Frequent Pattern Mining & Association rule Mining

What is frequent pattern analysis?



Importance of frequent pattern analysis / mining

Frequent patterns and association rules

Frequent itemset mining methods

What Is Frequent Pattern Analysis?

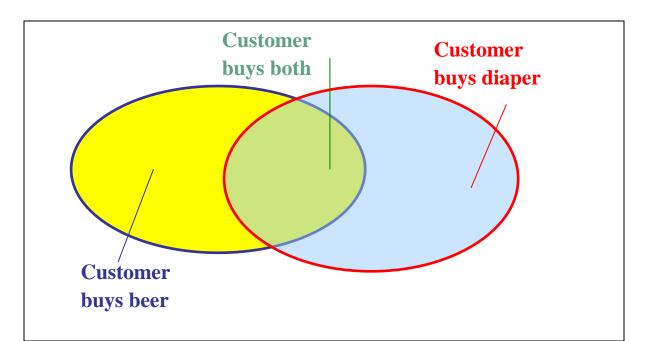
- Frequent pattern: a pattern (a set of items, subsequences etc.) that occurs frequently in a data set.
- Motivation: Finding regularities in data
 - What products were often purchased together?
 - What are the subsequent purchases after buying a specific Product?
- Applications: Market Basket analysis, catalog design, sale campaign analysis etc.

Importance of Frequent Pattern Mining

- Discloses an intrinsic and important property of data sets
- Forms the foundation for many essential data mining tasks
 - Association, correlation etc.
 - Sequential, structural (e.g., sub-graph) patterns
 - Pattern analysis in multimedia, time-series, and stream data
 - Classification: associative classification
 - Cluster analysis: frequent pattern-based clustering

Frequent Patterns and Association Rules

Transaction-id	Items bought
10	A, B, D
20	A, C, D
30	A, D, E
40	B, E, F
50	B, C, D, E, F



Frequent Patterns and Association Rules

- Itemset $X = \{x_1, ..., x_k\}$
- Find all the rules X → Y with minimum support and confidence
 - support, s, probability that a transaction contains X
 Y
 - confidence, c, conditional probability that a transaction having X also contains Y

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Let \sup_{min} = 50\%, \operatorname{conf}_{min} = 50\%
Freq. Pat.: {A:3, B:3, D:4, E:3, AD:3}
Association rules: 1. A \rightarrow D (60%, 100%)
2. D \rightarrow A (60%, 75%)
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Scalable Frequent Itemset Mining Methods

Apriori: A Candidate Generation-and-Test Approach __



- Improving the Efficiency of Apriori
- FP Growth: A Frequent Pattern-Growth Approach

The Downward Closure Property and Scalable Mining Methods

- The downward closure property of frequent patterns
 - Any subset of a frequent itemset must be frequent
 - If {beer, diaper, nuts} is frequent, so is {beer, diaper}
 - i.e., every transaction having {beer, diaper, nuts} also contains {beer, diaper}
- Scalable mining methods: Two major approaches
 - Apriori Algorithm
 - Freq. pattern growth (FP growth)