

BIG DATA ANALYTICS: IMPORTANCE, CHALLENGES, CATEGORIES, TECHNIQUES, AND TOOLS

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ABSTRACT: As the number of data collected daily has increased exponentially, big data analytics has emerged as a highly useful tool for many enterprises. This paper examines the importance of big data analytics in many industries, the obstacles involved with its implementation due to the complicated characteristics of large data sets, and the technical approaches used to address this complexity, such as Storm, Hadoop, and Spark. This study looks into the issues connected with huge data sets, which have already been noted in academic literature. Furthermore, the study analyzes other types of big data analytics, such as visual, audio, and textual data.

Key words: *Big Data, Big Data Analytics, Machine Learning, MapReduce, and HDFS.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The growth of digital technologies, such as smartphones, the Internet of Things, mobile social networking applications, cloud computing, healthcare applications, multimedia devices, and self-driving cars, is causing an exponential increase in data volume. Every year, a rising amount of data is generated. Between 2017 and 2018, the amount of Instagram posts submitted every minute increased drastically, from 462,000 to 174,000. According to recent statistics, the retail giant Walmart imports and processes approximately 2.5 petabytes of data per hour. By 2020, the volume of data is expected to increase exponentially by 50%. A recent study found that daily data generation totals 2.5 quintillion bytes. This is an extremely enormous amount of data. By 2030, there will be an estimated one trillion sensors in use.

As a result, the volume of data created by the Internet of Things will be considered trivial by 2030. The exponential growth of data is moving society toward the age of big data. It gives a wealth of relevant information and insightful viewpoints to help you make better decisions, improve product quality, and gain a major

competitive advantage. The massive amount of data is regarded as a valuable resource when subjected to a thorough examination, as the CEO of IBM put it: "a new oil." Big Data analytics encompasses a comprehensive procedure that includes investigation and processing in order to detect, identify, and uncover latent patterns, significant correlations, and critical insights.

2. BACKGROUND

Big Data Definitions

Large datasets that are unmanageable, unstoreable, and unsuitable for analysis using typical database systems are frequently described as "big data." The term "big data" incorporates a range of definitions. Big data consists of large, often updated databases containing significant amounts and a wide range of data formats. In contrast, the authors define big data as a synthesis of several properties, including data volume, veracity, velocity, and variety. This combination gives institutions a competitive advantage in the current market. Regarding the. In support of big data, the use of diverse technologies allows for the development of creative solutions that have the potential to considerably help the business

sector. "Big data" refers to a massive amount of information that has an impact on many fields, including government, industry, science, and arts.

Big Data Characteristics

The term "3 or 4 Vs" refers to three or four key components: volume, variety, velocity, and veracity. These aspects are together known as "big data." The term "volume" refers to the large amount of data collected on a daily basis. A wide range of modern technology, such as social media platforms, mobile devices, personal computers, sensors, and websites, have the potential to generate tens of zettabytes of data. It is expected that forty zettabytes of data would be generated by 2020.

Variety refers to the inclusion of data in a wide range of formats, including but not limited to highly structured, unstructured, and semi-structured formats. Velocity refers to the rate at which data is generated, integrated, collected, and analyzed. Big data enables the rapid creation of data. In 2018, the Snapchat app produced an impressive 2.4 million images each minute. Both the pace of data availability and the rate of data conveyance are included in the concept of velocity. Value, as a metric, represents the extent to which data may be used to develop insightful conclusions. Veracity, a quality concerned with the reliability and authenticity of information, includes traits like correctness, assurance, and precision. The two most important aspects of this are the source's reliability and the data's convenience for the intended audience. It goes through quality assurance testing before data is processed. Another attribute associated with large data volumes is data complexity. Complexity refers to the degree of interconnectedness and interdependence that defines large data systems.

3. BIG DATA ANALYTICS

Big data analytics is the process of obtaining valuable insights and information from massive amounts of data. The various stages needed include compiling, organizing, and analyzing

enormous databases to uncover relevant and useful information, as well as patterns. This is a synthesis of several technologies and approaches that necessitates novel integration strategies in order to find the latent value inside massive amounts of highly complicated data. The primary goal of big data analytics is to increase the effectiveness of resolving both new and old difficulties.

The major goal of big data analytics is to help organizations make more strategic and informed decisions by providing increased data analysis and prediction skills. Flipkart and Snapdeal, two leading e-commerce platforms, use big data analytics to derive valuable insights from Facebook or Gmail data. Big data analytics includes the use of previously ineffective data. Big data analysis enables users, company owners, academics, and data analysts to make faster and more informed decisions. Advanced techniques such as machine learning, text analytics, natural language processing (NLP), predictive analytics, and statistics can be used to investigate underutilized data and discover novel insights that can aid in more timely and well-informed decision-making. It aids in the discovery of latent market patterns, customer preferences, correlations, and trends. It results in increased marketing effectiveness, higher service quality, and so on.

The Importance of Big Data Analytics

According to the source, Big Data is increasingly seen as a valuable asset for businesses, a critical economic resource, and the foundation for new business models. This information is really useful and will have a significant impact on the future development of smart cities. From a medical aspect, it can help discover patterns and symptoms of diseases, recent health issues, and pandemics. Big data analytics can be extremely advantageous in terms of the economy and business in a smart city. By analyzing data from social networks and smart devices, it is possible to discover user preferences and comprehend the dynamics of corporate corporations, whether

competitors or partners.

As a result, superior products and services will be developed or improved. Gaining insight into client tastes and wants will give businesses and organizations a huge competitive advantage. From an authoritative stance, big data analytics may help governments deliver better services to citizens by harnessing the data generated. It also helps governments strengthen modern civilizations by enhancing education, public transit, healthcare, and other sectors of life. For example, data collected from the traffic sector can be used to improve public transit systems sponsored by the government and made available to the general public.

4. BIG DATA ANALYTICS CHALLENGES

The deployment of big data analytics confronts various hurdles resulting from the varied and huge amounts of data that form big data. These issues are characterized as data storage, scalability, security, and analytical approaches.

Data Storage

Previously, hard drives were used for storage; however, their inadequate performance prompted the development of SSD technology; despite this, none of the current technologies can satisfy the performance requirements of the massive amount of data that is now being generated by IoT devices and social media applications.

Analysis Methods

The primary objectives of big data analysis are twofold: first, to develop efficient methodologies capable of generating precise predictions; and second, to extract valuable insights from the interrelationships among diverse data attributes and features. Given the inherently uncertain, complex, and inconsistent nature of big data, it is critical to employ suitable analysis tools; however, data scientists and analysts face the most formidable challenge in determining

Data Security

Big data analytics entails large-scale data

analysis, correlation, and mining. To obtain the necessary insights, numerous organizations have implemented policies to safeguard sensitive information. This is critical due to the reputational harm that can result from improper handling of personal data; for example, Facebook suffered a significant revenue loss of nearly \$100 billion due to a data breach. To ensure the privacy of big data, one can employ specific technologies.

Scalability

Scientists must apply mathematical models to computer systems in order to overcome scalability issues caused by the exponential growth of data, which outpaces the speed of CPUs. To address this issue, processors are being designed with multiple cores, which has resulted in parallel computing applications such as social networks and internet search.

5. BIG DATA ANALYTICS CATEGORIES

A number of case studies and illustrations will be offered to demonstrate the various types of big data analytics (text, audio, and video analytics), as outlined in Figure 1.

Text Analytics

Textual data analytics, often known as text mining, is the process of analyzing unstructured text to extract useful information and transforming it into a structured format for use in a variety of applications. Textual data includes email, news articles, social media feeds and posts, and many forms of papers. Text analysis involves a variety of methodologies, including Natural Language Processing (NLP), machine learning, statistical analysis, and artificial intelligence.

Text analytics is used for a variety of analyses, including social media analytics, fraud detection, and churn prediction. Text analytics consists of two basic methods: information extraction (IE) and relationship extraction (RE). Information extraction strategies are used to separate structured data from unstructured data. For example, these methods can be used to extract

information from a medical prescription, such as the medication's name, dosage, and frequency of administration. Information Extraction (IE) is divided into two sub-tasks: entity recognition and relation extraction. In respect to

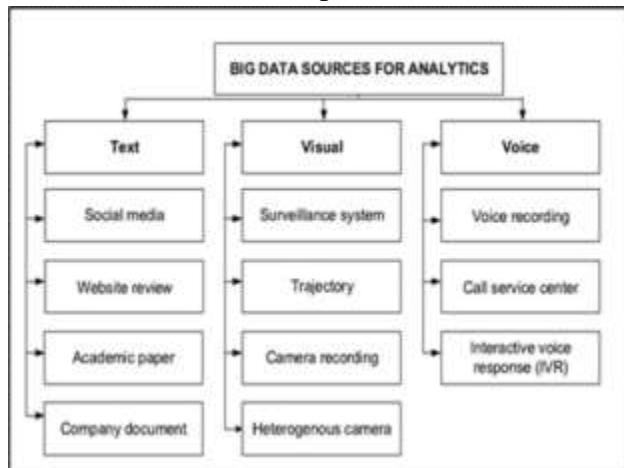


Figure 1: Categories for Big Data Analytics

Entity Recognition (ER) is a different process that identifies and categorizes names into predefined categories, such as companies. Relation Extraction (RE) is a systematic procedure that uses supervised and semi-supervised approaches to extract semantic relationships between entities. Supervised approaches may use feature-based algorithms and kernels, while semi-supervised approaches can use bootstrapping and snowball techniques.

A framework for analyzing text in social media and a system capable of identifying product defects from the content shared on these platforms constitute one case study in text analytics titled "Product defect discovery." For a summary of other text analytics case studies, consult [sources]. Table 1 provides an overview of these case studies.

Audio Analytics

Researchers have devised a methodology to assess the performance of call centers through the utilization of big data. Analyzing call logs amounting to hundreds of thousands of hours can yield valuable insights, detect service-related problems, and enhance customer service, for example. The extraction of information from unstructured audio signals is known as speech

analytics or audio analytics. This technology finds application in a variety of contexts, in

Table 1: A summary of the classifications and case studies regarding big data analytics.

Analytic Category	Case Study	
	Data Source	Framework
Text	Social Media	Social Media Analytics Framework using text (SMART)
	Website Review	WEKA
	Academic Paper	R
Audio	Voice recording	OpenSMILE and Mel-frequency cepstrum coefficients (MFCC)
	Call service center	Hadoop
	Voice recording	Speech Activity Detection
Video	Heterogenous Camera	Kestrel
	Surveillance System	OpenCV
	Video Recording	I-AVER

Recent research has established that audio analytics can be used by medical professionals to diagnose and manage conditions like schizophrenia, cancer, and depressive disorders based on the speech patterns of the patients. Hadoop and MapReduce are used to ensure the accuracy, comprehensiveness, and reliability of the findings.

The transcript-based approach, also known as large vocabulary continuous speech recognition, is divided into two stages: indexing and searching. During the indexing stage, the audio's speech content is transcribed and matched to words using automatic speech recognition algorithms; if an exact match is not found, the closest word is returned. An indexed file is generated from this phase, preserving the word order. During the searching phase, the index The phonetic technique distinguishes words using phonemes as sound units; for example, the phonemes /k/ and /m/ distinguish "cat" from "mat." This method consists of two phases: phonetic indexing and searching. During the indexing stage, the input is converted into a phoneme sequence, and matches are sought in the search phase using the output from the indexing phase. Additional case studies on audio analytics

can be found in [source], and a summary of these case studies

Video Analytics

Video analytics, also known as video content analysis (VCA), is the study and comprehension of information found in video files. It includes numerous methods for collecting relevant information from video streams that are being viewed and analyzed. The importance of video research is expanding, and a variety of approaches are being used. However, the effectiveness of these approaches is restricted because to the constraints associated with large amounts of video data. One second of high-definition footage is comparable to roughly 2,000 written pages. Furthermore, it is crucial to consider the massive number of movie hours that are uploaded to YouTube on a regular basis. Video analytics has helped surveillance systems locate misplaced goods, detect transgressions in restricted areas, and detect tampering with cameras and other tracking equipment. When possible threats are detected, the system will send out real-time messages or trigger automated alerts such as alarms. Analyzing camera data can reveal information on the number of people in a specific market as well as the length of time they spend visiting various establishments. This information can be used to find patterns in the navigation patterns of customers. Video footage analysis can help firms improve staff recruiting, retail layout, pricing tactics, sales execution, and product placement. Furthermore, the audio track, metadata, and visible portions of the video can be used to group films into clusters for easier retrieval of information.

Agent Vi supports three different architectures for managing video data: edge-based, server-based, and distributed. The edge-based technique analyzes the videos in real time, whereas the server-based approach sends the films to a central server for analysis. A distributed architecture allows the server and end node to swap video analysis jobs. Each process has its own set of pros and downsides. For example, using a server-based

system streamlines maintenance while reducing system precision owing to bandwidth limits. However, by keeping all data at the client end, an edge-based method produces more accurate analytic results. Compared to the server-based solution, this one has a lesser computing capacity and higher maintenance expenses. Here's an example of a video analytics case study. For the research project, video analytics were used to monitor autos. Their analytics solution uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to quickly identify incidents or events. [Source 1] and [Source 2] provide other video analytics case studies. The cases are summarized in Table 1.

6. BIG DATA ANALYTICS TECHNIQUES

The concept of "big data" is complicated by the fact that it includes a wide range of data categories such as structured, unstructured, and semi-structured data. Data analysis necessitates more advanced approaches than other types of analysis. Big data analytics uses a variety of approaches, including text analytics, data mining, machine learning, statistical analytics, visualization, predictive analytics, and deep learning. The following portion of this article shows examples of the most recent breakthroughs in big data analytics.

Machine Learning

Machine learning (ML) techniques offer several options for establishing relationships and forecasting by building models that combine correlations and patterns gleaned from exceedingly large datasets. Machine learning approaches involve three types of learning: reinforcement learning, supervised learning, and unsupervised learning. Machine learning techniques include clustering, regression, density estimation, and dimensionality reduction. A wide range of machine learning (ML) techniques exist. Examples include support vector machines (SVM), artificial neural networks (ANN), decision trees, deep learning (DL), clustering, and

classification.

Computational intelligence (CI) refers to the study of computers and intelligence (ML). Artificial intelligence (AI) makes it easier to analyze and interpret ambiguous and complicated data sources by replicating human cognition and learning processes. It offers a wide range of solutions to challenging issues that are too complex and uncertain for traditional models to tackle. Fuzzy logic (FL), artificial neural networks (ANN), and evolutionary algorithms (EA) are the main tools used in CI.

Fuzzy Logic (FL) Probability analysis is the process of assessing data with uncertainties and errors. Fuzzy logic (FL) allows us to reflect on and characterize qualitative data by making it easier to use fuzzy sets to make decisions and draw conclusions. It has been established that fuzzy logic is helpful at dealing with previously unclear facts. It has been shown that computer programs that use fuzzy logic can reliably and quickly classify human emotions, even when the input is confusing. Fuzzy logic has been used in a variety of applications, including social networks and medicine.

Evolutionary Algorithms (EA) Another CI method that meets the criterion for a large amount of data. Their successes indicate their ability to manage the complexity and large volume of missing data associated with Big Data. Furthermore, these strategies are recognized as time-tested solutions to specific machine learning problems, such as feature selection and aggregation.

Artificial neuron networks (ANNs) The goal of neuromorphic computing is to simulate the setup and operation of the neural network seen in the human brain. These tools, which use statistical and nonlinear data modeling techniques, can uncover patterns in data and shed light on the complex interactions between inputs and outcomes. Many professions, like image analysis and pattern recognition, rely on these algorithms. Artificial neural networks (ANNs) struggle with massive amounts of data (Big Data) due to their

complex learning process and high memory and time needs. Memory and processing time are decreased so that artificial neural networks (ANNs) can operate more efficiently in a distributed and parallel environment like Hadoop and Map/Reduce.

A wide range of application types use different CI approaches. This combination is intended to create intelligent systems capable of data analysis and decision assistance. This is required for programs that generate a large amount of complicated data and must evaluate it in order to make efficient and cost-effective judgments.

Deep-Learning (DL) To find relationships and extract important information from big datasets, an alternative widely established machine learning technique is used. It conducts a thorough investigation to uncover hidden hierarchies, complex variable distributions, unobservable relationships, and unseen parameters. The system can process a variety of data formats, including text, graphics, and audio. The approach makes use of artificial neural networks (ANN). Numerous hidden levels contain ANN neurons, which act similarly to processing units. Each stratum's activation function is the sigmoid function. This increases the model's capacity to accurately represent complicated input. It generates representations on its own and then uses them to train a classifier under controlled conditions. It has been used in pattern recognition, text mining, picture analysis, and genetic medicine, among other uses. The majority of big data analytics solutions are based on a deep-learning technique that uses classification optimization and statistical estimations. Several recent evaluations have proved the utility of deep learning approaches in the context of big data analysis.

7. TOOLS

It is both critical and difficult to choose the most effective tools for managing large amounts of data. If the wrong instrument is used, a variety of

problems can develop. According to the source, 22% of the tools lack adequate processing power, 23% face scalability difficulties, 21% experience slow data loading times, and 32% lack acceptable database analytics. When deciding on a Big Data analytics solution, numerous elements must be addressed, including processing speed, data volume, and development methodology. However, this section provides a succinct description of numerous platforms that are currently being researched.

Hadoop

It's an open-source, decentralized architecture for storing and analyzing massive amounts of data. The system was precisely developed to accommodate thousands of nodes while maintaining dependability. Errors may also occur while using it. The Hadoop architecture consists of the following components:

- Hadoop Common contains the core tools used by other Hadoop components.
- The Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) is intended to manage enormous amounts of data across a cluster of several machines in this manner. It is located at the most fundamental level of the Hadoop software architecture.
- The YARN layer handles work scheduling and resource management across groups.
- MapReduce is a programming paradigm for efficiently managing enormous amounts of data distributed across several clusters. Dean and Ghemawat were the first Google employees to use this strategy. Hadoop's fundamental approach to data processing is known as the "fundamental data processing strategy."

A brief list of the important components follows:

A. Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS)

This storage system is designed to be dispersed over numerous sites and handle massive amounts of data. It has the tools to successfully manage incredibly massive amounts of data. The sections of each file are separated and distributed to different nodes in the cluster. Figure 2 depicts the

HDFS architecture, which consists of two main groups of nodes. The subordinate nodes are referred to as Data Nodes, and the master node is known as the Name Node. A small cluster consists of a single master node and many worker nodes, whereas a big cluster can include thousands of worker nodes. The master node bears responsibilities for managing and administering the file system.

Cluster processing and client access. It maintains order by directing clients to the right Data Node where they can find the necessary data. The Data Node specifies where the data must be kept and maintained. It is crucial to ensure that each worker node operates on its own file system. The data is dispersed across several Data Nodes and stored in redundant file blocks, which frequently contain three copies. HDFS uses a replication strategy to ensure that data is consistently accessible and travels quickly between cluster nodes. HDFS is designed to be error tolerant and reliable.

B. MapReduce

The framework uses a method known as parallel programming to speed up the processing of enormous amounts of data across multiple clusters. Hadoop uses shared computing to process extraordinarily big data collections. The assumption that the Hadoop core element is in charge of data management and analytics is widely recognized. This strategy, known as "horizontal scalability," increases the system's computing capability without adding more powerful processors. The fundamental idea of MapReduce is to divide large jobs into smaller, concurrently executable tasks, hence reducing the execution time necessary to finish them.

1) Components of MapReduce

Job Tracker: The program's location is the Name Node. When to include Map or Reduce tasks in Task Trackers is determined by the Data Nodes' data retrieval capability.

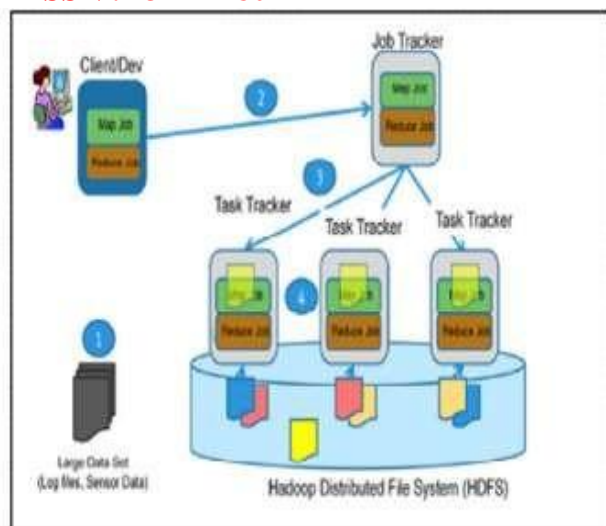


Figure 2: HDFS and MapReduce are two applications used for distributed processing. It also verifies the status of tasks entered on task trackers.

Task Tracker The allocated task must be done on the Data Node by the job tracker. The completion of a task causes the Job Tracker on the Name Node to receive a signal.

Working Mechanism of MapReduce

The Job Tracker receives the input file used to initiate the MapReduce algorithm via the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS). As a first step in MapReduce, the Map function divides huge jobs into smaller ones. The smaller jobs are then given to their respective key/value pairs. The reduce function sends the Map function's output to the next stage. To reach the final result, all output values with the same key value must be added together. Figure 2 depicts the performance of HDFS and MapReduce when they combine.

1) Data Processing

Hadoop allows the concurrent processing of enormous amounts of data. MapReduce processes data by executing the algorithm's reduce, scramble, and map stages. The technique involves getting data from the HDFS system, and then

2) The data is broken into digestible chunks and distributed among the available nodes. HDFS is used to store these temporary files during the process. Following this, a key is used to disseminate the intermediate data. 4) Finally, the

complete nodes' data is assembled and re-encoded for HDFS.

The procedure takes a long time since each MapReduce task requires numerous read and write operations. It can still handle massive amounts of data, but it requires a significant amount of readily available storage space. Furthermore, it is regarded as cost-effective because to its ability to function with basic equipment. Its tremendous flexibility and scalability allow it to accommodate a large number of nodes. Many software tools, such as HBase and Hive, as well as complex algorithms that use HDFS and YARN administration, can be built on top of the Hadoop platform. It is thus an ideal starting point for analytical tasks. Hadoop is also useful when processing large amounts of data and time restrictions are not an issue. Table 2 provides a simplified assessment of Hadoop's advantages and downsides.

Spark

This software infrastructure is capable of handling large amounts of data and is available to all users. It supports group discussions and real-time information viewing. It allows you to engage with and manage enormous amounts of data at once. Spark processes and manages data in memory, allowing it to perform substantially faster than Hadoop. Spark runs fully in memory to speed up processing, which is its core goal. Processing is expedited even more by saving intermediate data in memory instead of having to access and write to the hard disk. Spark is a very useful platform because, with the right storage layer, it can act as a platform in and of itself. When connected to the appropriate storage layer, it is regarded as a standalone platform. However, when combined with Hadoop, it is called a MapReduce solution. This platform's ecosystem includes several libraries that can be used for a number of purposes. For example, Spark MLlib contains machine learning-standard algorithms for dimensionality reduction, classification, regression, and clustering. Spark also offers stream processing and batch processing. Batch

processing guarantees that disk space is only used when needed. This is accomplished by processing all input in memory, inserting data only at the start, and storing the results at the end. This dramatically increases efficiency. Implementation of the in-memory approach with DAG (Directed Acyclic Graph) ordering. It supplies the processor with a comprehensive list of activities, data, and links between them. This allows the processor to better organize tasks. In-memory processing also uses Resilient Distributed Datasets (RDDs) to avoid excessive file access during write operations, ensure error handling, and remove unnecessary data copies.

Spark was specifically built for stream processing and employs a technique known as "micro-batches." The data is processed in small batches, which are efficiently managed by a batch engine that buffers the data streams. This method increases throughput; nevertheless, it creates delay due to the need to wait for the stream to discharge. Spark is thought to be a suitable choice for applications that require a variety of processing tasks. Table 2 provides a simplified assessment of Hadoop's advantages and downsides.

Storm is an open-source big data platform that can process large amounts of data quickly. Initially, it was a BackType utility specifically built for social media monitoring . It can process exceptionally large amounts of data far faster than rival systems. People think it a good decision because time is crucial and has a huge impact on the end outcome.

Table 2: The advantages and disadvantages of Hadoop, Spark, and Storm.

Tool	Advantages	Limitations
Hadoop	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Scalability in which it can be expanded with thousands of nodes. 2- Compatibility and integration with other frameworks in which it be used as a core element for other software tools. 3- Cost effective (Economical) since it run on low-cost hardware components. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Slow which makes it unsuitable for real time applications.
Spark	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fast processing (faster than Hadoop) since it is adopting a strategy for in-memory processing which minimizes the number of read/write operations to hard disk. 2. Flexibility in which it can be used as a separate framework or with an existing Hadoop framework. 3. Support both Stream and Batch processing. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Spark can cost more since RAM is more expensive. 2- Not suitable to work on shared clusters since it consumes more resources.
Storm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Flexibility to be integrated with Hadoop's YARN 2- Strict latency requirements 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Does not support batch processing.

Stringent latency constraints impact users' experiences. Bulk processing is not viable, but stream processing is. It is being used in a wide range of applications, including real-time analytics, distributed remote procedure calls (RPC), and online machine learning. Stream processing uses topologies and Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs) to specify the precise operations done on individual incoming data elements. The designs are made up of spouts (data stream sources), data streams, and bolts that operate on the input data. The benefits and drawbacks of Storm are concisely described in Table 2.

8. CONCLUSION

As a result of the exponential increase in everyday data collecting, big data analytics is emerging as a key tool for many enterprises. Big data analytics enables the extraction of a wealth of valuable information, profound insights, superior products, flawless solutions, and more informed decisions grounded in scientific discoveries. Analytics of vast volumes of data has enormous potential in a variety of fields. Its greatest potential, however, is in the banking, healthcare, business, education, and political

sectors.

This essay gives a thorough assessment of "big data," including its definition, distinguishing features, and relevance. Additionally, the article discusses the significance of big data analytics across various domains and the challenges associated with its utilization due to its vastness and diversity. Furthermore, some of the most recent advances in approaches for evaluating large amounts of data are highlighted. The research investigates various forms of big data analytics, including text, audio, and video. The book discusses various technologies, including Hadoop, Spark, and Storm, which are employed to address the intricate nature of big data.

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