

# Materialized Views Selection Problem in Decision Supporting Systems: Issues and Challenges

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Abstract

The data warehouse is the most widely used database structure in many decision support systems around the world. This is the reason why a lot of research has been conducted in the literature over the last two decades on their design, refreshment and optimization. The manipulation of hypercubes (cubes) of data is a frequently used operation in the design of multidimensional data warehouses, due to their better adaptation to OLAP (On-Line Analytical Processing). However, the updating of these hypercubes is a very complicated process due mainly to the mass and complexity of the data presented. The purpose of this paper is to present the state of the art of works based on multidimensional modeling using the hypercube as a unit of presentation of data stores. It starts with the base of this process which is the choice of the views (cubes) forming our data warehouse base. The objective of this work is to describe the state of the art of research works dealing with the selection of materialized views in decision support systems.

# **Keywords**

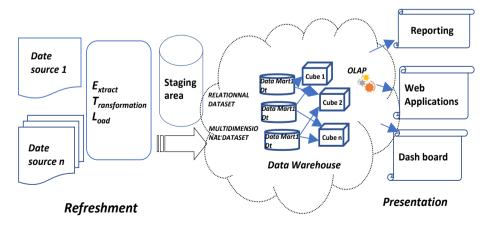
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# **1. Introduction**

Presenting data in coherent and integral situation reflecting its current state remains a challenge of traditional information systems called transactional systems using OLTP process (On-Line Transactional Processing). However, these systems are still insufficient for the Decision Support Systems (DSS). As long as they do not keep historical information on the data and the evolution of data is not available and they need to build specific systems to simplify the process of online analysis of OLAP (On-Line Analytical Processing) data. These systems, called decision support systems, are information systems dedicated to decision-supporting applications [1] [2] [3]. **Figure 1** presents an example of Decision Support Systems. Such systems are centralized around what is called a "Datawarehouse" data warehouse defined according to two basic approaches: the first designates the data warehouse as a collection of integrated data, subject-oriented, non-volatile, historical, summarized and available for interrogation [3]; the second defines the warehouse as a set of Datamart data stores, each store of which represents an extract from the warehouse dealing with a given theme [1] [4].

There are several research works dealing with the design and modeling of data warehouses classified according to the type of database used for storage of data warehouse: works dealing with relational modeling [5] [6] [7] and others based on multidimensional modeling [8] [9]. Indeed, the nature, variety and volume of data in data warehouses are constantly increasing on the one hand and the need for analysts and queriers to optimize response time, storage cost and update time is becoming more and more of a challenge for developers of business intelligence systems. Thus the appearance of spatial warehouses [10] [11] [12] [13], Bigdata [14]-[19] and Datawarehouse in the cloud environment [20] [21] on the other hand.

The purpose of this paper is to present the state of the art of works based on multidimensional modeling using the hyper-cube as a unit of presentation of data stores. The hyper-cube is defined as a presentation of the data to be analyzed in a multidimensional form whose values represent the measures to be analyzed and the dimensions represent the axes of analysis [22]. Indeed, the volume of data stored in warehouses is becoming more and more important, generating hypercubes that are complex to analyze and whose updates are also becoming very difficult. There are several approaches to updating the data cube in a data warehouse. Among these approaches are those that allow the total construction of data cubes [23] and those that deal with incremental updating, which



#### Database Structure



consists of updating only the data that undergoes changes in the data sources [5] [6] [22]. Before starting the studies on the update of hypercubes, we will first deal with different approaches to the optimization algorithms for the selection of materialized views and their construction.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: in the first section we define the global context of materialized views selection problem and give a brief overview of some approaches dealing with materialized views, the second section describes the different operators of hypercube manipulation, and the third section presents a retrospective of existing update methods of hypercube. Finally, in the last section, we give some perspectives and a conclusion.

## 2. A Global Context of the Materialized View Selection

## 2.1. Materialized View Selection

In the decision-making systems, the size of data become more and more constantly increasing therefore the response time of analytical queries become also very high as illustrated in **Figure 3**. To solve this situation, the obvious idea is to analyze all analytical queries used and stock its result expressly in data warehouse but this solution is very expansive in term of storage and the time of their computation and update. To deal with the situation the reach area has been proposed to select a set of queries that can response to others, hence the birth of materialized views selection. In fact, for the rest of the document we consider the star schema of **Figure 2** like base structure of our Datawarehouse and taking for example the following query:

#### Example 1:

SELECT COUNTRY, DES\_PROD, SITUATION, YEAR\_, SUM (Sales) AS Total\_Sales FROM Fact\_Sales FS, DIM\_GEOGRAPHYG, DIM\_DATE D, DIM\_PRODUCT P, DIM\_CUSTOMERS C WHERE FS.ID\_CUST=C.ID\_CUST AND FS.ID\_PROD=P.ID\_PROD AND FS.ID\_GEO=G.ID\_GEO AND FS.ID\_DATE=D.ID\_DATE GROUP BY COUNTRY, DES\_PROD, SITUATION, YEAR\_;

The hardware specifications of the machine and software description used in the rest of our experimental study are listed below.

Hardware specifications: Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2520M CPU @ 2.50 GHz (4 CPUs), ~2.5 GHz, Memory: 6144 MB RAM, Operating System: Windows 10 Professional 64-bit.

*Software specifications*: Oracle 11G Release 11.2.0.4.0, Oracle Sql Developer Version 18.2.0.183.

**Figure 3**: Illustrates the performance evaluation measured by the response time increasing the percent size of the dataset in the fact table *"Fact\_sales"* beginning with 200k tuples until 400k tuples with the step of 10% until 100%.

According to the experimental results based on Datawarehouse with the initial size described in Table 1, Figure 3 shows that response time grows when the

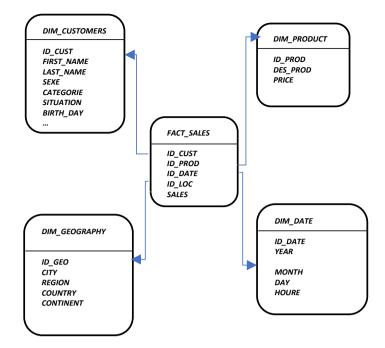


Figure 2. Star Schema base structure of our datawarehouse.

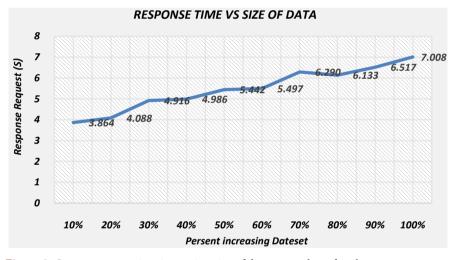


Figure 3. Query response time increasing size of data as number of tuples.

Table 1. Size of our datawarehouse.

Relation Table	Size (Number of tuples)		
DIM_CUSTOMER	100,000		
DIM_PRODUCT	1000		
DIM_GEOGRAPHY	60		
DIM_DATE	86,400		
FACT_SALES	200,000 🗲 400,000		

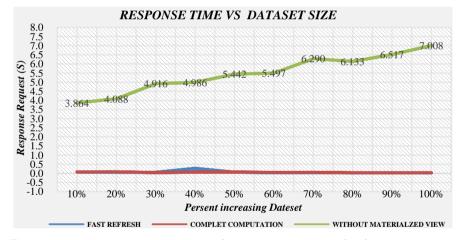
percent of dataset increase also as described above. Hence it is necessary to develop approaches to cope with this degradation of performance with the evolution of data warehouses in terms of volume and variety of data with the appearance of Spatial and Big Data Warehouse. In fact, **Figure 4** show the result of performance experiment among the use of materialized views technics with two view maintenance methods like complete computation and refresh method compared with the response time of the request without materialized views process.

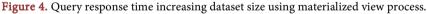
The results in **Figure 4** show that the response time for materialized views is negligible compared to the response time for the same query without using materialized views despite the increase in data size. The results are extracted without taking into account the update time of the materialized views. However, the deployment of the materialized view technique requires additional storage space and update time as shown in **Figure 5**.

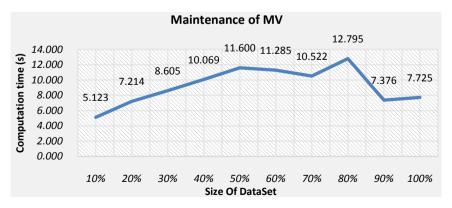
Hence the appearance of optimization algorithms based on materialized view techniques with the major challenge of minimizing response time under storage space constraints. The following section gives a brief study of various algorithms dealing with the materialized view selection problem.

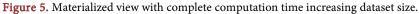
## 2.2. Overview Materialized View Selection Approaches

In fact, a great deal of the research works dealing with materialized view and









classed as NP-complete Problem and several algorithms are been developed in the literature which considers all possible views as an efficient representation structure to select a proper set of views for materialization [19]. The proposed structures to represent the views in the area of data warehouse are: (A)—Data cube lattice, (B)—AND-OR DAG (Directed Acyclic Graph), (C)—The MVPP (Multiple Views Processing Plan). For simplicity raisons to explain this variety of structure we used the request of example 2. Moreover, under this example the corresponding structures should be presented as shown in the following Figure 6.

For simplicity reasons, other information in the figure has been omitted for each node such as: query frequency  $F_v$  (frequency of the queries on view v), space  $S_v$ , update-frequency  $G_v$  (frequency of updates on v), and reading cost  $R_v$  (cost incurred in reading v). The interested researchers could refer to [24] [25] [26] [27] [28] for further details.

#### Example 2:

Q1: SELECT COUNTRY as C, DES\_PROD as P, YEAR\_ as Y, SUM (Sales) AS Total\_Sales FROM Fact\_Sales FS, DIM\_GEOGRAPHY G, DIM\_DATE D, DIM\_PRODUCT P WHERE country='COUNTRY1' and YEAR\_='2022' and SUBSTR(DES\_PROD,9) <='100' AND FS.ID\_PROD= P.ID\_PROD AND FS.ID\_GEO=G.ID\_GEO AND FS.ID\_DATE=D.ID\_DATE GROUP BY COUNTRY, DES\_PROD, YEAR\_;

Q2: SELECT COUNTRY, SITUATION, YEAR\_, SUM (Sales) AS Total\_Sales FROM Fact\_Sales FS, DIM\_GEOGRAPHY G, DIM\_DATE D, DIM\_PRODUCT P, DIM\_CUSTOMERS C WHERE country='COUNTRY1' and YEAR\_='2022' AND FS.ID\_CUST=C.ID\_CUST AND FS.ID\_PROD= P.ID\_PROD AND FS.ID\_GEO=G.ID\_GEO AND FS.ID\_DATE=D.ID\_DATE GROUP BY COUNTRY, SITUATION, YEAR\_;

Q3: SELECT COUNTRY as C, YEAR\_ as Y, SUM (Sales) AS Total\_Sales FROM Fact\_Sales FS, DIM\_GEOGRAPHY G, DIM\_DATE D WHERE country='COUNTRY1' and YEAR\_='2022' AND FS.ID\_GEO=G.ID\_GEO AND FS.ID\_DATE=D.ID\_DATE GROUP BY COUNTRY, YEAR\_;

Among these algorithms we find:

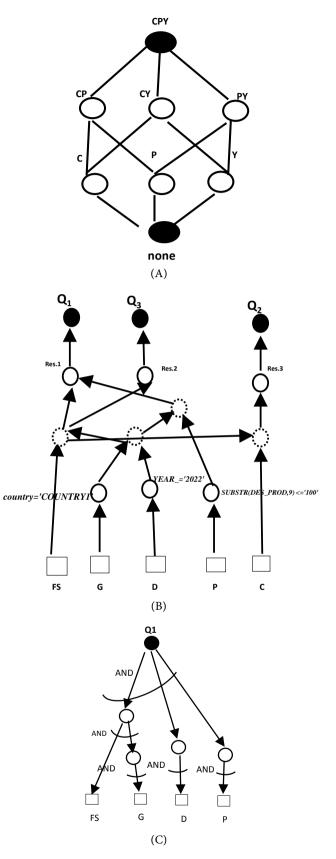
Harinarayan, V., *et al.* (1996) in [6] proposed the Greedy algorithm based on space costs defined by the number of rows in the view associated with each view v. The principal of the algorithm is to select some set S of k views that maximizing the benefit B(v, S) defined as follows.

1) For each  $w \le v$ , define the quantity  $B_w$  by:

(a) Let **u** be the view of least cost in **S** such that

 $w \leq u$ . Note that since the top view is in S,

There must be at least one such view in S.



**Figure 6.** (A) Data cube lattice structure; (B) AND-OR DAG (Directed Acyclic Graph), structure; (C) MVPP structure.

(b) If C(v) < C(u), then  $B_W = C(v) - C(u)$ . Otherwise,  $B_W = 0$ . 2) Define  $B(v, S) = \sum_{W \le U} B_W$ . **Table 2** describes the Greedy Algorithm.

Lin, W.-Y. and Kuo I.-C. (2004) in [29] proposed the Greedy Genetic Algorithm by merging the genetic algorithm presented in **Table 3** below with the greed algorithm described below. The algorithm is based on two metrics: the Query Cost describing the cost to evaluate query and Maintenance Cost specifying the cost to update cube where the maintenance technique adopted is precomputation from scratch of materialized cubes. Let *La* lattice of *N* Cubes  $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$  from table Fact *R*, A Set of Query

 $Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k\}, \text{ each query has its own execution frequency which is shown as Query Frequency Values <math>F = \{fq_1, fq_2, \dots, fq_i, \dots, fq_k\}, \text{ Update Frequency of cubes } G = \{gc_1, gc_2, \dots, gc_i, \dots, gc_n\}, \text{ Constraint Space } S \text{ and } \Omega \mathfrak{l} = (L, C, R, Q, F, G, S). \text{ The objective of the algorithm is to find a solution } \Omega \mathfrak{l} \text{ who is a subset of } C, \text{ say } M, \text{ that can minimize the following cost function defined such fitness function } \mu(\cdot) \text{ under the constraint that } \sum_{c \in Mc} |c| \leq S:$ 

$$\mu(\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} fq_i E(q_i, M) + \sum_{c \in M} gcU(c, M)$$
(1)

First Member is cost to evaluate query  $q_i$  and second member is the cost to update cube *c*.

Table 2. Greedy algorithm.

$\overline{S = \{top \ view\}};$
for i = l to k do begin
select that view v not in S such that B(v, S)
is maximized;
$S = S union \{v\};$
end;
resulting S is the greedy selection;

#### Table 3. Genetic algorithm.

Initialize parameters;
Generate a population P randomly;
<i>Nbr_generation</i> $\leftarrow$ 1;
while Nbr_generation ≤ max_gen do
Clear the new population P,
<i>Evaluate each individual in P using a fitness function</i> $\mu(\cdot)$ ;
while  P  ≤ population_size do
Select two parents from P;
Execute crossover;
Execute mutation;
Place the offspring into P;
End while
$P \leftarrow P;$
<i>Nbr_generation</i> ++;
end while

Necir, H. and Drias H. (2011) in [30] proposed A Distributed Clustering with Intelligent Multi Agents System for Materialized Views Selection; the approach is divided into three phases: the pre-processing of queries, generation of views candidates and selection of a final configuration. The goal is to use multi-agents generated with k-means clustering algorithm that use coordinate agent *COA* to dispatch the information's between the regional cluster *CA*. The pre-processing based on the Extractor-Agent that extract all restriction and joint predicates to build the predicates usage matrix of which each row and column represents one query and its predicates where the value in  $\{0, 1\}$  according to query  $q_i$  if uses the predicate  $p_i$  or no. Moreover, in the generation of views candidate's phase the regional clustering has been created using the last predicates matrix formed in the above phase. Finally, performing the configuration having views which executing query with respect to the storage constraint and reducing the total query processing cost.

Vijay Kumar, T. and Kumar, S. (2012) in [31] proposed the Genetic Algorithm Materialized view selection using genetic algorithm, this approach is similar to Lin, W.-Y. and Kuo, I.-C. proposed in [29] but the differences are appeared on the fitness function and the probability added to the crossover and mutation function. The fitness function is defined by a total view evaluation cost (*TVEC*) that calculate summation of size for materialized view and a size of smallest ancestor for not materialized views described as follow:

$$TVEC = \sum_{i=1 \land SMvi=1}^{N} Size(Vi) + \sum_{i=1 \land SMvi=0}^{N} SizeSMA(Vi)$$
(2)

Roy, S., *et al.* (2015) in [32] proposed Materialized view construction based on clustering technique. The approach based on attribute similarity measured by Jaccard Index presented for sets *A* and *B* as bellow and formation of clusters using weighted connected graphs:

$$Jaccard(A,B) = \frac{|A| \cap |B|}{|A| \cup |B|}$$
(3)

For example

 $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\} \text{ and } B = \{a, e, g, h\}, \text{ the Jaccard similarity can be calculated}$ as  $Jaccard(A, B) = \frac{2}{8} = 0.25$ , because  $A \cap B = \{a, e\}$  and  $A \cup B = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}.$ 

The authors calculate the Attribute similarity matrix for each couple of attributes in all queries such as for M queries with n attributes and formed an Attribute Usage Matrix  $(m \times n)$ . In the attribute similarity matrix, all values that are greater than or equal to an average similarity value are taken into account when constructing graphs to form clusters. This clustering technique receive as parameters the Relation R with n attributes  $R = \{A_i, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ , the set off queries  $Q = \{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n\}$  and Cut-off Average Similarity, generate the Attribute Usage Matrix and Attribute similarity Matrix and return the cluster that present the set of selected of Materialized Views. The entire algorithm is shown in **Table 4**. Table 4. Clustering technique.

**Input:**  $R(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$ : The relation;  $Q = \{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n\}$ : The set of user queries that will run on R; cut-off. Cut-off Average Similarity. Output: C: The set of materialized views. Step 1: Construct the  $m \times n$  Attribute Usage Matrix where m is the number of attributes and **n** is the number of queries. Step 2: Construct the **n** × **n** Attribute Similarity Matrix from the Attribute Usage Matrix. |\* In step 3 the Graphs & the corresponding clusters are constructed \*| *Step* 3:  $\forall$ (A, A)  $\in$  *Attribute Similarity Matrix, identify the attribute pair similarity* values so that  $J(A, A) \ge cut$ -off. Store these values in a list L in descending order. Store the number of elements in L into a variable count. a) If count = 0 then go to step 5. /\* The algorithm fails to draw any graph. Therefore, no materialized view can be constructed \*/ **b**) If count > 0 then Repeat until list L is empty *i*) Pop the *i*th  $(1 \le I \le count)$  element from *L*. Store the value of the element into avariable  $x (0 \le x \le 1)$ . *ii*)  $\forall$  Attribute pairs  $(A_i, A_j) \in$  Attribute Similarity Matrix If  $J(A_i, A_i) = x$ , then  $G_i \in G_i \cup A_i \cup A_i / *$  Pair of attributes is inserted in G<sub>i</sub>, where G<sub>i</sub> represents the i<sup>th</sup> graph for i<sup>th</sup> highest similarity value. \*/ **iii)**  $C \leftarrow G_i \mid *C_i$  represents the *i*<sup>th</sup> cluster for *i*<sup>th</sup> highest similarity value. \*/ *iv)*  $C \in C \cup C_i | * Each cluster C_i is added to the set of clusters C *|$ |\* In step 4 the clusters are validated and materialized views are formed\*| **Step 4:**  $\forall C_i \in C$ , Calculate  $(C_i)_{avg}$  by equation: (n)

$$(C_i)_{avg} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor 2 \rfloor} J(A_i; A_j)}{\binom{n}{2}} \quad \text{where } i \neq j$$

If  $((C_i)_{avg} < cut-off then C \in C - C_i$  |\*C represents the set of materialized views where each cluster  $C_i$  represents a valid materialized view \*| Step 5: End.

Anjana Gosaina, Heenaa Procedia Computer Science 79 (2016) in [33] proposed a linear cost model for materialized view selection problem based on the Particle Swarm Optimization algorithm described in **Table 5**, the model is initialized by an arbitrary population of N particles candidate. Each particle has characterized by certain speed and position in a space with D dimensions and continually changes their speed and position according to the best position found by itself -particle best (-pbest) and by the all population -global best (-gbest) so far. Refers to [33] for more details. The authors evaluate query processing cost under the space constraint and compared with the results provided by the genetic algorithm. Cost of answering the query defined by the number of rows to be accessed in the corresponding cube for the query. Furthermore the algorithm starts with similarity parameters that are used by Lin, W.-Y. and Kuo, I.-C. (2004) in [29] using the genetic algorithm. But the difference between these two techniques is fitness function: Anjana Gosaina use the first member of the function used by W.-Y. and Kuo, I.-C.

#### Table 5. Particle swarm optimization algorithm.

Initialize all parameters such as swarm, velocity, position and others)
Evaluate each particle and find their local best and global best position.
Repeat {
Evaluate each particle and update their local best and global best position.
} until termination

Azgomi, H. and Sohrabi, M. K. (2018) in [25] proposed the A game theorybased framework for materialized view selection in data warehouses considering the two opposite players of game are processing cost and view maintenance cost. The proposed algorithm described as follows:

*Game*. The game is a step-by-step situation to solve the problem of selecting materialized views.

*First player*. The first player wants to select the views with the highest maintenance costs.

*Second player*: The second player is greedy to choose views with higher query processing costs.

*Strategy*: There are two strategies possible for the game depending to the used method for materialized view selection: Greed approach for pure strategy or random method for mixed strategy. Moreover, both players start the game with all possible views as the input of their strategies.

**Payoff function:**  $PofP_1 = C_{vm} - C_{qp}$ ; and  $PofP_2 = C_{qp} - C_{vm}$ .

Where  $C_{vm}$  = view maintenance cost and  $C_{qp}$  = query processing cost of a view.

**Equilibrium:** Equilibrium defined as a state of the game in which a player cannot improve by changing the conditions of his game, otherwise, when a payoff does not increase in a single step. Obviously, reducing the payoff value of a player or a part of the players does not mean reaching the equilibrium.

*Type of game*: Since the decision of the players, doesn't depend on the previous decisions, the total time of the solution is reduced by players using simultaneous selection of views, in this case the game can be considered as a static game. In addition, the game is assumed as a non-zero-sum game in which the total benefits and losses of the players are more or less than zero.

Azgomi, H. and Sohrabi, M. K. (2019) in [8] proposed "A novel coral reefs optimization algorithm for materialized view selection in data warehouse environments. The purpose method used MVPP structure to present all views, and considered bit-string with length equal to the number of views of the MVPP is the initial population of the algorithm. Each case of the bit-string takes1 or 0 depending on if the view is a part of the solution or no. the process of the algorithm is divided on six steps described as follow in **Figure 7**.

Prakash, J. and Kumar, T. V. (2021) in [34] proposed the A multi-objective approach for materialized view selection using on a non-Pareto based genetic algorithm  $MVS_{VEGA}$ , that selects Top-K views for materialization from a multi-dimensional lattice that minimizing simultaneously the two costs  $C_{MV}$  and  $C_{NMV}$  of *TVEC* given below:

Initial population of solutions(corals)	<ul> <li>Creates a reef <i>R</i> presented by a matrix <i>M(n×m)</i></li> <li>Fill out all cells by population randomly</li> <li>Generate a Ratio = number of empty cells / number of occupied in the matrix R.</li> <li>Test if the ratio &lt; initial value then: 1°)-Generates initial population, 2°)-Calculates health function .</li> </ul>				
External Reproduction	<ul> <li>Generates a pair solution lists (selected solution,non-selected ) according to the fraction <i>F<sub>b</sub></i> parameters.</li> <li>Executes Cross-over operation</li> <li>Generates a new solution</li> </ul>				
Internal Reproduction	<ul> <li>Performed with fraction opposite ratio =1-F<sub>b</sub> of the number solutions not used by the external reproduction operator</li> <li>Generates a new solution by one random-selected bit mutation operation</li> </ul>				
Solution Setting	<ul> <li>Browse each cell of the matrix and replace the value in the cell if the cell is empty or the health function is lower to the new solution else try with another random cell</li> <li>Repeat the operation as long as the time of attempts defined by the input parameter <i>h</i> is not exceeded.</li> <li>Places the new solutions on the reef</li> </ul>				
Asexual Reproduction	<ul> <li>Sorts the matrix in descending order and Select the best solutions and replicate the best solutions.</li> <li>The amount of the fraction which is selected for asexual reproduction is determined by input parameter F<sub>o</sub>, then placing anew solution on the reef</li> </ul>				
Depredation	<ul> <li>Increasing the number of empty cells by removing the number of weak solutions from the reef.</li> <li>Removed solution number &lt; parameter F<sub>d</sub></li> <li>For each worst solution generate a random number between 0 and 1, if this number is small to input parameter Pb which initialized to 0 and incremented by 0.1/k after each iteration with k is the number of iterations so that F<sub>a</sub> + F<sub>d</sub> ≤ 1.</li> </ul>				

Figure 7. A novel coral reefs optimization algorithm.

$$TVEC\left(V_{Top-k}\right) = C_{MV} + C_{NMV} \tag{4}$$

where

$$C_{MV} = \sum_{i=1 \land SMvi=1}^{N} Size(Vi)$$
(5)

and:

$$C_{NMV} = \sum_{i=1 \land SM \lor i=0}^{N} SizeSMA(Vi)$$
(6)

**INPUT:** Size of each view L,  $P_{c}$ ; probability of crossover,  $P_{m}$ ; probability of mutation, K: number of views to be selected and G: the maximum number of generations

**Core: Step 1:** Initialization which generates randomly the population of the Top-K views as PTKV.

**Step 2:** Divide a PTKV into two equilibrium sub-populations PTKV1 and PTKV2 with size equal to PTKV/2.

**Step 3:** Compute the fitness for PTKV1 and PTKV2 using  $C_{MV}$  and  $C_{NMV}$  respectively as a two bi-objective optimization problem.

**Step 4:** Select the Top-K views from PTKV1 and PTKV2 using the proportionate selection based on the fitness of the Top-K views, and Compute subpopulation of Top-K views SPTKV1 and SPTKV2 using the corresponding objective function.

**Step 5:** Combine the Top-K views in SPTKV1 and SPTKV2 and generate a mating population of Top-K views MPTKV.

**Step 6:** Apply the modified crossover and the random mutation operators to generate the offspring population of the Top-K views.

**OUTPUT:** Top-Kviews TKV

Azgomi, H. and Sohrabi, M. K. (2021) in [19] proposed a map-reduce-based approach for creating Multiple Views Processing Plan MVPP structure in a reasonable time in data warehouses for big data applications using the Map-Reduce Model and the hashing technique that used to reduce the search space of a problem. The model map-reduce model consists of two main functions, MAP<sub>function</sub> and REDUCE<sub>function</sub>. The MAP function processes a pair of (key, value) inputs to create a set of intermediate (key, value). The REDUCE<sub>function</sub> integrates all intermediate data related to each key, and produces the result. The structure of the MVPP was presented formed *n* MVPPs from *n*! possible MVPPs, and selected the MVPP that had the lowest cost as the final solution, these methods was O(n), where *n* was the number of queries. The total cost of the MVPP in this method is calculated by the summation of the query processing cost and the view maintenance cost of all views.

### 3. Comparative Study of the Materialized View Approach

As already defined in the previous section, the goal of all approaches developed in the literature to resolve a problem of materialized view selection is to minimize the query processing cost under storage constraint. To achieve this aim, each approach describes its own process using heuristic algorithms, genetic algorithms, game theory or clustering techniques. These processes differ from each other by their starting parameters and the main function that allows reaching the main objectives. **Table 6** presented the comparative study and summarizes the differences between these approaches.

Table 6. (	Comparative	table of	materialized	view sel	lection a	algorithms.

Approaches		Nbr and list of parameters	Functions	Output	Structure	Technics	Constraints
Greedy algorithm	3	$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \text{ Set of candidate}$ view, $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$ where $c_i$ as the associated size of each view candidate $v_i$ <i>K</i> : number max of view to be materialized,	$\max\left(B\left(\nu,S\right)\right) = \max\left(\sum_{w\leq U} B_{W}\right)$	S: Subset of materialized views with Max( <i>B</i> ( <i>v</i> , <i>S</i> ))	Data cube lattice	Select a Subset <i>S</i> of <i>k</i> views <i>v</i> including a top view where the benefit $B(v, S)$ is maximized. For each view u relative to S calculate $B(v, S) = \sum_{W \leq U} B_W$ . Where <i>w</i> is all descending of <i>u</i> .	<i>K</i> : number max of view to be materialized
Greedy Genetic Algorithm	6	lattice of NCubes $C = \{c_i, c_2, \dots, c_i, \dots, c_n\} , A \text{ Set of}$ Query $Q = \{q_i, q_2, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k\}$ , Frequency Values for each query $F = \{fq_i, fq_2, \dots, fq_i, \dots, fq_k\}$ , Update Frequency of cubes $G = \{gc_i, gc_2, \dots, gc_i, \dots, gc_n\}$ , Constraint Space S.	$\mu(\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} fq_i E(q_i, M)$ $+ \sum_{c \in M} gcU(c, M)$	Ωι = ( $L$ , $C$ , $R$ , $Q$ , $F$ , $G$ , $S$ )	Data cube lattice	Genetic Greedy Method.	Storage Space, $\sum_{c \in M_c}  c  \leq S$
Genetic Algorithm	4	Lattice of Views with size of each view, $P_c$ Probability of crossover, $P_{m}$ ; Probability of mutation, $G$ . Pre-defined number of generations.	$TVEC = \sum_{i=1 \land SMvi=1}^{N} Size(Vi)$ $+ \sum_{i=1 \land SMvi=0}^{N} SizeSMA(Vi)$	Top-T Views.	Data cube lattice	Genetic method.	<i>G</i> : Number of generations
A Distributed Clustering with Intelligent Multi Agents System	1	Queries workload.	$DIC = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{j=k} Dist(O_j, O_i)}{K}$ $Dist(O_j, O_i)$ $= \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left  M(O_i, q_k) - M(O_j, q_k) \right $	Cluster with configuration provide minimal queries cost.	NONE	Generates a predicates usage matrix <b>M</b> with row presented by all queries and column defined by the restriction predicate and joint predicate. Use a distributed clustering based on <b><i>k</i>-means algorithm</b> created and managed by <b>COA</b> . Each COA responsible of set of Cluster Agents ( <b>CAs</b> )	

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Clustering technique	3	Set of relation: $R(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)$ ; The set of queries: $Q = \{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n\}$ Average Similarity: cut-off.	$TVEC = \sum_{i=1,SM \neq i=1}^{N} Size(Vi)$ $+ \sum_{i=1,SM \neq i=0}^{N} SizeSMA(Vi)$	Cluster of materialized views	NONE	Construct Attribute Usage Matrix M attributes * Nqueries. Generate Attribute Similarity Matrix M* M between attributes. Calculate similarity by $Jaccard(A, B) = \frac{ A  \cap  B }{ A  \cup  B }$	$J(A_{\beta}, A_{i}) = J(A_{\beta}, A_{k}) \ge$ cut-off. So
Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm (PSO)	6	lattice of NCubes $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_i, \dots, c_n\} , \text{ A Set of}$ Query $Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k\}$ , Frequency Values for each query $F = \{fq_1, fq_2, \dots, fq_i, \dots, fq_k\}$ , Update Frequency of cubes, cube invoking frequency $CF = (fc_1, fc_2, \dots, fc_n)$ , Constraint Space S.	$fm = \min\left(\sum_{i=1}^{k} fq_i E(q_i, M)\right)$	Binary string of length <i>n</i> bits [0, 1] witch is set of Cubes <i>M</i> to minimizing <i>fm</i>	Data cube lattice	Genetic Algorithm. Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm	Storage Space $\sum_{c \in Mc}  c  \leq S$
coral reefs optimization algorithm (CROMVS)	8	MVPP, $K$ = Number of generating populations, $M$ = Number of Queries, $N$ = Number of Relations, $H$ = threshold times, $F_a$ = Fraction of asexual reproduction, $F_b$ = Ratio of number of selected solutions, $F_d$ = Fraction of the worst solutions	$\begin{split} f_{x} &= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \left( \sum_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} ef_{q}^{*} * C_{i}^{q} \right) \\ &- \left( \sum_{u \in Prij \cap x} \sum_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} ef_{q}^{*} * C_{u}^{q} \right. \\ &+ \sum_{r \in \mathcal{R}} uf_{r}^{*} * C_{i}^{r} \right) \end{split}$	MV with MAX(f_)	MVPP	Coral reefs algorithm, is Meta-heuristic algorithm based on coral reproduction and coral reefs formation which performed using: external sexual reproduction, internal sexual reproduction, and asexual reproduction	Population List with Max( <i>f<sub>2</sub></i> )
Multi- Objective MONPGA.	5	<i>L</i> : Size of each view, $P_{c}$ : probability of crossover, $P_{m}$ : probability of mutation, <i>K</i> : number of views to be selected and <i>G</i> : the maximum number of generations	$TVEC\left(V_{Top,k}\right) = C_{MV} + C_{NMV}$	Top-K views TKV	Data cube lattice	Genetic Algorithm.	K: number of views to be selected and G: the maximum number of generations
A game theory-based framework (GTMVS)	4	$R = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_r\} : \text{Set of base}$ relations <i>uf</i> ; update frequency for $R_r$ . $Q = \{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_q\} : \text{Set of queries,}$ <i>ef</i> ; execution frequency for $Q_r$ .	$\begin{split} g_{x} &= \sum_{i \in M} \left( \sum_{r \in B} u f_{r} * C_{i}^{r} \right. \\ &+ \sum_{q \in Q} e f_{q} * C_{i}^{q} \right) \end{split}$	select the optimal set $M = \{M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m\}$ with lowest cost represented by both sets of player1 and player2.	MVPP	Game theory who the Players of game are: Query processing cost and view maintenance cost. Player strategy used TSGV. [35]	M: list of nodes in MVPP-Player 1 union Player 2. materialized view List
Map-Reduce model (MR-MVPP)	7	Q: workload of queries $f_{qr}$ list of query frequencies R: base relations $f_{ur}$ : list of update frequencies b: number of categories A: a number between 0 and 1 for hash function t: threshold of similarity	$QC_{i} = f_{ij} * \sum_{j: \beta \in -Quer_{i}(V_{j})} ACost(V_{j})$	MVPP that has the least total cost.	MVPP	The map-reduce programming Model; The hashing technique; Use 4 algorithms. are: MR-MVPP, SSJoin, map, and reduce. Calculate similarity by Jaccard Function. $Jaccard(A,B) = \frac{ A  \cap  B }{ A  \cup  B }$	1 MVPP with least total cost = Min( <i>QC</i> )

# 4. Conclusion

In this paper, an overview of algorithms dealing with the materialized view selection problems has been given. Starting with the determination of the global context of the materialized view defining why the query needed to be materialized, followed by the comparison of the approaches developed in the literature. In conclusion, we have found that most algorithms prefer to use the multidimensional aspect to benefit from their advantages in solving multivariate problems defined in our case by the cost of reading and maintaining the materialized views. In order to minimize this cost in data warehouse environment, each approach defines its strategy to achieve this goal with a minimal cost and a reasonable complexity level. Our research axis focuses on the multidimensional model whose success has already been demonstrated by the algorithms used and we will propose our optimal solution.

# **Conflicts of Interest**

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