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Discovering Frequent Patterns in Big Data Using Frequent-Pattern Growth Algorithm

In this tutorial, we will discuss two approaches to find frequent patterns in big data using FP-growth algorithm.

- 1. **Basic approach:** Here, we present the steps to discover frequent patterns using a single minimum support value
- 2. **Advanced approach:** Here, we generalize the basic approach by presenting the steps to discover frequent patterns using multiple minimum support values.

Basic approach: Executing FP-growth on a single dataset at a particular minimum support value

Step 1: Import the FP-growth algorithm

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In [1]: from PAMI.frequentPattern.basic import FPGrowth as alg
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Step 2: Specify the following input parameters

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In [2]: inputFile = 'transactional_T10I4D100K.csv'
minimumSupportCount=100 #Users can also specify this constraint between 0 to 1.
seperator='\text{\frac{\text{\text{t'}}}}
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Step 3: Execute the Apriori algorithm

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In [3]: obj = alg. FPGrowth(iFile=inputFile, minSup=minimumSupportCount, sep=seperator) #
obj. startMine() #Start the mining process#
```

Frequent patterns were generated successfully using frequentPatternGrowth algorithm

Step 4: Storing the generated patterns

Step 4.1: Storing the generated patterns in a file

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In [4]: obj. savePatterns(outFile='frequentPatternsMinSupCount100.txt')
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Step 4.2. Storing the generated patterns in a data frame

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In [5]: frequentPatternsDF= obj.getPatternsAsDataFrame()
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Step 5: Getting the statistics

Step 5.1: Total number of discovered patterns

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In [6]: print('Total No of patterns: ' + str(len(frequentPatternsDF)))

Total No of patterns: 27532

Step 5.2: Runtime consumed by the mining algorithm
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