



# A Survey on Implementation of k-NN on Traffic Flow Prediction Using Hadoop

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**ABSTRACT:** In big-data-driven traffic flow prediction systems, the robustness of prediction performance depends on accuracy and timeliness. This paper presents a new MapReduce-based nearest neighbor (NN) approach for traffic flow prediction using correlation analysis (TFPC) on a Hadoop platform. In particular, we develop a real-time prediction system including two key modules, i.e., offline distributed training (ODT) and online parallel prediction (OPP). Moreover, we build a parallel k-nearest neighbor optimization classifier, which incorporates correlation information among traffic flows into the classification process. Finally, we propose a novel prediction calculation method, combining the current data observed in OPP and the classification results obtained from large-scale historical data in ODT, to generate traffic flow prediction in real time. The empirical study on real-world traffic flow big data using the leave-one-out cross validation method shows that TFPC significantly outperforms four state-of-the-art prediction approaches, i.e., autoregressive integrated moving average, Naïve Bayes, multilayer perception neural networks, and NN regression, in terms of accuracy, which can be improved 90.07% in the best case, with an average mean absolute percent error of 5.53%.

**KEYWORDS:** Big data analytics, traffic flow prediction, correlation analysis, parallel classifier, Hadoop MapReduce.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The classification of big data is becoming an essential task in a wide variety of fields such as biomedicine, social media, marketing, etc. The recent advances in data gathering in many of these fields have resulted in an inexorable increment of the data that we have to manage. The volume, diversity and complexity that bring big data may hinder the analysis and knowledge extraction processes. Under this scenario, standard data mining models need to be re-designed or adapted to deal with this data. The k-Nearest Neighbor algorithm (k-NN) is considered one of the ten most influential data mining algorithms. It belongs to the lazy learning family of methods that do not need of an explicit training phase. This method requires that all of the data instances are stored and unseen cases classified by finding the class labels of the k closest instances to them. To determine how close two instances are, several distances or similarity measures can be computed. This operation has to be performed for all the input examples against the whole training dataset. Thus, the response time may become compromised when applying it in the big data context. The traffic data in transportation have been exploding rapidly with the characteristics of heterogeneity, autonomous sources, and complex and evolving associations (HACE). The big data generated by the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are worth further exploring to bring all their full potential for more proactive traffic management. The ability to accurately predict the evolution of traffic in an online and real-time manner that plays a crucial role in traffic management and control applications is particularly important. Data-driven intelligent transportation has drawn significant attention in recent years: provided a special session on big data services and computational intelligence for industrial systems, including ITS applications. Furthermore, a special issue highlighted the most recent research progress in big data. The traffic is the main problem that occurs in the major cities. It will affect many of the people's day to day life and may cause major problems for heavy vehicles to reach the destination on time. Many problems that will make the traffic flow difficult such as weather, road works, accidents, vehicles that were repaired and made the traffic jam on the road. So, the future world is going to face traffic problems which is the major problem for the normal people. Many of the projects are also available to control these kinds of traffic problems and still the research is going for these control traffic on Intelligent Traffic System (ITS). And our aim is to predict the traffic for frequent intervals of time and also to give the suggestion to the people to reach the destination quickly. In other countries they



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have already some uses these type of prediction technique to help the peoples to reach the destination and also to reduce the traffic that occur in the cities. Some project the traffic signals are recorder with the cameras and sensors to know the Number of vehicles.

## II. RELATED WORK

In the last several decades, considerable research studies were reported on the applications of different empirical and theoretical techniques to traffic flow prediction. These works can be roughly categorized as parametric methods, nonparametric methods, and hybrid integration methods. Recently, there have been various traffic flow prediction systems, models and algorithms using statistics-based approaches and computational intelligence (CI)-based approaches. Lv et al. proposed a novel deep-learning-based traffic flow prediction method, using auto encoders as building blocks to represent traffic flow features for forecasting. Li et al. presented a method which picks the most relevant data from the "Big Data" to build concise yet accurate traffic flow prediction model. Tchakian Lv et al. developed an algorithm for the implementation of short-term prediction of traffic with real-time updating based on spectral analysis. Min and Wynter put forward an approach to providing predictions of speed and volume over 5-min interval for up to 1 h in advance. However, most of them employed the stand-alone learning models with the sequential algorithms on a single machine and were still somewhat unsatisfactory in processing the increasingly explosive traffic big data in real time, such as massive taxi trajectory data used in this work.

### A. PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The traffic data in transportation have been exploding rapidly with the characteristics of heterogeneity, autonomous sources, and complex and evolving associations (HACE). The big data generated by the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are worth further exploring to bring all their full potential for more proactive traffic management. The ability to accurately predict the evolution of traffic in an online and real-time manner that plays a crucial role in traffic management and control applications is particularly important.

### B. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- To predict real time traffic flow prediction using current big traffic data.
- To save memory consumption.
- To reduce the computational costs of big calculations.
- To display analysis of traffic flow data in form of speedup, scale-up and size-up.

### C. PROPOSED SYSTEM:

This paper aims to develop a robust approach for the accurate and real-time Traffic Flow Prediction using Correlation Analysis (TFPC). The major contributions of our work are summarized as follows:

A new prediction system (RPS) on a Hadoop platform is built to improve the capacity of big traffic data processing for forecasting traffic flow in real time, which contains two key modules of offline distributed training (ODT) and online parallel prediction (OPP).

A robust nearest neighbor classifier (ParKNN) on a MapReduce framework is presented to enhance the accuracy, efficiency and scalability of traffic flow prediction, by discovering correlation information among traffic flows and incorporating it into the classification process.

A novel prediction calculation method is put forward to generate the real-time traffic flow prediction, with the current data observed in OPP and the classification results obtained from large-scale historical data in ODT.

The prediction performance of TFPC is investigated with real-world traffic flow data collected from 12,000 taxis of Beijing during 15 days. The empirical study indicates that the proposed approach is superior to other comparable prediction methods in terms of accuracy, speedup, scaleup, and sizeup.

We aim to develop a new framework (RPS) to handle real-time prediction applications. Also, a robust nonparametric classifier (ParKNN) is put forward to improve the classification performance by effectively incorporating correlation of traffic flows, and a novel prediction calculation method is proposed to accurately generate the prediction in real time.

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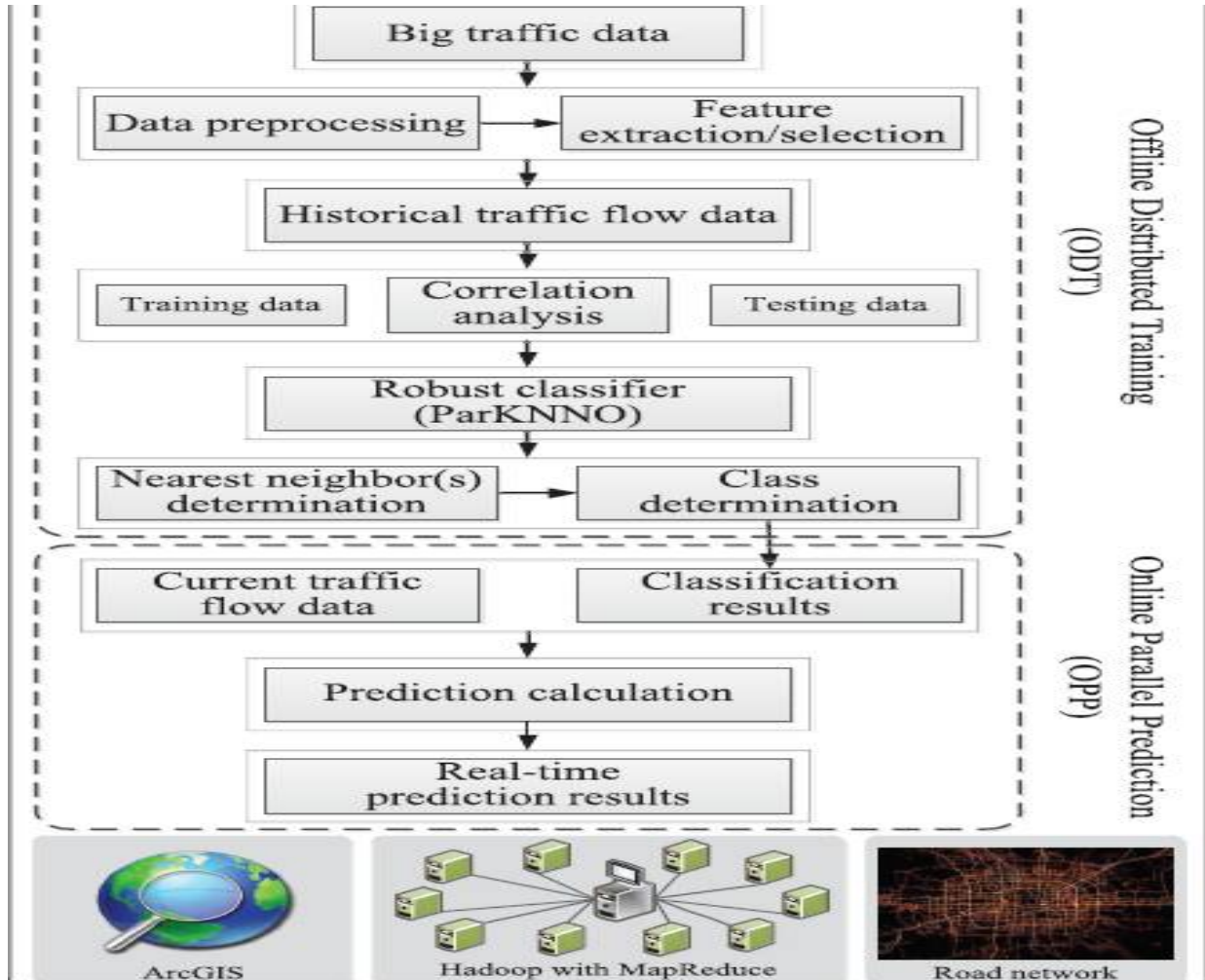


Fig 1: A real-time prediction system (RPS) framework.

### III. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

In this section we introduce some background information about the main components used in this project. A presents the k-NN algorithm as well as its weaknesses to deal with big data classification. Provides the description of the MapReduce paradigm and the implementation used in this work. A. k-NN and weaknesses to deal with big data The k-NN algorithm is a non-parametric method that can be used for either classification and regression tasks.

This section defines the k-NN problem, its current trends and the drawbacks to manage big data. A formal notation for the k-NN algorithm is the following: Let  $TR$  be a training dataset and  $TS$  a test set, they are formed by a determined number and of samples, respectively. Each sample  $x_p$  is a tuple  $(x_{p1}, x_{p2}, \dots, x_{pD}, \omega)$ , where,  $x_{pf}$  is the value of the  $f$ -th feature of the  $p$ -th sample. This sample belongs to a class  $\omega$ , given by  $x_{p\omega}$ , and a  $D$ -dimensional space. For the  $TR$  set the class is known, while it is unknown for  $TS$ . For each sample  $x$  test contained in the  $TS$  set, the k-NN model looks for the  $k$  closest samples in the  $TR$  set. To do this, it computes the distances between  $x$  test and all the samples of  $TR$ . The Euclidean distance is commonly used for this purpose. The  $k$  closest samples ( $neigh_1, neigh_2, \dots, neigh_k$ ) are obtained by ranking (ascending order) the training samples according to the computed distance.

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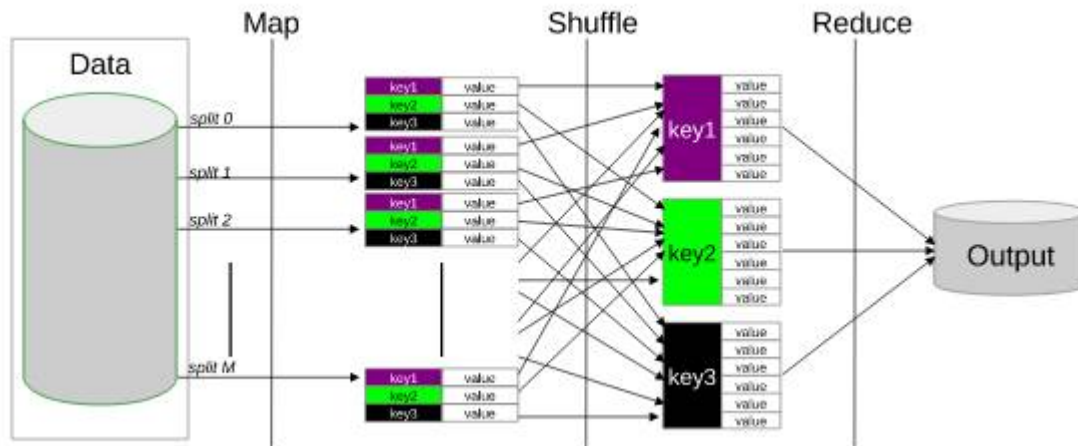


Fig.2. The MapReduce workflow

## VI. CONCLUSION

We focused on the real-time prediction with big traffic flow data and thus proposed a new MapReduce-based nearest neighbor approach for traffic flow prediction using correlation analysis (TFPC) on a Hadoop platform. To save memory consumption and reduce the computational costs of big calculations, TFPC was carried out in a real-time prediction system (RPS) composed of the ODT module and the OPP module. In particular, to enhance the robustness of real-time applications with very large training samples, a parallel k-nearest neighbor optimization classifier (ParKNN) was built to model traffic flow correlations in ODT, and a novel prediction calculation method was put forward to generate traffic flow prediction in OPP. Furthermore, we evaluated the performance of TFPC on accuracy, speedup, scaleup and sizeup using the LOO-CV method by an empirical study. The results demonstrated that our approach was superior to other comparable methods in terms of accuracy which can be enhanced 90.07% in the best case, and significantly improved the efficiency and scalability of traffic flow prediction.

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