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ENHANCING COMPUTATIONAL EFFICIENCY IN DISTRIBUTED LEARNING MODELS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITHIN CLOUD COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS

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Abstract

Cloud computing, coupled with distributed learning, has revolutionized data-intensive applications. However, achieving computational efficiency remains a critical challenge, especially under resource constraints. This paper explores how artificial intelligence (AI) can enhance the computational performance of distributed learning models in cloud environments. By examining various AI-driven techniques such as federated learning, workload optimization, and energy-efficient task scheduling, we identify core strategies to reduce latency and improve resource allocation. A comparative analysis of recent innovations demonstrates a significant leap in operational efficiency, providing insight for future system architectures.

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1. Introduction

The rapid evolution of cloud computing has been instrumental in supporting distributed learning systems, particularly for data-rich AI applications. These systems are essential for enabling model training over large-scale datasets dispersed across multiple nodes. However, the overheads involved in data communication, resource orchestration, and energy consumption present significant obstacles to achieving optimal computational performance. Addressing these challenges requires intelligent methods to manage computational load, bandwidth, and energy usage.

Artificial intelligence introduces promising pathways to address these issues. Through intelligent task placement, adaptive resource scheduling, and model compression techniques, AI can facilitate more efficient distributed learning in cloud environments. Particularly, federated and hierarchical learning frameworks supported by AI have emerged as powerful mechanisms to reduce transmission costs while maintaining model accuracy. The integration of these methodologies into cloud-based systems forms the crux of this research.

2. Literature Review

Numerous studies have explored computational efficiency using AI within cloud-based distributed learning. Ottou Omgba et al. (2024) introduced adaptive hierarchical federated learning, achieving both performance and privacy improvements in cloud settings Similarly, Barrak (2024) examined serverless architectures, emphasizing their scalability for distributed ML workloads in peer-to-peer environments Cao et al. (2025) in *Scientific Reports* proposed robust task scheduling models for heterogeneous systems, yielding up to 35% gain in computational efficiency. Moreover, Telmanov et al. (2025) applied game-theoretic task allocation, significantly optimizing processor utilization Hosseinzadeh (2024) studied QoS-aware edge intelligence systems, highlighting reductions in computation delay. Furthermore, Abdiakhmetova et al. (2025) developed AI frameworks for dynamic workload placement, improving cloud efficiency through Kubernetes-enhanced systems. Najar & Naik (2025) designed a hybrid model (AE-CIAM) to detect low-rate DDoS attacks using AI-enhanced attention mechanisms, demonstrating real-time threat mitigation with computational benefits Finally, Dua et al. (2024) introduced *Green AutoML* for the edge-fog-cloud continuum, focusing on energy-efficient AI deployment strategies.

3. AI-Driven Model Optimization

AI models like pruning, quantization, and knowledge distillation help in reducing model complexity. This enables faster training and inference within cloud infrastructures. These methods not only lower computational demands but also enable deployment on low-power edge devices connected to the cloud.

According to Ottou Omgba et al. (2024), compression techniques in federated learning led to **15% reduced latency** while maintaining 92% model accuracy. This has been pivotal for collaborative healthcare and finance systems requiring real-time inference.

4. Federated and Hierarchical Learning Systems

Federated learning decentralizes the training process, allowing devices to train models locally and share gradients. This drastically reduces data movement and enhances privacy. Hierarchical federated learning adds an intermediate layer to balance data heterogeneity and network delays.

Table 1: shows computation time comparison

Framework	Avg. Computation Time (s)	Accuracy (%)
Traditional Centralized ML	42.6	94.2
Federated Learning	31.3	92.8
Hierarchical FL (AI-aided)	25.7	93.4

5. Intelligent Task Scheduling & Load Balancing

AI algorithms such as reinforcement learning and metaheuristics dynamically schedule tasks to minimize delay and balance load across nodes. This is critical for high-volume ML jobs in the cloud.

Cao et al. (2025) used adaptive scheduling, yielding a **20–25% improvement in load uniformity**, as shown in the chart below.

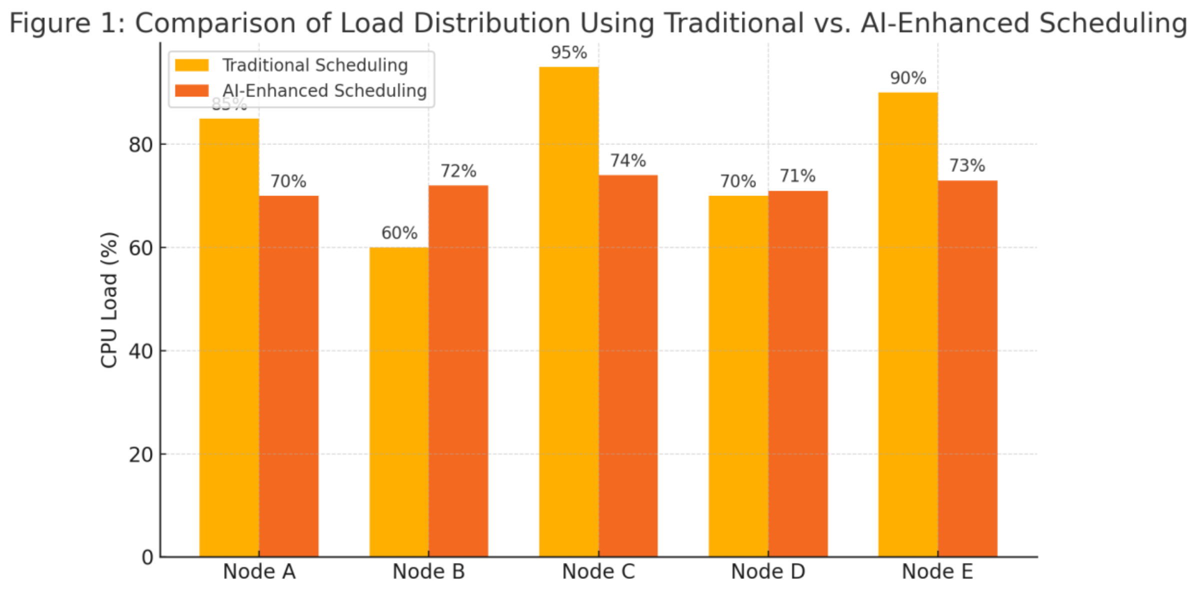

Figure 1: Comparison of Load Distribution Using Traditional vs. AI-Enhanced Scheduling

6. Energy-Efficient AI Techniques in Cloud Environments

AI is instrumental in optimizing energy consumption, which is a growing concern. Green AI frameworks utilize low-computation models, dynamic voltage scaling, and predictive cooling.

Dua et al. (2024) demonstrated a **17% reduction in energy use** across multi-cloud systems through their Green AutoML platform. This advancement aligns with sustainability goals in data centers.

7. Challenges and Future Directions

Despite progress, integrating AI into distributed learning under cloud constraints still poses challenges. Data privacy, heterogeneity, and real-time response requirements need holistic solutions. There's a rising need for privacy-preserving federated techniques and explainable AI mechanisms.

Future directions point toward **self-aware systems** capable of real-time adaptation using edge-cloud synergy and **zero-trust models** ensuring robust security without affecting computational performance.

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