

What Is Pattern Discovery?

What are patterns?
□ Patterns: A set of items, subsequences, or substructures that occur frequently together (or strongly correlated) in a data set
□ Patterns represent intrinsic and important properties of datasets
□ Pattern discovery: Uncovering patterns from massive data sets
□ Motivation examples:
□ What products were often purchased together?
□ What are the subsequent purchases after buying an iPad?
□ What code segments likely contain copy-and-paste bugs?

What word sequences likely form phrases in this corpus?

Pattern Discovery: Why Is It Important?

- ☐ Finding inherent regularities in a data set
- □ Foundation for many essential data mining tasks
 - Association, correlation, and causality analysis
 - Mining sequential, structural (e.g., sub-graph) patterns
 - Pattern analysis in spatiotemporal, multimedia, time-series, and stream data
 - Classification: Discriminative pattern-based analysis
 - Cluster analysis: Pattern-based subspace clustering
- Broad applications
 - Market basket analysis, cross-marketing, catalog design, sale campaign analysis, Web log analysis, biological sequence analysis

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