#### Chapter 5

Mining frequent patterns and association rules

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#### Topics

- Frequent patterns analysis
- Market basket analysis
- Measures of rule interestingness
- Basic concepts: frequent patterns and association rules
- Efficient and scalable frequent itemset mining methods Apriori, FP-Growth, ECLAT-vertical format 3 Algor
- Mining various kinds of association rules
  - Mining multilevel association
  - Miming multidimensional association
  - Mining quantitative association
- From association mining to correlation analysis
- Constraint-based association mining

#### What Is Frequent Pattern Analysis?

ากลุ่มของ item ที่เกิดขั้นพร้อมๆ กัน or sub-sequence → เกิดอันนี้ก่อนแล้วเกิดอีกฮันตามมา
Frequent pattern รูปแบบที่พบบ่อยๆ

: a pattern (a set of items, subsequences, substructures, etc.) that occurs frequently in a data set

First proposed by Agrawal, Imielinski, and Swami [AIS93] in the context of frequent itemsets and association rule mining

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- Motivation: Finding inherent regularities in data
  - What products were often purchased together?

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— Beer and diapers?!

คุทที่ชื้อ PC มากซื้อกล้องกับ mem ต่อเพื่อเก็บภาพได้เบอนที่ห

 What are the subsequent purchases after buying a PC? — digital camera, memory card

ยามีพลก'บ DNA เรารีเปล่า ? โรร่สทรั้งร่องรอยไว้ไห DNA → มู้ว่าเคยเป็นโรคอนไร

• What kinds of DNA are sensitive to this new drug?

#### What Is Frequent Pattern Analysis?

- Applications
  - Basket data analysis, frequent pattern analysis, cross-marketing, catalog design, sale campaign analysis, Web log (click stream) analysis, and DNA sequence analysis.
- Association rule mining is the task of finding correlations among items in a dataset
- Initial research was largely motivated by the analysis of market basket data

#### What Is Frequent Pattern Analysis?

- In this chapter, we study methods of frequent itemset mining.
  - STEP 1: Find frequent itemsets
  - STEP 2: Generate strong association rules
- Interesting questions are
  - How can we find frequent itemsets from large amounts of data (transactional, relational)?
  - Which association rules are the most interesting?
  - How can we help or guide the mining procedure to discover interesting associations or correlations?

#### Market basket analysis

- A process to analyze customer buying habits by finding associations between the different items in "shopping baskets"
- The discovered pattern helps retailers develop marketing strategies
  - Bread + milk, computer + antivirus software, computer + printer, beer + diapers!!!
    - -> select brands, plan shelf space, plan proximity of placing products on shelf, discount, design a new catalog, campaign with credit cards

#### Market basket analysis

- Analyze buying transactions e.g. customer receipts that contain data about
  - Customer information <u>ex</u> 7-eleven
  - Product type, brand, price
  - Total items
  - Total cost
- Patterns can be represented in the form of association rules buys(X, "Computer")  $\Longrightarrow$  buys(X, "antivirus\_software") [support=2%, confidence=60%]

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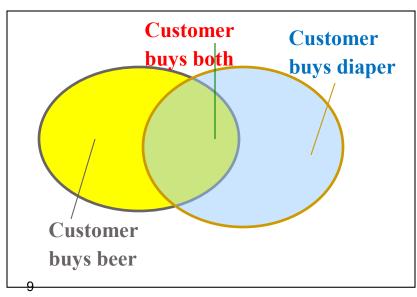
### Measures of rule interestingness

- Two measures of rule interestingness

  - Support: 2% of all the transactions show that computer and antivirus software are purchased together
  - <u>Confidence</u>: 60% of the customers who purchased a computer also bought the software
- Ass. Rules are interesting if they satisfy both a minimum support threshold and a minimum confidence threshold (set by users/experts)

#### Basic Concepts: Frequent Patterns

Tid	Items bought	
10	Beer, Nuts, Diaper	
20	Beer, Coffee, Diaper	
30	Beer, Diaper, Eggs	
40	Nuts, Eggs, Milk	
50	Nuts, Coffee, Diaper, Eggs, Milk	



- itemset: A set of one or more items
- k-itemset  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$
- (absolute) support, or, support count of X: Frequency or occurrence of an itemset X

Beer:3

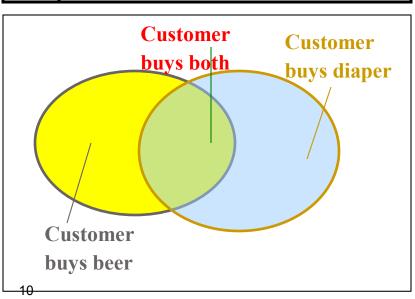
Nuts:3

Diaper:4

Eggs:3 {Beer, Diaper}:3

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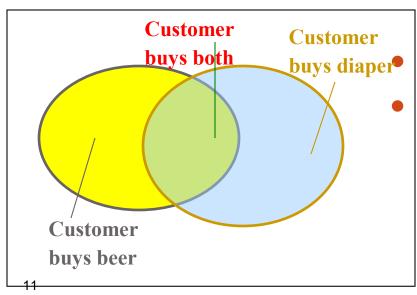


- *(relative) support*, *s*, is the fraction of transactions that contains X (i.e., the probability that a transaction contains X)
- support(A = > B) =  $P(A \cup B)$
- support(Beer=>Diaper) = 3/5\*100%= 60%
- An itemset X is *frequent* if X's support is no less than a *minsup* threshold

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#### Basic Concepts: Association Rules

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Find all the rules  $X \rightarrow Y$  with minimum support and confidence (strong/interesting rules)

หากฎบอง x ไป y

- support, s, probability that a transaction contains  $X \cup Y$
- confidence, *c*, conditional probability that a transaction having X also contains *Y*

$$support(A => B) = P(A \cup B)$$

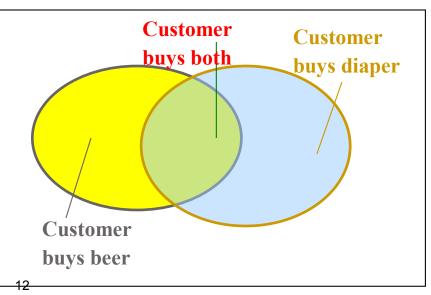
$$confidence(A => B) = P(B | A)$$

$$= support(A \cup B) / support(A)$$

$$= sup\_cnt(A \cup B) / sup\_cnt(A)$$

#### Basic Concepts: Association Rules

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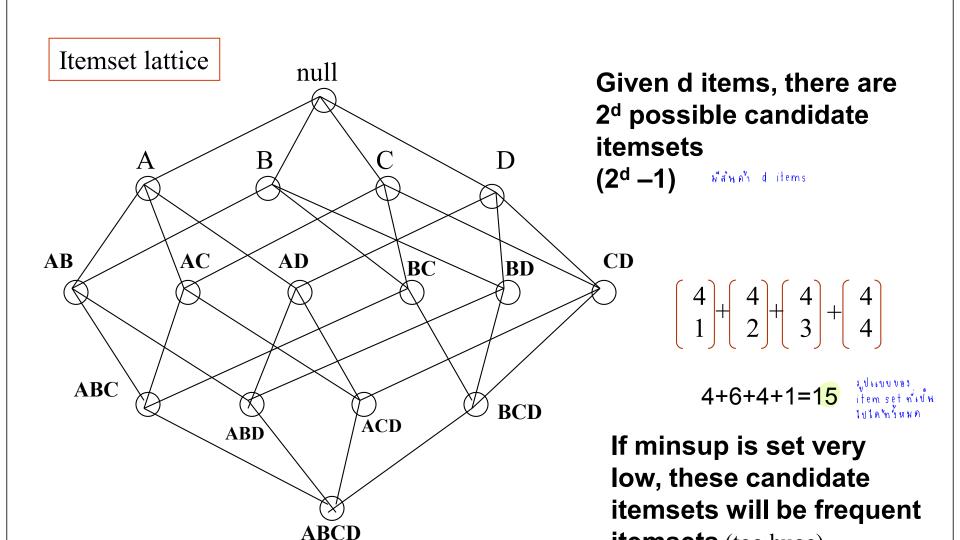
Let minsup = 50%, minconf = 50%{Beer, Diaper}:3, support =  $\frac{3}{5} \times 400 = 60\%$ 

- Association rules: (many more!)
  - Beer  $\rightarrow$  Diaper (60%, 100%)  $\frac{3}{5}$
  - Diaper  $\rightarrow$  Beer (60%, 75%)  $\frac{3 \times 100}{4 \times 100}$

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- $support(A => B) = P(A \cup B)$
- confidence(A = > B) = P(B | A)
  - $= \operatorname{support}(A \cup B) / \operatorname{support}(A)$
  - $= \sup_{cnt}(A \cup B) / \sup_{cnt}(A)$

#### Possible candidate itemsets



itemsets (too huge)

# The Downward Closure Property and Scalable Mining Methods

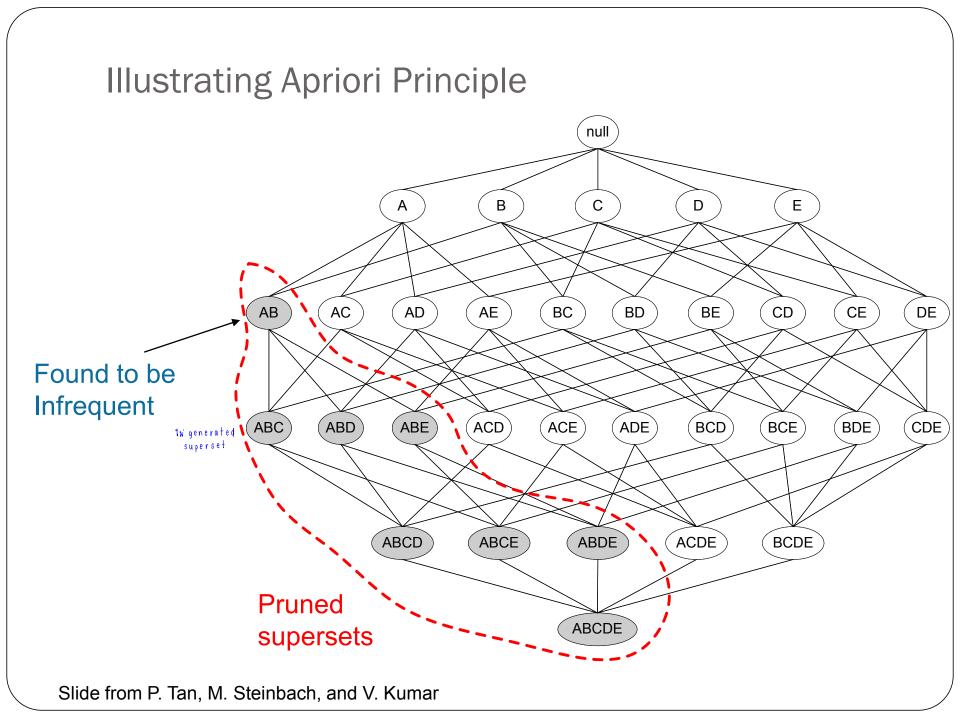
- The downward closure property of frequent patterns
  - Any subset of a frequent itemset must be frequent
  - If {beer, diaper, nuts} is frequent, so is {beer, diaper}
  - i.e., every transaction having {beer, diaper, nuts} also contains {beer, diaper}
- Scalable mining methods: Three major approaches
  - 1. Apriori (Agrawal & Srikant@VLDB'94)
  - 2. Freq. pattern growth (FPgrowth—Han, Pei & Yin @SIGMOD'00)
  - 3. Vertical data format approach (Charm—Zaki & Hsiao @SDM'02)

# Apriori: A Candidate Generation & Test Approach

- Apriori pruning principle: If there is any itemset which is infrequent, its superset should not be generated/tested! (Agrawal & Srikant @VLDB'94, Mannila, et al. @ KDD' 94)
- Method: ต่องอ่าน DB หลาบรอบ (ไม่ค่อบเวิร์ค)
  - Initially, scan DB once to get frequent 1-itemset
  - $\bullet$  Generate length (k+1) candidate itemsets from length k frequent itemsets

หา 1 - items → wing minsup ใหม พ่านไปต่อ

- Test the candidates against DB (must scan DB again!!)
- Terminate when no frequent or candidate set can be generated



### The Apriori Algorithm (Pseudo-Code)

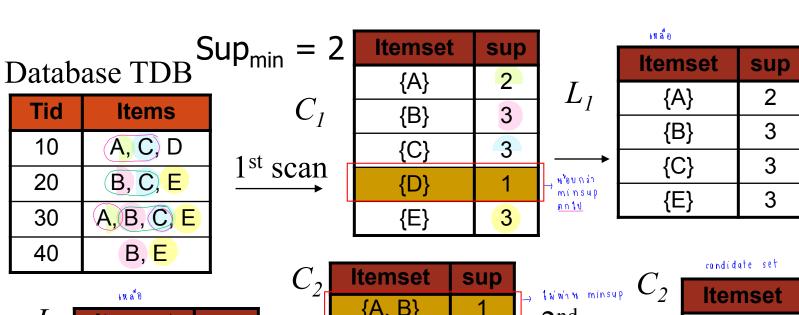
 $C_{b}$ : Candidate itemset of size k

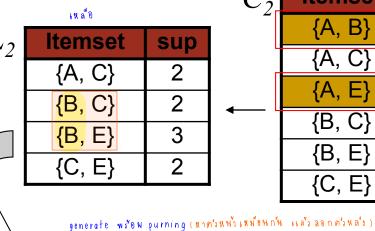
 $L_{\iota}$ : frequent itemset of size k (used to call large itemset)

1 - item 2 - item

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L_1 = \{ \text{frequent items} \};
                                                 frequent 1-item - x1 candidate - x'u xana'u minsup
for (k = 1; L_k! = \emptyset; k++) do begin
   C_{k+1} = candidates generated from L_k;
   for each transaction t in database do
     increment the count of all candidates in C_{k+1} that are contained in t
   L_{k+1} = \text{candidates in } C_{k+1} \text{ with min\_support}
   end
return \bigcup_k L_k;
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#### The Apriori Algorithm—An Example





$C_2$	Itemset	sup	Later main out
2	{A, B}	1	2nd scan
_	{A, C}	(2)	∠ Scan
_	{A, E}	1	→ twiwin minsup
<b>-</b>	{B, C}	(2)	-
	{B, E}	3	
	{C, E}	2	
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candidate set		
Itemset		
{A, B}		
{A, C}		
{A, E}		
{B, C}		
{B, E}		
{C, E}		

C<sub>3</sub> Itemset

{B, C, E}

3rd scan L

Itemset	sup
{B, C, E}	2

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### Implementation of Apriori

- How to generate candidates?
  - Step 1: self-joining  $L_k$
  - Step 2: pruning
- Example of Candidate-generation
  - $L_3 = \{abc, abd, acd, ace, bcd\}$
  - Self-joining: L<sub>3</sub>\*L<sub>3</sub>
    - abcd from abc and abd
    - acde from acd and ace
  - Pruning: A frequent
    - acde is removed because ade is not in  $L_3$
  - $C_4 = \{abcd\}$

# Candidate Generation: An SQL Implementation

- SQL Implementation of candidate generation
  - Suppose the items in  $L_{k-1}$  are listed in an order
  - Step 1: self-joining  $L_{k-1}$  insert into  $C_k$  select  $p.item_1$ ,  $p.item_2$ , ...,  $p.item_{k-1}$ ,  $q.item_{k-1}$  from  $L_{k-1}$  p,  $L_{k-1}$  q where  $p.item_1 = q.item_1$ , ...,  $p.item_{k-2} = q.item_{k-2}$ ,  $p.item_{k-1} < q.item_{k-1}$
  - Step 2: pruning forall itemsets c in C<sub>k</sub> do forall (k-1)-subsets s of c do
    if (s is not in L<sub>k-1</sub>) then delete c from C<sub>k</sub>

#### All frequent itemsets

- ullet  $L_1 \cup L_2 \cup L_3$  sorn with all units
- {A}, {B}, {C}, {E}, {A, C}, {B, C}, {B, E}, {C, E}, {B, C}
- Generate association rules
- We are not interested in of 1-item than → that in then a
  - A -> A, B -> B, ...

#### Interesting/Strong ass. rules

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \rightarrow & C \\ C & \rightarrow & A \\ & \uparrow & \end{array}$$

- From {A, C}, {B, C}, {B, E}, {C, E}, {B, C, E}
- Association rules from an itemset are binary partitions of the same itemset
  - A -> C  $(2/4=0.5, 2^{1/2}=1)$
  - C -> A  $(2/4=0.5, 2^{1/3}=0.67)$
  - B -> C (2/4=0.5, 2/3=0.67)
  - C -> B (2/4=0.5, 2/3=0.67)
  - B -> E (3/4=0.75, 3/3=1)
  - E -> B (3/4=0.75, 3/3=1)  $\checkmark$
  - C -> E (2/4=0.5, 2/3=0.67)
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  - E -> B  $\Lambda$  C (2/4=0.5, 2/3 = 0.67)
  - B  $\Lambda$  C -> E (2/4=0.5, 2/2 = 1)  $\checkmark$
  - B  $\Lambda$  E -> C (2/4=0.5, 2/3 = 0.67)
  - $C \Lambda E \rightarrow B (2/4=0.5, 2/2=1) \checkmark$
- Keep rules satisfying minimum confidence (because all rules are already satisfy minimum support)
- Let's say: minimum confidence = 75%
- IN THIS EXAMPLE, strong rules are rules that have confidence = 100%

#### example

$$minsup = \frac{40}{100} = \frac{2}{5}$$

- Assume the user-specified minimum support is 40%, then generate all frequent itemsets.
- **Given:** The transaction database shown below

• TID	$\boldsymbol{A}$	$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{B}}$	$\boldsymbol{C}$	$\mathcal{D}$	$\boldsymbol{E}$
T1	1	1	1	0	0
<i>T2</i>	1	1	1	1	1
<i>T3</i>	1	0	1	1	O
<i>T4</i>	1	0	1	1	1
<i>T5</i>	1	1	1	1	0

• Pass 1

 $C_{\it l}$  after scan DB

Itemset	sup
{A}	5
{B}	3
{C}	5
{D}	4
{E}	2

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Itemset	sup
{A}	5
{B}	3
{C}	5
{D}	4
{E}	2

• Pass 2

 $C_2$  after scan DB

Itemset	sup
{A, B}	3
{A, C}	5
{A, D}	4
{A, E}	2
{B, C}	3
{B, D}	2
{B, E}	1
{C, D}	4
{C, E}	2
{D, E}	2

 $L_2$ 

Itemset	sup
{A, B}	3
{A, C}	5
{A, D}	4
{A, E}	2
{B, C}	3
{B, D}	2
{C, D}	4
{C, E}	2
{D, E}	2

motel self join

Nothing pruned because every subset is frequent

#### • Pass 3

• To create C3 only look at items that have the same first item (in pass k, the first k - 2 items must match)

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	Itemset
Join AB with AC	{A, B, C}
Join AB with AD	{A, B, D}
Join AB with AE	{A, B, E}
Join AC with AD	{A, C, D}
Join AC with AE	{A, C, E}
Join AD with AE	{A, D, E}
Join BC with BD	{B, C, D}
Join CD with CE	{C, D, E}

 $C_3$  after scan DB

And  $L_3$  are the same

Itemset	sup
{A, B, C}	3
{A, B, D}	2
{A, C, D}	4
{A, C, E}	2
{A, D, E}	2
{B, C, D}	2
{C, D, E}	2

**Pruning**: Pruning eliminates ABE since BE is not frequent

Pass 4

 $C_4$  after scan DB

Join & pruning

	Itemset		
Join ABC with ABD	{A, B, C, D}		
Join ACD with ACE	{A, C, D, E}		

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Itemset	sup	
{A, B, C, D}	2	
{A, C, D, E}	2	

#### **Pruning:**

• For ABCD we check whether ABC, ABD, ACD, BCD are frequent. They are in all cases, so we do not prune ABCD.

And  $L_4$  are the same

• For ACDE we check whether ACD, ACE, ADE, CDE are frequent. Yes, in all cases, so we do not prune ACDE

Pass 5: For pass 5 we can't form any candidates because there aren't two frequent 4-itemsets beginning with the same <sup>27</sup>3 items.

#### Exercise

• Trace the results of using the Apriori algorithm on the grocery store example with support threshold s=33.33% and confidence threshold c=60%. Show the candidate and frequent itemsets for each database scan. Enumerate all the final frequent itemsets. Also indicate the association rules that are generated and highlight the strong ones, sort them by confidence.

<ul> <li>Transaction ID</li> </ul>	<u>Items</u>
T1	HotDogs, Buns, Ketchup
T2	HotDogs, Buns
T3	HotDogs, Coke, Chips
T4	Chips, Coke
T5	Chips, Ketchup
T6	HotDogs, Coke, Chips

## Further Improvement of the Apriori Method

- Major computational challenges
  - Multiple scans of transaction database of database Manuscolumn
  - Huge number of candidates as condidate set 141. NON
  - Tedious workload of support counting for candidates ... \*\* Support Counting
- Improving Apriori: general ideas
  - Reduce passes of transaction database scans
  - Shrink number of candidates an candidates
  - Facilitate support counting of candidates

#### Transaction reduction

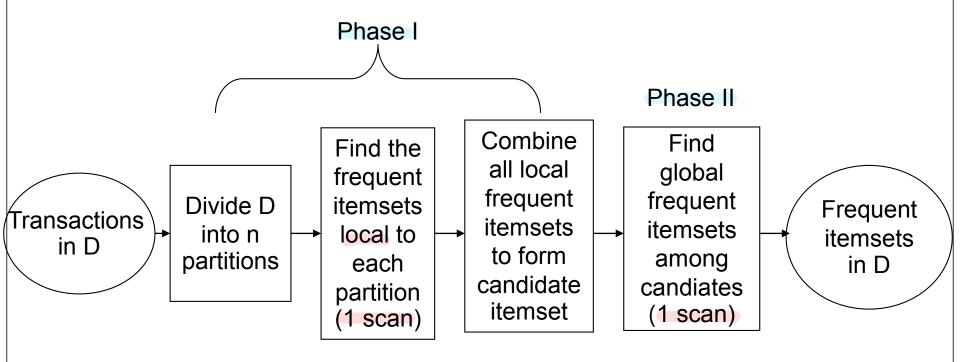
- Reduce the number of transactions scanned in future iterations
- By removing the transaction that does not contain any frequent k-itemsets authors

# Partitioning: Scan Database Only Twice

#### เสกท DB เเค่ 2 ครั้ง

- Any itemset that is potentially frequent in DB must be frequent in at least one of the partitions of DB
  - Scan 1: partition database and find local frequent patterns
  - Scan 2: consolidate global frequent patterns
  - See next figure
  - A. Savasere, E. Omiecinski, and S. Navathe. An efficient algorithm for mining association in large databases. In *VLDB*'95

### Mining by partitioning the data

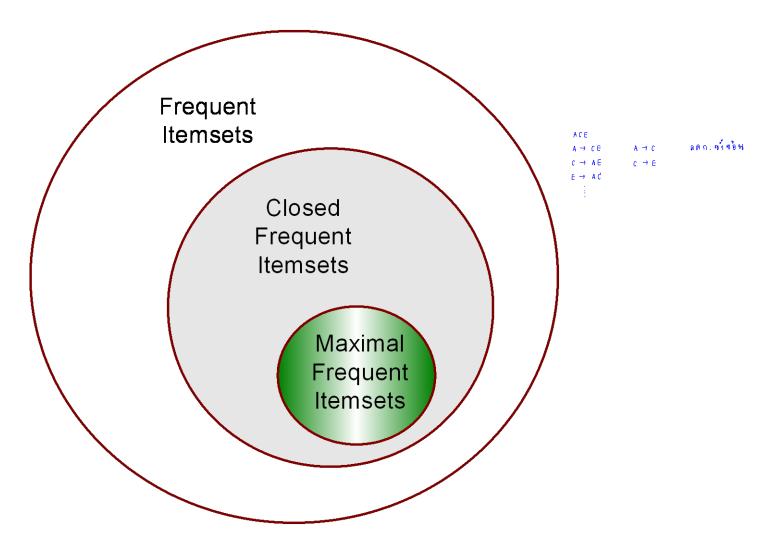


### Sampling:mining a subset of data

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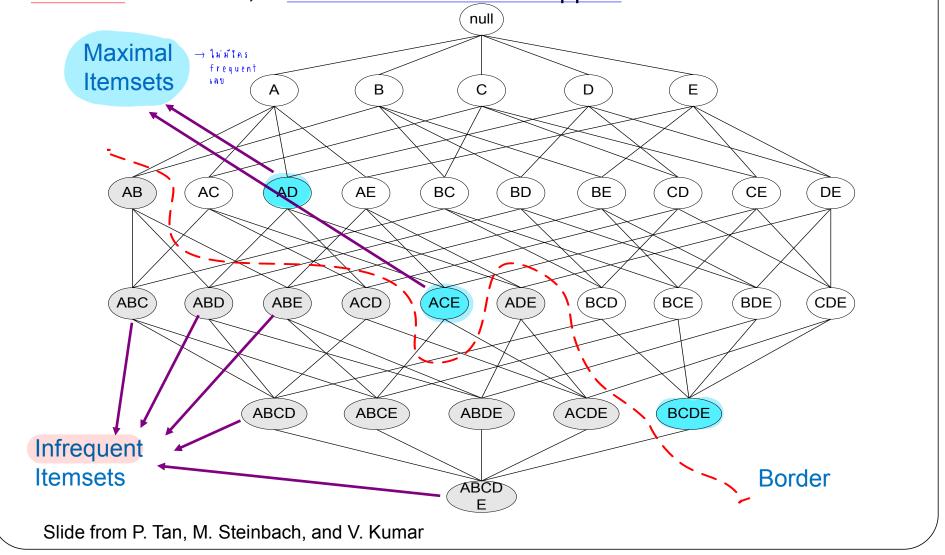
- Select a sample of original database, mine frequent patterns within sample using Apriori
- The S sample size is such that the search for frequent itemsets in S can be done in main memory
- Use lower support threshold than minimum support
- Scan database once to verify frequent itemsets found in sample.
  - If yes, finish.
  - If no, scan database again to find missed frequent patterns
- H. Toivonen. Sampling large databases for association rules. In *VLDB'96*

### Reduce redundant ass rules: Maximal vs Closed Itemsets



#### Maximal Frequent Itemset

- An itemset is maximal frequent if none of its immediate supersets is frequent
- Maximal Frequent Itemset provides a compact representation of the frequent itemsets. However, it does not contain the support information of its subsets



#### Closed Itemset Non support count IN SURPORT COUNT IN SURP

• An itemset is closed if none of its immediate supersets has the same support as the itemset

TID	Items	
1	{A,B}	
2	$\{B,C,D\}$	
3	$\{A,B,C,D\}$	
4	$\{A,B,D\}$	
5	$\{A,B,C,D\}$	

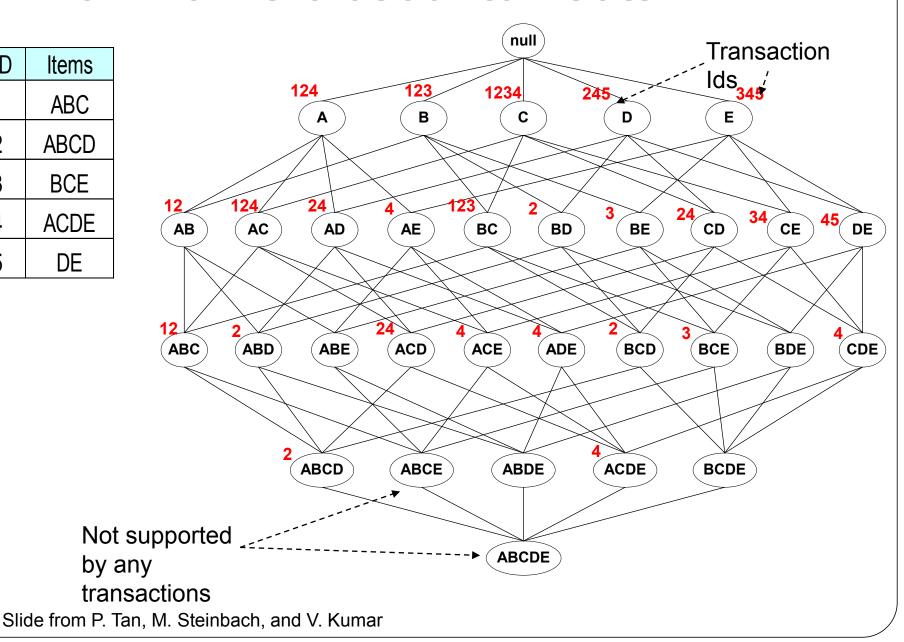
Itemset	Support	] .		
{A}	4		Itemset	Support
(A) {B}	5	เป็น closed	{A,B,C}	2
{C}	3		{A,B,D}	3
{D}	4			_
{A,B}	4	n closed	$\{A,C,D\}$	2
{A,C}	2	ไม่มากระบาน	{B,C,D}	3
{A,D}	3		{A,B,C,D}	2
{B,C}	3		(-,-,-,-,-	_
{B,D}	4	เป็ก closed		
{C,D}	3			

#### Closed frequent itemset

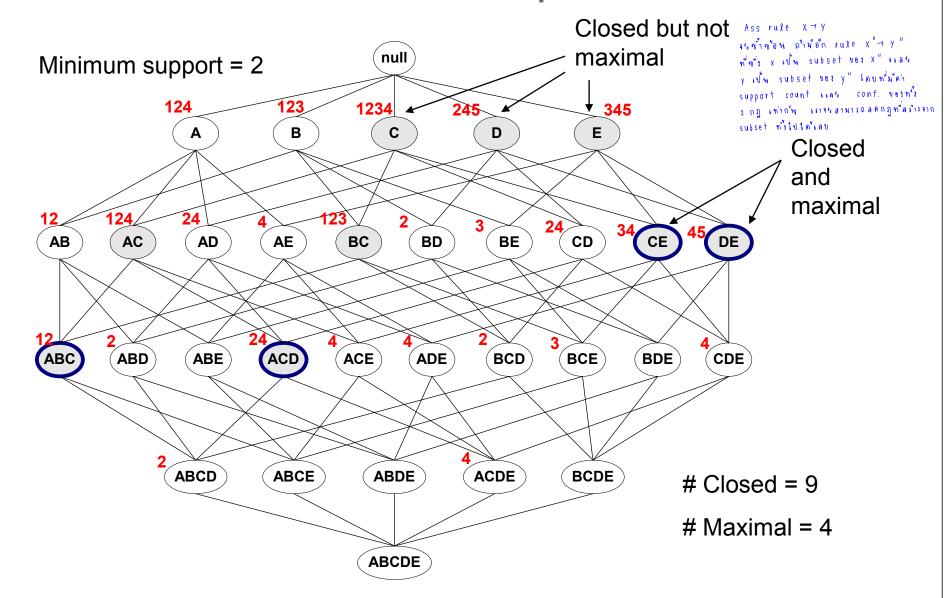
- It is a frequent itemset that is both closed and its support is greater than or equal to minsup.
- Provide a minimal representation of itemsets without losing their support infomation

### Maximal vs Closed Itemsets

TID	Items
1	ABC
2	ABCD
3	BCE
4	ACDE
5	DE



### Maximal vs Closed Frequent Itemsets



Slide from P. Tan, M. Steinbach, and V. Kumar

# 2. Pattern-Growth Approach: Mining Frequent Patterns Without Candidate Generation

- Bottlenecks of the Apriori approach
  - Breadth-first (i.e., level-wise) search
  - Candidate generation and test
    - Often generates a huge number of candidates
- The FPGrowth Approach (J. Han, J. Pei, and Y. Yin, SIGMOD' 00)
  - Depth-first search
  - Avoid explicit candidate generation

# 2. Pattern-Growth Approach: Mining Frequent Patterns Without Candidate Generation

- Major philosophy: Grow long patterns from short ones using local frequent items only
  - "abc" is a frequent pattern
  - Get all transactions having "abc", i.e., project DB on abc: DB | abc
  - "d" is a local frequent item in DB | abc  $\rightarrow$  abcd is a frequent pattern

### Frequent Pattern-Growth Approach

- Adopts a divide-and-conquer strategy
- First, compress the database representing frequent items into a frequent-pattern tree (FP-tree), which retains the itemset association information
- Then, divide the compressed database into a set of conditional databases, each associated with one frequent item or "pattern fragment", and mine each such database separately

# Construct FP-tree from a Transaction Database

<u>TID</u>	Items bought	
100	$\{f, a, c, d, g, i, m, p\}$	
200	$\{a, b, c, f, l, m, o\}$	•
300	$\{b, f, h, j, o, w\}$	min_support =
400	$\{b, c, k, s, p\}$	
500	$\{a, f, c, e, l, p, m, n\}$	

1. Scan DB once, find frequent 1-itemset (single item pattern)

2. Sort frequent items in frequency descending order,f-listF-list = f-c-a-b-m-p

## Construct FP-tree from a Transaction Database

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### 3. Scan DB again, construct FP-tree

 TID
 Items bought
 (ordered) frequent items

 100
 {f, a, c, d, g, i, m, p}
 {f, c, a, m, p}

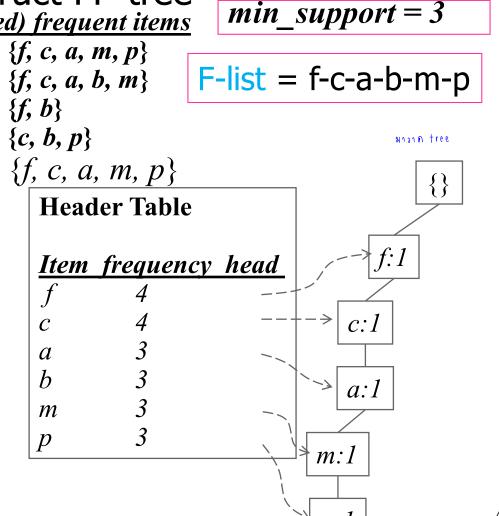
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 {a, b, c, f, l, m, o}
 {f, c, a, b, m}

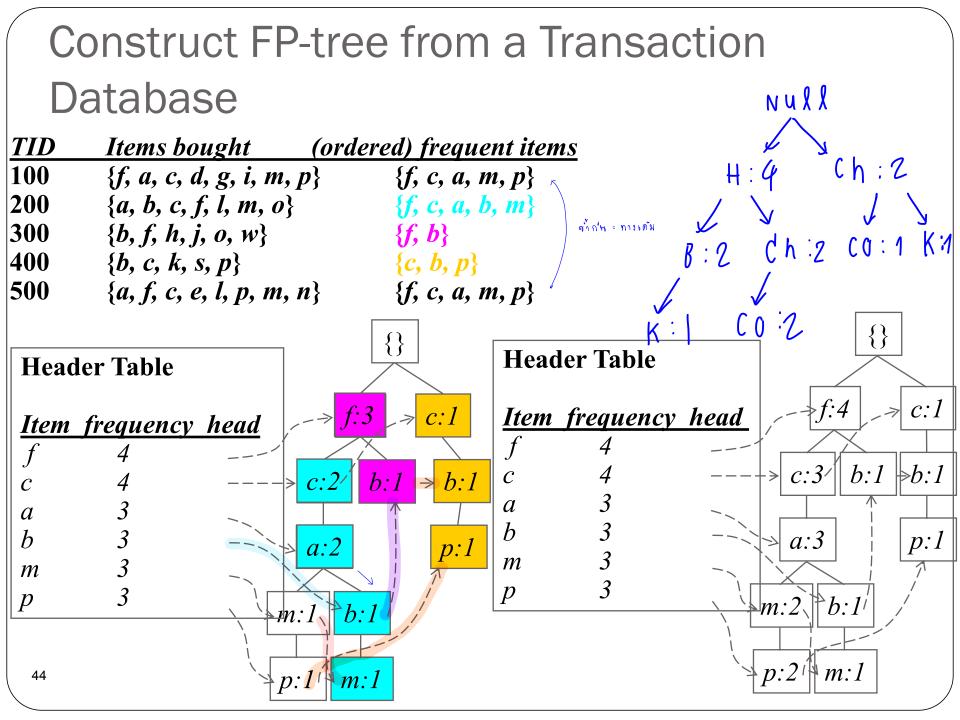
 300
 {b, f, h, j, o, w}
 {f, b}

 400
 {b, c, k, s, p}
 {c, b, p}

 500
 {a, f, c, e, l, p, m, n}
 {f, c, a, m, p}

Construct FP-tree starting by the first transaction



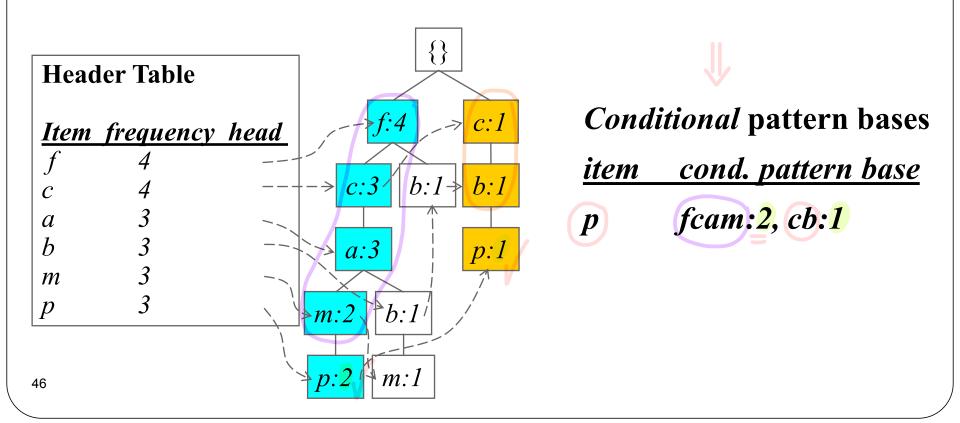


### Partition Patterns and Databases

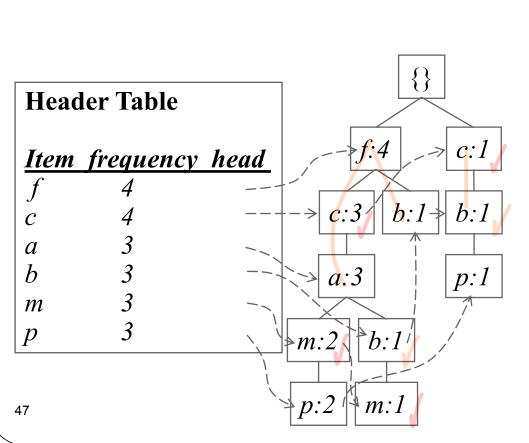
- Frequent patterns can be partitioned into subsets according to flist
  - F-list = f-c-a-b-m-p
  - Patterns containing p
  - Patterns having m but no p
  - •
  - Patterns having c but no a nor b, m, p
  - Pattern f
- Completeness and non-redundancy

### Find Patterns Having P From P-conditional Database

- Starting at the frequent item header table in the FP-tree
- Traverse the FP-tree by following the link of each frequent item p
- Accumulate all of *transformed prefix paths* of item *p* to form *p*'s conditional pattern base



### Find Patterns Having node n From node n-conditional Database



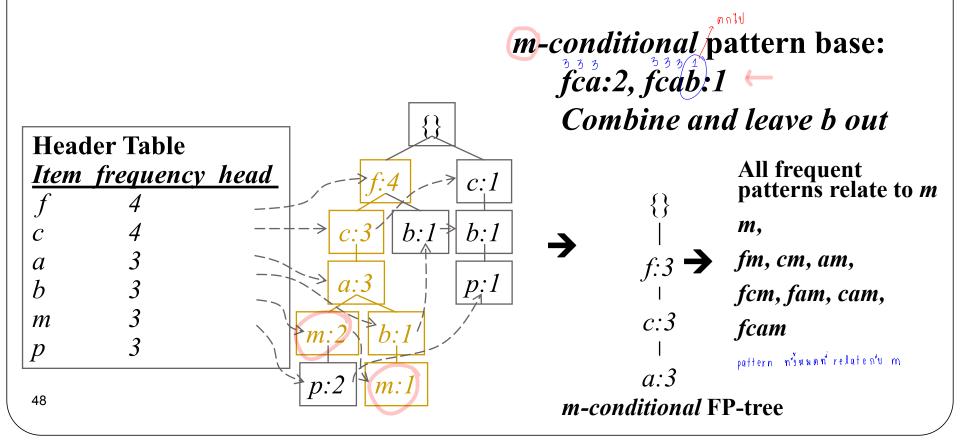
#### Conditional pattern bases

<u>item</u>	cond. pattern base
$\boldsymbol{c}$	<i>f</i> :3
a	fc:3
<b>b</b>	fca:1, f:1, c:1
m	fca:2, fcab:1
p	fcam:2, cb:1

### From Conditional Pattern-bases to **Conditional FP-trees**

- For each pattern-base

   Accumulate the count for each item in the base
  - Construct the FP-tree for the frequent items of the pattern base



## From Conditional Pattern-bases to Conditional FP-trees. Then, generate frequent patterns

Item	Conditional pattern-base	Conditional FP-tree
р	{(fcam:2), (cb:1)}	1 <sup>7</sup> 5 with {(c:3)} p
m	{(fca:2), (fcab:1)}	{(f: <mark>3</mark> , c: <mark>3</mark> , a: <mark>3</mark> )} m
b	{(fca:1), (f:1), (c:1)}	Empty
а	{(fc:3)}	{(f:3, c:3)} a
С	{(f:3)}	{(f:3)} c
f	Empty	Empty

# Recursion: Mining Each Conditional FP-tree

Cond. pattern base of "am": (fc:3) 
$$f:3$$
 $f:3$ 
 $am\text{-}conditional FP-tree}$ 

Cond. pattern base of "cm": (f:3)  $f:3$ 
 $f:3$ 
 $f:3$ 
 $f:3$ 

Cond. pattern base of "cam": (f:3) f:3

cam-conditional FP-tree

cm-conditional FP-tree

#### Benefits of the FP-tree Structure

- Completeness เครื่องตอบคลุบ
  - Preserve complete information for frequent pattern mining
  - Never break a long pattern of any transaction
- Compactness N'ALAWAY frequent
  - Reduce irrelevant info—infrequent items are gone
  - Items in frequency descending order: the more frequently occurring, the more likely to be shared
  - Never be larger than the original database (not count node-links and the *count* field)

# The Frequent Pattern Growth Mining Method (conclusion)

- Idea: Frequent pattern growth
  - Recursively grow frequent patterns by pattern and database partition
- Method
  - For each frequent item, construct its conditional pattern-base, and then its conditional FP-tree
  - Repeat the process on each newly created conditional FP-tree
  - Until the resulting FP-tree is empty, or it contains only one path—single path will generate all the combinations of its sub-paths, each of which is a frequent pattern

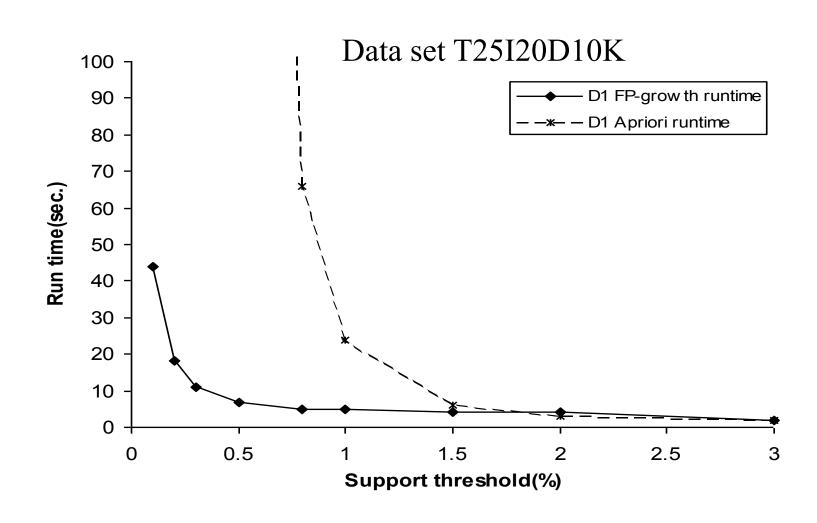
### Scaling FP-growth by Database Projection

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- What about if FP-tree cannot fit in memory?
  - DB projection ข้อมูลเบอน ไม่สามารถเก็บได้ให mem
- First partition a database into a set of projected DBs
- Then construct and mine FP-tree for each projected DB
- Parallel projection vs. partition projection techniques
  - Parallel projection
    - Project the DB in parallel for each frequent item
    - Parallel projection is space costly
    - All the partitions can be processed in parallel
  - Partition projection
    - Partition the DB based on the ordered frequent items
    - Passing the unprocessed parts to the subsequent partitions

### FP-Growth vs. Apriori: Scalability With the Support Threshold

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### Advantages of the Pattern Growth Approach

- Divide-and-conquer: เป็นส่วนบานเป็นส่วนบ่อย ๆ
  - Decompose both the mining task and DB according to the frequent patterns obtained so far
  - Lead to focused search of smaller databases
- Other factors
  - No candidate generation, no candidate test
  - Compressed database: FP-tree structure
  - No repeated scan of entire database
  - Basic ops: counting local freq items and building sub FP-tree, no pattern search and matching
- A good open-source implementation and refinement of FPGrowth
  - FPGrowth+ (Grahne and J. Zhu, FIMI'03)

# 3. ECLAT: Vertical data format approach

- ECLAT (Zaki et al. @KDD'97)
- Apriori and FP-growth methods mine frequent patterns from a set of transactions in TID-itemset format
  - Horizontal data format {TID:itemset}
- Vertical data format approach mine frequent patterns from a set of transactions in item-TIDset format
  - Vertical data format {item:TIDset}

### Vertical data format approach

- Transform data from horizontal data format into vertical data format by scanning DB once and find frequent 1-itemsets
- Intersect the TIDsets of every pair of frequent 1-item and find frequent 2-itemsets
- Repeat the intersection steps until cannot find any more frequent itemsets
- Union all frequent 1-itemsets, 2-itemsets, ... to get frequent itemsets of this dataset

### Vertical data format approach

- The method is still based on the Apriori property
- A given 3-itemset is a candidate 3-itemset only if every one of its 2-itemset subsets is frequent
- To find a frequent itemset, the support count of each itemset must be greater than the minimum support
- The support count of an itemset is the length of the TIDset of the itemset. So, no need to scan DB to count the support count. However, the set may be quite long and take substantial memory space as well as computation time for intersecting the long sets

• A set of transactions in TID-itemset format

	<u>List of item IDS</u>	<u>TID</u>
	I1, I2, I5	T100
<b>Min_sup = 2</b>	I2, I4	T200
	12, 13	T300
	I1, I2, I4	T400
	I1, I3	T500
	12, 13	T600
	I1, I3	T700
	I1, I2, I3, I5	T800
	I1, I2, I3	T900

- Transform to the vertical data format
- Find frequent 1-itemsets

itemset	<u>TIDset</u>
I1	{T100, T400, T500, T700, T800, T900}
I2	{T100, T200, T300, T400, T600, T800, T900}
I3	$\{T300, T500, T600, T700, T800, T900\}$
I4	{T200, T400}
I5	{T100, T800}

- support count is the length of the TIDset
- all 1-itemsets are frequent because the support count of each itemset is greater than the min\_sup (2)

• Based on Apriori property, use k-itemsets to construct the candidate (k+1)-itemsets by intersecting TIDset of frequent k-itemsets to compute the TIDset of (k+1)-itemset

<u>itemset</u>	<u>TIDset</u>	ดูจากค. ยาว ข
$\{I1,I2\}$	{T100, T400, T800, T900}	
$\{I1,I3\}$	$\{T500, T700, T800, T900\}$	
<del>{I1, I4}</del>	T400	
$\{I1, I5\}$	$\{T100, T800\}$	
$\{I2,I3\}$	{T300, T600, T800, T900}	
$\{I2, I4\}$	{T200, T400}	
$\{I2, I5\}$	{T100, T800}	
<del>{I3, I5}</del>	$\{T800\}$ 1 ( minsup	

• Count the support count to generate frequent 2-itemsets

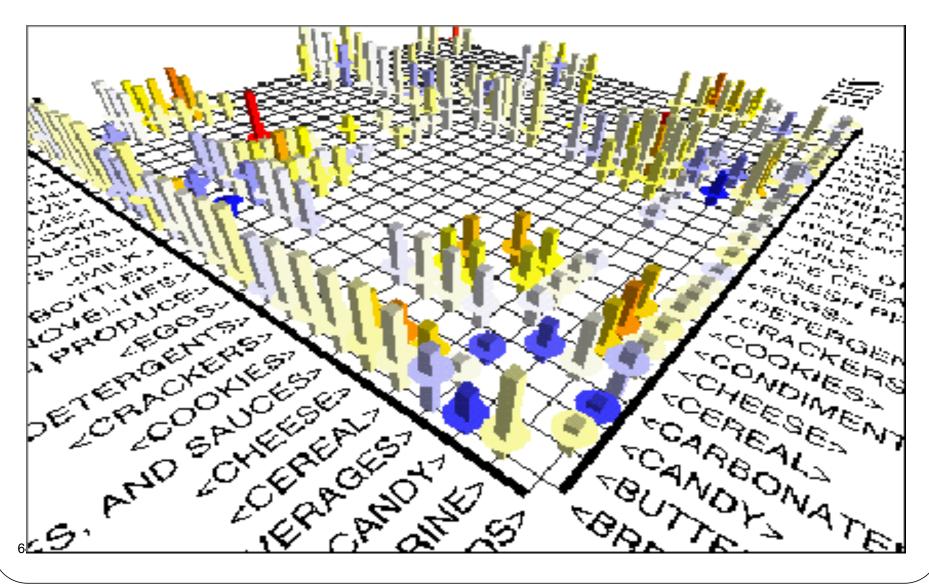
• Repeat until no more candidate itemsets can be generated

```
itemset TIDset
\{I1, I2\}
                  {T100, T400, T800, T900}
                  {T500, T700, T800, T900}
\{I1, I3\}
\{I1, I5\}
                  {T100, T800}
                                                           Frequent 2-itemsets
\{12, 13\}
                  {T300, T600, T800, T900}
\{12, 14\}
                  {T200, T400}
\{12, 15\}
                  {T100, T800}
                  <u>TIDset</u>
itemset
{I1, I2, I3} {T800, T900}
                                      un intersec
                                                            Frequent 3-itemsets
{I1, I2, I5} {T100, T800}
 12, 13, 14 X
 12, 13, 15 X 10 T 800
```

all frequent itemsets are Union
{I1}, {I2}, {I3}, {I4}, {I5}, {I1, I2}, {I1, I3},
{I1, I5}, {I2, I3}, {I2, I4}, {I2, I5}, {I1, I2, I3}, {I1, I2, I5}

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# Visualization of Association Rules (SGI/MineSet 3.0)



## Mining Various Kinds of Association Rules

Mining multilevel association

```
xevel → subcategory ของสิพค้าขั้นหนัน บังเกี่ยวกับการ buy
คงกร้างชื้อ item 1 , item 2 → item 5
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- Miming multidimensional association Mark to attract of the Miming multidimensional association
- Mining quantitative association

```
dynamic discretization
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nominal numeric age 15 18 25
```

## Mining Multiple-Level Association Rules

- Involve concepts at different levels of abstraction
- It is difficult to find strong associations among data items at low or primitive levels of abstraction due to the sparsity of data at those levels
- Strong associations discovered at high levels of abstraction may represent commonsense knowledge (or may seem novel to another)

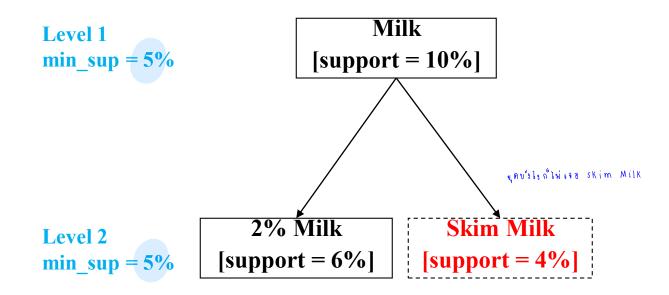
### Uniform support

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<u>Adv</u>: use only one value of minimum support -> simplified the search procedure <u>Disadv</u>: items at low levels doesn't occur as often as those at higher levels

- if min\_sup is set too high, the strong associations at low levels cannot be found
- if min\_sup is set too low, it may generate many uninteresting associations at high level

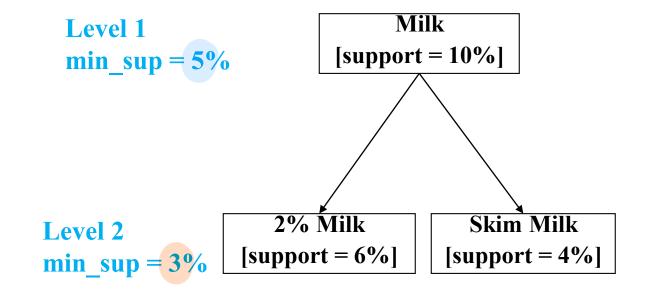
### Uniform support



### Reduced support

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- Flexible support settings
  - Items at the lower level are expected to have lower support



# Disadvantage of mining multilevel association rules

- Generation of many redundant rules across multiple levels of abstraction due to the "ancestor" relationships among items
- milk -> wheat bread [sup=8%,conf=70%]
- 2%milk -> wheat bread [sup=2%, conf=72%]  $\frac{4}{5}$  25%
- The first rule is an ancestor of the second rule
- Redundant if its support and confidence are close to their "expected" values, based on the rule's ancestor
- ex 1/4 of sales of milk is 2% milk, the second rule is uninteresting!!!

### Mining Multi-Dimensional Association

• Single-dimensional rules:

```
buys(X, "milk") \Rightarrow buys(X, "bread")
```

- Multi-dimensional rules: ≥ 2 dimensions or predicates
  - Inter-dimension assoc. rules (no repeated predicates)

```
age(X,"19-25") \land occupation(X,"student") \Rightarrow buys(X,"coke")
```

• hybrid-dimension assoc. rules (repeated predicates)

```
age(X,"19-25") \land buys(X,"popcorn") \Longrightarrow buys(X,"coke")
```

### Mining Multi-Dimensional Association

• Categorical Attributes: finite number of possible values, no ordering among values

Ex occupation, brand, color categorical attributes are sometimes called nominal attributes because their values are "names of things"

• Quantitative Attributes: Numeric, implicit ordering among values <u>Ex</u> age, income, price

## Techniques for mining multi-dimensional association

 Techniques can be categorized by how numerical attributes, such as age or salary are treated

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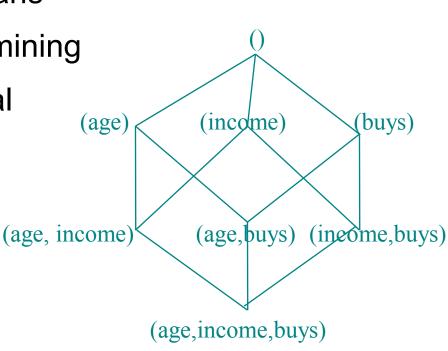
- 1. Static discretization based on predefined concept hierarchies (data cube methods) -> this technique occurs before mining <a href="mailto:ex">ex</a> income : replace numeric values by interval labels "0..20K", "21K..30K" (treated as categorical attributes)
- 2. Dynamic discretization based on data distribution -> this technique occurs during mining process

# Mining multi-dimensional association using static Discretization of Quantitative Attributes

- Discretized prior to mining using concept hierarchy.
- Numeric values are replaced by ranges
- $age(X,"19-25") \land occupation(X,"student") \Rightarrow buys(X, "coke")$
- Find frequent k-predicate sets instead of frequent kitemsets
- A k-predicate set is a set containing k conjuctive predicates <u>ex</u> 3-predicate set : {age, occupation, buys}
- If {age, occupation, buys} is a frequent 3-predicate set, {age, occupation}, {age, buys}, {occupation, buys} are also
   \*frequent

# Mining multi-dimensional association using static Discretization of Quantitative Attributes

- Use Apriori algo. to find frequent k-predicate sets
- Every subset of frequent k-predicate sets must be frequent
- In relational database, finding all frequent k-predicate sets will require k or k+1 table scans
- Data cube is well suited for mining
- The cells of an n-dimensional cuboid correspond to the predicate sets
- Mining from data cubes can be much faster



### Quantitative Association Rules

- Mining multi-dimensional association using dynamic discretization of quantitative attributes is mining for quantitative association rules
- Numeric attributes are dynamically discretized during mining process (using binning techniques) so as to satisfy some mining criteria
  - Maximizing the confidence or compactness of the rules mined
- The intervals are dynamic in that they may later be further combined during the mining process
- For example, 2-D quantitative association rules:

$$A_{quan1} \wedge A_{quan2} \Rightarrow A_{cat}$$

#### **Example**

age(X, "34-35")  $\wedge$  income(X, "31-50K")  $\Rightarrow$  buys(X, "high resolution TV")

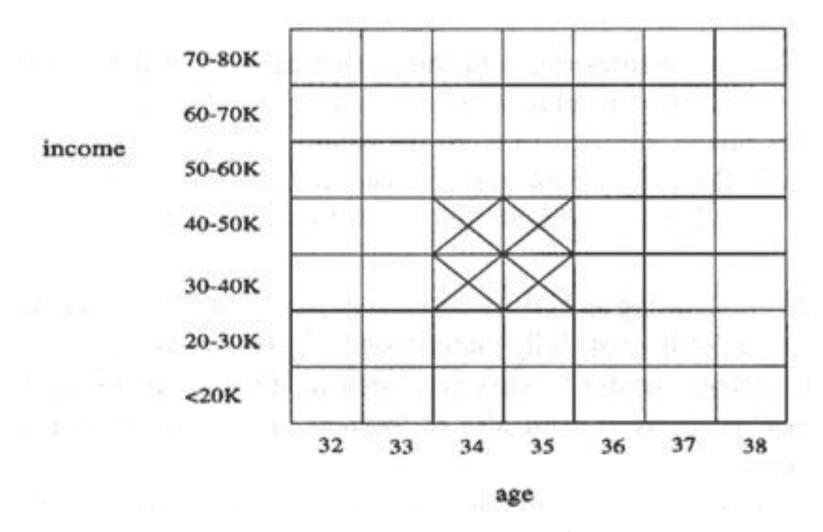
### Quantitative Association Rules

- Cluster adjacent association rules to form general rules using a 2-D grid
- Finding frequent predicate sets: once the 2-D array containing the count distribution for each category is set up, it can be scanned to find the frequent predicate sets (those satisfying min\_sup) that also satisfy min\_conf. Then, generate strong ass. rule
- Clustering the association rules: the strong ass. rule are then mapped to a 2-D grid

#### **Example**

```
age(X, "34") \land income(X, "31-40K") \Rightarrow buys(X, "high resolution TV") age(X, "35") \land income(X, "31-40K") \Rightarrow buys(X, "high resolution TV") age(X, "34") \land income(X, "41-50K") \Rightarrow buys(X, "high resolution TV") age(X, "35") \land income(X, "41-50K") \Rightarrow buys(X, "high resolution TV")
```

## Quantitative Association Rules



Four rules can be combined or clustered to form a new rule  $age(X, "34-35") \land income(X, "31-50K") \Rightarrow buys(X, "high resolution TV")$ 

# From association mining to correlation analysis

- How can we tell which strong ass. rules are really interesting?
- Support and confidence are not good to indicate correlations
- Measure of dependent/correlated events: lift

$$lift(A,B) = \frac{P(A \cup B)}{P(A)P(B)}$$

- If result < 1, the occurrence of A is negatively correlated with the occurrence of B
- If result > 1, positively correlated
- If result = 1, A and B are independent

# Interestingness Measure: Correlations (Lift)

- play basketball  $\Rightarrow$  eat cereal [40%, 66.7%] is misleading
  - The overall % of students eating cereal is 75% > 66.7%. ไม่ท่าสหาร เพราะปกติเค้ากิน cereal ก็หลบู่เเล้ว
- play basketball  $\Rightarrow$  not eat cereal [20%, 33.3%] is more accurate, although with lower support and confidence
- Measure of dependent/correlated events: lift

$$lift(A,B) = \frac{P(A \cup B)}{P(A)P(B)}$$

$$lift(A,B) = \frac{2000/5000}{3000/5000*3750/5000} = 0.89$$

$\left  lift(A, \neg B) = \right $	1000/5000	=1.33
	3000/5000*1250/5000	

	Basketball	Not basketball	Sum (row)
Cereal	2000	1750	3750
Not cereal	1000	250	1250
Sum(col.)	3000	2000	5000

#### Constraint-based (Query-Directed) Mining

- Finding all the patterns in a database autonomously? unrealistic!
  - The patterns could be too many but not focused!
- Data mining should be an interactive process
  - User directs what to be mined using a data mining query language (or a graphical user interface)
- Constraint-based mining
  - User flexibility: provides constraints on what to be mined
  - System optimization: explores such constraints for efficient mining constraint-based mining: constraint-pushing, similar to push selection first in DB query processing
  - Note: still find all the answers satisfying constraints, not finding some answers in "heuristic search"

#### Constraints in Data Mining

- Knowledge type constraint: type of knowledge to be mined
  - classification, association, etc.
- Data constraint: specify the set of task-relevant data using SQL-like queries
  - find product pairs sold together in stores in Chicago in Dec.'02
- Dimension/level constraint: specify dimension, level of concept hierarchies
  - in relevance to region, price, brand, customer category
- Rule (or pattern) constraint: specify rule template, value of attributes
  - small sales (price < \$10) triggers big sales (sum > \$200)
- Interestingness constraint: specify thresholds
  - strong rules: min\_support  $\geq 3\%$ , min\_confidence  $\geq 60\%$

#### Frequent-Pattern Mining: Summary

- Frequent pattern mining—an important task in data mining
- Scalable frequent pattern mining methods
  - Apriori (Candidate generation & test)
  - Projection-based (FPgrowth)
  - Vertical format approach
- Mining a variety of rules and interesting patterns
- From association mining to correlation analysis
- Constraint-based mining

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