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- There are two more concepts which are discussed when studying associate rule mining/market basket analysis. They are **Leverage** and **Conviction**
- Keeping the same conventions, we stated that a person buying X also tends to by Y , where X and Y are item sets. We'll use these terms for understanding the two topics

Leverage

- There is another metric called **leverage** that is constructed using support. This is very similar to lift.
- Leverage computes the difference between the observed frequency of X and Y appearing together and the frequency that would be expected if X and Y were independent. A leverage value of 0 indicates independence.

Q. How is leverage calculated?

- To compute the leverage of "if X then Y " i.e. $X \rightarrow Y$, we compute the support of X and Y , and subtract the product of support of X , and support of Y from it.

$$\text{leverage}(X \rightarrow Y) = \text{support}(X \cap Y) - (\text{support}(X) * \text{support}(Y))$$

Q. What is the advantage of using leverage over lift values

- Though it is similar to lift, but leverage is **easier to interpret**.
- Leverage value lies in the range of **-1 to +1**, whereas lift value ranges from 0 to infinity.

Conviction

- Conviction is another way of measuring association, although it is a bit harder to get your head around. It compares the probability that X appears without Y if they were independent with the actual frequency of the appearance of X without Y .

Q. How can we calculate conviction value?

- It can be calculated as the ratio of the expected frequency that X occurs without Y if X and Y were independent divided by the observed frequency of incorrect predictions.

$$\text{Conv}(X \rightarrow Y) = \frac{1 - S(Y)}{1 - C(X \rightarrow Y)}$$

Note:

- A high value means that the consequent depends strongly on the antecedent.