

# Bipartite Graph Energy Based Similarity measure for Document Clustering

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**Abstract:** Document clustering is a text mining technique wherein a document collection is divided into significant clusters by making use of a suitable distance or similarity measure. Distance measure plays an important role in document clustering. Here similar content is assigned to the same clusters while dissimilar content is assigned to different clusters. This is achieved by minimizing the intra-cluster distance between documents and maximizing the distance between clusters. A variety of distance measures used in document clustering are Euclidean distance, Squared Euclidean distance, Minkowski distance, Chebychev distance, power distance, percent disagreement, Manhattan distance, Bit- Vector distance, comparative-clustering distance, Huffman-code distance and Dominance-based distance. In this paper we have introduced a new similarity measure namely, Bipartite Graph Energy Based Similarity (BGEBS) based on the energy of a bipartite graph for document clustering. BGEBS helps to cluster the documents by considering the energy of a bipartite graph representation of the document collection. We have compared our measure BGEBS with Euclidean, Jaccard, Cosine, Canberra, Manhattan and Maximum Distance and clustering is carried out using k-means to form clusters. We then compare and analyze our result with a synthetic data set containing 6 documents. we have also evaluated using few benchmark data sets like CLASSIC, WEBKB and BBC. To validate our measure we have used the internal quality measure, sum of squares within (SSW). The values obtained using SSW for the various distance measures when compared to our BGEBS proves to be good.

**Index Terms:** Bipartite Graph, Document clustering, Similarity measure, Distance measures.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Similarity/distance measures are not only used in clustering, but also in other data mining algorithms. To understand the impact of distance measures on data mining, researchers have performed experimental studies in different fields and have evaluated and compared the results obtained by different distance measures [1]. Though, we cannot say that a similarity measure is best performing, a comparative study would enable us to understand the performance and varied behaviours of the different similarity measures better. Distance measures play an important role in document clustering. The key factor lies in identifying the appropriate distance measure for a given data set. A variety of distance measures used in document clustering are Euclidean distance, squared Euclidean distance, Minkowski distance, Chebychev distance, power distance, percent disagreement, Manhattan distance,

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Bit-vector distance, comparative-clustering distance, Huffman-code distance and Dominance-based distance. The conditions for the distance between two documents to be a distance measure is as follows: If  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are any two documents in a set and  $D(d_1, d_2)$  is the distance between  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ . then the following conditions are satisfied.

1. **Non-negativity:**  $D(d_1, d_2) \geq 0$ . i.e., distance between any two documents must be a value greater than or equal to zero.
2. **Identity of indiscernibles:**  $D(d_1, d_2) = 0$  if and only if  $d_1 = d_2$  i.e., the distance between two documents is zero if and only if the two documents are identical.
3. **Symmetry:**  $D(d_1, d_2) = D(d_2, d_1)$ , i.e., distance between  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  is equal to distance between  $d_2$  and  $d_1$ .

A distance which conforms to atleast these three conditions is known as a distance measure. A distance measure which also satisfies the triangle inequality is known as a distance metric.

In the context of document clustering, the set of terms in the document set is given by X and Y represents the document set.  $W = |w_{ij}|$  represents the frequency of term i in document j.

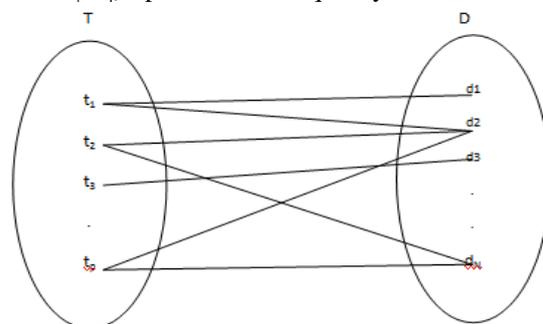


Figure 1 Bipartite Representation of Documents in G

The adjacency matrix of a bipartite weighted graph  $G(V,E,W)$  is represented in a block matrix form as follows

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & W \\ W^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } W^T \text{ is the transpose of matrix } W.$$

Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be the adjacency matrix of a graph G containing n vertices and m edges. The energy of the graph

G is defined as  $E(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$ , where the set of eigen values

$\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  is known as the spectrum of G [12,13].

**Energy of a Bipartite Graph:**

Consider the bipartite graph representation [10, 12] of the document corpus containing  $p$  terms and  $N$  documents given in Figure 1. For a bipartite graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges, it [14] has been proved that the energy of  $G$  is given by

$$E(G) \leq \frac{4m}{n} + \sqrt{(n-2)(2m - \frac{8m^2}{n^2})} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

We consider only the upper bound of energy of bipartite graph given in equation (1) as a scaling factor in our similarity measure.

**II. LITERATURE REVIEW**

We present below few of the research work carried out by researchers in the field of similarity measures on document clustering.

Boriah conducted a comparative study on similarity measures for categorical data in the context of outlier detection (Boriah, 2008). He concluded that similarity measures had an influence on the performance of an outlier detection algorithm. Fernando [9] reviewed and compared similarity measures for categorical data. Deshpande [15] conducted an analysis of genetic interaction networks identifying genes with similar profiles using similarity measures. Strehl [16] recognized the impact of similarity measures on web clustering. Zhang [17] used six similarity measures like Euclidean distance, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) & Euclidean distance, Hausdorff distance, Hidden Markov Models (HMM-distance), Longest common Subsequence (LCSS distance), Dynamic time warping (DTW distance) to measure the similarity in trajectories and compared trajectory clustering in outdoor surveillance. Al Khalifa [18] examined twelve similarity measures like Euclidean distance, Average distance, Weighted Euclidean distance, Chord distance, Mahalanobis distance, Cosine measure, Manhattan distance, Mean character Difference, Index of Association, Canberra measure, Czekanowski coefficient, coefficient of Divergence and Pearson coefficient for clustering, and concluded that no single coefficient is appropriate for all methodologies. In spite of all these studies, there is no empirical analysis and comparison available for continuous data. In all cases, similarity or distance measures are based on vector representation of documents. Our proposed method is based on graph representation.

**III. DISTANCE MEASURES IN DOCUMENT CLUSTERING**

The following are the different distance measures that are used in our comparative study.

*A. Euclidean Distance Measure*

Euclidean distance [2,3] is a standard measure for solving geometrical problems. Euclidean distance is widely used in clustering problems for clustering documents, measuring distance between sets. For a  $N \times p$  matrix the Euclidean

distance  $D(d_i, d_j)$  with  $R^p$  dimensions and documents  $d_i$  and  $d_j$  is defined as

$$D(d_i, d_j) = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^p (d_{ik} - d_{jk})^2}$$

where  $d_i$  and  $d_j$  represent the documents with  $i=1 \dots N$  and  $j=1, \dots N$ .

*B. Jaccard distance*

The Jaccard distance is also known as Tanimoto coefficient [4]. This measures similarity as the intersection divided by the union of the documents. The Jaccard coefficient compares the sum weight of shared terms to the sum weight of terms that are present in either of the two documents but are not the shared terms. The range of the similarity measure for the Jaccard coefficient is between 0 and 1. The extended Jaccard measure presented by Strehl and Ghosh in the year 2000 [4] is the extension of the original Jaccard measure extended to continuous or discrete non-negative features and is given by

$$D(d_i, d_j) = \frac{d_i^T \cdot d_j}{\|d_i\|^2 + \|d_j\|^2 - d_i^T \cdot d_j}$$

where  $d_i$  and  $d_j$  are document vectors.

*C. Cosine similarity*

The Cosine similarity is calculated by measuring the cosine of the angle between two document vectors. When documents are represented as term vectors, the similarity between two document sets corresponds to the association between the vectors [2]. This is the cosine of the angle between vectors. Cosine similarity is one of the most popular similarity measures applied to sets in information retrieval applications [5] and clustering [6]. The normalized inner product is an appropriate similarity measure given by,

$$D(d_i, d_j) = \frac{d_i^T \cdot d_j}{\|d_i\| \cdot \|d_j\|}$$

where  $d_i$  and  $d_j$  are document vectors over the term set  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p\}$  each dimension presents a term with its weight in the document which is always non negative. The  $d_i^T$  is the transpose of the  $i^{th}$  document. The  $\| \cdot \|$  (norm) in the formula helps to scale the results.

*D. Canberra distance*

The Canberra distance [4] is a measure that is often used for data scattered around an origin. The absolute distance between the variables of the two documents is divided by the sum of the absolute variables prior to summing. The generalized form is given as

$$D(d_i, d_j) = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{|d_{ik} - d_{jk}|}{|d_{ik}| + |d_{jk}|}$$

*E. Manhattan distance*

The distance between two documents measured along axes at right angles is the Manhattan distance. In other words it is the sum of differences in each variable:



$$D(d_i, d_j) = \sum_{k=1}^p |d_{ik} - d_{jk}|$$

**F. Maximum Distance**

This gives the maximum distance between two documents.

$$D(d_i, d_j) = \max (d_{ij} - d_{jk})$$

**IV. BIPARTITE GRAPH ENERGY BASED SIMILARITY MEASURE (BGEBS)**

Choosing the correct distance measure for a given document set is important for document clustering. In our proposed method we analyzed the existing distance measures and introduced a new distance measure. The distance measure we have proposed is called Bipartite Graph energy Based similarity measure(BGES) and it is based on the bipartite representation of documents. The similarity between documents is determined by a distance measure based on graph based representation of documents.

Motivated by the laws of physics for energy and coulombs law, we have introduced a new similarity measure given by

$$S(d_i, d_j) = \frac{E * r^2}{q_i q_j} \text{-----(2)}$$

where  $S(d_i, d_j)$  is used to find the similarity between pairs of documents.

$E$  is the energy obtained from equation (1),  
 $q_i$  and  $q_j$  are the number of terms in documents  $i$  and  $j$ ,  
 $r$  is the intersection of words between both the documents  $d_i, d_j$ .

**A. BGEBS as a distance measure**

We prove that the BGEBS measure satisfies the distance measure properties  
BGEBS is given by

$$S(d_i, d_j) = \frac{E * r^2}{q_i q_j}$$

After Normalization with  $E$ , the total energy of the bipartite graph, we get,  $\frac{S(d_i, d_j)}{E} = \frac{r^2}{q_i q_j}$

Expressed in terms of distance, we have,

$$D(d_i, d_j) = 1 - N(d_i, d_j) = 1 - \frac{r^2}{q_i q_j} \quad \forall i, j$$

To prove the first two properties of distance measure i.e.,

$$D(d_i, d_j) \geq 0$$

we equivalently show that

$$1 - N(d_i, d_j) \geq 0$$

(or)

$$N(d_i, d_j) \leq 1$$

since  $r$  is the number of common terms in  $d_i, d_j$ , the ratio,

$$\frac{r^2}{q_i q_j} \leq 1$$

Therefore

$$N(d_i, d_j) \leq 1$$

Hence our distance satisfies the first two properties of a distance measure.

To prove the third property

$$D(d_i, d_j) = D(d_j, d_i)$$

is equivalent to proving

$$N(d_i, d_j) = N(d_j, d_i)$$

$$N(d_i, d_j) = 1 - \frac{r^2}{q_i q_j} = 1 - \frac{r^2}{q_j q_i} = N(d_j, d_i)$$

The property of symmetry is satisfied.

Hence our proposed method, BGEBS proves to be a distance measure.

**B. BGEBS algorithm**

The algorithm for computing Bipartite Graph Energy Based Similarity is as follows.

**Input: Term Document Matrix**

Step 1: Form the Reduced Term Document Matrix

Step 2: Give the Bipartite Representation

Step 3: Calculate the Energy of the graph  $E$

Step 4: Use the BGEBS measure  $S(d_i, d_j) = \frac{E * r^2}{q_i q_j}$

**Output: Similarity matrix**

**V. EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS AND RESULTS**

In this work we provide a new graph based document clustering technique known as Bipartite Graph Energy Based Similarity. This was inspired by the current advances in the area of graph based document clustering. We considered a document collection, identified the unique terms in the collection after preprocessing and gave a graph-based representation for the documents and unique terms/words. Depending on the number of occurrences (frequency) of the terms, the sparsity of the term document matrix was reduced and we obtained a reduced term document matrix. We then gave a bipartite graph representation for the document collection based on the reduced set of words. We then found the similarity between documents using our novel method based on the energy of a bipartite graph.

**A. Analysis for Synthetic document set**

For illustration, we have limited our analysis to a document set consisting of 6 documents. In our paper [9] we have given the description of this 6 documents, the preprocessing steps, their graphical representation as an undirected graph, adjacency matrix and the reduced term document matrix. The reduced term document matrix is as given in Table 1.



Table 1 Reduced Term Document Matrix

Term/Doc	Cluster	Distance	document	Eval	High	Measure	Use
D1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
D2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
D3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
D4	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
D5	1	0	0	1	1	0	2
D6	0	0	2	1	1	0	1

The above reduced matrix contains eight frequently occurring terms. Fig. 1 shows the bipartite representation for this document set and the eight most frequently occurring terms. The edge weights indicate the frequency of a particular word in the corresponding document.

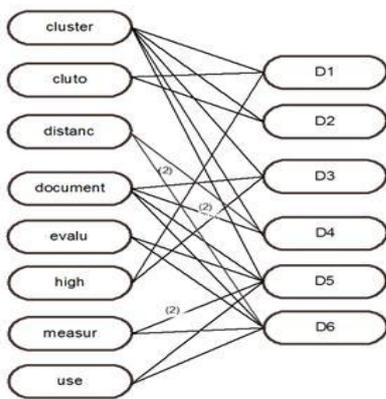


Fig. 1. Bipartite representation of 6 documents

We have employed our distance measure in k-means algorithm and clustered the documents. For sample six document set, we have used 2 clusters and for other large data sets we have considered 4 clusters. After reducing the term document matrix, we have used the similarity measure given in equation 1 and found the similarity between the documents. Table 2 gives the values of similarity matrix. From Table 2 it can be noted that the distance between documents 1 and 6 and documents 2 and 6 are zero as there are no terms in common between these two pairs of documents. It can also be noted that the distance between documents 1 and 2, 0.6666 is the maximum

Table 2. Similarity matrix for 6 sample documents

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6
D1	1	0.66666	0.44444	0.08333	0.05555	0
D2	0.66666	1	0.16666	0.125	0.08333	0
D3	0.44444	0.167	1	0.33333	0.22222	0.05555
D4	0.08333	0.125	0.33333	1	0.16666	0.16666
D5	0.05555	0.08333	0.22222	0.16666	1	0.44444
D6	0	0	0.05555	0.16666	0.44444	1

We use our proposed distance measure, BGEBS in k-means clustering algorithm to cluster the documents. We have used R software to implement the algorithm. We have also used other distance measures such as Euclidean, Jaccard, Cosine, Canberra, Manhattan and Maximum distance in k-means algorithm to form clusters and compare and analyze the impact of our distance measure. To validate our measure we have used the sum of squares within cluster quality measure. The Sum of Squares Within (SSW) is an internal quality index which measures the goodness of a clustering solution without any external information. Unlike the external validation measures, which use external information, internal validation measures rely only on the information in the data. Sum of Squares within is useful in comparing two clustering solutions or two clusters. The formula for SSW is given by

$$SSW = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j \in C_i} \|d_j - C_j\|^2$$

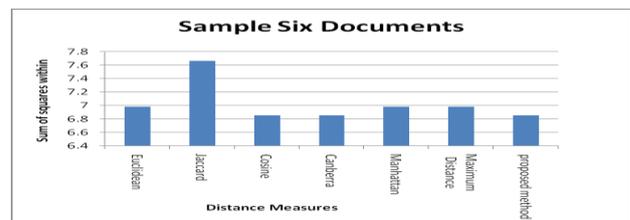
where k is the number of clusters,  $C_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  cluster,  $c_j$  is the mean of  $j^{th}$  cluster,  $d_j$  is the document contained in the  $j^{th}$  cluster, N is the total number of documents which is minimized over all k-partitions.

We now compare the clustering results used with our proposed distance measure and other existing methods.

Table 3: SSW for Sample six documents

Sample six Documents	
Distance measure	Sum of squares within
Euclidean	6.981565
Jaccard	7.66248
Cosine	6.854124
Canberra	6.854124
Manhattan	6.981565
Maximum Distance	6.981565
Proposed method	6.854124

Table 3 clearly shows that the SSW value for our proposed method is the lowest and it matches with those of Canberra



distance and cosine measure. The graphical representation of Table 3 is given in Figure 2.

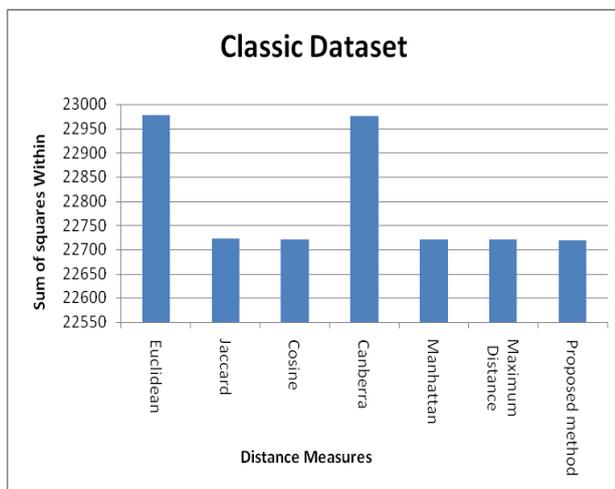
Figure 2: Comparison for 6 document dataset

**B. Illustration and Comparison for Classic data set, BBC and webkb datasets:**

We have used some well known bench mark data sets like *Classic* dataset, *BBC* and *Webkb* and applied the different distance measures to study the efficacy of our proposed measure. The table below shows the description about the bench mark data sets used. After reducing the term document matrix, we have used our distance measure BGEBS in the well known k-means algorithm and obtained the clustering solution. To validate our result we have used the sum of squares within (SSW) cluster quality measure. The below tables and figures give the value of SSW for all the clustering solutions obtained using k means clustering algorithm.

**Table 4: SSW for Classic dataset**

<i>Classic Dataset</i>	
Distance measure	Sum of squares within
Euclidean	22977.16
Jaccard	22721.85
Cosine	22719.96
Canberra	22976.3
Manhattan	22719.96
Maximum Distance	22719.96
Proposed method	<b>22719.62</b>

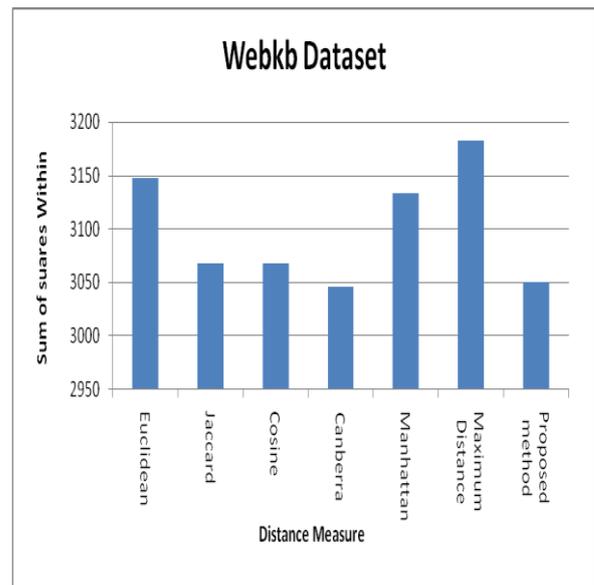


**Figure 3: Comparison for Classic dataset**

Figure 3 shows the comparison of SSW for *Classic* data set with Euclidean distance, Jaccard distance, Cosine measure, Canberra distance, Manhattan distance, Maximum distance along with our proposed method. It is clear from Table 4 that the SSW value for our proposed method is the least at **22719.62**. It is marginally better than Cosine, Manhattan and Maximum distance. Hence, our proposed measure gives a relatively better cluster quality. Table 5 gives the description for webkb data set used along with the internal quality, sum of squares within.

**Table 5: SSW for Webkb data set**

<i>Webkb Dataset</i>	
Distance measure	Sum of squares within
Euclidean	3147.653
Jaccard	3067.615
Cosine	3067.615
Canberra	3055.211
Manhattan	3133.241
Maximum Distance	3181.935
Proposed method	<b>3049.574</b>



**Figure 4: Comparison for Webkb dataset**

Figure 4 shows the comparison of SSW for *webkb* data set with Euclidean distance, Jaccard distance, Cosine measure, Canberra distance, Manhattan distance, Maximum distance along with our proposed method. It is clear from Table 5 that the SSW value for our proposed method is the least at **3049.574**. It is marginally better than Cosine, Jaccard and Canberra distance. Hence, our proposed measure gives a relatively better cluster quality. We then use the bench mark data set *BBC* to validate our result. Table 6 shows the different distance measure use along with the sum of squares within, internal quality measure.

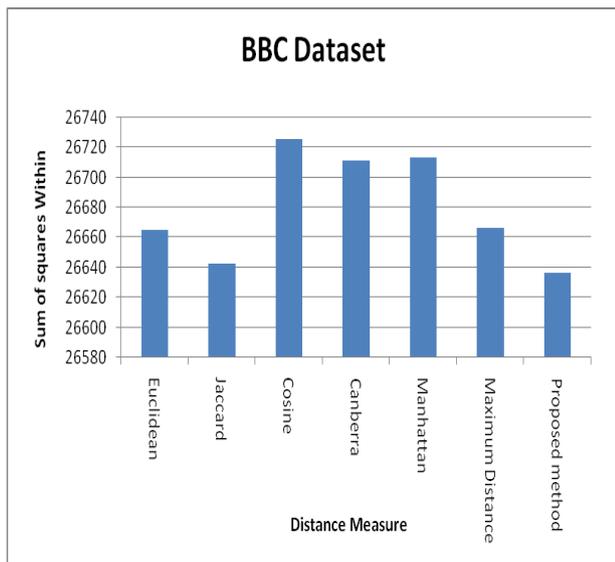
**Table 6: SSW for BBC data set**

<i>BBC Dataset</i>	
Distance measure	Sum of squares within
Euclidean	26664.93
Jaccard	26642.6
Cosine	26725.7

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Canberra	26711.26
Manhattan	26713.24
Maximum Distance	26666.24
Proposed method	<b>26636.72</b>

Figure 5 shows the comparison of SSW for *webkb* data set with Euclidean distance, Jaccard distance, Cosine measure, Canberra distance, Manhattan distance, Maximum distance along with our proposed method. It is clear from Table 6 that the SSW value for our proposed method is the least at **26636.72**. It is marginally better than other distance. Hence, our proposed measure gives a relatively better cluster quality.



**Figure 5: Comparison for BBC dataset**

Table 2, 3, 4 and 5 clearly present the comparison of different distance measures like Euclidean, Jaccard, Cosine, Canberra, Manhattan, Maximum distance with our proposed method. We have used SSW for different datasets like *classic* dataset, *BBC* dataset and *webkb* dataset. The above results show that our proposed distance measure gives good clustering solutions comparable with some of the popular distance measures. In some cases it even gives better clustering solutions than some of the well known distance measures..

## VI. CONCLUSION

We have proposed a new graph energy based distance method using bipartite representation of the document set. The measure satisfies the criteria for a distance measure and proves to be a valid distance measure. We have illustrated the computation of BGEBS for a sample of 6 documents. We have compared our proposed distance measure with six different distance measures for three different benchmark data sets. To validate our result we have used the internal cluster quality measure, sum of within square. For classic data set our BGEBS proves to be better than Cosine, Manhattan and Maximum distance. For *webkb* and *BBC* data sets BGEBS is better when compared to all other

measures. This experimental analysis shows that our proposed distance measure is comparably good.

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