seminar attendance) and Standing Arrears. The contribution in this paper is to utilize the clustering technique which aids in predicting the performance of students performance in the upcoming semester with their obtained grades in overall courses. As an outcome of this perception this research work digs the hidden knowledge of the student's academic performance and revealing this information give guidance to Students, Staffs and University's managements to take an appropriate action to improve their performance. In this paper, data is collected and analyzed from the students of Information Technology Department, at Karpagam University.

2. RELATED WORK

Mustafa Agaoglu [4] in their work designed a technique which mainly concentrates

only the performance of the students. According to the insight of the students evaluating the staffs performance by answering the questionnaire how they teach them, the efficiency of using teaching aids and the communication skill etc. In this education mining based classification technique is utilized to classify the performance of each staffs that handled the concerned courses. The results show that C4.5 classifier holds more accuracy than compared to other techniques used in their work. The outcome of this work reveals that most of the questions in questionnaire for evaluating the course are seem to be inappropriate.

Tripti Mishra et al [5] proposed a model which is highly focused on social integration of the students and their skills based on emotion and the academics. The Students third semester marks are considered for the evaluation and they used two different classification techniques namely j4.8 and random tree algorithm. The result shows that the random tree produces better result compared to j4.8.

Keno et al [6] developed a technique to determine the placement opportunity of the graduate students using nine different features. They collected the students database for the five years and in a random way they chosen the study of tracer form the placement office. The logistic regression based analysis is done on the selected dataset. Using this algorithm it is identified that gender, professional and core as potential features for selecting employability.

Bipin Bihari Jayasingh [7] identified the pattern of the behavior of the students by collecting the information from them by the means of questionnaire based on deductive learning. Using the relevancy of attributes and the rules with discriminant of class are identified using mining technique. The outcome is shown in charts and the output reveals that the learners of varying years have variant in the style of learning.

S. M. Merchán [8] developed a model for understanding the academic performance of the engineering students. It is done by constructing the predictive model which digs the hidden knowledge of the students by finding the characterization in their learning behavior.

Konstantina Chrysafiadi and Maria Virvou [9] proposed a new model based on

online education for finding the programming knowledge of the students. The devised a module known as Fuzzy Knowledge State Definer for finding in dynamic manner and apprising the knowledge level of the students for whole concept of a particular domain expertize. They used Fuzzy based cognitive maps to represent dependency among the concepts of domains and exploring the students level of knowledge.

M. Mayilvaganan, D. Kalpanadevi [10] with the aid of education data mining they improved the performance of the prediction of students skill n academics they used weka tool kit to utilize the classifier algorithm for the selected dataset. They produced a comparative result of each algorithms performance in terms of accuracy.

Crist'obal Romero [11] they adapted EDM to find interesting patterns of subtends performance by studying various existing approaches on this filed. They prepared a survey on these relevant studies and provide useful information from their perspective of knowledge inferred from each model.

Pandey and Pal [12] gathered the dataset from different colleges under a university to determine the academic performance of the students using the bayes classifier based on the attributes category, language they studying , qualification background in order to find whether the new comers are not.

Galit [13] produce a study on result that will be obtained by the students based on their learning behavior and this helps to alert and warn the risk about their result in final exam and the way which they lack from other can be clearly known.

Bray [14], concentrates on private tutoring based performance analysis of the students in India compared to other countries. The study shows that the percentage of students prefer for private is comparatively high in India than other countries and it also noticed that performance of the students is enhancement and the intensity is based on the socio-economic criteria.

Pandey and Pal [15] they find the noticeable pattern of interest in student's performance using association rule based on in which language the subjects are taught.

Khan [16] they modeled a technique to analyze the performance of the senior secondary students based on the clustering scheme. From the result it is observed that girls with high socio-economic status had comparatively higher academic achievement in science stream and boys with low socio-economic status had fairly higher academic achievement in general.

Han and Kamber [17] explains the education data mining approach for analyzing the performance of the students using different direction and producing a distinct result on such identification.

Ayesha, Mustafa, Sattar and Khan [18] handled the learning activities of students by grouping their similarities using k-means clustering and predicts their performance and this aids in understanding the behavior of students by the instructor to teach them in a different aspect to produce good result and to enhance the students skill.

Bhardwaj and Pal [19] using 17 different features collected from the students the prediction of their performance in exams are shown by Bayesian classification

Al-Radaideh, et al [20] predicted the performance of the students in a particular course using the three different tree based models namely, id3, c4.5 and naïve bayes. The result shows that the Decision Tree algorithm had a improved forecasting than the other models.

3. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

In the proposed system, the data related to all the students is being stored in a database. The performance of the student members is being displayed in the graphical form, so that the management and faculties can easily take decisions on improvising the performance of the students who lack in their studies with the help of this ED-mining technique. To conduct this analyze, the proposed work used questionnaire to collect the real data which describing the relationships between the behaviour of the students (psychometric factors) and their final academic performance, and contribution to a better quality education.

In Preprocessing Phase the action of identifying incomplete or incorrect data in a student's database. So it is an essential part to

convert a raw dataset to complete dataset making it suitable for further analysis. Next step is to transform the data into a common format for processing. Data reduction, dimensionality reduction and the data conversion method can be used to diminish the number of conceivable values being measured. Clustering of Student database is an identification of similar classes of objects. It identifies dense and scarce regions in data space and can find out the global scattering design and correlations amongst the data attributes. Fuzzy K-medoids is to find out the prominent clusters of students. The discovered knowledge will report the Student's performance, useful suggestion to faculty and constructive recommendation to higher authorities of the University.

Dataset Description

The data set used is obtained from B.Sc., Department of Information Technology(IT) 2015 to 2018 batch, Karpagam University, Coimbatore. Totally 58 students' records are collected and preprocessed to convert into a meaningful data. The collected attribute details are as follows:

SI.no, Register Number, Name (as per SSLC or HSC) , Date Of Birth, Parent's Name (Father), Parent's Name (Mother), Parent's Mobile (Father), Parent's Mobile (Mother), Student Mobile no, Address (Complete Permanent Address), Native State, Hostler or Dayscholar, Email, 10th Std school (Complete Address), Board, Year of Passing in 10th std , Maths in 12th std , 12thstd.Mark % , School (Complete Address), Board, Year of Passing in 12th std , Degree, Branch, Sem.1, Sem.2, Sem.3, Sem.4, CGPA upto 3rd Sem, Aggregate Percentage, total no.of arrears, No of arrears cleared, current standing arrears, break in study (yes / no) - if yes mention the number of years, training attended.

Calculation

Sum of the product of the GP by the corresponding credits of the

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{courses offered in that Semester}}{\text{Sum of the credits of the courses of that Semester.}}$$

$$\text{i.e. GPA} = \frac{\sum_i C_i GP_i}{\sum_i C_i}$$

Sum of the product of the GPs by the corresponding credits of the courses offered for the entire

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Sum of the credits of the courses Of the entire programme}}$$

$$\text{i.e. CGPA} = \frac{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni} GP_{ni}}{\sum_n \sum_i C_{ni}}$$

Where,

C_i = credit fixed per course ‘i’ in any semester

GP_i = Grade point obtained for the course ‘i’ in any semester

‘n’ = refers to the Semester in which such courses are credited.

Note: RA grade will be excluded for calculating GPA and CGPA.

K-medoids

The *k*-medoids algorithm is more relative to the two popular clustering techniques namely kmeans and medoid shift algorithm. Their function is to split the dataset and frame groups based on the similarity measure. Their aim is to reduce the distance between points within a particular cluster to the centroid point of the cluster. The unique feature of *k*-medoids is

that they assume center as data points and uses Manhattan normalization to compute the distance between two data points under consideration for grouping. *k*-medoid is a conventional subdividing method of clustering that groups the data set of *n* objects into *k* clusters known in advance. While comparing to *k*-means, *k*-medoids are more vigorous to noise and outliers because it minimize them by adapting a sum of pair wise variations as an alternative of a sum of squared Euclidean distances used in *k*-means. A medoid can be well-defined as the object of a cluster whose typical dissimilarity to all the objects in the cluster is negligible. i.e. it is utmost centrally positioned point in the cluster.

Fuzzy K-medoids

In Fuzzy K-medoids clustering algorithms it consist of two major processing phase. First, revealing a suitable function to discover every instances membership degree of all clusters. Second, attain a method that computes the cluster centers. Naturally the subsequent objective function is used as the membership degree calculating function.

$$P(Z,X) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k \mu_{ij} r(x_j, z_i)$$

Where

μ_{ij} represents the degree associated with membership of the *i*th object x_i to the *j*th cluster z_j , where *Z* contains the cluster centers, and $r(x_i, z_j)$ is a difference measure between the *j*th cluster center and the *i*th object. Minkowski distance is used for dissimilarity measure between x_i and z_j

Euclidian distance is applied for dissimilarity measure which is denotes as follows:

$$R(x_j, Z_i) = \sqrt{\sum_{l=1}^m (Z_{jl} - x_{jl})^2}$$

1. Select the initial medoids
2. Define the new medoid of each cluster to update medoids
3. Allocate each instance of object to the nearest medoid

4. Calculate sum of distance from all data objects to their medoids
5. Recap step 2 until the sum remains persistent

4. EXPERIMENTAL RESULT

The experimental Results were conducted using matlab and weka toolkit on the B.Sc IT students of Karpagam University Dataset. The performance of the proposed work is analyzed based on the various dimensions and the result shows that the fuzzy k-medoids based approach outperforms the existing k-means and k=Mediods.

Evaluation Metric

For the comparison result three parameters are used and they are accuracy, precision and recall and their calculations are as follows

- Accuracy = $(TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN) = \#correct / \#all_instances$
- Precision = $TP / (TP + FP) = \#correct_positive / \#classified_as_positive$
- Recall = $TP / (TP + FN) = \#correct_positive / \#classified_as_correct_positive$

The table shows the modeling output of the fuzzy k-medoids technique based on the performance of the students in overall semester. The cluster is done based on the six categories namely Excellent, Very good, Good, Above Average, Average and absent.

=== Model and evaluation on training set ===

Cluster No	No. of Instances	Percentage
0	14	24%
1	4	7%
2	23	40%
3	1	2%
4	3	5%
5	13	22%

The clustering is done of the overall performance of the students and the percentage of cluster 0 is 24 , cluster 1 is 7, cluster 2 is 40, cluster 3 is 2, cluster 4 is 5 and cluster 5 is 22.

5. CONCLUSION

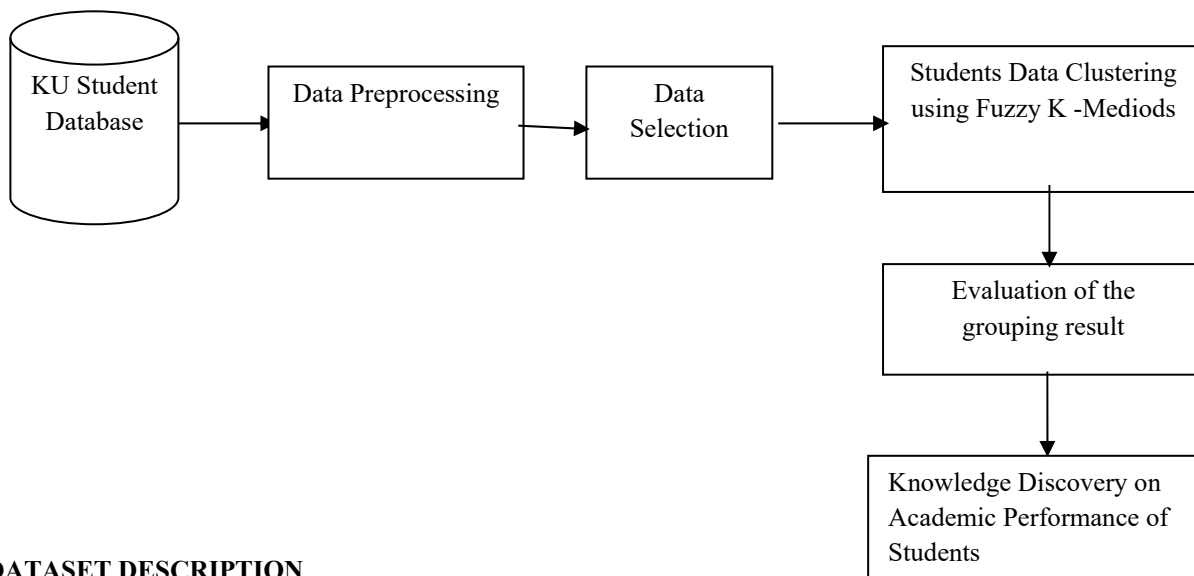
In this paper, the performance of three different clustering algorithms namely: k-means, k-Mediods and proposed Fuzzy K-Mediods works on student performance data which are explored with a view to reveale accurate each algorithm could perform in grouping the dataset. The Result shows that the proposed Fuzzy K-Mediods performs better than other two approaches used in this paper. From the outcome of this work, most of the students belong to the state Board, Day Scholar and involvement in extracurricular activities is greatly high. Most of the students performance is good in their academic terms but when there is a lapse in attendance they failed to attend their semester marks. The fuzzy k-means appear to be the fastest among the two algorithms and is known for its excellent performance on large data, the algorithm however requires that, the value of k be continuously varied to get a cluster of good quality.

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PROPOSED METHODOLOGY



DATASET DESCRIPTION

Fields	Field Description	Field possible values
AGE	Age of the student	Numeric (Calculated from the Date Of Birth)
BRD	Board of Studies	Alphabet
ESP	End Semester Performance	91-100 (Outstanding) / O 81-90 (Excellent)/A+ 71-80 (very Good) A 66-70 (Good) B+ 61-65 (Above Average) B 55-60 (Average) C 50-54 (Pass) P <50 (Reappearance) RP - (Absent) AB/AAA
CC	Co-curricular Activities/ Extracurricular Activities	Paper presentation, technical events, quiz, debugging / Sports, NSS, NCC
HS/DS	Hostler/Day scholar	{hostler, day scholar}
ATT	Attendance	<75 = 0 (poor) 75-80 = 2 (Average) 81-85 = 3 (Average) 86-90 =4 (Good) 91-100 =5 (Good)
AP	Aggregate Percentage	In percentage

CSA	Current Standing Arrears	Numeric
CGPA	Cumulative Grade Point Average	Numeric
GRD	Grade	{O, A+, A,B+,B,C,D,RA,AA}
PRF	Overall Performance result	{Outstanding, Excellent, Very Good, Good, Above Average, Average, Pass, Reappearance, Absent}

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

S.no	Name	Age	BRD	ESP	CC	Hostler / Day scholar	ATT	CG PA	Grade	Aggregate Percentage	Current Standing Arrears	Performance
1	ABDUL HASITH M	18	State	A	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	5.88	C	58.8	0	Average
2	ABIRAMI K	20	State	G	G	HOSTLER	G	8.29	A	82.9	0	Excellent
3	AISHWARYA A	18	State	G	A	HOSTLER	G	7.71	B+	77.1	0	Good
4	AKASH G	19	State	A	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	5.85	C	58.5	0	Average
5	ARAVINDHAN M	19	State	A	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	5.78	C	57.8	0	Average
6	ARSHADH K S	18	State	p	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	1	Absent
7	BHARATHI PRIYA N C	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.12	B+	71.2	0	Good
8	BHARATHKUMAR U	18	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	1	Absent
9	BHUVANESHWAR I P	21	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.33	A	83.3	0	Very Good
10	DHANUSHKUMAR R	19	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	-	AB	-	2	Absent

11	DHEEPIKA THARANI K	19	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.01	B+	70.1	0	Good
12	DIVYA S	19	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.33	B+	73.3	0	Good
13	FEMINA S	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.59	A	85.9	0	Very Good
14	GAYATHRI A	19	State	G	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.1	B+	71	0	Good
15	GOKUL NATH P	18	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	3	Absent
16	HARSINI A	19	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.19	B+	71.9	0	Good
17	INDHUMATHI D	19	State	A	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	6.01	B	60.1	0	Above Average
18	JAGADESH G	21	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	1	Absent
19	JAYALAKSHMI S	18	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.19	A	81.9	0	Very Good
20	JEYA VINISTA J	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.32	A	83.2	0	Very Good
21	KALPANA R	18	State	G	G	HOSTLER	G	8.08	A	80.8	0	Very Good
22	KARTHICK J	19	State	A	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	6.88	B	68.8	0	Above Average
23	KARTHIK PRABU S T	18	State	A	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	5.3	C	53	0	Average
24	KIRAN G	19	State	A	A	DAYSCHOLAR	A	6.38	B	63.8	0	Above Average
25	LAVANYA S	19	State	A	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.34	B+	73.4	0	Good
26	MANI MEGALAI K	18	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.79	B+	77.9	0	Good
27	MASANAHARI M	18	State	A	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	5.58	C	55.8	0	Average
28	MUBEENA BANU.	19	State	A	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.29	B+	72.9	0	Good
29	MURALI P	19	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	1	Absent
30	NAGARAJ M	20	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	-	AB	-	1	Absent

31	NISAJ T L	19	State	A	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	6.27	B	62.7	0	Above Average
32	NIVETHA G	18	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.45	A	84.5	0	Very Good
33	NIVETHA P	20	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.11	A	81.1	0	Very Good
34	NIVETHA K	20	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.51	B+	75.1	0	Good
35	PREETHA R	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.58	A	85.8	0	Very Good
36	PRIYADHARSHINI S	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	9.356	A+	93.56	0	Excellent
37	PRIYADHARSHINI S	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	8.64	A	86.4	0	Very Good
38	RAJALAKSHMI S	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.85	B+	78.5	0	Good
39	RENIN B	19	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	4	Absent
40	SABARINATH R	19	State	A	A	DAYSCHOLAR	A	5.32	C	53.2	0	Average
41	SAMEEL MURATH M A	19	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	6.77	B	67.7	0	Above Average
42	SANDEEP R	19	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.04	B+	70.4	0	Good
43	SANGEETHA N	20	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	6.77	B	67.7	0	Above Average
44	SANGEETHA T	19	State	G	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.44	B+	74.4	0	Good
45	SANTHAKUMAR R	19	State	A	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	5.93	C	59.3	0	Average
46	SANTHANALAKSHMI S	18	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	6.86	B	68.6	0	Above Average
47	SARIKA B	19	CBSE	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.15	B+	71.5	0	Good
48	SASIKUMAR S	19	State	A	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	6	B	60	0	Above Average
49	SASIKUMAR B	18	State	A	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	5.92	C	59.2	0	Average

50	SHIHAN HUSSAIN S	20	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	2	Absent
51	SHRUMOD R	20	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	1	Absent
52	SIVAPRAKASH S	18	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	A	-	AB	-	3	Absent
53	SUBASHINI K	19	State	G	A	DAYSCHOLAR	G	7.71	B+	77.1	0	Good
54	SUDHAKAR M	19	State	A	G	DAYSCHOLAR	G	5.52	C	55.2	1	Average
55	TAMILARASAN S	19	State	A	G	DAYSCHOLAR	A	6.73	B	67.3	0	Above Average
56	VISHNU BHARATH M	21	CBSE	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	G	-	AB	-	1	Absent
57	YASER ARAFATH M	21	State	A	G	DAYSCHOLAR	A	5.27	C	52.7	2	Average
58	YOKESH K	18	State	P	P	DAYSCHOLAR	P	-	AB	-	0	Absent

Confusion Matrix for Fuzzy K-Medioids with Performance as Class attribute

0	1	2	3	4	5	<-- assigned to cluster
5	2	0	0	3	0	Average
0	0	1	1	0	0	Excellent
0	2	13	0	0	0	Good
0	0	0	0	0	13	Absent
0	0	9	0	0	0	Very Good
9	0	0	0	0	0	Above Average

Where,

Cluster 0 <-- Above Average

Cluster 1 <-- No class

Cluster 2 <-- Good

Cluster 3 <-- Excellent

Cluster 4 <-- Average

Cluster 5 <-- Absent

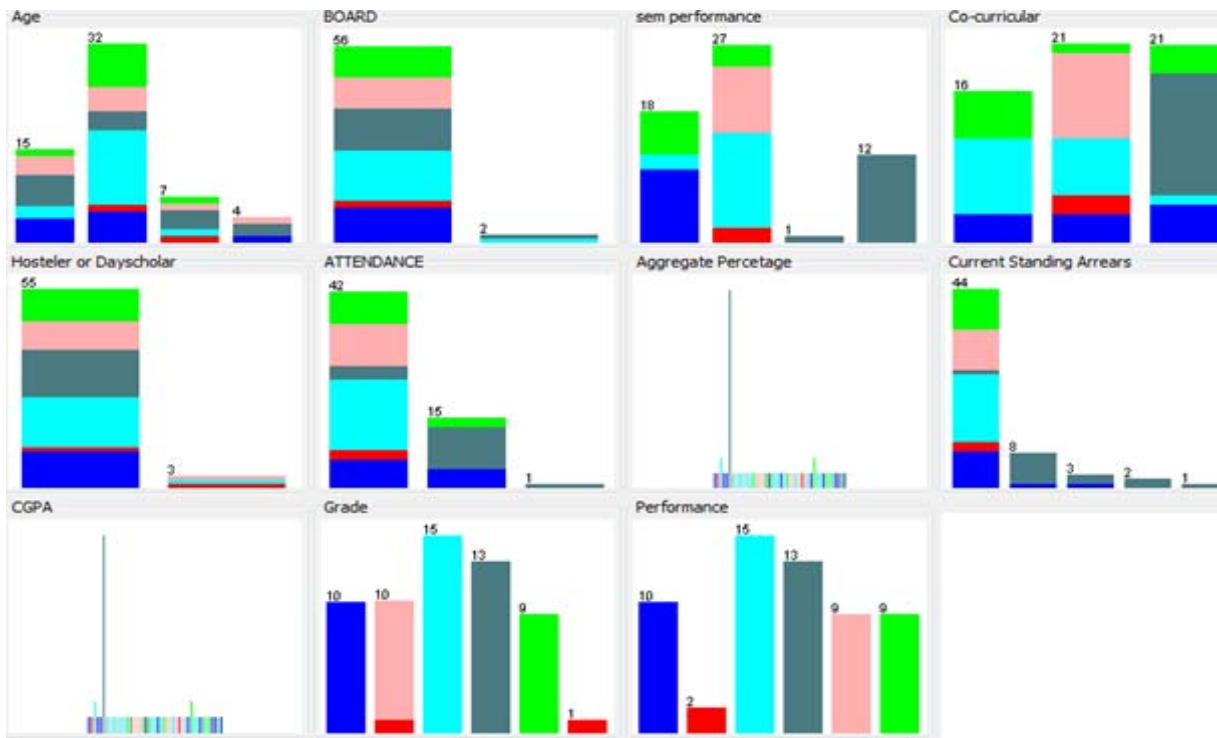
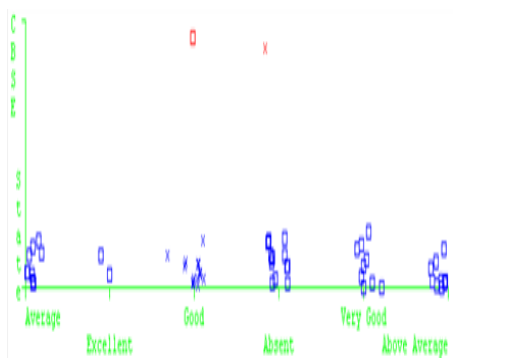
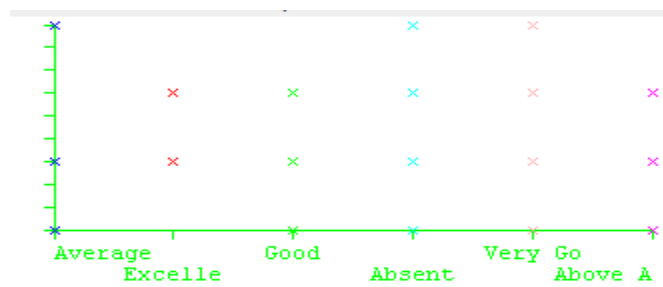


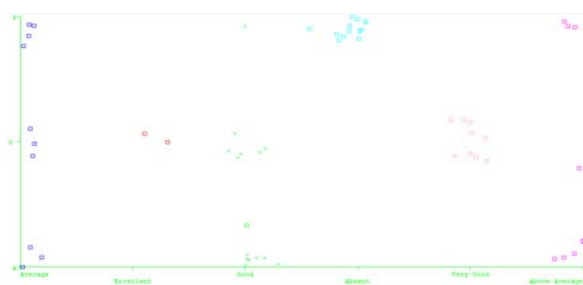
Figure: Range of distribution of dataset on Student database



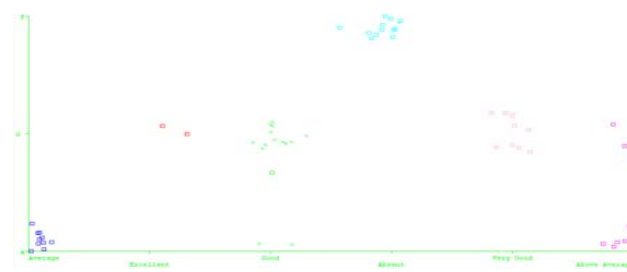
a) Board Vs Performance



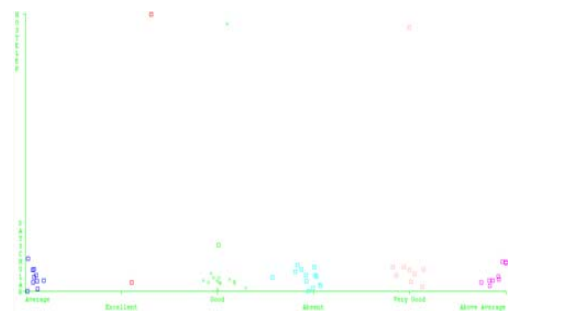
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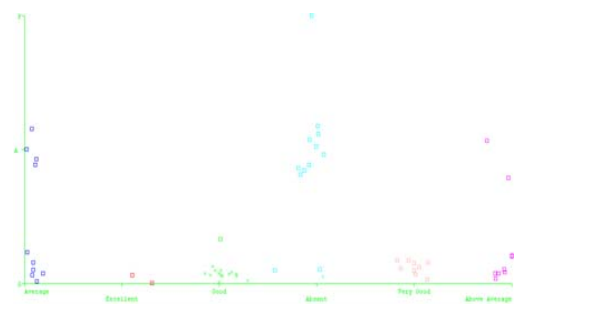
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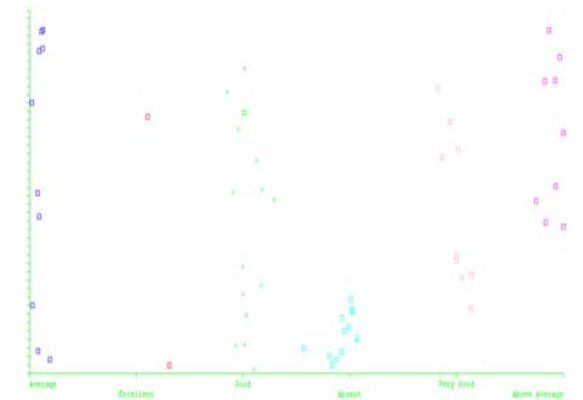
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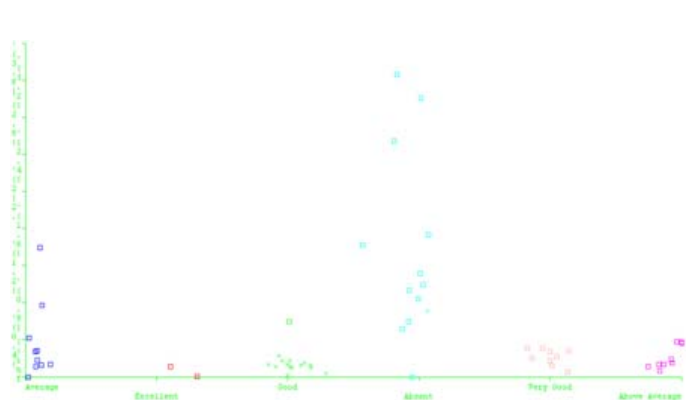
e) Hostler/Day Scholar Vs Performance



f) Attendance Vs Performance



g) Current Standing Arrears Vs Performance



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h) Overall Attributes Vs Performance

Figure: Clustering of each individual attributes based on their overall performance

Figure (a) to (h) depicts the clustered pattern of each attributes with their performance. The proposed method performs better clustering process on all the attributes and it can be easily observed from the cluster visualization.

Table: Performance Evaluation Of The Proposed Fuzzy K-Medioids With K-Means And K-Medioids

	K-means	K-Medioids	Fuzzy K-Medioids
Correctly Clustered Instance	40	47	52
Incorrectly Clustered Instance	18	11	6
Accuracy	69%	81%	90%
Precision	75%	87%	94%
Recall	72%	86%	92%

Correctly Clustered Instance

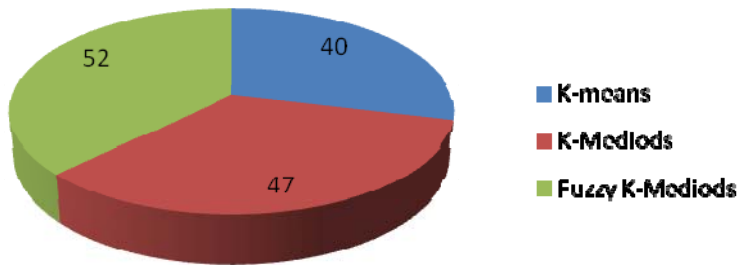


Figure Performance Analysis Of K-Means, K-Medioids And Fuzzy K-Medioids Based On Correctly Clustered Instances

The correctly classified instances of Fuzzy K-medioids in 52, K-means is 40 and K-Medioids is 47 out of 58 instances. The fuzzy K-medioids clustering is considerably high because of assigning each instances to various cluster based on their membership value.

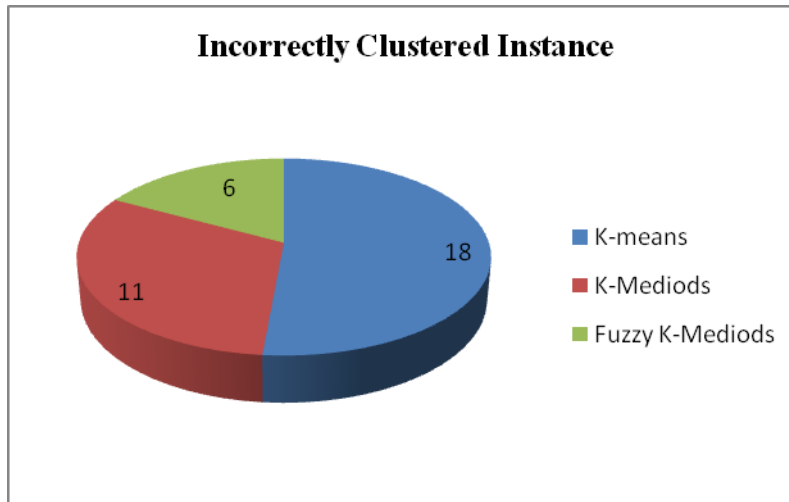


Figure Performance Analysis Of K-Means, K-Medioids And Fuzzy K-Medioids Based On Incorrectly Clustered Instances

The Incorrectly classified instance of Fuzzy K-Medioids is 6, K-means is 18 and K-Medioids is 11 out of 58 instances. The fuzzy K-Medioids clustering is considerably low because of assigning each instances to various cluster based on their membership value.

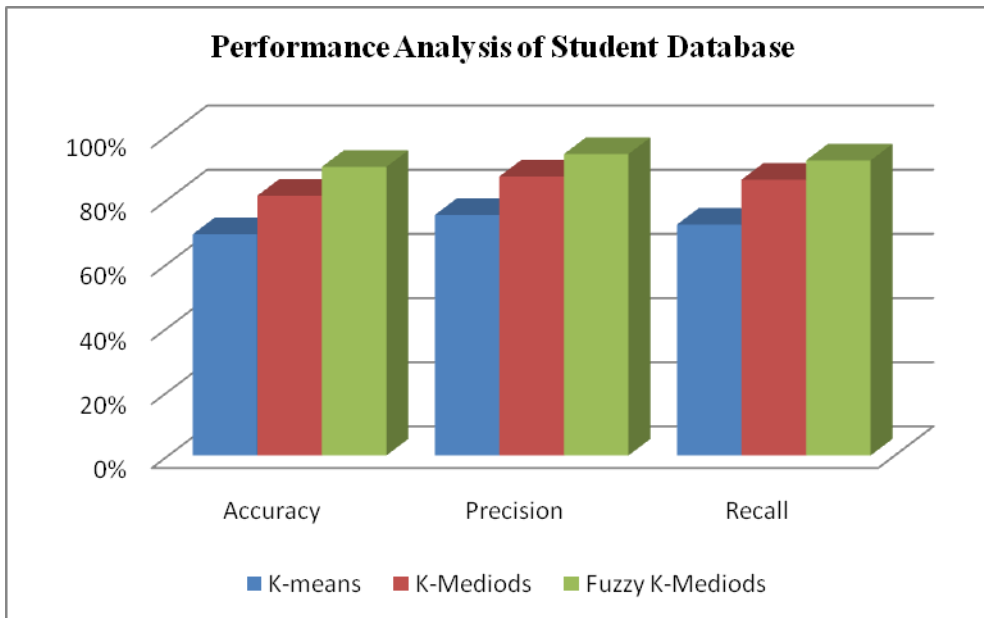


Figure Performance Analysis Of K-Means, K-Medioids And Fuzzy K-Medioids Based On Accuracy, Precision And Recall

The figure depicts the metrics of Accuracy, Precision and Recall of K-means, K-Medioids and Fuzzy K-Medioids. The True positive rate is high in Fuzzy K-Medioids and very low in K-means. The accuracy of clustering instances rely on the number of clusters assigned and knowledge in assigning the vague instances in appropriate clusters. The fuzzy K-Medioids overcomes it by assigning the membership value of a data instance to all the clusters created and the one which holds the highest membership cluster value is considered to be prominently belonging to it.