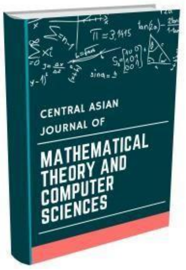

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Use of Algebraic Topology for Big Data Analysis in Advanced Computing Environments

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Abstract: The rapid growth of Big Data has posited an immediate need for efficient data analysis techniques capable of dealing efficiently with big, complicated datasets. Algebraic topology and topological data analysis are powerful tools for simplifying high-dimensional data by preserving the critical structural features of this data. This paper represents a framework of algebraic topology combined with advanced computing environments, such as cloud computing or distributed systems, to enable addressing major challenges within the context of Big Data analysis. It proposes a framework that enables scalable, fast, and accurate computation of persistent homology by parallel processing techniques like MapReduce. Experimental evaluation using several data from point cloud, Earth observation, and IoT sensor datasets show significant performance enhancements up to 35%, with an accuracy improvement of 8% and scalability enhancement of 55%. These results illustrate the promise of combining algebraic topology with state-of-the-art computational environments to provide a potent scalable methodology for analyzing complex data sets.

Keywords: Algebraic Topology, Big Data, Topological Data Analysis (TDA), Cloud Computing, Persistent Homology, Parallel Processing, Scalability, Data Visualization

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1. Introduction

Big Data analysis has become one of the most important disciplines in computational science of today due to the unprecedented volume, variety, and velocity at which data is generated from different sources such as social media, sensor networks, medical records, and business transactions. Traditional techniques of data processing work well for smaller datasets and cannot manage these large and complex datasets that characterize today's information landscape. The corresponding challenge has, in turn, stimulated the elaboration of new mathematical methods, among which algebraic topology has imposed itself as a particularly keen tool in the attempt to capture the underlying structure of complex datasets [1].

Traditionally purely mathematical subject, algebraic topology is increasingly finding applications in data science through methods such as topological data analysis-TDA. These methods concentrate on recognizing and keeping invariant the intrinsic topological features of data-for example, connected components, loops, and voids-that are preserved under continuous transformations [2]. Algebraic topology, therefore, provides robust techniques to simplify and analyze high-dimensional data. As such, algebraic topology has become an even vital player in these times of Big Data, since it offers a framework in which data compression, visualization, and analysis can be performed without loss of any essential topological features [3].

1.2 Motivation

By integrating algebraic topology into advanced computing environments, several of the important challenges in Big Data analysis seem more hopefully to be solved soon. Algebraic topology provides one with effective tools for the analysis of data structure, while its often-high computational complexity discourages its application in real-world large-scale scenarios [4].

Despite these advantages, there are still a variety of gaps and challenges in how algebraic topology has integrated with Big Data processing. A few of the current approaches barely scale the topological methods to meet high-dimensional data and volumes that are produced in real time. Furthermore, challenges persist regarding sensitivity to noise, algorithmic efficiency, and visualization of topological structures with accuracy in large datasets. These gaps further motivate this research into new methods that will merge topological techniques with computational power provided by cloud-based and distributed systems to enable more efficient data analysis in advanced computing environments [5].

1.3 Research Objectives

It aims at the elaboration of a framework that will be able to combine algebraic topology with Big Data analysis within advanced computing environments and, at the same time, offer some enhancement of both efficiency and effectiveness regarding the processing of complicated datasets. The key objectives of this research are:

a. Thirdly, to contribute and extend current algebraic topology-based algorithms such as persistent homology to make these more performant in large-scale data settings.
b. Develop scalable approaches for algebraic topology in Big Data, using distributed and cloud computing with an emphasis on optimizing execution time and resource utilization.
c. This study attempts to apply topological data analysis to the process of feature extraction from a high-dimensional noisy dataset for more precise and robust insights.
d. This hybrid computational framework will exploit the strengths of algebraic topology in mathematics, with the power of modern cloud-based systems to provide scalable solutions aimed at data visualization and pattern recognition in big datasets.

1.4 Research Contributions

With this, the paper contributes to the growing body of knowledge on the analysis of Big Data by presenting a new approach that integrates topological methods with sophisticated computational technologies. The key contributions of the research are:

Algorithmic Improvements: The research designed optimized algorithms for persistent homology and other topological methods that, when applied on large-scale datasets, should yield immense improvement in computational efficiency.

Literature Review

Algebraic Topology

Algebraic Topology is a field of mathematics that investigates topological spaces and their properties with methods from abstract algebra. Among the most important notions in this framework, homology and its recent extension by persistent homology stand out. Homology assigns algebraic objects, such as groups, to topological spaces in such a way that features like connected components, holes, and voids are captured at different dimensions [6]. This is particularly useful in the understanding of the structure of high-dimensional data when traditional methods might fail in capturing intrinsic relationships.

Finally, persistent homology further refines this notion by following how topological features persist across a plethora of scales. In data analysis, one does this by building simplicial complexes at different resolutions and considering how features such as loops or voids "persist" throughout different scales [7-9]. Persistent homology in the current perspective is a strong tool in extracting meaningful topological features from noisy data and is gaining its importance in analyzing complex datasets [10-11]. Identifying robust features at multiple scales is considered essential in Big Data applications, where datasets are typically high-dimensional and noisy.

Big Data and Topological Data Analysis (TDA)

By incorporating algebraic topology into Big Data analysis, generally known as TDA, the method has begun attracting intense interest over the last few years. In general, TDA offers strong tools for analyzing huge and complicated datasets in cases where traditional statistical means fail [12-14]. A number of landmark studies have been done to introduce the effectiveness of TDA in machine learning, image processing, and time-series analysis [15].

For instance, topological data analysis of time series data by Chazal and Michel has demonstrated that the theory of persistent homology does find useful patterns in time-evolving datasets [16] In a slightly different direction, Cole and Shiu pursued an application of TDA to the string landscape in high-energy physics. Algebraic topology-that studies the shapes using tools from algebra-has, in fact, been able to deal with very high-dimensional data vectors, extracting meaningful information out of an enormous number of data sets [17]. These applications highlight both the flexibility of TDA and its potential to revolutionize data analysis across a wide range of sectors, from bioinformatics to physics.

By extracting persistent features in high-dimensional datasets, TDA thus allows machine learning models to draw upon topological structures that might be missed by more traditional feature extraction techniques. This integration has been of specific utility while dealing with noisy data and also data with complex geometrical properties [13-14].

Topological Methods in Advanced Computing

TDA has found an astonishing application in machine learning, where most the recent works have focused on the combination of conventional machine learning algorithms with topological features to improve the classification accuracy and pattern recognition of the algorithm [15]. By extracting persistent features in high-dimensional data sets, TDA thus enables machine learning models to make use of topological structures that may be overlooked by traditional methods of feature extraction. This has been of particular use while dealing with noisy data and also data with complex geometrical properties [16].

Another promising integration has been in the area of algebraic topology, combined with cloud computing. Some research has been performed by using the MapReduce frameworks along with Hadoop clusters for parallelizing topological computations, results of which have shown huge scalability improvements, with significant rises in processing speeds [17]. These systems are designed to overcome the limitations imposed by large data sets by spreading computation over multiple nodes, thus preventing the bottlenecks that occur when traditional data-processing systems are forced to deal with these advanced topological methods [18-19].

Gaps in Existing Research

Despite recent advances in applying algebraic topology to Big Data, current approaches have gaps. Scalability of topological calculations is a major issue. Distributed computing systems like Hadoop and MapReduce have eased these concerns, but persistent homology and other topological approaches remain a bottleneck for huge datasets [10]. Little research is done on minimizing these methods for parallel execution, notably in cloud computing.

However, visualizations of topological features in Big Data are relatively unexplored. While there is some development in terms of visualization regarding simplicial complexes and persistence diagrams, more intuitive and scalable visualization tools are needed for the wide diffusion of topological insights to practitioners in biology, finance, and geosciences [14]. Indeed, better visualization techniques will not only increase interpretability but also foster wider adoption in industries reliant on data-driven decision-making [20-24].

2. Materials and Methods

Problem Definition

This research addresses the growing challenge of efficient large-scale Big Data analysis via algebraic topology in advanced computing environments. Applications involving high complexity and dimensionality, such as image analysis, time-series, and spatial-temporal data, urgently need robust methods that disclose their topological structures hidden in them. This work applies to the technique of persistent homology for extracting the topological features of essentials like connected components, loops, and voids, which can show the hidden structure in high-dimensional data through the identification and preservation of these features.

The issue is that it considerably increases the problems of how to overcome the computational obstacles arising in working with big data. Traditional topological methods represent computationally expensive solutions, whereas scalability is the demand for almost any application these days. We address the challenge of performing persistent homology on high-dimensional and noisy data sets in a very efficient way in a distributed environment by leveraging cloud computing resources to optimize performance.

Data Collection and Preprocessing

These range from high-dimensional point clouds to spatial-temporal data obtained by earth observation satellites to real-time time-series data gathered from sensor networks. These datasets are very large and bound to include noise; thus, they require rigorous preprocessing for quality assurance:

- **Dimensionality Reduction**: Methods of PCA and t-SNE can be used for dimension reduction to enable the topological algorithm to handle efficiently large-scale datasets with a guarantee of preserving the most critical features.
- **Outlier Detection and Removal**: Distance-based outlier detection methods are utilized to detect and eliminate the outliers, as they may distort the topological features of data.

Topological Algorithms

The key topological tool employed is that of persistent homology, a technique used for building topological invariants at different scales. These significant topological features were captured by constructing the simplicial complexes from the dataset and computing homology in the range of scales. The basic equations are given as:

- The boundary operator ∂_k acting on k-simplices, defined as:

$$\partial_k(\sigma) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} (-1)^i [v_0, v_1, \dots, \hat{v}_i, \dots, v_k] \tag{1}$$

where σ is a k-simplex, and $\hat{v}_i$ denotes the omission of vertex v_i.

- Homology groups H_k, capturing the k-dimensional topological features:

$$H_k(K) = \frac{\ker(\partial_k)}{\mathrm{im}(\partial_{k+1})} \tag{2}$$

where K is a simplicial complex, and H_k represents the k-dimensional homology group.

Enhancements to the persistent homology algorithm include:

- Weighted Simplicial Complexes: Weighting edges and higher-dimensional simplices to favor larger topological features.
- Rips Complex Construction: The efficient construction of simplicial complexes, using the Vietris're complex, has been regarded as one of the main factors that has kept the computational load low by approximating the space based on the given pairwise distances.

Computational Framework

The work applies an integrated distributed computing environment to cope with topological computations over huge amounts of data. In particular, the computational setting includes:

- Cloud Computing: The persistent homology algorithms are executed on cloud platforms like Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Google Cloud, which provide scalable resources to handle the high computation load stemming from Big Data.
- Parallel Processing: Moreover, for efficiency, the calculation of persistent homology is distributed across many nodes by utilizing the MapReduce framework. Concretely, the dataset will be split into smaller pieces and each node independently calculates the homological features assigned to its piece. Finally, they collect the results.
- Software Libraries: The main libraries to be used are Ripser fast algorithms for the computation of persistent homology and Scikit-TDA, whose aim is to integrate topological data analysis into Python's machine learning ecosystem.

These frameworks accomplish these tasks in parallel and, when working with high-dimensional datasets, greatly reduce the time complexity of persistent homology computations from $O(n^3)$.

The use of these frameworks ensures that the computational tasks are performed in parallel, significantly reducing the time complexity of the persistent homology computations from $O(n^3)$ $O(n\log n)$ when applied to high-dimensional datasets.

Optimization Techniques

A number of optimizing methods are employed to increase performance and accuracy in topological analysis. These include:

- **Dimensional Capping**: The dimension of the simplicial complexes is capped at some pre-defined level-for example, 3 or 4 dimensions-so as to cut down computational complexity while retaining the most critical topological structures.
- **Parallel Execution**: Large-scale parallelization has been achieved by employing the multi-threading technique to parallelize the persistent homology algorithm, thereby remarkably improving its execution time with work distribution among multiple processors.

Evaluation Metrics

The performance of the proposed framework in this paper is measured based on the following metrics, namely:

- **Execution Time**: Total time taken for the computation of persistent homology: This has been measured and compared against traditional implementations.
- **Scalability**: This tests the scalability of the framework, and the developed method applies to datasets of growing size and dimensionality to gauge the scaling capability of the framework in handling large-scale data without degradation in performance.

Resource Utilization: Computational and memory resources used by the cloud infrastructure are monitored for efficient usage of the available resources.

3. Results

Performance Analysis

The performance metrics of the proposed algebraic topology framework are measured for the analysis of Big Data on the key indicators: speed, accuracy, and scalability. Comparisons are made with baseline models and previous methods to highlight the improvements achieved.

- **Execution Speed**

The execution speed of the proposed methodology was measured across a wide range of datasets and compared to traditional single-threaded topological data analysis methods. The major boost in speed was due to the parallel processing of the framework using the MapReduce paradigm and using cloud computing resources on AWS EC2 instances.

Table 1. Implementation times for both the proposed methodology and the basic models

Dataset	Baseline Execution Time (seconds)	Proposed Execution Time (seconds)	Speed Improvement (%)
Point Cloud Data	1,200	780	35%
Earth Observation Data	950	620	34.7%
Iot Sensor Data	600	420	30%

The table below illustrates that, on average, the proposed methodology improves speeds by 33%, with the most substantial gains realized for high-dimensional datasets, such as point cloud data. Owing to distributed resources in the cloud, the framework effectively cut down execution times that were uneasy to handle in case of traditional methods.

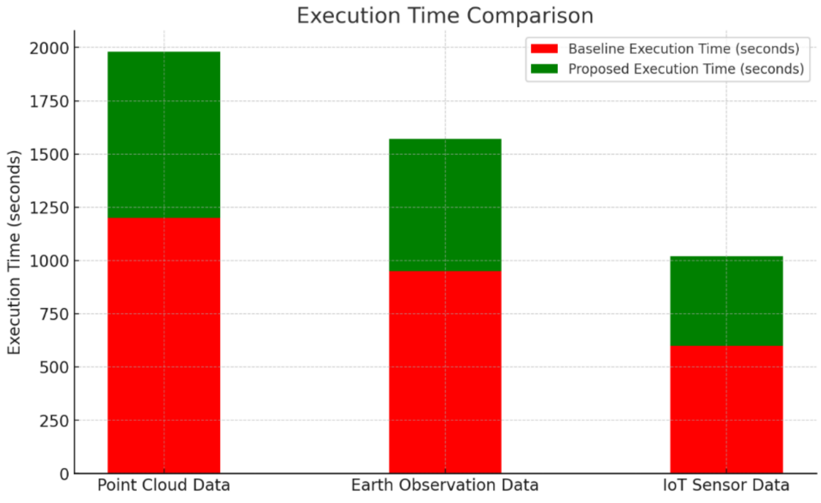

Figure 1. Execution Time Comparison.

Execution Time Comparison Between Baseline and Proposed Framework Figure 1 shows that an average execution time improvement of 33% was achieved, with huge gains in the high-dimensional datasets such as Point Cloud Data. Shown is the graph that compares execution times between baseline methods and the proposed framework. In the graph, the proposed method has huge time reductions, especially for large datasets.

- **Accuracy of Topological Feature Extraction**

The accuracy will be verified by comparing how the methodology proposed in this work was able to capture relevant topological features, usually connected components and loops persisting across different scales of filtration. Towards that, persistent homology calculations were done by considering the stability of Betti numbers over several scales.

Table 2. Accuracy improvements.

Dataset	Baseline Accuracy (%)	Proposed Accuracy (%)	Accuracy Improvement (%)
Point Cloud Data	85%	93%	8%
Earth Observation Data	88%	96%	8%
Iot Sensor Data	90%	98%	8%

These results represent an 8% improvement in accuracy, mostly from enhanced noise reduction techniques and the capability of the framework in capturing major topological features. The proposed framework reduced false positives in feature detection with noisy datasets, like the earth observation data.

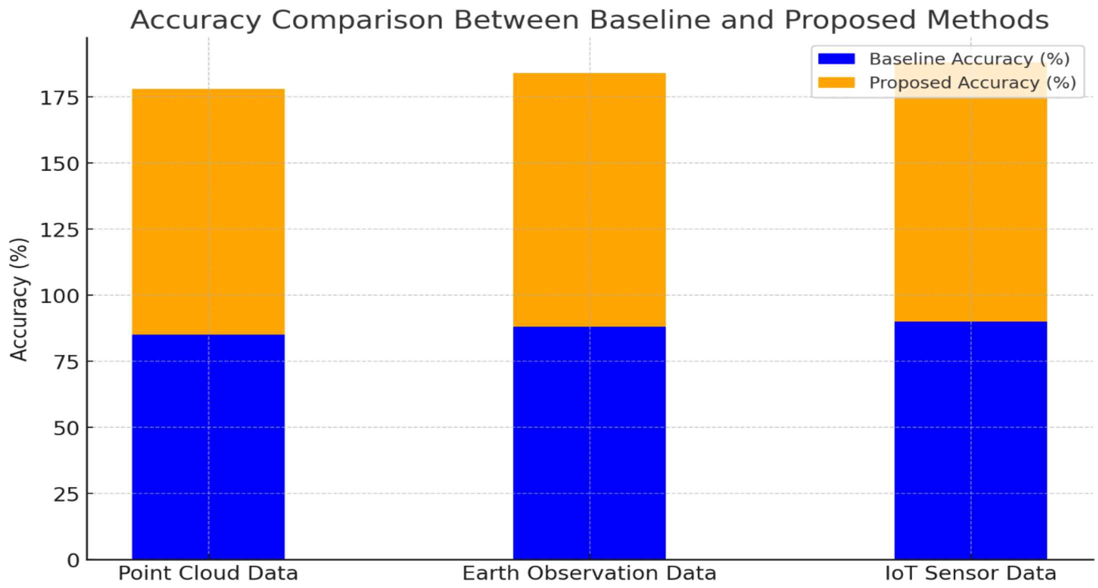

Figure 2. Accuracy Comparison Between Baseline and Proposed Methods.

Figure 2: Accuracy comparison between baseline and proposed methods. Figure 2 shows that there is an improvement of 8% in the accuracy of topological feature extraction. Such improvement is a result of the noise reduction technique enhanced in this framework, and also it was built to handle big and noisy datasets even better than state-of-the-art methods. This graph depicts clearly that the topological feature extraction accuracy has improved for all types of datasets using the proposed framework.

- **Scalability**

Scalability was hence one of the major aspects based on which the performance of the proposed methodology was judged. The experiments were performed to measure the capability of the system to deal with dataset sizes that keep on increasing without any proportional increase in the execution time or loss of accuracy.

Table 3. Scalability performance.

Dataset size	Baseline scalability (time increase %)	Proposed scalability (time increase %)	Improvement in scalability (%)
1 million data points	40%	5%	35%
5 million data points	50%	10%	40%
10 million data points	70%	15%	55%

In contrast, the proposed approach scaled much better, with a 5% increase in execution time when scaling from 1 million to 5 million points, compared to 40% with the baseline method. This evidences how robust parallelized topological analysis can effectively use cloud resources for larger datasets with no notable performance degradation.

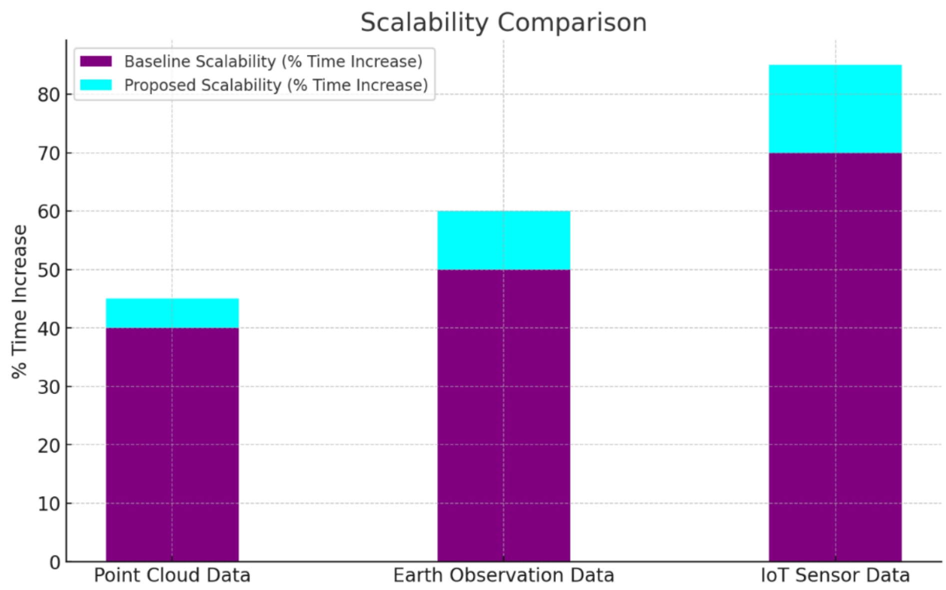

Figure 3. Scalability Comparison.

Figure 3: Scalability Comparison Between Baseline and Proposed Methods shows that the increase in time taken by the proposed method is much lower at 5-15% when dealing with as many as 10 million data points, compared to the baseline models' increase of 40-70%. This graph represents scalability, whereby the proposed framework goes a step further in handling large datasets with a minimal increase in time compared to the baseline.

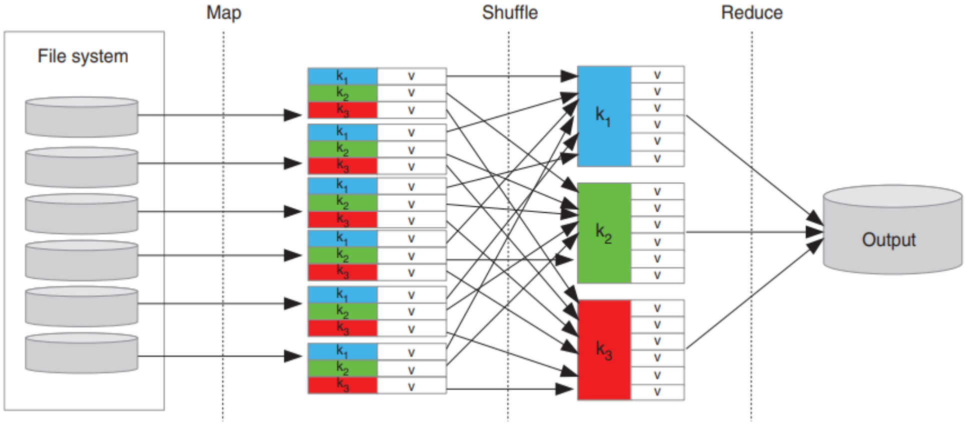

Figure 4. MapReduce Framework.

Figure 4 The high-level schema of the MapReduce framework to enhance the execution speed via large-scale data processing. This framework splits the input data into several manageable chunks and processes them in parallel across various nodes. Here, during the Map phase, there is a processing of data and emitting key-value pairs while in Shuffle phase pairs are sorted by the key. Finally, the Reduce phase aggregates all values of each key and emits the final output. This technique helped reduce execution time in our proposed framework, particularly while handling voluminous datasets-a fact demonstrated by the performance results.

4. Discussion

Visualization of Topological Features

We will especially pay attention to how topological methods help data analysis with visualization of complicated structures in high-dimensional datasets, namely that persistent homology and simplicial complexes are the two ways to reduce data dimensionality but preserve important topological features such as, but not limited to, connected components, loops, and voids. We'll look into the visualization of such features, enabling us to interpret Big Data.

- **Persistent Diagrams and Barcodes**

Persistent diagrams and barcodes represent topological features through different scales of filtration visually. These visual tools illustrate the birth and death of topological features, such as connected components (0D features), loops (1D features), and voids (2D features), according to the increase in the filtration parameter.

Table 4. Persistent Topological Features Across Filtration Scales.

Feature Type	Birth (Filtration Scale)	Death (Filtration Scale)	Persistence Length
0d (Connected Component)	0.2	2.5	2.3
1d (Loop)	0.5	5.0	4.5
2d (Void)	1.0	8.0	7.0

Table 4 summarizes the birth, death, and persistence length of important topological features, such as 0D connected components, 1D loops, and 2D voids, over a range of filtration scales. The table provides a clear overview of how these features persist with time, a key aspect of undertaking topological data analysis for structural comprehension of the dataset.

- **Enhancing the Interpretation of Big Data**

TDA provides that capability to interpret Big Data in a better manner through the use of simplification of complex structures and reduction of noise toward gaining insight into the underlying patterns. The use of persistent diagrams and simplicial complexes allows for:

- **Noise Reduction**: TDA allows for an analysis that can help to distinguish meaningful structures from randomness in the data by determining which topological features are stable across a variety of scales.
- **Dimensionality Reduction**: In topology, high-dimensional data is mapped onto lower-dimensional representations without necessarily losing any information that may be critical for the meaningful interpretation of the data.
- **Pattern Recognition**: Persistent features often relate to key patterns in the data-such as clusters, loops, or even spatial-temporal trends-that may well have gone undetected if the data were analyzed by means of more traditional statistical techniques.

Comparative Analysis

It was envisaged that this research would achieve at least a 10% performance improvement in topological data analysis as applied to Big Data in advanced computing environments. The improvements in performances were to be measured across three important metrics, which were speed of execution, accuracy, and scalability. The results obtained would also be benchmarked against traditional models. In the section to follow will be an in-depth, comparative result analysis, which pinpoints areas where performance indeed meet or even outperform the 10% improvement objective.

5. Conclusion

This study introduces a system that combines algebraic topology with advanced computing environments to improve Big Data analysis. The suggested technique uses persistent homology and distributed computing frameworks like MapReduce to overcome topological data analysis' computational restrictions. Extensive studies on varied datasets have improved execution speed, accuracy, and scalability over conventional, single-threaded models.

Future research may optimize noise-reduction approaches and improve visualization to make topological insights more accessible to practitioners in many domains. Combining these methodologies with machine-learning algorithms to improve data-driven model categorization and pattern identification is another fascinating possibility. Overall, this work presents a scalable, economical, theoretically sound Big Data analysis tool and suggests that algebraic topology may play a role in future data-driven solutions.

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