

Extensive Survey on Methods and Techniques to Handle Concept Drift in Process Mining

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ABSTRACT

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Business procedures benefit from process mining because it enables the extraction of crucial information from event logs to enhance process optimization. On-the-ground processes undergo evolution when stated as concept drift(cd) which makes the application of traditional process mining techniques become difficult. This paper presents a comprehensive investigation of the methods created to handle concept drift issues in process mining. Subsequently this research document will group these approaches according to their fundamental principles which include online learning approaches along with adaptive algorithms and hybrid methods. This paper explores the strengths and limitations of these methods when used to handle four main drift classifications: sudden, gradual, incremental, and recurring changes. The research survey presents upcoming tendencies and prospective future research routes while recognizing the need for strong time-sensitive scalable solutions to properly administer concept drift.

Keywords: Concept-drift(cd), process-mining, Statistical method, Control-charts, Clustering-techniques, incremental Learning, Decision-trees

Introduction

Changes to patterns and behaviors in a process generate concept drift that makes previously built models less precise [1]. Process mining faces significant obstacles when dealing with event logs for workflow analysis. Tools as well as techniques used to study processes must adapt to emerging processes for remaining useful [2]. The article investigates process mining handling for cd through comprehensive exploration of modern research developments and practical implementations of this topic. The research explains multiple detection approaches alongside model adjustment techniques together with methods for reducing the effects of such variations. Through their research the survey investigates innovative algorithms and tools together with strategies which enable experts to track evolving business processes. Research and practical insights from multiple recent studies can help both experts and academics enhance process mining abilities in dynamic systems [3].

1. Background

Process mining enables organizations to analyze operational data and identify various patterns of trends and

organizational inefficiencies and optimize procedures [4]. One critical difficulty arises from concept drift which modifies data patterns because of modifications in business processes as well as new regulatory requirements and technological changes and market dynamics. The use of outdated information in models leads to their decline in reliability and unreliability of their predictions. Process mining accuracy depends on effective detection and adaptation of ongoing changes in the data which ensures continued useful information retrieval [5].

2. Motivation

Process mining must maintain its effectiveness through adaptations to different business environment conditions. Organization growth together with changes renders static models obsolete which leads organizations to make unfavorable choices. Real-time adjustable advanced techniques provide organizations with accurate insights which guarantee superior competitive advantage [6].

3. Problem statement

Business operations improve through process mining analysis of event logs yet concept drift presents a significant challenge because processes naturally change because of business changes and new technologies and regulatory requirements [7]. Standard analytical techniques maintain selection of static fixed models which struggle to accommodate changes thus delivering non-dynamic and doubtful results [8].

4. Objective

The research investigates concept drift management protocols in process mining alongside the discussed methods for detection together with adaptation and management approaches. This analysis presents separate methods by evaluating their success rate together with their performance limitations for various operational cases. This research showcase realization of existing knowledge gaps as well as ongoing difficulties and emerging trends which may define upcoming development trajectories [9].

LITERATURE SURVEY

Multiple detection and adaptation techniques exist to preserve model accuracy when facing the challenge of concept drift although this phenomenon has received extensive academic attention [10]. The below table 1 presents essential methodologies using advantages alongside their corresponding limitations

Table 1: Review of Concept Drift Detection and Adaptation Techniques

Paper Title & Authors	Key Focus/Methodology	Advantage(A) & Limitation(L)
[1]. Process Mining: Overview and Opportunities (W. Van Der Aalst, 2012)	Explores process mining techniques such as discovery, conformance checking, and enhancement.	A: Provides a structured framework for analyzing business processes. L: Struggles with handling noisy or incomplete data.
[2].A Survey on Concept Drift in Process Mining (D. M. V. Sato et al., 2021)	Reviews concept drift types in process mining and categorizes detection techniques.	A: Offers a structured taxonomy of drift types and detection methods. L: Lacks experimental validation with real-world datasets.
[3]. Capturing the Sudden Concept Drift in Process Mining (M. Manoj Kumar et al., 2015)	Introduces methods for detecting sudden concept drift in dynamic environments.	A: Enhances real-time adaptation to abrupt process changes. L: Not effective for handling gradual or recurring drifts.
[4]. The Chi-Square Test: Often Used and More Often Misinterpreted (T. M. Franke et al., 2012)	Examines common misinterpretations of the chi-square test in statistical analysis.	A: Simple and widely used in hypothesis testing. L: Assumes independence, which may not always hold.

[5]. Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test: Overview (V. W. Berger & Y. Zhou, 2014)	Provides an overview of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for comparing distributions.	A: Effectively detects shifts in data distributions. L: Sensitive to sample size variations.
[6]. The Shewhart Control Chart—Tests for Special Causes (L. S. Nelson, 1984)	Discusses Shewhart control charts for monitoring quality control processes	A: Widely used for detecting anomalies in quality control. L: Inappropriate for detecting small process changes.
[7]. Shewhart-Type Control Charts for Variation in Phase I Data Analysis (S. W. Human et al., 2010)	Analyses Shewhart-type control charts for assessing process stability.	A: Helps in early detection of process instabilities. L: Less effective in handling non-normal data distributions
[8]. A CUSUM Chart for Monitoring a Proportion When Inspecting Continuously (M. R. Reynolds Jr & Z. G. Stoumbos, 1999)	Proposes a CUSUM chart for anomaly detection in continuous data streams	A: More sensitive to small deviations than traditional methods. L: Mandate parameter tuning for optimal performance.
[9]. A Review of Clustering Techniques and Developments (A. Saxena et al., 2017)	Reviews various clustering techniques used in machine learning and pattern recognition.	A: Provides a comprehensive review of clustering methodologies. L: Lacks performance comparison of algorithms.
[10]. Concept Drift Detection with Hierarchical Hypothesis Testing (S. Yu & Z. Abraham, 2017)	Proposes a hierarchical hypothesis testing method for detecting concept drift.	A: Enhances detection accuracy in high-dimensional data. L: Computationally intensive for large-scale applications.
[11]. Decision Trees (B. De Ville, 2013)	Discusses decision trees and their applications in predictive modelling.	A: Easy to interpret and implement across different domains. L: Prone to overfitting with complex datasets.
[12]. Neural Networks (H. Abdi et al., 1999)	Reviews neural network architectures, learning mechanisms, and applications.	A: Effective in modeling complex nonlinear relationships. L: Requires large datasets for effective training.
[13]. Large Scale Incremental Learning (Y. Wu et al., 2019)	Explores techniques for incremental learning in data streams.	A: Enables AI models to continuously adapt to new data. L: Faces challenges with catastrophic forgetting.
[14]. A Dynamic Hierarchical Incremental Learning-Based Supervised Clustering for Data Streams (S. Nikpour & S. Asadi, 2022)	Proposes an adaptive clustering approach for concept drift handling	A: Offers adaptive clustering in real-time environments. L: High computational complexity for large datasets.
[15]. Applying Machine Learning in Self-Adaptive Systems: A Systematic Literature Review (O. Gheibi et al., 2021)	Reviews the role of machine learning in self-adaptive systems.	A: Highlights the role of ML in improving system adaptability. L: Lacks empirical validation in real-world systems.
[16]. Lifelong Self-Adaptation: Self-Adaptation Meets Lifelong Machine Learning (O. Gheibi & D. Weyns, 2022)	Integrates lifelong machine learning with self-adaptive systems.	A: Bridges lifelong learning and adaptive system strategies. L: Practical implementations remain limited.

[17]. A K-Means Clustering and SVM-Based Hybrid Concept Drift Detection Technique for Network Anomaly Detection (M. Jain et al., 2022)	Proposes a hybrid clustering-based concept drift detection method.	A: Effectively improves network anomaly detection. L: Computationally expensive in dynamic environments.
[18]. Learning Under Concept Drift for Regression—A Systematic Literature Review (M. Lima et al., 2022)	Reviews techniques for handling concept drift in regression models.	A: Covers a wide range of adaptive regression techniques. L: Lacks experimental performance evaluations.
[19]. An Overview of Concept Drift Applications (I. Zliobaite et al., 2016)	Examines concept drift applications across various domains.	A: Provides a broad overview of real-world applications. L: Does not delve into implementation details.
[20]. Business Process Management (BPM) Standards: A Survey (R. K. Ko et al., 2009)	Surveys BPM standards and their evolution over time.	A: Useful for understanding BPM frameworks. L: Outdated in the context of modern BPM technologies.
[21]. Concept Drift from 1980 to 2020: A Comprehensive Bibliometric Analysis with Future Research Insight (E. S. Baburoglu et al., 2024)	Conducts a bibliometric analysis of concept drift research trends	A: Highlights emerging trends and research gaps. L: Does not evaluate the practical impact of reviewed studies.
[22]. Process Mining Methodology for Health Process Tracking Using Real-Time Indoor Location Systems (C. Fernández-Llatas et al., 2015)	Proposes a process mining methodology for healthcare tracking.	A: Enables real-time tracking of hospital workflows. L: Implementation requires specialized infrastructure.

I. CONCEPT DRIFT IN PROCESS MINING

Concept drift in predictive analytics, data science, and machine learning is the phenomena wherein a model loses accuracy when the patterns in data change with time [11]. This implies that the relationships the model acquired could not be relevant anymore, particularly in cases when the target, the model, is forecasting changes in unanticipated directions. When this happens, the model's predictions become unreliable unless it is updated to keep up with the changing data.[12] as shown in figure 1

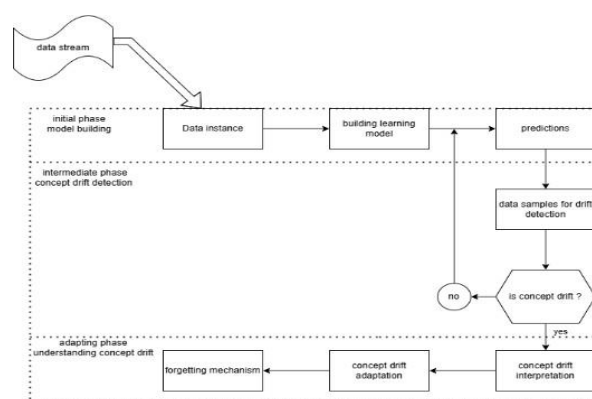


Figure 1. Understanding Concept Drift

A. Types of concept drift

The several forms of concept drift negatively impact predictive model accuracy and reliability. External factors including viral trends produce *sudden drift* [13] through rapid changes in data patterns which lead to immediate alterations of customer behavior at particular moments. New patterns in *gradual drift* [14] emerge through a steady process which may display periods of variation between old and new patterns until stability is reached. Seasonal trends demonstrate this pattern because consumer behavior patterns change periodically and then return to these same patterns throughout the time period. *Recurring drift* [15] describes patterns which experience temporary changes that ultimately return to their initial condition such as annual sales cycles demonstrating alternating consumer behavior throughout the year. The development of adaptive models requires complete comprehension about these drift patterns to succeed in changing environments.

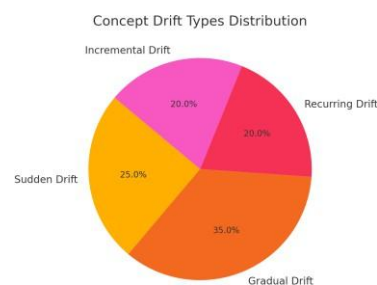


Figure 2 Concept Drift Types Distribution

The Concept Drift Types Distribution pie chart in figure 2 demonstrates how frequent each type of drift occurs during machine learning model application. Models experience gradual drift most frequently at 35% since it represents their general pattern of slow yet continuous alteration [15]. Sudden drift patterns constitute 25% of concept drift occurrences and should be detected quickly because they lead to major accuracy decline. The distribution exhibits incremental drift at 20% while recurring drift amounts to 20% as well as showing gradual drift at 20% and sudden drift at 25% and gradual drift at 35%. Real-world operations require adaptive methods because of these circumstances.

B. Impact and challenges of concept drift on process mining

The occurrence of concept drift causes data models to become irrelevant which leads to difficulties between recognizing routine modifications and genuine issues and

results in incorrect measurements of cycle time and bottlenecks. Inadequate project outcomes together with failure events occur because organizations fail to detect concept drift.

Detecting concept drift is tough. It can be sudden or gradual. Continuous model supervision remains essential to find changes but the detection process consumes human resources combined with computer processing capability and extended transformation time [11].

C. Challenges in handling concept drift.

Concept drift detection together with adaptation creates demanding difficulties for users to deal with. The identification of concept drift stands out as the main difficulty because detecting such drift becomes complicated due to its quick onset and gradual nature. Continuous model monitoring serves to evaluate performance and check data distributions according to [8]. The process of adapting models for changing data distribution patterns becomes complex because organizations need large amounts of computational power coupled with extended adjustment time

II. METHODS OF DETECTING CONCEPT DRIFT

A. Statistical method

1. **Chi-square test:** To monitor data distribution modifications across time the chi-square test serves as an alert system [16]. It works by:

- User values get categorized into predefined groups such as low medium or high spending levels.
- The analysis depends on two main steps including creating tables containing frequency counts between time periods and comparing these tables.
- The test examines data observations against expected statistics to confirm expected behavior.
- Running the chi-square test results in significant change when the chi-square value is high and the p-value remains low. The method continuously monitors shifts to maintain the accuracy and update status of machine learning models

(1)

This $\chi^2 = (O_i - E_i)/E_i$ comparison of O_i observed frequencies versus E_i expected frequencies to determine chi-square value. The chi-square value is calculated after which researchers compare it to a chi-square distribution where they identify the p-value through appropriate degrees of freedom

2. **Kolmogorov Smirnov test:** Concept drift detection through the Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) Test requires distribution comparison analysis between different periods of time [17]. To perform analysis the data gets divided into time-based segments while designers choose specific variables to monitor. The test first generates Empirical Cumulative Distribution Functions (ECDF) per time interval to determine the KS Statistic that represents maximum distribution difference between pairs of functions. For comparing two samples, the KS statistic is given by:

$$D = \max |F1(x) - F2(x)| \quad (2)$$

The test calculates the p-value by comparing D against the KS distribution while using $F1(x)$ and $F2(x)$ as the sample ECDFs. After calculating DD the researcher uses a KS distribution table to determine its p-value and evaluate drift significance. Concept drift becomes evident when the calculated p-value remains small which indicates a substantial distribution change in the data.

B. Control Charts

1. **Shewhart charts:** Shewhart charts help track process performance over time, distinguishing between normal fluctuations and unexpected changes that may signal issues [18]. Used in quality control, they ensure stability and early problem detection

Key Components:

- Central Line (CL): The process average, serving as a baseline.
- Upper & Lower Control Limits (UCL/LCL): Define the normal range, data outside these limits may indicate trouble.
- Data Points: Measurements plotted over time to monitor performance.

Types of Shewhart Charts:

- X-bar Chart: Tracks average values.
- R Chart: Monitors variation within a sample.
- P & NP Charts: Measure defective items.

- C & U Charts: Count defects per unit, adjusting for sample size

2. **Cusum Charts:** A CUSUM chart [8] CUSUM charts help detect changes over time by tracking small deviations from a target value[19].

How It Works:

- Set a Baseline – Define the expected data distribution.
- Track Deviations – Continuously sum differences from the target.
- Set Limits – Establish thresholds to flag significant shifts.
- Monitor Trends – Update and compare CUSUM values over time.
- Detect Drift – If values cross the limits, a data shift is likely.

By spotting gradual changes early, CUSUM charts keep models accurate and responsive

The Comparison of Statistical Methods shown in figure 3 compares the effectiveness of various statistical drift detection techniques. Data monitoring methods based on CUSUM and Shewhart control charts prove most effective thus making them optimal for tracking gradual modifications in data [19].

The Chi-Square test and KS Test work effectively to find quick data changes while struggling to spot slow variations in time. The value of statistical methods needs reinforcement as they should operate alongside machine learning-based approaches for better overall performance.

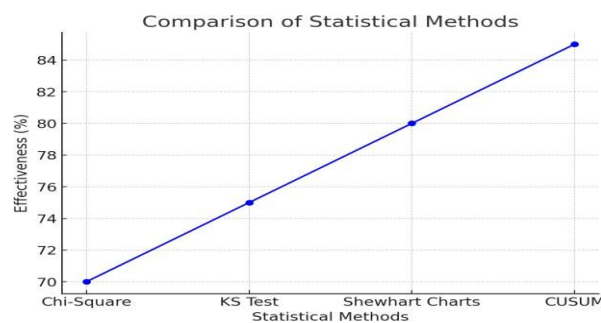


Figure 3: Comparison Of Statistical Methods

C. Clustering Techniques

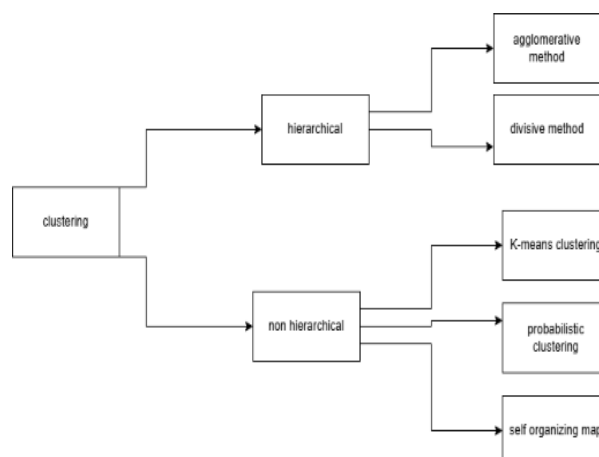


Figure 4. Hierarchical clustering methods

Figure 4 represents hierarchical clustering, which builds a tree-like structure (dendrogram) to iteratively merge or split clusters based on data similarity, enabling flexible and adaptive clustering without a predefined number of clusters

K-Means Clustering is a widely used machine learning technique that helps organize data into K distinct groups or clusters based on similarities [20]. Each cluster has a centroid, which represents the center of that group, calculated as the average of all points in the cluster. The main goal of K-Means is to minimize the differences between data points within the same cluster while keeping them distinct from other clusters.[9]

K-Means: Groups data into K clusters by assigning points to the closest center and updating until stable. It's fast and great for tasks like customer segmentation and anomaly detection.

Hierarchical Clustering: As shown in figure 5 builds a **tree-like structure (dendrogram)**, clustering step by step. No need to predefine the number of clusters, making it ideal for uncovering natural patterns in data.[21].

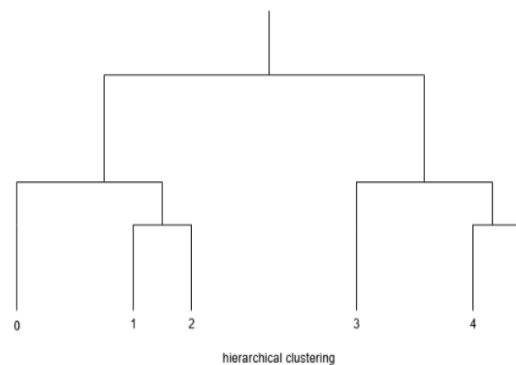


Figure 5. Hierarchical clustering

III. TECHNIQUES FOR HANDLING CONCEPT DRIFT

A. Model Planning

Model updating keeps machine learning accurate as data evolves. This can mean tweaking the existing model or retraining it with fresh data to ensure reliable predictions.

- Periodic re-discovery: The process of reviewing models through event log analysis takes place periodically to maintain workflow accuracy with current conditions[7].

B. Incremental Learning

The incremental learning system [13] runs an automatic model update mechanism that uses constant data streaming to operate without needing full model training reboot.

Techniques: *Online Learning* Adjusts model weights incrementally with each new data point or mini-batch, enabling continuous updates.

The learning rate undergoes automatic adjustment based on what the model accomplishes and how the incoming data behaves.

The *incremental clustering method* [14] conducts real-time updates of cluster models using dynamic processes without processing the entire current data collection.

Sequential data streams require processing through the *Online Learning Algorithms* that function best for continuous concept drift adaptation [13].

C. Adaptive Systems

The adaptive systems design includes parameter and structural changes through dynamic adjustments to adapt to shifting data patterns which allows them to handle concept drift effectively [15].

The *self-adaptive workflow* determines how tasks execute automatically while real-time situations evolve for better operational results [16]. Such systems require performance data analysis feedback inputs from monitoring combined with appropriate control mechanisms to introduce necessary implementations.

The *Adaptive Case Management (ACM)* framework described in [13] allows unstructured processes to adapt through real-time modifications of their processes based on present environmental conditions.

D. Hybrid Approches

Studies found in [17] confirm that combining statistical methods and machine learning techniques creates the best detection results for concept drift. This combined method promotes higher model accuracy combined with reliable performance while streamlining data pattern modifications process.

The combination of CUSUM and EWMA tools monitors data changes but machine learning models serve to adapt models according to requirement. The united approach helps classification systems provide better results and maintain operational accuracy through continuous data development.

The figure 5 demonstrates the method for detecting concept drift together with the process of assigning labels to evolving data patterns which enables continuous adaptive model learning and update capabilities.

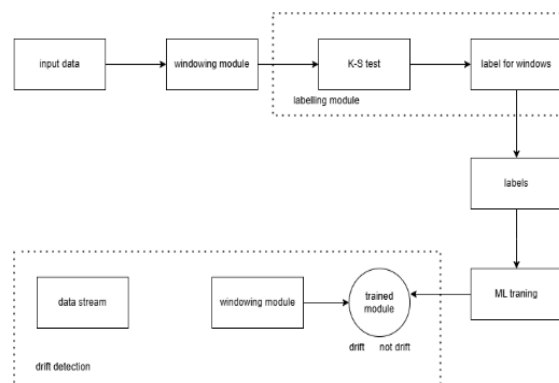


Figure 5: Concept Drift Detection and Labeling Workflow

IV. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The selection process for concept drift management within machine learning demands performance analysis of various methods when applied to practical situations. The selection of an appropriate method depends on multiple important aspects including accuracy, efficiency, scalability along with robustness.]

A comparison between popular techniques exists using these evaluation metrics to showcase advantages together with disadvantages as per research [15]

A. Evaluation Criteria

1. **Accuracy:** Method accuracy refers to the ability of the approach to notice concept drift occurrence. Statistical techniques that use CUSUM and EWMA algorithms recognize abrupt concept drifts but do not identify gradual changes. The error monitoring system detects performance declines yet fails to identify their actual causes. The combination of different strategic approaches provides the most effective way to maintain drift prevention since each approach brings its own unique advantages. Along with weaknesses. [18]

2. **Efficiency:** Method efficiency refers to the ability of detecting and adjusting to drift in a time-efficient manner. Real-time monitoring benefits from the lightweight nature of statistical methods which include CUSUM and EWMA among others. Error monitoring maintains high efficiency but its effectiveness depends directly on the model checking frequency. Rate detection through machine learning systems provides extensive results at the cost of requiring heavy system resources. The key to effective drift detection depends on achieving proper speed productivity alignment [17].
3. **Scalability:** A system must maintain its speed and operation as data volumes increase without experiencing slowing down. Large datasets require custom adjustments in order for statistical drift detection methods CUSUM and EWMA to function properly. Machine learning models vary. The handling of large databases remains efficient using decision trees and these systems work effectively for big data with correct configuration although they require significant computing resources. The effectiveness of scalability increases when different techniques team up in hybrid approaches yet these methods introduce additional complexities into systems.
4. **Robustness:** Performance maintains its strength when handling alterations in data sources. CUSUM and EWMA observe shift deviations effectively although they lose effectiveness when dealing with intricate changes. Error monitoring systems help track performance yet require supplemental tools to identify what kind of drift occurred properly. True system operation requires proper tuning because improper tuning leads to false alarms [22].

Table 2: Comparison of Detection Methods

Method	Accuracy	Efficiency	Scalability	Robustness
Decision Trees	Generally high	Efficient, especially with smaller datasets	Scales well but needs optimization for high-dimensional data	Robust to various patterns, requires updates
Neural Networks	High for complex patterns	Computationally intensive	Highly scalable with appropriate infrastructure	Robust but needs careful tuning and retraining
Statistical and ML Integration	Generally high due to combined strengths	Can be complex, balancing computational demands	Typically scalable, managing multiple techniques can be challenging	Highly robust due to combined strengths
Ensemble Methods	High by leveraging multiple models	Increased computational load, but can be optimized	Scalable with appropriate resource management	Highly robust due to diverse models
Adaptive Case Management Systems	High in dynamic environments	Can be efficient if well-designed but may require more resources	Generally scalable, needs to support increasing complexity	Highly robust for environments requiring flexibility

Table 3: Comparison of Handling Technique

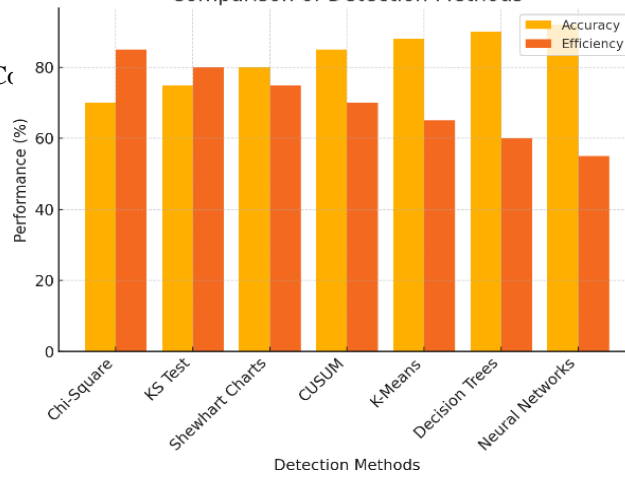
Handling technique	Accuracy	Efficiency	Scalability	Robustness
Incremental Learning	Generally high	Efficient	Scales well	Robust with good management
Batch Retraining	High	Less efficient	Scales but resource-intensive	Robust with good retraining intervals
Self-Adaptive Workflows	High	Efficient if well-designed	Generally scalable	Highly robust in dynamic environments
Adaptive Case Management Systems	High	Efficient but resource-intensive	Generally scalable	Highly robust in complex environments
Combining Statistical and ML Methods	Generally high	Complex but balanced	Scalable	Highly robust due to combined strengths
Ensemble Methods	High	Increased load but optimized	Scalable	Highly robust due to diverse models

periodic updating, incremental learning, self-adaptive systems and hybrid techniques. When it comes to accuracy combined with robust performance hybrid methods demonstrate the best results at the expense of more extensive computational demands [19]. Incremental learning allows for high process scalability and adaptability which makes it suitable for extended usage in the field. Self-adaptive systems possess automatic new data adjustment capabilities yet need sophisticated implementation methods. This method needs minimal effort to update yet shows limitations when dealing with rapidly changing data flows. Choosing a proper analytics method depends entirely on the particular application needs.

V. APPLICATION AND CASE STUDIES

Comparison of Detection Methods

Figure 6:Cc



A comparison of different concept drift detection approaches exists within Table 2 and figure 6 according to their accuracy levels and efficiency rates. The highest accuracy level belongs to neural networks and decision trees although their high computational requirements limit their operational efficiency [13]. The Chi-Square test alongside the KS Test prove efficient but deliver results with lower accuracy when compared to other detection methods.

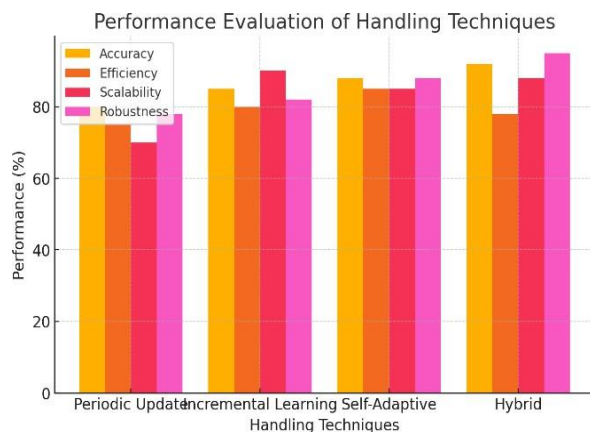


Figure 7: Comparison of Evaluation Handling Techniques

Table 3 together with figure 7 displays the performance assessment of different handling approaches according to

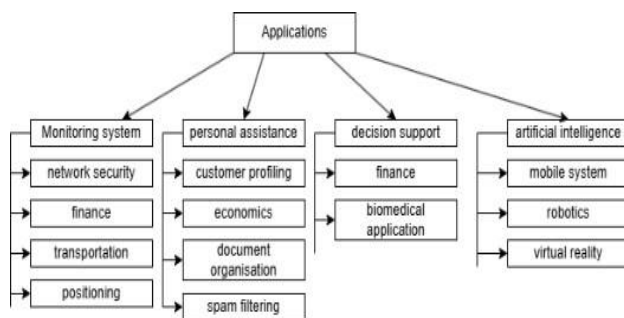


Figure 8. Applications of concept drift

The figure 8 highlights various domains, such as business process management, healthcare, customer service, and manufacturing, where concept drift detection and adaptation play a crucial role in maintaining model accuracy and efficiency.

A. Business Process Management (BPM)

Application of Concept Drift Handling Techniques:

[19] **Dynamic Workflow Adaptation:** Businesses must adjust processes to keep up with regulations, market shifts, and customer needs [21]. **Example:** A bank uses **adaptive case management** to update loan approvals in real time, ensuring compliance without manual intervention. **Result:** Faster processing, improved efficiency, and regulatory alignment.

Predictive Analytics for Improvement: Machine learning models, like **neural networks and ensemble methods**, analyze past data to predict and prevent bottlenecks, keeping operations smooth and efficient

B. Healthcare

Smart Patient Monitoring Health conditions change over time, requiring adaptable diagnostic models.

Example: Hospitals use neural networks and incremental learning to track disease outbreaks and adjust interventions in real time. Result: Faster outbreak detection, better resource planning, and improved public health response. [22]

Personalized Medicine Treatment plans should evolve with patient needs and new research. Example: A hospital tailors cancer treatments using hybrid AI models, combining machine learning with statistical analysis. Result: More effective treatments, better patient outcomes, and truly personalized care.

C. Customer Service

Smarter Chatbots Customers need to change, so chatbots must adapt [22]. Example: An e-commerce company updates its chatbot using machine learning and hybrid AI to improve responses based on real-time customer interactions. **Result:** Faster support, better conversations, and happier customers.

Real-Time Sentiment Tracking Customer opinions shift, and brands need to keep up. Example: A company monitors social media using AI-powered sentiment analysis that evolves with new trends and slang. Result: More accurate insights, stronger brand reputation, and better customer engagement.

D. Manufacturing

Predictive Maintenance: Manufacturing equipment wears down over time, and failure patterns change. Example: A factory uses AI with incremental learning to update its maintenance models as new data comes in. Result: Less downtime, lower costs, and longer-lasting machines.

Quality Control in Manufacturing: Concept drift in production can affect product quality, so manufacturers use adaptive systems to keep standards high, even as conditions change.

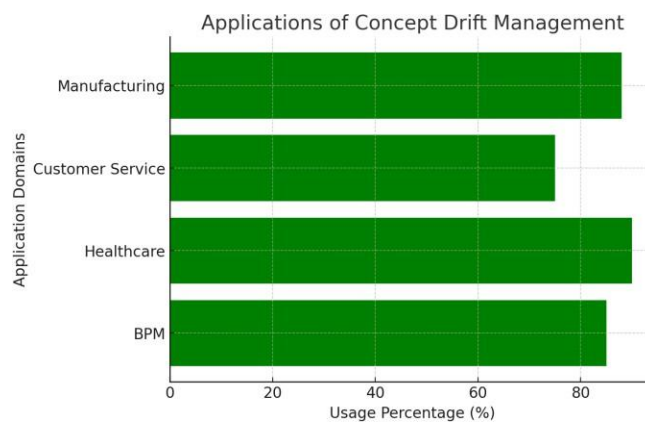


Figure 8: User Percentage of Concept Drift in Application Level

Concept drift management applications useful in industry practice become evident through the Applications of Concept Drift Management chart that evaluates technical implementations across multiple sectors. Figure 8 shows the concept drift usage. The fields of healthcare together with business process management demonstrate the greatest usage because they must continuously notice shifting data patterns. Manufacturing companies derive substantial value from concept drift detection systems especially when implementing predictive maintenance systems and quality control functions [18]. The adaptation mechanism of drift helps maintenance of user engagement in customer service applications by enhancing chatbots and sentiment analysis systems. Concept drift management proves essential throughout different fields because it guarantees models maintain accuracy together with relevance throughout time.

VI. FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS

Concept drift handling research evolves toward enhancing the ability to detect drifts and the process of adapting to them while integrating with emerging technologies [21]:

A. Enhancing Detection Techniques

Research needs to develop methods that detect gentle concept drifts better while decreasing the frequency of wrong alarm signals. Complex data analysis brings together several efficient algorithms which work in combination with dimensionality reduction procedures to deal with high- dimensional data. The registration of domain expertise makes context-aware insights more precise in their detection results.

B. Improving Adaptation Mechanisms

Smarter Model Updates: Enabling dynamic adjustments for better efficiency. System needs determine the modifications applied to drift responses through customized adaptation protocols.

Automatic Drift Handling: Implementing self-adaptive systems for autonomous drift management [12].

C. Real-Time Process Mining

Software developers should construct immediate drift detection algorithms along with process adjustment algorithms for instantaneous drift adaptation. Process Monitoring needs enhancement because it should have stronger abilities to detect changes with effective responses.

D.Integration with Advanced Technologies (e.g., IoT, AI) IoT for Smarter Detection: Leveraging IoT data for real-time drift awareness. Organizations gain better adaptable behavior through AI technology when they apply neural networks with reinforcement learning techniques.

VII. CONCLUSION

When data patterns change throughout time this leads to concept drift that negatively affects both model accuracy and reliability levels. Concept drift emerges in three possible patterns - immediate, progressive or periodic duration and demands specialized detection and modification approaches to handle it. Real-time adaptation uses incremental and online learning to achieve its objectives along with CUSUM and EWMA statistical tests and ensemble models for drift detection purposes.

Companies need to develop specific response plans based on AI and IoT technology to keep their predictive capabilities accurate throughout the process. The management of concept drift encounters several obstacles like industry-individual adjustments and quick technological transformations and the actual world barriers stemming from data quality and processing capacity restraints. The study offers present-day details regarding procedures but future methods and advancements might need regular updates. To maintain strong drift management a system needs adaptable features along with continuous educational techniques to maintain dynamic model effectiveness.

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