

## How to Judge if a Rule/Pattern Is Interesting?

□ Pattern-mining will generate a large set of patterns/rules
□ Not all the generated patterns/rules are interesting
□ Interestingness measures: Objective vs. subjective
□ Objective interestingness measures
□ Support, confidence, correlation, ...
□ Subjective interestingness measures: One man's trash could be another man's treasure
□ Query-based: Relevant to a user's particular request
□ Against one's knowledge-base: unexpected, freshness, timeliness

Visualization tools: Multi-dimensional, interactive examination

## Limitation of the Support-Confidence Framework

- $\square$  Are s and c interesting in association rules: "A  $\Rightarrow$  B" [s, c]? Be careful!
- Example: Suppose one school may have the following statistics on # of students who may play basketball and/or eat cereal:

|                | play-basketball | not play-basketball | sum (row) |                       |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| eat-cereal     | 400             | 350                 | 750 2-    | Way conti             |
| not eat-cereal | 200             | 50                  | 250       | way contingency table |
| sum(col.)      | 600             | 400                 | 1000      | 316                   |

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- Association rule mining may generate the following:
  - $\square$  play-basketball  $\Rightarrow$  eat-cereal [40%, 66.7%] (higher s & c)
- But this strong association rule is misleading: The overall % of students eating cereal is 75% > 66.7%, a more telling rule:
  - $\neg$  play-basketball  $\Rightarrow$  eat-cereal [35%, 87.5%] (high s & c)