

Final Report Summary

Project Title:

Analyzing Customer Purchasing Behaviour Using Association Rule Mining for Retail Optimization

1. Introduction

This project applies Association Rule Mining to retail transaction data to uncover patterns in customer purchases. The goal is to improve product bundling, layout strategies, and promotional planning.

2. Objective

Find frequent item combinations using the Apriori algorithm

Generate strong association rules

Recommend strategies to improve sales and customer experience

3. Dataset Details

Source: Kaggle

Type: Structured, transactional data

Size: ~50,000 records

Fields: InvoiceNo, Description, Quantity, Price, Date, Country

4. **Tools Used**

Python (pandas, mlxtend)

Google Colab

Matplotlib & Seaborn for visualization

5. **Key Insights**

Products like “Gift wrap” and “Candles” often appear together

UK transactions dominate the dataset

Many strong rules with lift > 2.5 and confidence > 0.8

6. **Recommendations**

Short-Term: Bundle popular items; promote associated products

Long-Term: Use a rule-based recommendation system in-store or online

7. **Conclusion**

Association Rule Mining helped uncover hidden product relationships. These insights can be used to improve sales strategies and enhance customer satisfaction.