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Mid Term Project Report

Implementation and Code Usage

Comparison of Data Mining algorithms (Brute Force, Apriori, FP-Growth) on Retail Transactions Dataset

Abstract: In This Project, I implemented and compared three different Data Mining Algorithms: Brute Force, Apriori, and FP-Growth on Retail Transactions Dataset. The Purpose was to understand and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of each algorithm in identifying Frequent Itemsets and Association Rules within Transactional Datasets. By applying each method to the same dataset, I was able to analyze their accuracy, differences in results, and overall efficiency in terms of speed. This comparison helps identify the most suitable algorithm depending on the nature of the data and the performance requirements, providing insights for real-world applications like market basket analysis.

Introduction:

Data mining is an effective technique for revealing hidden patterns and meaningful relationships within extensive datasets. In this project, I focused on comparing three different association rule mining algorithms: Brute Force, Apriori, and FP-Growth, and applied them to a retail dataset. These algorithms are commonly used for association rule mining, which helps identify relationships between items that frequently occur together in transactions, similar to products purchased together in a store.

The Apriori and FP-Growth algorithms are well-known for their efficiency in finding frequent itemsets and generating association rules, but their performance can vary depending on the nature of the dataset. To understand these differences, I implemented a brute force approach as a baseline and compared it against the Apriori and FP-Growth algorithms.

Key steps in this project included:

- Loading transaction data from a CSV file representing retail purchases.
- Collecting user input for minimum support and confidence thresholds to filter frequent itemsets.
- Preprocessing the dataset to ensure that items are consistent and unique across all transactions.

- Initializing the frequent itemsets using a brute force method and calculating support values for all possible combinations of items.
- Implementing the Apriori and FP-Growth algorithms using Python's mlxtend library and comparing their results with the brute force method.
- Evaluating the runtime performance and accuracy of each method by comparing frequent itemsets and analyzing computational efficiency.

Core Concepts and Principles:

1. Frequent Itemset Mining:

 The goal is to identify combinations of items that frequently co-occur in transactions. This helps in understanding relationships between items, which is useful in applications like market basket analysis.

2. User-Specified Thresholds:

The algorithm accepts user input for minimum support and minimum confidence.
 These thresholds help in filtering out non-frequent itemsets and generating significant rules, allowing customization based on the application context.

3. Brute Force Method:

 A naive approach where all possible combinations of items are generated and evaluated. This method is computationally intensive but helps as a baseline to understand the efficiency of more sophisticated algorithms.

4. Apriori Algorithm:

 Apriori is an iterative algorithm used for frequent itemset mining and association rule learning. It generates larger itemsets from smaller frequent ones and uses a support threshold to filter out non-frequent itemsets. It operates by progressively growing itemsets and is computationally expensive because of candidate generation.

5. FP-Growth Algorithm:

 FP-Growth is a more efficient frequent itemset mining method compared to Apriori. It uses a tree structure called an FP-tree to compress the data, which reduces the need for candidate generation. It finds frequent itemsets by recursively exploring conditional patterns.

6. Association Rules:

 Once frequent itemsets are identified, association rules are generated to show relationships between items. Rules consist of antecedents and consequent, with a confidence level that indicates the likelihood of finding the consequent given the antecedent.

Project Workflow:

1. Data Preparation:

- Load transaction data from a CSV file.
- o Preprocess data to extract transactions as lists of items.

2. User Input:

Collect user-defined thresholds for minimum support and confidence levels.

3. Brute Force Implementation:

- Use a brute force approach to generate and evaluate all possible itemsets.
- Calculate support values for each itemset.
- Identify frequent itemsets based on the support threshold.
- Generate Association Rules based on Frequent Itemsets.

4. Apriori Algorithm:

- Encode transactions for compatibility with Apriori.
- Apply the Apriori algorithm to find frequent itemsets and association rules.
- Extract and print results.

5. **FP-Growth Algorithm**:

- Encode transactions for compatibility with FP-Growth.
- Use the FP-Growth algorithm to identify frequent itemsets and association rules.
- Extract and print results.

6. Comparison of Results:

- o Compare frequent itemsets obtained by Brute Force, Apriori, and FP-Growth.
- Evaluate and present differences in identified frequent itemsets.

7. Performance Evaluation:

 Record and compare the execution times of all three methods to evaluate computational efficiency.

Screenshots

Here are the csv files

Amazon Transactions csv file

| | Α | В |
|----|----------------|---|
| 1 | Transaction_ID | Transaction |
| 2 | Trans1 | A Beginner's Guide, Head First Java 2nd Edition, Effective Java (2nd Edition), Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch, Java: The Complete Reference, HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites |
| 3 | Trans2 | Java For Dummies, Java 8 Pocket Guide, C++ Programming in Easy Steps, Beginning Programming with Java, Java: The Complete Reference |
| 4 | Trans3 | Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch, A Beginner's Guide, HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites, Effective Java (2nd Edition) |
| 5 | Trans4 | Java For Dummies, Head First Java 2nd Edition, Beginning Programming with Java, Java 8 Pocket Guide, A Beginner's Guide, Java: The Complete Reference |
| 6 | Trans5 | HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites, Beginning Programming with Java, C++ Programming in Easy Steps |
| 7 | Trans6 | Beginning Programming with Java, Java 8 Pocket Guide, Java: The Complete Reference, C++ Programming in Easy Steps |
| 8 | Trans7 | A Beginner's Guide, C++ Programming in Easy Steps, Head First Java 2nd Edition, Java: The Complete Reference |
| 9 | Trans8 | Beginning Programming with Java, HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites, Effective Java (2nd Edition), Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch, C++ Programming in Easy Steps |
| 10 | Trans9 | Head First Java 2nd Edition, C++ Programming in Easy Steps |
| 11 | Trans10 | Java: The Complete Reference, Effective Java (2nd Edition) |
| 12 | Trans11 | Java 8 Pocket Guide, C++ Programming in Easy Steps, Java: The Complete Reference, Effective Java (2nd Edition) |
| 13 | Trans12 | Java: The Complete Reference, C++ Programming in Easy Steps, Head First Java 2nd Edition, A Beginner's Guide |
| 14 | Trans13 | C++ Programming in Easy Steps, Beginning Programming with Java |
| 15 | Trans14 | Java 8 Pocket Guide, Effective Java (2nd Edition) |
| 16 | Trans15 | Java: The Complete Reference, Java 8 Pocket Guide |
| 17 | Trans16 | Effective Java (2nd Edition), C++ Programming in Easy Steps, Java For Dummies, A Beginner's Guide, Java 8 Pocket Guide |
| 18 | Trans17 | Head First Java 2nd Edition, Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch, A Beginner's Guide, Beginning Programming with Java, Java: The Complete Reference |
| 19 | Trans18 | Java: The Complete Reference, Java For Dummies, Effective Java (2nd Edition), C++ Programming in Easy Steps, Java 8 Pocket Guide |
| 20 | Trans19 | Effective Java (2nd Edition), A Beginner's Guide, HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites, Java 8 Pocket Guide |
| 21 | Trans20 | Effective Java (2nd Edition), Beginning Programming with Java, Java: The Complete Reference, A Beginner's Guide, Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch, Java For Dummies |
| 22 | Trans21 | Effective Java (2nd Edition), Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch |
| 23 | Trans22 | Beginning Programming with Java, Head First Java 2nd Edition |
| 24 | Trans23 | Head First Java 2nd Edition, Effective Java (2nd Edition) |
| 25 | Trans24 | Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch, Java 8 Pocket Guide, A Beginner's Guide, Head First Java 2nd Edition |
| 26 | Trans25 | HTML and CSS: Design and Build Websites, Android Programming: The Big Nerd Ranch, Java 8 Pocket Guide, Java For Dummies, A Beginner's Guide |
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K-Mart Transactions csv file

| | A | В | С |
|----|----------------|--|---|
| 1 | Transaction_ID | Transaction | |
| 2 | Trans1 | Embroidered Bedspread, Bedspreads, Kids Bedding, Bedding Collections, Decorative Pillows | |
| 3 | Trans2 | Bed Skirts, Kids Bedding, Quilts, Sheets | |
| 4 | Trans3 | Quilts, Embroidered Bedspread, Towels, Kids Bedding, Decorative Pillows, Bedspreads | |
| 5 | Trans4 | Embroidered Bedspread, Kids Bedding | |
| 6 | Trans5 | Bed Skirts, Towels, Bedspreads, Shams, Kids Bedding | |
| 7 | Trans6 | Bed Skirts, Bedding Collections, Kids Bedding | |
| 8 | Trans7 | Bedding Collections, Decorative Pillows, Embroidered Bedspread, Bedspreads, Sheets, Quilts | |
| 9 | Trans8 | Bedspreads, Bedding Collections, Shams, Towels, Embroidered Bedspread | |
| 10 | Trans9 | Sheets, Shams, Bedding Collections, Quilts, Towels | |
| 11 | Trans10 | Embroidered Bedspread, Decorative Pillows, Shams, Kids Bedding | |
| 12 | Trans11 | Kids Bedding, Decorative Pillows, Towels, Bedspreads | |
| 13 | Trans12 | Bed Skirts, Bedding Collections | |
| 14 | Trans13 | Quilts, Bedding Collections, Shams, Bed Skirts, Bedspreads | |
| 15 | Trans14 | Towels, Bed Skirts, Embroidered Bedspread, Decorative Pillows | |
| 16 | Trans15 | Sheets, Bedspreads, Towels, Bedding Collections, Shams | |
| 17 | Trans16 | Shams, Quilts, Kids Bedding, Decorative Pillows | |
| 18 | Trans17 | Kids Bedding, Quilts, Towels, Bed Skirts, Sheets | |
| 19 | Trans18 | Sheets, Decorative Pillows | |
| 20 | Trans19 | Sheets, Quilts, Shams, Embroidered Bedspread, Bedding Collections | |
| 21 | Trans20 | Towels, Embroidered Bedspread, Bed Skirts, Shams, Sheets, Quilits | |
| 22 | Trans21 | Towels, Kids Bedding | |
| 23 | Trans22 | Bedding Collections, Sheets, Bedspreads, Kids Bedding | |
| 24 | Trans23 | Towels, Embroidered Bedspread, Shams, Bed Skirts, Bedding Collections | |
| 25 | Trans24 | Bedding Collections, Sheets, Shams, Bedspreads, Decorative Pillows, Bed Skirts | |
| 26 | Trans25 | Shams, Quilts, Bedding Collections | |
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Shoprite Transaction csv file

| | A | В | С |
|----|----------------|---|---|
| 1 | Transaction_ID | Transaction | |
| 2 | Trans1 | Soccer Shoe, Hoodies, Socks, Running Shoe | |
| 3 | Trans2 | Tech Pants, Running Shoe, Dry Fit V-Nick | |
| 4 | Trans3 | Soccer Shoe, Tech Pants, Dry Fit V-Nick, Modern Pants, Running Shoe, Swimming Shirt | |
| 5 | Trans4 | Soccer Shoe, Sweatshirts, Modern Pants | |
| 6 | Trans5 | Swimming Shirt, Dry Fit V-Nick, Running Shoe, Soccer Shoe | |
| 7 | Trans6 | Soccer Shoe, Sweatshirts | |
| 8 | Trans7 | Hoodies, Socks | |
| 9 | Trans8 | Sweatshirts, Dry Fit V-Nick, Hoodies, Soccer Shoe | |
| 10 | Trans9 | Tech Pants, Socks, Soccer Shoe, Hoodies, Running Shoe | |
| 11 | Trans10 | Swimming Shirt, Tech Pants | |
| 12 | Trans11 | Soccer Shoe, Socks, Tech Pants, Sweatshirts, Modern Pants, Running Shoe | |
| 13 | Trans12 | Tech Pants, Swimming Shirt, Soccer Shoe, Rash Guard, Running Shoe, Dry Fit V-Nick | |
| 14 | Trans13 | Running Shoe, Socks, Rash Guard, Sweatshirts, Modern Pants, Soccer Shoe | |
| 15 | Trans14 | Hoodies, Tech Pants, Modern Pants, Running Shoe, Swimming Shirt, Soccer Shoe | |
| 16 | Trans15 | Hoodies, Running Shoe, Modern Pants, Rash Guard | |
| 17 | Trans16 | Modern Pants, Sweatshirts, Tech Pants, Soccer Shoe, Swimming Shirt, Rash Guard | |
| 18 | Trans17 | Dry Fit V-Nick, Soccer Shoe, Socks | |
| 19 | Trans18 | Running Shoe, Dry Fit V-Nick, Hoodies, Modern Pants, Socks, Swimming Shirt | |
| 20 | Trans19 | Hoodies, Running Shoe, Dry Fit V-Nick, Swimming Shirt | |
| 21 | Trans20 | Tech Pants, Swimming Shirt | |
| 22 | Trans21 | Soccer Shoe, Tech Pants, Swimming Shirt | |
| 23 | Trans22 | Socks, Dry Fit V-Nick, Modern Pants, Swimming Shirt, Tech Pants | |
| 24 | Trans23 | Running Shoe, Sweatshirts | |
| 25 | Trans24 | Sweatshirts, Modern Pants, Tech Pants | |
| 26 | Trans25 | Swimming Shirt, Soccer Shoe, Running Shoe | |
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Target Transaction csv file

| | A | В | С |
|----|----------------|--|---|
| 1 | Transaction_ID | Transaction | |
| 2 | Trans1 | Shampoo, Mouthwash, Conditioner, Body Wash | |
| 3 | Trans2 | Conditioner, Shampoo, Soap, Mouthwash, Lotion | |
| 4 | Trans3 | Mouthwash, Body Wash, Soap, Conditioner, Deodorant | |
| 5 | Trans4 | Body Wash, Shampoo, Face Wash, Mouthwash | |
| 6 | Trans5 | Body Wash, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Shampoo, Soap | |
| 7 | Trans6 | Mouthwash, Soap, Shampoo, Face Wash, Lotion, Conditioner | |
| 8 | Trans7 | Hand Sanitizer, Body Wash, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Shampoo | |
| 9 | Trans8 | Face Wash, Body Wash, Conditioner, Shampoo, Lotion, Mouthwash | |
| 10 | Trans9 | Soap, Toothpaste, Conditioner | |
| 11 | Trans10 | Hand Sanitizer, Shampoo, Lotion | |
| 12 | Trans11 | Deodorant, Conditioner, Shampoo | |
| 13 | Trans12 | Toothpaste, Face Wash, Mouthwash, Body Wash, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer | |
| 14 | Trans13 | Face Wash, Soap, Lotion, Mouthwash, Body Wash | |
| 15 | Trans14 | Toothpaste, Shampoo, Lotion, Body Wash, Deodorant | |
| 16 | Trans15 | Soap, Hand Sanitizer | |
| 17 | Trans16 | Face Wash, Body Wash, Lotion, Conditioner | |
| 18 | Trans17 | Soap, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizer, Toothpaste, Shampoo | |
| 19 | Trans18 | Shampoo, Toothpaste, Body Wash | |
| 20 | Trans19 | Shampoo, Soap, Lotion | |
| 21 | Trans20 | Lotion, Conditioner | |
| 22 | Trans21 | Hand Sanitizer, Soap, Conditioner, Face Wash | |
| 23 | Trans22 | Mouthwash, Hand Sanitizer, Toothpaste | |
| 24 | Trans23 | Toothpaste, Shampoo | |
| 25 | Trans24 | Toothpaste, Conditioner, Soap | |
| 26 | Trans25 | Lotion, Face Wash, Shampoo, Body Wash | |
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Walmart Transaction csv file



Here is the python code

Prompts to choose which store dataset you want, and specify minimum support and minimum confidence to generate the association rules.

Created User defined Function to calculate support and find Frequent Itemsets to implement Brute Force Approach

```
def calculate_support(itemset, transactions):
    count = 0
    for transaction in transactions:
        if set(itemset).issubset(set(transaction)):
            count += 1
        return count / len(transactions)
```

```
def find_frequent_itemsets(transactions, all_items, min_support):
    k = 1
    frequent_itemsets = []
    candidate_itemsets = all_items

while candidate_itemsets:
    print(f'Generating (k)-itemsets')
    current_frequent_itemsets = []
    if k==1:
        candidate_itemsets = [[item] for item in candidate_itemsets]
    else:
        candidate_itemsets = [list(itemset) for itemset in itertools.combinations(all_items, k)]

for itemset in candidate_itemsets:
    support = calculate_support(itemset, transactions)
    if support >= min_support:
        current_frequent_itemsets.append((itemset, support)))

if not current_frequent_itemsets:
    break

frequent_itemsets.extend(current_frequent_itemsets)
    k += 1

return frequent_itemsets
```

Using Resultant Frequent Itemsets to generate Association Rules with minimum confidence

```
[184] def generate_association_rules(frequent_itemsets, transactions, min_confidence):
    rules = []
    for itemset, support in frequent_itemsets:
        if len(itemset) < 2:
            continue
        for i in range(1, len(itemset)):
            for antecedent in itertools.combinations(itemset, i):
            consequent = list(set(itemset) - set(antecedent))
            antecedent_support = calculate_support(antecedent, transactions)
        if antecedent_support > 0:
            confidence = support / antecedent_support
        if confidence >= min_confidence:
            rules.append((antecedent, consequent, confidence))
```

Initiating Brute Force Approach and Noting Time Of Execution

```
start_time = time.time()
frequent_itemsets = find_frequent_itemsets(transactions, all_items, min_support)
brute_force_time = time.time() - start_time

print(f"Brute Force Time : {brute_force_time}")
frequent_itemsets_dict = {tuple(itemset): support for itemset, support in frequent_itemsets}
#print(frequent_itemsets)
for itemset, support in frequent_itemsets:
    print(f"Itemset: {itemset}, Support: {support}")
```

Generating Association Rules for brute force

Using *mlxtend* library to import predefined functions for Apriori Algorithm and calculating frequent itemsets and generating association rules for the same

```
From mixtend.frequent_patterns import apriori, association_rules

from mixtend.preprocessing import TransactionEncoder
import pathasa as pd
import time

# Assuming transactions and min_support, min_confidence are defined earlier in the code

te = TransactionEncoder()

te_ary = te.fit(transactions).transform(transactions)

df_encoded = pd.DataFrase(t_ary, columns.columns_)

# Run Apriori Algorithm

start_time = time.time() - start_time

start_time = time.time() - start_time

print(f*Apriori Time: (apriori_time)*)

# Check if any frequent itemests were found

if frequent_itemests_priori = apriori_der_column.columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_columns_c
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Using *mlxtend* library to import predefined functions for FP Growth Algorithm and calculating frequent itemsets and generating association rules for the same

Confirming Results of all the algorithms by taking intersection of Algorithm Result Sets and checking the generated Rules

```
[195] # Compare association rules between brute force, apriori, and fp-growth
    print('\nComparison of Association Rules (Brute Force vs Apriori):')
    common_rules_bf_apriori = association_rules_brute_force_set.intersection(association_rules_apriori_set)
    for rule in common_rules_bf_apriori:
        print(f'Rule: {set(rule[0])} -> {set(rule[1])}, Confidence: {rule[2]:.2f}')

    print('\nComparison of Association Rules (Brute Force vs FP-Growth):')
    common_rules_bf_fp = association_rules_brute_force_set.intersection(association_rules_fp_growth_set)
    for rule in common_rules_bf_fp:
        print(f'Rule: {set(rule[0])} -> {set(rule[1])}, Confidence: {rule[2]:.2f}')

    print('\nComparison of Association Rules (Apriori vs FP-Growth):')
    common_rules_apriori_fp = association_rules_apriori_set.intersection(association_rules_fp_growth_set)
    for rule in common_rules_apriori_fp:
        print(f'Rule: {set(rule[0])} -> {set(rule[1])}, Confidence: {rule[2]:.2f}')
```

Comparing Performance of All the Algorithms

```
[18] print('\nTiming Performance:')
    print(f'Brute Force Time: {brute_force_time:.4f} seconds')
    print(f'Apriori Time: {apriori_time:.4f} seconds')
    print(f'FP-Growth Time: {fp_growth_time:.4f} seconds')
```

Below are screenshots to show that the program runs in the terminal

```
Welcome!!!!!!!!!!
Select the Supermarket:
1.Amazon
2.K-Mart
3.Shoprite
4.Target
5.Walmart
[1-5]3
Enter Minimum Support (Enter Float Value Between 0-1)0.3
Enter Minimum Confidence (Enter Float Value Between 0-1)0.6
Generating 1-itemsets
Generating 2-itemsets
Generating 3-itemsets
Frequent Itemsets (Brute Force):
Itemset: ['Dry Fit V-Nick'], Support: 0.36
Itemset: ['Hoodies'], Support: 0.32
Itemset: ['Modern Pants'], Support: 0.4
Itemset: ['Modern Pants'], Support: 0.56
Itemset: ['Soccer Shoe'], Support: 0.6
Itemset: ['Socks'], Support: 0.32
Itemset: ['Sweatshirts'], Support: 0.32
Itemset: ['Swimming Shirt'], Support: 0.48
Itemset: ['Tech Pants'], Support: 0.48
Itemset: ['Running Shoe', 'Soccer Shoe'], Support: 0.36
Itemset: ['Swimming Shirt', 'Tech Pants'], Support: 0.32
Association Rules (Brute Force):
Rule: frozenset({'Swimming Shirt'}) -> frozenset({'Tech Pants'}), confidence: 0.67
Rule: frozenset({ 'Running Shoe'}) -> frozenset({ 'Soccer Shoe'}), confidence: 0.64
Rule: frozenset({ 'Tech Pants'}) -> frozenset({ 'Swimming Shirt'}), confidence: 0.67
Rule: frozenset({ 'Soccer Shoe'}) -> frozenset({ 'Running Shoe'}), confidence: 0.60
```

```
Frequent Itemsets (Apriori):
    support
                                   itemsets
       0.36
                           (Dry Fit V-Nick)
       0.32
                                  (Hoodies)
2
3
4
       0.40
                             (Modern Pants)
                             (Running Shoe)
       0.56
                              (Soccer Shoe)
       0.60
5
       0.32
                                    (Socks)
       0.32
                              (Sweatshirts)
7
8
                           (Swimming Shirt)
(Tech Pants)
       0.48
       0.48
9
       0.36
               (Soccer Shoe, Running Shoe)
10
             (Tech Pants, Swimming Shirt)
       0.32
Association Rules (Apriori):
        antecedents
                            consequents confidence
0
      (Soccer Shoe)
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     (Running Shoe)
                         (Soccer Shoe)
                                            0.642857
       (Tech Pants)
                      (Swimming Shirt)
2
                                            0.666667
   (Swimming Shirt)
                           (Tech Pants)
                                            0.666667
```

```
Frequent Itemsets (FP-Growth):
    support
                                    itemsets
       0.60
                               (Soccer Shoe)
                              (Running Shoe)
(Socks)
1
       0.56
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       0.32
                                   (Hoodies)
                                (Tech Pants)
       0.48
                           (Dry Fit V-Nick)
       0.36
                            (Swimming Shirt)
       0.48
                              (Modern Pants)
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       0.32
                               (Sweatshirts)
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       0.32
              (Tech Pants, Swimming Shirt)
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     (Running Shoe)
                                             0.642857
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                                             0.666667
                           (Tech Pants)
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```
Intersection of Association Rules (Brute Force vs Apriori):
Rule: {'Swimming Shirt'} -> {'Tech Pants'}, Confidence: 0.67
Rule: {'Running Shoe'} -> {'Soccer Shoe'}, Confidence: 0.64
Rule: {'Tech Pants'} -> {'Swimming Shirt'}, Confidence: 0.67
Rule: {'Soccer Shoe'} -> {'Running Shoe'}, Confidence: 0.60

Intersection of Association Rules (Brute Force vs FP-Growth):
Rule: {'Swimming Shirt'} -> {'Tech Pants'}, Confidence: 0.67
Rule: {'Running Shoe'} -> {'Soccer Shoe'}, Confidence: 0.64
Rule: {'Tech Pants'} -> {'Swimming Shirt'}, Confidence: 0.67
Rule: {'Soccer Shoe'} -> {'Running Shoe'}, Confidence: 0.60

Intersection of Association Rules (Apriori vs FP-Growth):
Rule: {'Swimming Shirt'} -> {'Tech Pants'}, Confidence: 0.67
Rule: {'Suimming Shoe'} -> {'Soccer Shoe'}, Confidence: 0.64
Rule: {'Tech Pants'} -> {'Swimming Shirt'}, Confidence: 0.64
Rule: {'Tech Pants'} -> {'Swimming Shirt'}, Confidence: 0.67
Rule: {'Soccer Shoe'} -> {'Running Shoe'}, Confidence: 0.67
Rule: {'Soccer Shoe'} -> {'Running Shoe'}, Confidence: 0.60
```

Results and Evaluation:

The Brute Force, Apriori, and FP-Growth algorithms were all successful in identifying frequent itemsets from the dataset, but their efficiency varied significantly. Brute Force was the slowest due to its exhaustive nature. Apriori improved efficiency by pruning non-frequent itemsets, but still required multiple candidate generations. FP-Growth was the fastest, leveraging an efficient tree structure to avoid exhaustive candidate generation. The results highlight FP-Growth's superior performance, especially for larger datasets.

Timing Performance:

Brute Force Time: 0.0066 seconds

Apriori Time: 0.0091 seconds FP-Growth Time: 0.0043 seconds

Conclusion:

The comparison of Brute Force, Apriori, and FP-Growth algorithms for frequent itemset mining demonstrated significant differences in efficiency and performance. The Brute Force method, while simple, was the least efficient due to its exhaustive search process. Apriori improved on this by pruning non-frequent itemsets, but still required multiple passes through the data. FP-Growth proved to be the most efficient, using a compact tree structure to eliminate the need for candidate generation. Overall, FP-Growth is the preferred choice for larger datasets, offering both speed and scalability.