Data Stream Clustering Based on Micro-Batch Growing Neural Gas Using Spark Streaming

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In recent years, the data stream clustering problem has gained considerable attention in the literature. Clustering data streams requires a process capable of partitioning observations continuously while taking into account restrictions of memory and time. In the literature, most of existing algorithms (e.g. *StreamKM*++ (Ackermann et al., 2012), *CluStream* (Aggarwal et al., 2003), *DenStream* (Cao et al., 2006), or *ClusTree* (Kranen et al., 2011)) divide the clustering process in two phases. In this work we present MBG-Stream¹, a Micro-Batching version of the growing neural gas approach (Fritzke, 1994), aimed to clustering data streams by making one pass over the data. MBG-Stream allows us to discover clusters of arbitrary shapes without any assumptions on the number of clusters (cf. Figure 1). The proposed algorithm is implemented on a "distributed" streaming platform, the Spark Streaming API (Zaharia et al., 2012), and its performance is evaluated on public data sets.

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FIG. 1: Evolution of graph creation of MBG-Stream on DS1 (data set and topological result). The intermediate graph after seeing the first window's data points; the 1/3 of all windows; the 2/3 of all windows; and the final graph.

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