

# Mining Large Scale Datasets

#### Mining Data Streams

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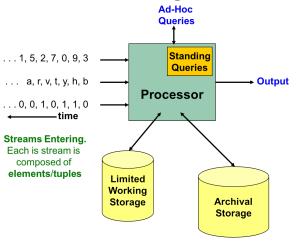
#### Data Streams

- In many data mining situations, we do not know the entire dataset in advance
- Stream Management is important when the input rate is controlled externally
  - Google queries
  - Twitter or Facebook status updates
- We can think of the data as infinite and non-stationary (the distribution changes over time)

#### The Stream Model

- Input elements enter at a rapid rate, at one or more input ports (i.e., streams)
  - We call elements of the stream tuples
- The system cannot store the entire stream accessibly
  - → How do you make critical calculations about the stream using a limited amount of (secondary) memory?

### General Stream Processing Model



## Applications

- Mining query streams
  - Google wants to know what queries are more frequent today than yesterday
- Mining click streams
  - Wikipedia wants to know which of its pages are getting an unusual number of hits in the past hour
- Mining social network news feeds
  - E.g., trending topics on Twitter, Facebook

## **Applications**

- Sensor Networks
  - Many sensors feeding into a central controller
- Telephone call records
  - Data feeds into customer bills; settlements between telephone companies
- IP packets monitored at a switch
  - Gather information for optimal routing
  - Detect denial-of-service attacks

## Different queries on Data Streams

- Sampling data from a stream
  - Construct a random sample
- Queries over sliding windows
  - Number of items of type x in the last k elements of the stream
- Filtering a data stream
  - Select elements with property x from the stream
- Counting distinct elements
  - Number of distinct elements in the last k elements
- Estimating moments
  - Estimate average or standard deviation of last k elements
- Finding frequent elements

## Sampling from a Data Stream

- Since we can not store the entire stream, one obvious approach is to store a sample
- Two different problems
  - Sample a fixed proportion of elements in the stream (maybe 1 in 10)
  - Maintain a random sample of fixed size over a potentially infinite stream
    - At any "time" k we would like a random sample of s elements
    - Need to maintain the following property of the sample
      - $\rightarrow$ For all time steps k, each of k elements seen so far has equal probability of being sampled

## Problem 1: Sampling fixed proportion

- Scenario: Search engine query stream
  - Stream of tuples: (user, query, time)
  - Answer questions such as: How often did a user run the same query in a single day
  - ullet Have space to store  $1/10 {
    m th}$  of query stream
- Naïve solution
  - Generate a random integer in [0..9] for each query
  - Store the query if the integer is 0, otherwise discard

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- Proposed solution: keep 10% of the queries
  - Sample will contain x/10 of the singleton queries and 2d/10 of the duplicate queries at least once
  - But only d/100 pairs of duplicates
  - Of *d* "duplicates", 18d/100 appear exactly once  $18d/100 = ((1/10 \cdot 9/10) + (9/10 \cdot 1/10)) \cdot d$
- So the sample-based answer is  $\frac{d/100}{x/10+d/100+18d/100} = \frac{d}{10x+19d}$

## Solution: Sample users

- Pick  $1/10^{th}$  of users and take all their searches in sample
- Use a hash function that hashes the user name or user id uniformly into 10 buckets

#### Generalized solution

- Stream of tuples with keys
  - Key is some subset of the tuple's components e.g., tuple is (user, search, time); key is user
  - Choice of key depends on application
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To generate a 40% sample, hash into b = 10 buckets and take the tuple if it hashes to one of the first 4 buckets

#### Problem 2: Fixed-size sample

- Suppose we need to maintain a random sample S of size exactly *s* tuples
  - E.g., limited main memory available
- Don't know length of stream in advance
- Suppose at time n we have seen n items Each item is in the sample S with equal probability s/n
  - For example, s = 2 $Stream = a \times c y z k c d e g ...$ At n = 5, each of the first 5 tuples is included in the sample S

with equal probability, 2/5

At n = 7, each of the first 7 tuples is included in the sample S with equal probability, 2/7

### Fixed size sample

#### Solution: Reservoir Sampling

- Store all the first s elements of the stream to S
- Suppose we have seen n-1 elements, and now the n<sup>th</sup> element arrives (n > s)
  - With probability s/n, keep the  $n^{th}$  element, else discard it
  - If we picked the n<sup>th</sup> element, then it replaces one of the s elements in the sample S, picked uniformly at random

#### Claim

This algorithm maintains a sample S with the desired property

• After n elements, the sample contains each element seen so far with probability s/n

## Sliding windows

Useful model of stream processing
 Queries are about a window of length N (the N most recent elements received)

#### Interesting case

N is so large that data cannot be stored in memory, or even on disk Or, there are so many streams that windows for all cannot be stored

#### Amazon example

For every product X we keep 0/1 stream of whether that product was sold in the  $\mathbf{n}^{\text{th}}$  transaction

We want to query how many times we sold X in the last k sales

#### Sliding window: 1 stream

qwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnm qwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnm qwertyuiopas dfghjk zxcvbnm qwertyuiopasdfghjklzxcvbnm Past Future ----

## Counting bits

- Given a stream of 0s and 1s
   Be prepared to answer queries of the form
   How many 1s are in the last k ≤ N bits?
- Obvious solution
   Store the most recent N bits
   When new bit comes in, discard the (N+1)<sup>th</sup> bit

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- We can not get an exact answer without storing the entire window
- But an approximate answer may be sufficient

#### Counting bits: simple solution

• How many 1s are in the last N bits?

- Maintain 2 counters
  - S: number of 1s from the beginning of the stream
  - Z: number of 0s from the beginning of the stream
- Number of 1s in the last N bits:  $N \cdot \frac{S}{S+Z}$

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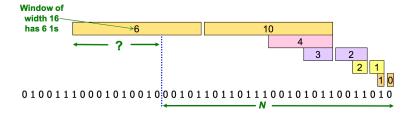
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  - *S*: number of 1s from the beginning of the stream *Z*: number of 0s from the beginning of the stream
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- Only works for uniform streams
  - What if distribution changes over time?

#### **DGIM**

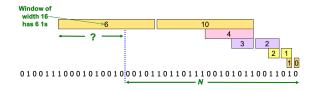
- Does not assume uniformity
- Store  $O(log^2N)$  bits per stream
- Gives approximate answer, never off by more than 50%
- Error factor can be reduced to any fraction > 0, with more complicated algorithm and proportionally more bits stored

### DGIM: Exponential Windows

- Summarize exponentially increasing regions of the stream, looking backward
- Drop small regions if they begin at the same point as a larger region



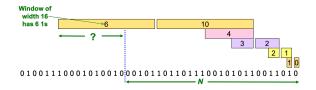
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#### **Benefits**

- Stores only  $O(log^2N)$  bits
  - O(logN) counts of  $log_2N$  counts each
- Easy update as more bits enter
- Error in count no greater than the number of 1s in the "unknown" area

## DGIM: Exponential Windows



#### Drawbacks

- As long as the 1s are fairly evenly distributed, the error due to the unknown region is small – no more than 50%
- But it could be that all the 1s are in the unknown area at the end

In that case, the error is unbounded!

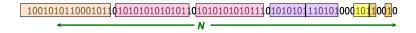
#### DGIM Method

#### Idea

Instead of summarizing fixed-length blocks, summarize blocks with specific number of 1s

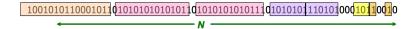
Let the block sizes (number of 1s) increase exponentially

 When there are few 1s in the window, block sizes stay small, so errors are small

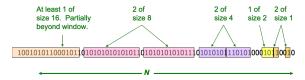


#### DGIM: Buckets

- Each bit in the stream has a timestamp
  - modulo N: 0, 1, ... N-1
  - Allows representing any relevant timestamp in  $O(log_2N)$  bits
- A bucket in DGIM is a record consisting of
  - A) The timestamp of its end [O(log N) bits]
  - B) Number of 1s between its start and end [O(log log N) bits]
- Constraint on buckets: Number of 1s must be a power of 2
  - That explains the O(log log N) in (B)



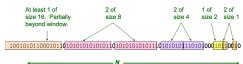
#### DGIM: Streams as Buckets



- Either one or two buckets with the same power-of-2 number of 1s
- Buckets do not overlap in timestamps
- Buckets are sorted by size
   Earlier buckets are not smaller than later buckets
- Buckets disappear when their end-time is > N time units in the past

Note: since we only consider a timestamp up to N (or -N), we can consider the current timestamp always as '0', and keep a relative timestamp in the buckets. In this case, the relative timestamp needs to be updated (shifted) each time a new element comes through the stream

## DGIM: Updating Buckets

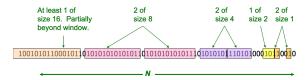


- When a new bit comes in, drop the last (oldest) bucket if its end-time is prior to N time units before the current time
- If the current bit is 0: no other changes are needed
- If the current bit is 1
  - Create a new bucket of size 1, for this bit, with end timestamp = current time
  - 2) If there are now three buckets of size 1, combine the oldest two into a bucket of size 2
  - 3) If there are now three buckets of size 2, combine the oldest two into a bucket of size 4
  - 4) And so on ...

## DGIM: Updating Buckets

Current state of the stream:
$\frac{1001010110001011}{100101010101010101011} p_{1010101010111} p_{10101011} 110101 p_{1010101} 000 \frac{1011}{10101} p_{1010101} p_{1010101} p_{1010101} p_{1010101} p_{1010101} p_{1010101} p_{10101010101} p_{101010101010101} p_{10101010101010101} p_{10101010101010101010101011} p_{10101010101010101010101010101010101010$
Bit of value 1 arrives
001010110001011 pt01010101010111 pt010101010111 pt0101011110101 p001011 p001011
Two orange buckets get merged into a yellow bucket
0010101100010110 10101010101011011011010101011110 1010101110101000101100101
Next bit 1 arrives, new orange bucket is created, then 0 comes, then 1:
010110001011 <mark>0101010101010111</mark> 0101010101
Buckets get merged
010110001011p1010101010101011p101010101
State of the buckets after merging
010110001011 <mark>01010101010101011010101010</mark>

#### DGIM: Estimating counts



To estimate the number of 1s in the most recent N bits

- Sum the sizes of all buckets but the last bucket size = number of 1s in the bucket
- Add half the size of the last bucket

Remember: We do not know how many 1s of the last bucket are still within the wanted window

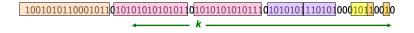
#### DGIM: Error bound

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- Suppose the last bucket has size 2<sup>r</sup>
- Then by assuming  $2^{r-1}$  (i.e. half) of its 1s are still within the window, we make an error of at most  $2^{r-1}$
- Since there is at least one bucket of each of the sizes less than  $2^r$ , the true sum is at least  $1 + 2 + 4 + ... + 2^{r-1} = 2^r 1$
- Thus, the error is at most 50%

#### DGIM Extension: k < N

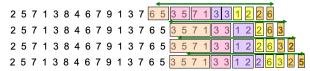
- Can also answer queries
   How many 1s in the last k, where k < N</li>
- Find earliest bucket B that overlaps with k. Number of 1s is the sum of sizes of more recent buckets plus half the size of B



## DGIM Extension: Stream of positive integers

We want the sum of the last k elements

- 1) If integers between 1 and  $2^m$ , for some m
  - ullet Treat each of the m bits as a separate stream
  - Use DGIM to estimate  $c_i$  = number of 1s in each (bit) stream
  - The sum is  $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} c_i 2^i$
- 2) Use buckets to keep partial sums
  - Sum of elements in size b bucket is at most  $2^b$



Idea: Sum in each bucket is at most 2<sup>b</sup> (unless bucket has only 1 integer) Bucket sizes:



# Filtering Data Streams

- Each element of data stream is a tuple
- Given a list of keys S
- Determine which tuples of stream are in S
- Obvious solution: Hash table
- But suppose we do not have enough memory to store all of S
  in a hash table
  - We might be processing millions of filters on the same stream

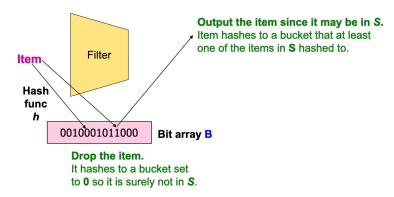
# Filtering Data Streams: Applications

- Example: Email spam filtering
  - We know 1 billion "good" email addresses
  - If an email comes from one of these, it is NOT spam
- Publish-subscribe systems
  - We are collecting lots of messages (news articles)
  - People express interest in certain sets of keywords
  - Determine whether each message matches user's interest

# Filtering Data Streams: First solution

- Given a set of keys S that we want to filter
- Create a bit array B of n bits, initially all 0s
- Choose a hash function h with range [0, n)
- Hash each member of  $s \in S$  to one of n buckets, and set that bit to 1, i.e., B[h(s)] = 1
- $\bullet$  Hash each element a of the stream and output only those that hash to a bit that was set to 1
  - Output a if B[h(a)] == 1

# Filtering Data Streams: First solution



Creates false positives but no false negatives If the item is in S we surely output it, if not we may still output it

# Filtering Data Streams: First solution

|S| = 1 billion email addresses |B| = 1GB = 8 billion bits

- If an email address is in S, then it surely hashes to a bucket that has the big set to 1, so it always gets through (no false negatives)
- Approximately 1/8 of the bits are set to 1, so about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the addresses not in S get through to the output (false positives)
  - Actually, less than 1/8<sup>th</sup>, because more than one address might hash to the same bit

More accurate analysis for the number of false positives

Consider: If we throw m darts into n equally likely targets, what is the probability that a target gets at least one dart?

#### In our case

- Targets = bits/buckets
- Darts = hash values of items

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Fraction of 1s in B = probability of false positive =  $1 - e^{-m/n}$ 

Example:  $10^9$  darts,  $8 \cdot 10^9$  targets

Fraction of 1s in B =  $1-e^{-1/8} = 0.1175$ 

Compare with earlier estimate: 1/8 = 0.125

# Filtering Data Streams: Bloom filter

Consider: 
$$|S| = m$$
,  $|B| = n$ 

- Use k independent hash functions  $h_1, ..., h_k$
- Initialization

Set B to all 0s

Hash each element  $s \in S$  using each hash function  $h_i$ 

- set  $B[h_i(s)] = 1$ , for each i = 1, ..., k
- Run-time

When a stream element with key x arrives

If  $B[h_i(x)] = 1$  for all i = 1, ..., k then declare that x is in S

Otherwise discard the element x

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#### **Example**

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m = 1 billion, n = 8 billion
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$$k = 1$$
:  $1-e-1/8 = 0.1175$ 

$$k = 2$$
:  $(1-e-1/4)^2 = 0.0493$ 

## Bloom filter: summary

- Bloom filters guarantee no false negatives, and use limited memory
- Great for pre-processing before more expensive checks
- Suitable for hardware implementation
   Hash function computations can be parallelized
- Better to have 1 big B or k small Bs? It is the same:  $(1-e^{-km/n})^k$  vs.  $(1-e^{-m/(n/k)})^k$ But keeping 1 big B is simpler

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- What if we do not have space to maintain the set of elements seen so far?
  - Estimate the count in an unbiased way
  - Accept that the count may have a little error, but limit the probability of large error

### Applications

- How many different words are found among the Web pages being crawled at a site?
   Unusually low or high numbers could indicate artificial pages (spam?)
- How many different Web pages does each customer request in a week?
- How many distinct products have we sold in the last week?

### Flajolet-Martin Approach

- Pick a hash function h that maps each of the N elements to at least  $log_2N$  bits
- For each stream element a, let r(a) be the number of trailing 0s in h(a)
  - r(a) = position of first 1 counting from the right E.g., h(a) = 12, then 12 is 1100 in binary, so r(a) = 2
- Record R = the maximum r(a) seen
   R = max<sub>a</sub>r(a), over all the items a seen so far
- Estimated number of distinct elements =  $2^R$

# Flajolet-Martin Approach

#### Why Flajolet-Martin works?

- h(a) hashes a with equal probability to any of N values
- Then h(a) is a sequence of  $log_2N$  bits, where  $2^{-r}$  fraction of all h(a)'s have a tail of r zeros
  - About 50% of as hash to \*\*\*0
  - About 25% of as hash to \*\*00
- So, if longest tail saw is R = 2 (i.e., item hash ending \*100) then we have probably seen about 4 distinct items so far
- So, it takes to hash about 2<sup>r</sup> items before we see one with zero-suffix of length r

# Flajolet-Martin Approach: In practice

- Use many hash functions  $h_i$  to get many estimates  $R_i$
- Combine estimates
   Partition estimates into small groups
   Take the mean of each group
   Then take the median of the means as the final estimate

### Moments

- Suppose a stream has elements chosen from a set A of N values
- Let  $m_i$  be the number of times value i occurs in the stream
- The k<sup>th</sup> moment is

$$\sum_{i \in A} (m_i)^k$$

- 0<sup>th</sup> moment = number of distinct elements
- 1<sup>st</sup> moment = count of the numbers of elements
   Length of the stream
- 2<sup>nd</sup> moment = surprise number S
   A measure of how uneven the distribution is

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Moment: Surprise number

- Stream of length 100
- 11 distinct values
- Item counts: 10, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9 Surprise *S* = 910
- Item counts: 90, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
  Surprise S = 8110

### AMS Method

- AMS method works for all moments
- Gives an unbiased estimate
- We will just concentrate on the  $2^{nd}$  moment S
- Pick and keep track of many variables X
  - For each variable X, store X.el and X.val X.el corresponds to item i X.val corresponds to the count of item i
  - ullet This requires a count in main memory, so number of Xs is limited
- Goal is to compute  $S = \sum_{i} (m_i)^2$

# AMS Method: Picking X

- Assume stream has length n
- Pick a random time t (t < n), so that any time is equally likely
- Set X.el = i, the item seen on the stream at time t
- Maintain count X.val = c of the number of times item i occurs in the stream, starting from the chosen time t
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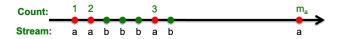
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• Actually, we keep track of multiple Xs  $(X_1, X_2,... X_k)$ , and the final estimate is

$$S = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1:k} f(X_i)$$

## AMS Method: Analysis



- $2^{\text{nd}}$  moment is  $S = \sum_i m_i^2$
- $c_t$  = number of times item at time t appears from time t onwards

$$c_1 = m_a$$
,  $c_2 = m_a - 1$ ,  $c_3 = m_b$ 

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$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} n(1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 2m_i - 1)$$

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$$E[f(X)] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} n(1+3+5+...+2m_i-1)$$

$$(1+3+5+...+2m_i-1) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_i} (2i-1) = 2\frac{m_i(m_i+1)}{2} - m_i = m_i^2$$

$$E[f(X)] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i} n(m_i)^2$$

$$E[f(X)] = \sum_{i} (m_i)^2 = S$$

### Higher order moments

For estimating kth moment, just change the estimate

- For k = 2 we used n(2c-1)
- For k = 3 we use:  $n(3c^2-3c+1)$

#### Why?

• For k = 2, we had  $(1 + 3 + 5 + ... + 2m_i - 1)$ 

And showed [note that  $2c - 1 = c^2 - (c - 1)^2$ ]

$$\textstyle \sum_{c=1}^{m} 2c - 1 = \sum_{c=1}^{m} c^2 - \sum_{c=1}^{m} (c-1)^2 = m^2$$

• For 
$$k = 3$$
,  $c^3 - (c-1)^3 = 3c^2 - 3c + 1$ 

Generally:  $n(c^k - (c-1)^k)$ 

### Estimating moments: In Practice

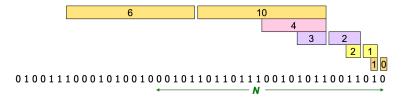
- Compute f(X) = n(2c 1)for as many variables X as can fit in memory
- Average them in groups
- Take median of averages
- Problem: Streams never end
- We assumed there was a number n, the number of positions in the stream
- But real streams go on forever, so n is a variable the number of inputs seen so far

### Estimating moments: In Practice

- The variables X have n as a factor keep n separately; just hold the count in X
- (2) Suppose we can only store k counts We must throw some Xs out as time goes on
  - Objective: Each starting time t is selected with probability k/n
  - Solution: (fixed-size sampling)
    - Choose the first *k* times for *k* variables
    - When the n<sup>th</sup> element arrives (n > k), choose it with probability k/n
    - If you choose it, throw one of the previously stored variables X out, with equal probability

### Counting itemsets

- New Problem: Given a stream, which items appear more than s times in the window?
- Possible solution: Think of the stream of baskets as one binary stream per item
  - 1 = item present; 0 = not present
  - Use DGIM to estimate counts of 1s for all items



## Counting itemsets

- In principle, we could count frequent pairs or even larger sets the same way
  - One stream per itemset
- Drawbacks
  - Only approximate
  - Number of itemsets is way too big

### Exponentially Decaying Windows

A heuristic for selecting likely frequent item(sets)

- eg: what are "currently" most popular movies?
  - Instead of computing the raw count in last N elements
  - Compute a smooth aggregation over the whole stream
- If stream is  $a_1, a_2, ...$  and we are taking the sum of the stream, take the answer at time t to be

$$\sum_{i=1}^t a_i (1-c)^{t-i}$$

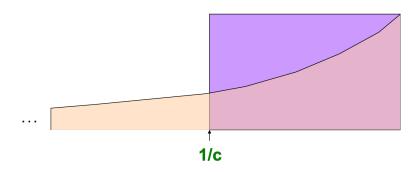
c is a small constant, maybe  $10^{-6}$  or  $10^{-9}$ 

• When new  $a_{t+1}$  arrives Multiply current sum by (1-c) and add  $a_{t+1}$ 

### Example: Counting Items

- If each  $a_i$  is an "item" we can compute the characteristic function of each possible item x as an Exponentially Decaying Window
- $\sum_{i=1}^{t} \delta_i \cdot (1-c)^{t-i}$ Where  $\delta_i = 1$  if  $a_i = x$ , and 0 otherwise
- Imagine that for each item x we have a binary stream
   (1 if x appears, 0 if x does not appear)
- New item x arrives
   Multiply all counts by (1-c)
   Add +1 to count for element x
   Call this sum the "weight" of item x

# Sliding Versus Decaying Windows



• Important property: sum over all weights  $\sum_{t} (1-c)^{t}$  is 1/[1-(1-c)] = 1/c

### Example: Counting Items

- What are "currently" most popular movies?
- Suppose we want to find movies of weight > 1/2
- Important property: Sum over all weights

$$1/[1-(1-c)]=1/c$$

 $\rightarrow$  No more than 2/c movies with weight of 1/2 or more

 $\rightarrow$  So, 2/c is a limit on the number of movies being counted at any time

### Extension to Itemsets

- Count (some) itemsets in an Exponentially Decaying Window
  - What are currently "hot" itemsets
  - Too many itemsets to keep counts of all of them in memory
- When a basket B comes in
  - Multiply all counts by (1-c)
  - For uncounted items in B, create new count
  - Add 1 to count of any item in B and to any itemset contained in B that is already being counted
  - Drop counts < 1/2</li>
  - Initiate new counts

### Initiation of New Counts

- Start a count for an itemset  $S \subseteq B$  if every proper subset of S had a count prior to arrival of basket B
  - If all subsets of S are being counted this means they are "frequent/hot" and thus S has a potential to be "hot"
- Example

Start counting  $S = \{i, j\}$  iff both i and j were counted prior to seeing B

Start counting  $S = \{i, j, k\}$  iff  $\{i, j\}$ ,  $\{i, k\}$ , and  $\{j, k\}$  were all counted prior to seeing B

## How many counts do we need?

- Counts for single items
  - $<(2/c)\cdot$  (avg. number of items in a basket)
- Counts for larger itemsets = ??
- But we are conservative about starting counts of large sets
  - If we counted every set we saw, one basket of 20 items would initiate 1M counts