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Abstract:

Market basket analysis is a critical module within the field of retail analytics that enables businesses to gain valuable insights into consumer purchasing behaviors. This module employs advanced data mining techniques to identify patterns, associations, and correlations among products frequently purchased together by customers. This abstract outlines the key components and objectives of the market basket analysis module, highlighting its significance in optimizing inventory management, personalized marketing strategies, and overall business profitability.

Introduction:

Market basket insights, also known as market basket analysis or association analysis, is a powerful data mining technique used by businesses and retailers to uncover valuable patterns and relationships within their transactional data. This method involves examining the purchasing habits of customers to identify which products or items are frequently bought together. By doing so, businesses can gain a deeper understanding of customer behavior, improve sales and marketing strategies, and enhance the overall customer experience.

Market basket insights are essential for various industries, including retail, e-commerce, and hospitality, as they enable organizations to make data-driven decisions and optimize product placements, pricing, and promotions. This analysis helps uncover cross-selling opportunities, allowing businesses to suggest complementary products to customers, increasing revenue and customer satisfaction.

Literature Survey:

Real-time Market Basket Insights:

In the context of real-time data analysis, the paper "Stream-Apriori: A Real-Time Sequential Pattern Mining Algorithm" by X. Zhang et al. (2017) presents a method for continuous market basket analysis.

Market Basket Insights for Cross-Selling and Upselling:

R. W. Palmatier et al.'s paper, "Linking the Service Profit Chain to Customer Loyalty" (2007), demonstrates how market basket insights can be used to improve customer loyalty and profitability through cross-selling and upselling.

Frequent Itemset Mining:

J. Han, J. Pei, Y. Yin, and R. Mao's paper, "Mining Frequent Patterns without Candidate Generation" (2000), presented the FP-growth algorithm, which improved upon the Apriori algorithm's efficiency in finding frequent itemsets.

Market Basket Analysis in Retail:

Michael J. A. Berry and Gordon S. Linoff's book, "Data Mining Techniques: For Marketing, Sales, and Customer Support" (1997), provides a comprehensive overview of how market basket analysis is used in retail, including case studies and practical applications.

Problem Definition:

The ultimate objective of this project is to gain profound insights into customer purchasing behavior and unveil potential cross-selling opportunities for a retail establishment. The project necessitates the application of association analysis techniques, notably the Apriori algorithm, to identify products that frequently co-occur in customer transactions.

The insights generated through this analysis will be instrumental in optimizing various facets of the business, from inventory management to marketing strategies, ultimately driving revenue growth and customer satisfaction.

Design Thinking:

Empathy:

Empathy in the context of market basket insights refers to the ability to understand and connect with the needs, preferences, and behaviors of customers as they make purchasing decisions.

Developing empathy for market basket insights is crucial for businesses to effectively analyze and respond to consumer behavior, tailor their marketing strategies, and optimize their product offerings.

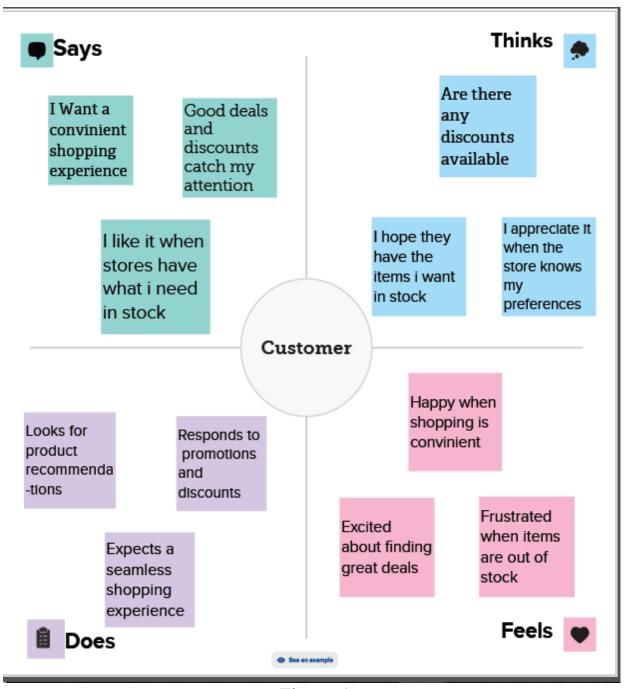


Figure 1

Brainstorm, Idea listing and grouping:

Market basket insights involve analyzing customer purchasing behavior to uncover patterns, relationships, and opportunities that can inform business decisions. Grouping ideas is a helpful way to organize and categorize your thoughts, concepts, or strategies.

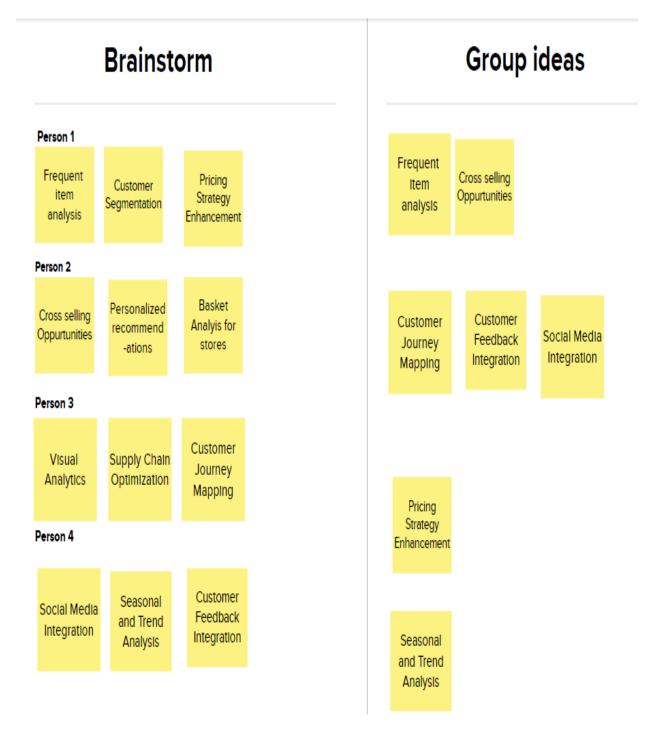


Figure 2

Idea Prioritization:

Prioritization is a critical process for individuals and organizations to allocate their time, resources, and efforts effectively. It involves determining which tasks, projects, or goals are most important and should be tackled first.

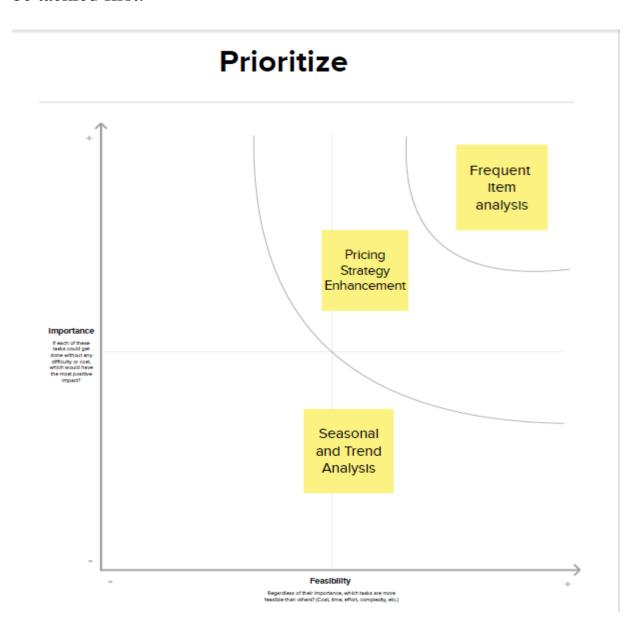


Figure 3

Innovation and Problem Solving: Problem Statement:

1.Understanding Purchase Patterns 2. Customer Segmentation	This understanding is crucial for optimizing product placements, enhancing marketing strategies, and increasing overall sales. Segmenting customers based on their shopping habits, preferences, and demographics.
3. Personalized Recommendations	Personalized product recommendations requires a deep understanding of individual preferences, purchase histories, and browsing behaviors.
4. Pricing Strategy Enhancement	Determine optimal pricing strategies, including bundling options, discounts, and promotions, that attract and retain customers while ensuring profitability.
5. Data Management and Analysis	Effectively handling and analyzing extensive transactional data is a resource-intensive task.
6. Real-Time Insights	In an era of rapid e-commerce and instantaneous decision-making, retailers often require real-time or near-real-time market basket insights to remain agile and responsive.

Table 1

Importing Dataset:

To import a dataset for market basket insights, you can use various programming languages and libraries, depending on your preferences and the format of your dataset. Common choices include Python with libraries like Pandas or R.

1. Prepare Your Dataset:

Ensure your dataset is in a suitable format for analysis, such as CSV, Excel, or a database. If it's not in the right format, you may need to perform data preprocessing to clean and format it appropriately.

2.Import the Library:

import pandas as pd

3.Load the Dataset:

Depending on the format of your dataset, you can use functions like pd.read_csv(), pd.read_excel()

datasets=pd.read_csv('dataset.csv')

Data cleaning and Analysis:

Data cleaning and analysis are crucial steps in any data science or analytics project. Data cleaning involves preparing the dataset for analysis by addressing missing values, handling outliers, and ensuring data consistency, while data analysis involves exploring and extracting insights from the cleaned data.

Data Cleaning:

- 1.Load the Data
- 2.Handle Missing Values
- 3. Dealing with Duplicates
- 4. Outlier Detection and Treatment
- 5. Data Transformation:

Data Analysis:

- 1. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- 2. Hypothesis Formulation
- 3. Statistical Analysis
- 4. Machine Learning and Predictive Analysis (Optional)
- 5. Visualization:

Data Visualization:

Data visualization is a powerful tool for gaining insights from market basket analysis, which is often used in retail to understand the relationships between products that customers purchase together. You can use libraries like Python's Matplotlib, Seaborn for creating data visualizations.

Scatter plot:

A scatter plot is used to visualize the relationship between two numerical variables.

Use plt.scatter() to create a scatter plot. Set a title, labels for the x and y axes, and a legend using plt.title(), plt.xlabel(), plt.ylabel(), and plt.legend().

Histogram:

Histogram in Python is a common data visualization technique, and use libraries like Matplotlib and Seaborn to easily generate histograms. Use plt.hist() to create the histogram. Specify the number of bins using the bins parameter.

Heatmap:

A heatmap is a graphical representation of data where individual values are represented as colors. It is a way to visualize data in a matrix or grid format. Heatmaps are commonly used to depict data in various fields, including data analysis, statistics, and data visualization.

Pairplot:

A pairplot is a type of data visualization that shows pairwise relationships between variables in a dataset. Create a pairplot using sns.pairplot().

Model Development and Evaluation:

Developing and evaluating a market basket analysis model typically involves the use of association rule mining algorithms, such as the Apriori algorithm, and the evaluation of these rules using relevant metrics. You can use programming languages like Python to accomplish this task.

Steps:

- First, load your transaction data into a pandas DataFrame. Each row represents a transaction, and each column represents an item, with binary values (1 for purchased, 0 for not purchased).
- Then use the Apriori algorithm to find frequent itemsets based on a minimum support threshold.
- Association rules are generated using a minimum confidence threshold.

- The code then displays the frequent itemsets and association rules.
- ➤ You can evaluate the rules based on other metrics like lift, conviction, etc. In the example, we filtered the rules with a minimum lift threshold of 0.5.

Code Sample:

```
#Import Packages
     import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     import seaborn as sns
     from mlxtend.frequent patterns import apriori
     from mlxtend.frequent_patterns import association_rules
#import dataset
    datasets=pd.read_csv('dataset.csv')
#Data cleaning
    datasets.head()
    datasets.isnull().sum()
    datasets.info()
    df=datasets.fillna({'Itemname':'xyz'})
    df
    df1=datasets.fillna(value=datasets['CustomerID'].mean())
    df1
    df1.isnull().sum()
```

```
#Finding Outliers
     Q1=df1['Quantity'].quantile(0.25)
     Q3=df1['Price'].quantile(0.75)
     IQR=Q3-Q1
     lowerbound=Q1-1.5*IQR
     upperbound=Q3+1.5*IQR
     outliers=df1[(df1['Quantity']<lowerbound)|
                     (df1['Price']>upperbound)]
      print(outliers)
#Scatter plot
   df1= pd.DataFrame(datasets)
   x=df1['Quantity']
   y=df1['Price']
   plt.scatter(x,y)
   plt.xlabel('Quantity')
   plt.ylabel('Price')
   plt.title('Market Basket Analysis')
   plt.show()
#Histogram
   sns.histplot(datasets,x='Price',bins=10,color='b')
#Heat map
   correlation matrix = data.corr()
   sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True)
   plt.title('Correlation Heatmap')
   plt.show()
#Formatting the transaction data in a suitable format for analysis
     df=pd.DataFrame(datasets)
     items_df=df['Itemname'].str.split(',',expand=True)
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transaction_data=pd.concat([df,items_df],axis=1)

transaction_data=transaction_data.drop('Itemname',axis=1)

print(transaction_data.head())

# Converting items to Boolean columns

    df_encoded=pd.get_dummies(transaction_data,prefix=",
prefix_sep=") .groupby(level=0, axis=1).max()

    df_encoded.to_csv('transaction_data_encoded.csv', index=False)

# Association Rule mining
    frequent_itemsets=apriori(df_encoded,min_support=0.007,
use_colnames=True)
    rules=association_rules(frequent_itemsets,metric="confidence",
min_threshold=0.5)

# Display information of the rules
    print("Association Rules:")
    print(rules.head())
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The plot depicts the relationship between support, confidence, and lift for the generated association rules.

Output Screenshot:



Figure 4

Figure 5

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In [6]: | datasets.info()
Out[6]: <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
       RangeIndex: 522064 entries, 0 to 522063
       Data columns (total 7 columns):
        # Column Non-Null Count Dtype
            BillNo
                       522064 non-null object
        1 Itemname 520609 non-null object
        2 Quantity 522064 non-null int64
                       522064 non-null object
        3 Date
        4 Price
                       522064 non-null float64
        5 CustomerID 388023 non-null float64
        6 Country
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Figure 6

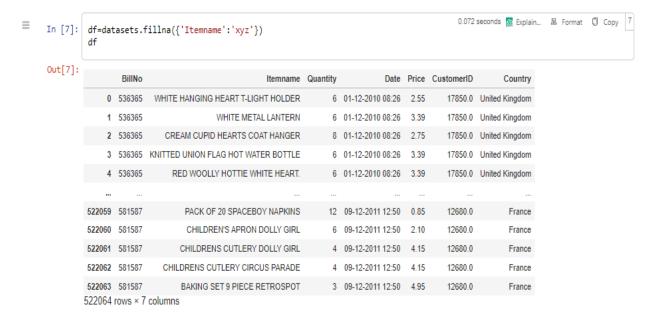


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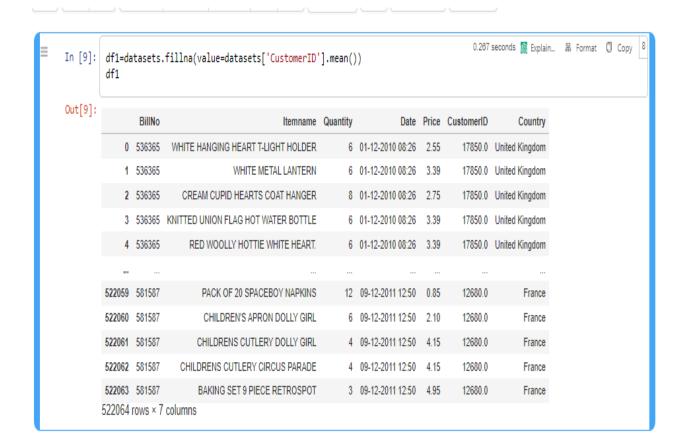


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Figure 9

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In [17]: | Q1=df1['Quantity'].quantile(0.25)
             O3=df1['Price'].quantile(0.75)
             IQR=Q3-Q1
             lowerbound=Q1-1.5*IQR
             upperbound=Q3+1.5*IQR
             outliers=df1[(df1['Quantity']<lowerbound)|(df1['Price']>upperbound)]
             print(outliers)
    Out[17]:
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                 536374
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                                                            32 01-12-2010 09:09
            150 536382 3 TIER CAKE TIN GREEN AND CREAM
                                                            2 01-12-2010 09:45
            151
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            521922 581574
                                                            2 09-12-2011 12:09
                                                POSTAGE
            521923 581578
                                                POSTAGE
                                                            3 09-12-2011 12:16
            521941 581578 BOX OF VINTAGE ALPHABET BLOCKS
                                                            6 09-12-2011 12:16
            522004 581580 TABLECLOTH RED APPLES DESIGN 2 09-12-2011 12:20 522047 581586 RED RETROSPOT ROUND CAKE TINS 24 09-12-2011 12:49
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Figure 10

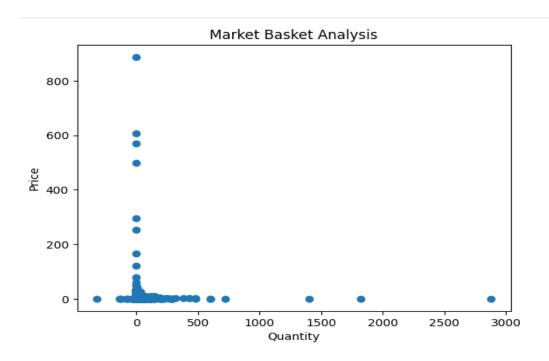


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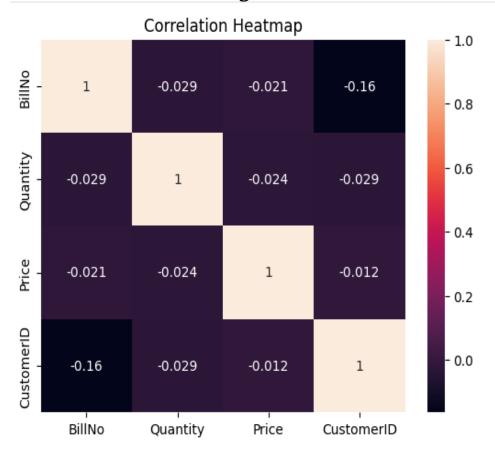


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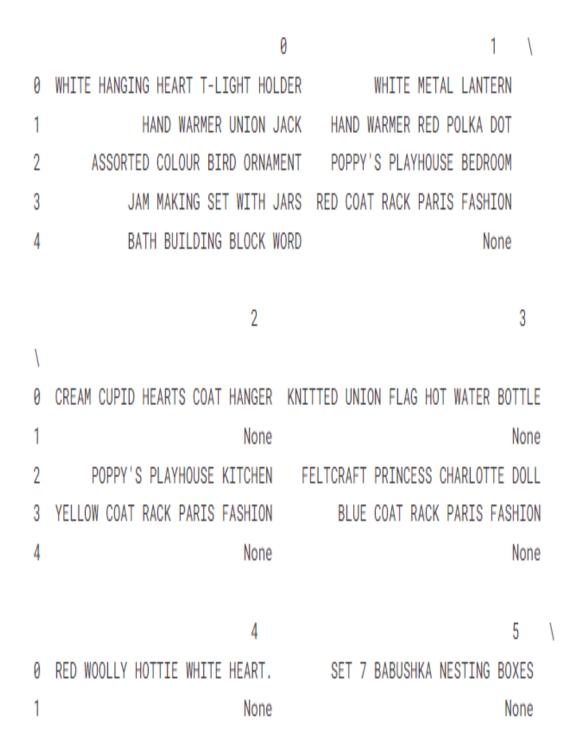


Figure 13

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                                     BOX OF 6 ASSORTED COLOUR TEASPOONS
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Figure 14

Association Rules:							
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09							
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51							
4		0.017150	0.032652	0.009125	0.532051	16.2947	
42							
	leverage	conviction	zhangs_metric				
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1	0.009049	2.068984	0.916561				
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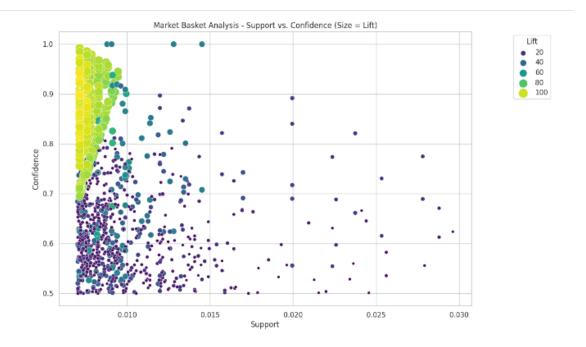


Figure 16

Conclusion:

Market basket insights provide a data-driven foundation for retailers to make informed decisions about product offerings, pricing, marketing, and customer experience. By harnessing the power of these insights, businesses can enhance their competitiveness, boost sales, and ultimately, better serve their customers. As technology and data analytics continue to evolve, market basket analysis will remain a vital tool for optimizing retail operations in an ever-changing marketplace.

References:

Apriori Algorithm and Association Rule Mining:

Rakesh Agrawal and Ramakrishnan Srikant's paper titled "Fast Algorithms for Mining Association Rules" (1994) introduced the Apriori algorithm, a fundamental method for discovering associations between items in transaction data.