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In TW, the method to improve the availability of clustering results and protect data security is offered (research goals, such as data clustering algorithms under differential privacy protection). And the planning method of electric vehicle charging facilities with the smallest total social cost is provided (the object of research is a charging facility planning method based on improved k-means algorithm).

TW purpose – Power system companies use methods to reduce the impact of large-scale electric vehicle access on the grid, and improve the reliability and economy of grid operations.

TW contains: charging behavior analysis model and charging facility planning model; experiments; result analysis; the analysis strengths and weaknesses of technology, opportunities and threats of its application; Gantt's schedule of actions for implementation of technology in the power industry equipment.

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Chapter 5 Experiment analysis. Firstly, the model and algorithm given in Chapter 3 are analyzed and tested, and the actual charging data after pre-processing is used for the experiment, and the number  $k$  of clusters is determined by the contour coefficient. Then experiment with the DP  $k$ -means algorithm on the same data set. The charging mode of electric vehicle users is also obtained, and the charging characteristics of each user mode are analyzed in detail. Moreover, the charging station planning model given in Chapter 4 is also tested. First, an example is simulated and calculated, and the optimal solution of the charging station planning in a certain area is obtained, which verifies the effectiveness of the algorithm. Then it analyzes the changing trend of institutional cost, user cost and total cost as the number of charging stations increases.

Chapter 6 Use of results of a research in the power industry equipment. On the basis of the method proposed in this article, analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the technology, as well as the opportunities and threats of application. At the same time, determine Gantt's schedule of actions for implementation of technology in the power industry equipment.

Chapter 7 Summary and outlook. Summarize the research results of this article and determine the follow-up research direction.

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### 3 ANALYSIS OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING BEHAVIOR

In order to reduce the random charging behavior of electric vehicles and the impact of large-scale access on the grid, it is necessary to analyze the charging behavior of electric vehicles in order to understand the charging behavior of users, thereby improving charging services, and providing decisions for off-peak charging and grid charging scheduling strategies stand by. With the development of data mining technology, a large number of new algorithms combining data mining technology and differential privacy protection technology have been proposed and applied in many fields. As one of the representative clustering algorithms, the k-means algorithm has the advantages of simplicity, efficiency, and ease of implementation. The k-means algorithm and its improved algorithms have been widely used in user behavior and classification research, and have the advantages in analyzing electric vehicle data Many success stories. Therefore, the improved k-means algorithm is suitable for analyzing the charging behavior of electric vehicle users.

#### 3.1 Data sources

##### 3.1.1 Introduction to electric vehicle charging data

The data used in this chapter comes from a 30-day charging data set of an electric vehicle charging facility in China. Data is collected every second and includes attributes such as user ID, charging start time, charging stop time, charging cost, and charging degree.

##### 3.1.2 Data preprocessing

Next, the collected data of electric vehicles in a certain city is used as the initial data of the experiment to perform data preprocessing.

The data used in this chapter has a missing user ID. Considering that this attribute value is indispensable for obtaining the number of charging times, the data bar with missing user ID is directly deleted. Therefore, under the premise of the same user ID, multiple pieces of duplicate data are identified and deleted, and only one piece of data with the largest actual charging degree is retained. Moreover, data with extremely short charging times are excluded to avoid adversely affecting the analysis results. Then, count the number of charging times per hour for each electric vehicle user within 30 days. Then use formula (3.1) to normalize the data [37]:

$$d'_{i,j} = \frac{d_{i,j} - d_{min}}{d_{max} - d_{min}} \quad (3.1)$$

Among them,  $d_{i,j}$  represents the current data,  $d'_{i,j}$  represents the normalized data,  $d_{min}$  represents the minimum value in the electric vehicle data set,  $d_{max}$  represents the maximum value in the data set,  $i$  represents the number of data, and  $n$  represents the total









### 3.3 Chapter Summary

This chapter first introduces the electric vehicle charging data to be used, and preprocesses the data. In view of the fact that the analysis process of electric vehicle charging behavior is easy to leak user privacy and the amount of data is large, this chapter proposes an analysis model of electric vehicle charging behavior and a clustering algorithm of charging data. By improving the selection of initial clustering centers and calculating the density of each data point to find outliers, the availability of data clustering results is ensured under the premise of safety.

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### 4.2.3 Planning of charging facilities

The k-means clustering algorithm has the advantages of simplicity, efficiency, and ease of implementation, and is suitable for such clustering problems with large amounts of data. The k-means clustering algorithm needs to manually set the number  $k$  of clustering centers. The choice of  $k$  value in this chapter also needs to consider the influence of institutional cost, that is, the increase of  $k$  value will increase the construction investment cost and operation and maintenance cost of the charging station. Therefore, when the  $k$  value is increased for a certain time, the increase in institutional cost is greater than the decrease in user cost, and the  $k$  value at this time represents the optimal number of charging stations.

Since the clustering result is more sensitive to the selection of the initial clustering center, an inappropriate initial center point may reduce the usability of the result. Therefore, this chapter improves the usability of clustering results by improving the selection of initial center points.

The detailed steps to improve the k-means clustering algorithm are as follows:

1. Enter the relevant data of the charging demand point and initialize  $k = 1$ .
2. Traverse all the demand points, calculate the distance from each point to other points, and calculate the density value of each point.
3. Sort the density values of all data points.
4. Divide the sorted data points into  $k$  clusters, and calculate the center of each cluster as the initial center point.
5. Calculate the cost of charging each remaining demand point to each charging station, and classify the demand point to the corresponding charging station with the lowest cost.
6. Calculate and update the center point of each class.
7. Repeat Step 5 and Step 6 until the new center point is equal to the original center point or the gap is less than the specified value, and record the charging station coordinates and social cost at this time.
8. If  $k = 1$ , then  $k = k + 1$ , return to step 2. Otherwise, proceed to the next step.
9. If  $C_k < C_{k-1}$ , then  $k = k + 1$ , return to step 2; otherwise, output  $C_k$  and the current position coordinates of each charging station to end.

### 4.3 Chapter summary

This chapter analyzes the three parts of the total social cost of electric vehicle charging stations, and gives a charging facility planning model, including assumptions and objective function. The optimal number of charging stations corresponding to the smallest social cost is taken as the optimization goal, and the minimum total cost of the whole society is taken as the objective function of charging station planning. Finally, a solution method based on improved k-means clustering algorithm is proposed, and the steps of the algorithm are introduced.



the different charging habits of each user. It can be seen that the charging time of charging mode 1 is relatively concentrated, reaching a peak at 9 o'clock. Compared with charging mode 1, charging mode 2 has an hour delay and a lower peak value, reaching the peak at 10 o'clock. The charging time of charging mode 3 is more scattered, mainly between 9 o'clock and 20 o'clock, and there are two peaks at 14 o'clock and 17 o'clock. The charging time of charging mode 4 is mainly concentrated in the evening, reaching a peak at 23:00. Charging mode 5 has less charging, especially in the early morning hours. The charging time is evenly distributed, and the overall fluctuation is not large [3].

According to the charging behavior characteristics of each type of user, the power service provider can understand the individualized and differentiated service needs of each user, thereby providing differentiated services and marketing strategies for different types of users. For example, users corresponding to charging mode 3 have more accumulated charging times, which can provide them with more convenient and faster charging services to improve the satisfaction of such users. The charging time of the two types of users corresponding to charging mode 1 and charging mode 2 is concentrated around 9:10 in the morning. You can use time-sharing tariffs and other preferential policies to encourage electric vehicles to charge during low peak hours and support related decisions about dispatch management. The users corresponding to charging mode 4 are mostly charged at night, which is the trough period of the grid load, so it can provide some differentiated services and reduce user churn. The users corresponding to charging mode 5 have fewer charging times and belong to the potential user group. These users should be maintained, take active marketing programs, and encourage their charging to improve their charging and consumption capabilities (figure 5.2).

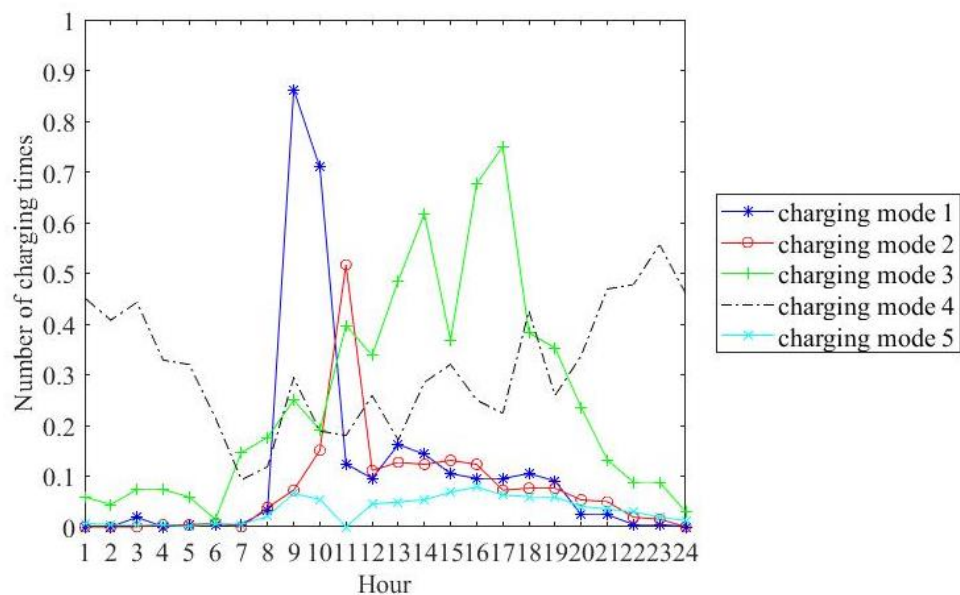


Figure 5.2 – Clustering results of k-means algorithm for charging behavior

In order to verify the effectiveness of the clustering algorithm obtained in this chapter, this chapter also uses the k-means clustering algorithm to cluster the same data. The clustering results are shown in figure 5.2. By comparing the charging behavior characteristic



Table 5.3 – Charging demand information

Demand point number	Abscissa $x_j$ , km	Ordinate $y_j$ , km	Number of charging needs
1	0.5	32.6	19
2	1.1	4.9	20
3	20.1	19.8	15
4	10.6	0.5	13
5	21.0	41.9	16
6	4.1	36.4	15
7	26.8	5.0	23
8	21.5	27.2	22
9	30.5	5.4	24
10	4.6	41.7	16
11	35.1	7.8	18
12	24.9	21.9	15
13	6.5	32.3	18
14	8.0	27.3	17
15	45.6	40.4	20
16	10.1	43.8	10
17	41.8	3.9	12
18	48.2	44.3	19
19	48.5	46.2	26
20	10.8	45.5	12
21	47.2	23.8	30
22	44.8	5.3	12
23	25.2	25.5	24
24	46.4	8.1	11

The result is shown in figure 5.3.

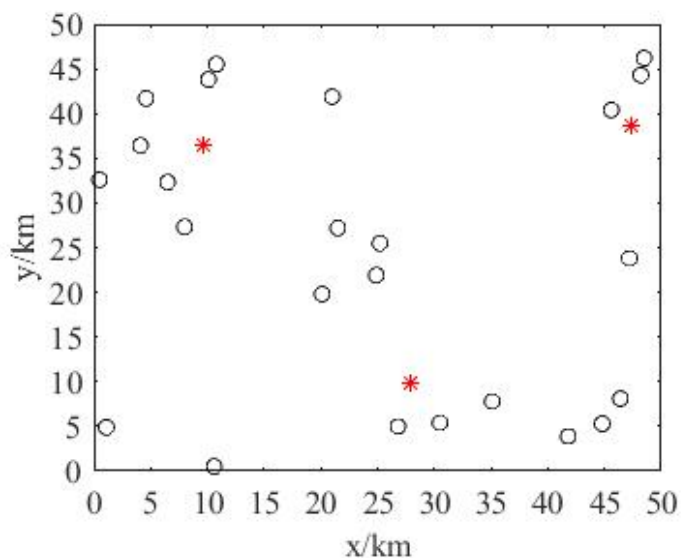


Figure 5.3 – Location and service area of electric vehicle charging stations













to the capacity of charging stations. In the follow-up work, you can study the related fixed volume methods and establish a complete planning plan for charging facilities.

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