

Tutorial 11 Solution

1. A local retailer has a database that stores 10,000 transactions of last summer. After analyzing the data, a data science team has identified the following statistics:

- {battery} appears in 6000 transactions
- {sunscreen} appears in 5000 transactions
- {sandals} appears in 4000 transactions
- {bowls} appears in 2000 transactions
- {battery, sunscreen} appears in 1500 transactions
- {battery, sandals} appears in 1000 transactions
- {battery, bowls} appears in 250 transactions
- {battery, sunscreen, sandals} appears in 600 transactions

- (a) What are the support values of the preceding itemsets?

Answer: The support values are as follows:

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{battery}\}) = 0.6$$

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{sunscreen}\}) = 0.5$$

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{sandals}\}) = 0.4$$

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{bowls}\}) = 0.2$$

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{battery, sunscreen}\}) = 0.15$$

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{battery, sandals}\}) = 0.1$$

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{battery, bowls}\}) = 0.025$$

$$\text{Supp}(\{\text{battery, sunscreen, sandals}\}) = 0.06$$

- (b) Assuming the minimum support is 0.05, which itemsets are considered frequent?

Answer: All except {battery, bowls} are frequent.

- (c) What are the confidence values of {battery} \rightarrow {sunscreen} and {battery, sunscreen} \rightarrow {sandals}? Which of these two rules is more interesting, i.e. has higher values of confidence?

Answer:

$$\text{Confidence}(\{\text{battery}\} \rightarrow \{\text{sunscreen}\}) = \frac{\text{Supp}(\{\text{battery, sunscreen}\})}{\text{Supp}(\{\text{battery}\})} = 0.15/0.6 = 0.25.$$

$$\text{Confidence}(\{\text{battery, sunscreen}\} \rightarrow \{\text{sandals}\}) = 0.06/0.15 = 0.4.$$

Clearly, the rule {battery, sunscreen} \rightarrow {sandals} has higher confidence.

Some extra:

$$\text{Confidence}(\{\text{sunscreen}\} \rightarrow \{\text{battery}\}) = 1500/5000 = 0.3.$$

$$\text{Confidence}(\{\text{battery}\} \rightarrow \{\text{sandals}\}) = 1000/6000 = 0.167.$$

$$\text{Confidence}(\{\text{sandals}\} \rightarrow \{\text{battery}\}) = 1000/4000 = 0.25.$$

$$\text{Confidence}(\{\text{battery}\} \rightarrow \{\text{bowls}\}) = 250/6000 = 0.042.$$

$$\text{Confidence}(\{\text{bowls}\} \rightarrow \{\text{battery}\}) = 250/2000 = 0.125.$$

2. Suppose for three products A , B and C , $\text{support}(\{A\}) = 0.6$, $\text{support}(\{B\}) = 0.6$, $\text{confidence}(\{B\} \rightarrow \{A\}) = 0.9$ and $\text{confidence}(\{C\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}) = 0.5$. Compute the following quantities.

- (a) $\text{Lift}(\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\})$
- (b) $\text{Leverage}(\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\})$
- (c) $\text{Confidence}(\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\})$
- (d) $\text{Lift}(\{A, B\} \rightarrow \{C\})$

Solution:

- (a)

$$\text{Lift}(\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\}) = \frac{\text{Supp}(\{A, B\})}{\text{Supp}(\{A\}) \text{Supp}(\{B\})} = \frac{\text{Confidence}(\{B\} \rightarrow \{A\}) \times \text{Supp}(\{B\})}{\text{Supp}(\{A\}) \text{Supp}(\{B\})} = \frac{0.9}{0.6} = 1.5$$

- (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Leverage}(\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\}) &= \text{Supp}(\{A \wedge B\}) - \text{Supp}(\{A\}) \times \text{Supp}(\{B\}) \\ &= \text{Confidence}(\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\}) \times \text{Supp}(\{B\}) - \text{Supp}(\{A\}) \times \text{Supp}(\{B\}) \\ &= (0.9)(0.6) - (0.6)(0.6) = 0.18 \end{aligned}$$

- (c)

$$\text{Confidence}(\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\}) = \frac{\text{Supp}(\{A \wedge B\})}{\text{Supp}(\{A\})} = \frac{0.54}{0.6} = 0.9$$

- (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Lift}(\{A, B\} \rightarrow \{C\}) &= \frac{\text{Supp}(\{A, B \wedge C\})}{\text{Supp}(\{A, B\}) \times \text{Supp}(\{C\})} \\ &= \frac{\text{Confidence}(\{C\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}) \times \text{Supp}(\{C\})}{\text{Supp}(\{A, B\}) \times \text{Supp}(\{C\})} \\ &= \frac{0.5}{0.54} = 0.93 \end{aligned}$$