Developing Association Rules

VWX -----1 acf 2 bce 3 acf 4 bce 5 ade 6 bde 7 ade 8 bde 9 ade 10 bcf 11 ade 12 bcf

An item is an attribute-value pair, such as V=a, or W=c. A combination of items is an item set, for example {V=a, W=c} is a 2-item set, and {V=b} is a 1-item set. Since the values are unique names, let's use the abbreviation "ac" for {V=a, W=c}, and similarly for other item sets. An example 3-item set is "ade". To limit the number of item sets, we only consider item sets with a support of 2, (the number of times the set occurs in the training data).

List all the one-item sets with the required support. Use the one-item sets to generate candidate 2-item sets and list all the 2-item sets. Similarly, use the 2-item sets to find the candidate 3-item sets and then check support, listing all the 3-item sets with required support.

Find all the rules assuming we require a support of 2 and 100% confidence (accuracy). The item sets will help you.