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function [final_cluster_array] = optimize EMC_cluster(dataset, N)

total_std = 0;

%calculates an approximation of the standard deviation
for i = 1 : N

    total_std = total_std + std(dataset(:,i));

endfor

s = 3*(total_std / N);

%Initializes variables -----

num_iterations = 25;
num_items = size(dataset,1);

delta = 0;

max_change_ent = 0;
prior_ent = log2(num_items);

for i = 1 : num_iterations

    [cluster_array] = generate EMC_cluster(dataset, delta, N);

    current_ent = calculate_category_entropy(cluster_array);
    change_ent = abs(current_ent - prior_ent);

    if(change_ent > max_change_ent)

        max_change_ent = change_ent;
        final_delta = delta;
        final_cluster_array = cluster_array;

    endif

    delta = delta + s/num_iterations;
    prior_ent = current_ent;

endfor

endfunction

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