

Apriori

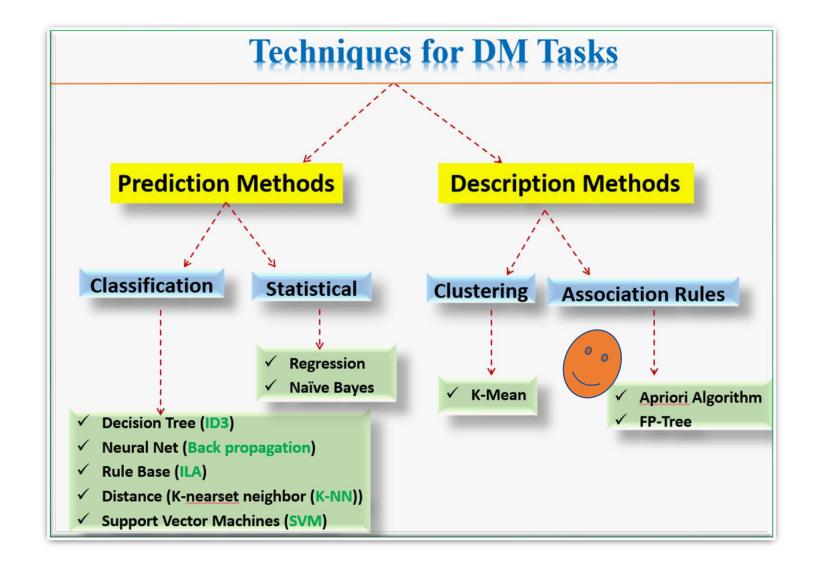


Apriori Algorithm



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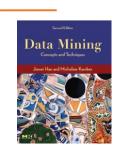






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Other names of Apriori Algorithm

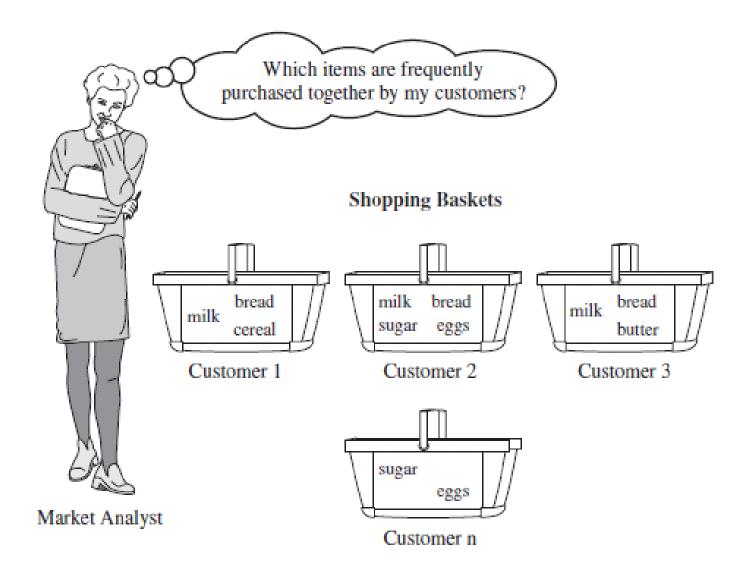
Also called:

- ✓ Finding Frequent Item-set Using Candidate Generation
- **✓** Basket Problem (Data)



Market Basket Analysis: A Motivating Example





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$$I = \{i_1, i_2, ..., i_m\}$$
 set of Items.
 $D = \{T_1, T_2, ..., T_i\}$ set of Transactions.
 $T = \{i_k, i_j,\}$, where $T \subseteq I$.

|D| is # of transactions in D

TID: is a unique identifier associated with each T

• Association Rule of the form: $X \Longrightarrow Y$

, where

$$X \subset I$$

$$Y \subset I$$

$$X \cap Y = \emptyset$$



Support & Confidence measures

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- Given the Association Rule AR: $X \implies Y$
 - ✓ Support (S) of the AR:

$$s = \frac{Support_count(X \cup Y)}{|D|}$$

 \checkmark Confidence (C) of the AR:

$$C = \frac{Support_count(X \cup Y)}{Support_count(X)}$$

• min-conf & min-sup: are user thresholds (i.e. KB)



Generating the Association Rule (Mining Task)

- The AR: $X \implies Y$ is generated if its:
 - ✓ Support $(S) \ge \min_{sup} threshold$
 - ✓ Confidence $(C) \ge \min_{conf}$ threshold



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- Apriori uses a "bottom-up" approach, where frequent subsets are extended one item at a time (a step known as candidate generation).
- The algorithm terminates when no further successful extensions are found.
- Apriori uses breadth-first search and a hash tree structure to count candidate item sets efficiently.



The Main Steps of Apriori Algorithm

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• The Apriori algorithm is based on the following two main steps:

- 1. Join \bowtie
- 2. Prune step



1. The Join (⋈) step

- Given two lists, the operation $L1\bowtie L2$ will be executed if the following two conditions are satisfied :
 - ➤ All the elements of the two lists are equal except the last elements
 - \triangleright (Last element of L1) < (Last element of L2)

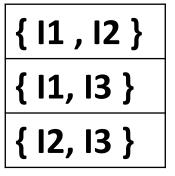
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✓ For example: L1 = \{1, 2, 3\}
L2 = \{1, 2, 4\}
So, L1\bowtieL2 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}
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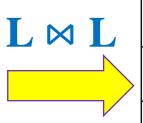


Example 1 of Join (⋈) step

• Suppose we have the following set of item Lists









Result

= {I1 , I2, I3} no join no join



Example 2 of Join (⋈) step

• Suppose
$$L1 = \{I1\}$$
 and $L2 = \{I2\}$

➤ In this case we will consider

$$L1 = \{\emptyset, I1\}$$
 and $L2 = \{\emptyset, I2\}$

 \triangleright So, L1 \bowtie L2 = {I1, I2}



2. The Prune step

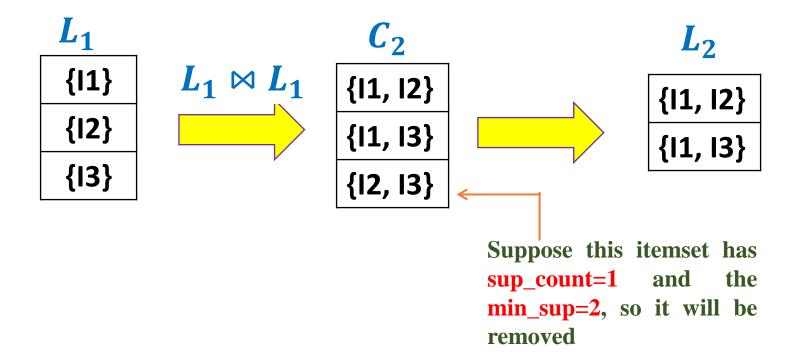
- Let L_k is a list of items
- $\blacksquare L_k \bowtie L_k = C_{k+1}$
- If $\{I_i, I_j,, I_r\}$ of $L_k \bowtie L_k \notin L_k$ Then this set of elements will be removed

✓ Example :



Notation

 L_{k+1} : is generated from C_{k+1} after pruning and all itemes are \geq = min-sup



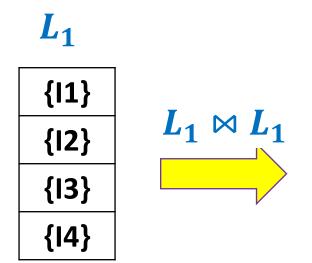


Low

of elements in
$$C_2 = L_1 \bowtie L_1 = {|L_1| \choose 2}$$
 where,

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)! \ k!}$$

• Example:



• # of elements in C_2 = $\binom{4}{2}$ = $\frac{4!}{(2)!}$ = 6



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- ➤ Consider the following Transaction dataset
 - Let the min-conf. = 70%
 - Let the min-sup. = 2

TID	Items
T001	{ 11 , 12 , 15 }
T002	{ 12, 14 }
T003	{ 12, 13 }
T004	{ 11, 12, 14 }
T005	{ I1, I3 }
T006	{ 12, 13 }
T007	{ I1, I3 }
T008	{ 11, 12, 13, 15 }
T009	{ 11, 12, 13 }



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T007	{ I1, I3 }
T008	{ 11, 12, 13, 15 }
T009	{ 11, 12, 13 }

Scan D for count

It	emSet	Sup- Count
	{I1}	6
•	{I2}	7
	{I3 }	6
	{I4}	2
	{15}	2

Compare supcount with min-sup

ItemSet	Sup- Count
{I1}	6
{I2 }	7
{13}	6
{14}	2
{15}	2



count with

min-sup

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 L_1

ItemSet	Sup- Count
{I1}	6
{12}	7
{13}	6
{14}	2
{15}	2

 $L_1 \bowtie L_1$

 $\boldsymbol{C_2}$

Items	count
{11,12}	4
{11,13}	4
{11,14}	1
{11,15}	2
{12 , 13}	4
{12 , 14}	2
{12 , 15}	2
{13 , 14}	0
{13 , 15}	1
{14 , 15}	0

 $\boldsymbol{L_2}$

Items count **Compare sup-**{I1, I2} 4 {I1, I3} 4 {I1, I5} 2 {12,13} 4 {12,14} 2 {12,15} 2



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L	2
	4

Items	count
{ 11, 2}	4
{11,13}	4
{11,15}	2
{12 , 13}	4
{12 , 14}	2
{12 , 15}	2

 C_3

 $L_2 \bowtie L_2$

Items	Pr
{11, 12, 13}	
{11, 12, 15}	
{11, 13, 15}	Remov
{12, 13, 14}	Remov
{12, 13, 15}	Remo
{12, 14, 15}	Remo

Pruning step



Removed bcz {I3, I5} $\notin L_2$

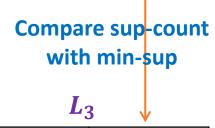
Removed bcz $\{13, 14\} \notin L_2$

Removed bcz $\{I3, I5\} \notin L_2$

Removed bcz {I4, I5} $\notin L_2$

 C_3

Items	Sup.count
{11, 12, 13}	2
{11, 12, 15}	2



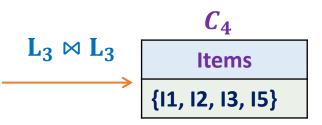
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{11, 12, 13}	2
{11, 12, 15}	2



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 L_3

Items	Sup.count
{11, 12, 13}	2
{11, 12, 15}	2



Pruning step

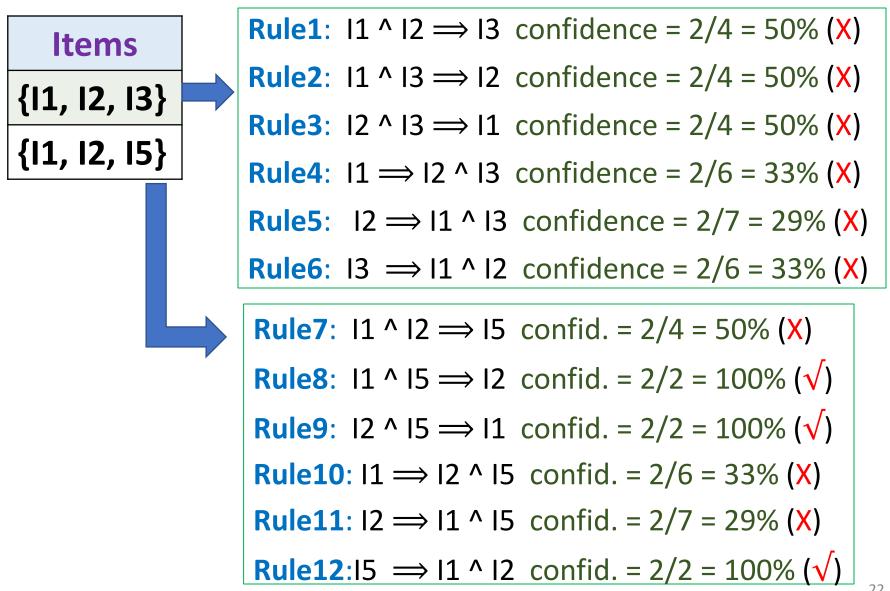
 $\{12, 13, 15\} \notin L_3$

So,
$$C_4 = \emptyset$$

So, the Frequent item sets are in L_3

Items	Sup.count
{11, 12, 13}	2
{11, 12, 15}	2

Discovering ARs From L_3 ($\sqrt{\ }$) means Interesting, (X) means Rejected



> Apriori Algorithm

Algorithm: Apriori. Find frequent itemsets using an iterative level-wise approach based on candidate generation.

Input:

- D, a database of transactions;
- min_sup, the minimum support count threshold.

Output: L, frequent itemsets in D.

Method:

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(1) L_1 = \text{find\_frequent\_1-itemsets}(D);

(2) \text{for } (k = 2; L_{k-1} \neq \emptyset; k++) \{

(3) C_k = \text{apriori\_gen}(L_{k-1});

(4) \text{for each transaction } t \in D \{ // \text{ scan } D \text{ for counts} \}

(5) C_t = \text{subset}(C_k, t); // \text{ get the subsets of } t \text{ that are candidates} \}

(6) \text{c.count}++;

(8) \}

(9) L_k = \{c \in C_k | c.count \geq min\_sup \}

(10) \}

(11) \text{return } L = \bigcup_k L_k;
```

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> Apriori Algorithm

```
procedure apriori_gen(L_{k-1}:frequent (k-1)-itemsets)
        for each itemset l_1 \in L_{k-1}
(1)
            for each itemset l_2 \in L_{k-1}
                 if (l_1[1] = l_2[1]) \land (l_1[2] = l_2[2]) \land ... \land (l_1[k-2] = l_2[k-2]) \land (l_1[k-1] < l_2[k-1]) then {
(4)
                     c = l_1 \bowtie l_2; // join step: generate candidates
(5)
                     if has_infrequent_subset(c, L_{k-1}) then
                          delete c; // prune step: remove unfruitful candidate
(6)
                     else add c to C_k;
(7)
(8)
(9)
        return C_k;
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```
procedure has_infrequent_subset(c: candidate k-itemset;

L_{k-1}: frequent (k-1)-itemsets); // use prior knowledge

(1) for each (k-1)-subset s of c

(2) if s \notin L_{k-1} then

(3) return TRUE;

(4) return FALSE;
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The End...



