Data Mining:

Concepts and Techniques

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— Chapter 6 —

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Chapter 5: Mining Frequent Patterns, Association and Correlations: Basic Concepts and Methods

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What Is Frequent Pattern Analysis?

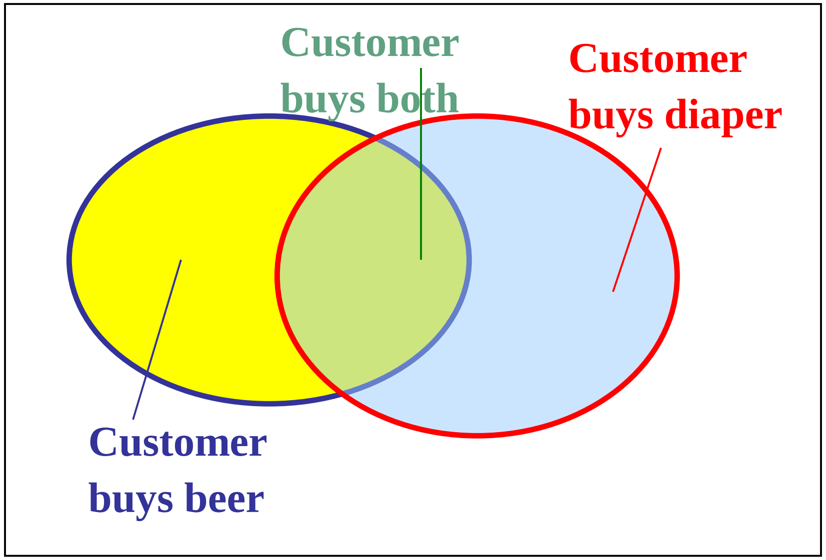
- Frequent pattern: a pattern (a set of items, subsequences, substructures, etc.) that occurs frequently in a data set
- First proposed by Agrawal, Imielinski, and Swami [AIS93] in the context of frequent itemsets and association rule mining
- Motivation: Finding inherent regularities in data
  - What products were often purchased together?— Beer and diapers?!
  - What are the subsequent purchases after buying a PC?
  - What kinds of DNA are sensitive to this new drug?
  - Can we automatically classify web documents?
- Applications
  - Basket data analysis, cross-marketing, catalog design, sale campaign analysis, Web log (click stream) analysis, and DNA sequence analysis.

Why Is Freq. Pattern Mining Important?

- Freq. pattern: An intrinsic and important property of datasets
- Foundation for many essential data mining tasks
  - Association, correlation, and causality analysis
  - Sequential, structural (e.g., sub-graph) patterns
  - Pattern analysis in spatiotemporal, multimedia, time-series, and stream data
  - Classification: discriminative, frequent pattern analysis
  - Cluster analysis: frequent pattern-based clustering
  - Data warehousing: iceberg cube and cube-gradient
  - Semantic data compression: fascicles
  - Broad applications

Basic Concepts: Frequent Patterns

Tid	Items bought
10	Beer, Nuts, Diaper
20	Beer, Coffee, Diaper
30	Beer, Diaper, Eggs
40	Nuts, Eggs, Milk
50	Nuts, Coffee, Diaper, Eggs, Milk



- itemset: A set of one or more items
- k-itemset $X = \{x_1, \ldots, x_k\}$
- *(absolute) support*, or, *support count* of X: Frequency or occurrence of an itemset X
- *(relative) support*, *s*, is the fraction of transactions that contains X (i.e., the probability that a transaction contains X)
- An itemset X is *frequent* if X's support is no less than a *minsup* threshold

Basic Concepts: Association Rules

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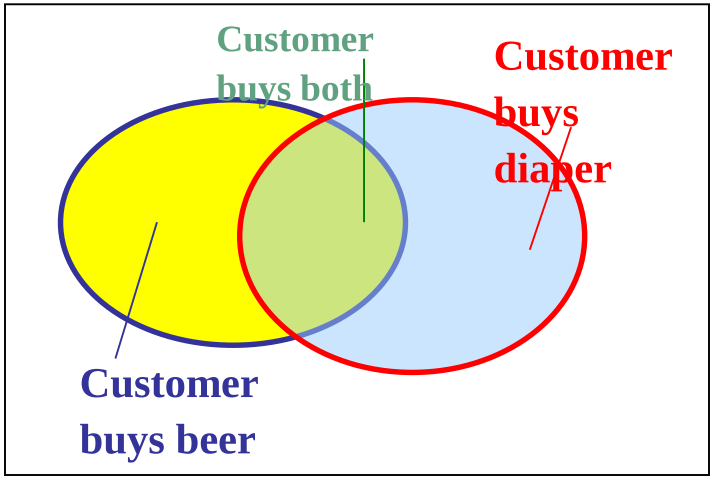

- Find all the rules $X \rightarrow Y$ with minimum support and confidence
  - support, *s*, probability that a transaction contains $X \cup Y$
  - confidence, *c*, conditional probability that a transaction having X also contains *Y*

Let min_sup = 50%, min_conf = 50%

Freq. Pat.: Beer:3, Nuts:3, Diaper:4, Eggs:3, {Beer, Diaper}:3

- Association rules: (many more!)
  - *Beer → Diaper* (3/5=0.60, 3/3=1)
  - *Diaper → Beer* (3/5=0.60, 3/4=0.75)

Computational Complexity of Frequent Itemset Mining

- How many itemsets are potentially to be generated in the worst case?
  - The number of frequent itemsets to be generated is senstive to the min_sup threshold
  - When min_sup is low, there exist potentially an exponential number of frequent itemsets
  - The worst case: M^N where M: # distinct items, and N: max length of transactions

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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: Three major approaches
  - Apriori (Agrawal & Srikant@VLDB'94)
  - Freq. pattern growth (FPgrowth—Han, Pei & Yin @SIGMOD'00)
  - Vertical data format approach (Charm—Zaki & Hsiao @SDM'02)

Apriori: A Candidate Generation & Test Approach

- Apriori pruning principle: If there is any itemset which is infrequent, its superset should not be generated/tested! (Agrawal & Srikant @VLDB'94, Mannila, et al. @ KDD' 94)
- Method:
  - Initially, scan DB once to get frequent 1-itemset
  - Generate length (k+1) candidate itemsets from length k frequent itemsets
  - Test the candidates against DB
  - Terminate when no frequent or candidate set can be generated

The Apriori Algorithm—An Example

$Sup_{min} = 2$

Database TDB

Tid	Items
10	A, C, D
20	B, C, E
30	A, B, C, E
40	B, E

1st scan

C_1

Itemset	sup
{A}	2
{B}	3
{C}	3
{D}	1
{E}	3

L_1

Itemset	sup
{A}	2
{B}	3
{C}	3
{E}	3

C_2

Itemset
{A, B}
{A, C}
{A, E}
{B, C}
{B, E}
{C, E}

2nd scan

C_2

Itemset	sup
{A, B}	1
{A, C}	2
{A, E}	1
{B, C}	2
{B, E}	3
{C, E}	2

L_2

Itemset	sup
{A, C}	2
{B, C}	2
{B, E}	3
{C, E}	2

C_3

Itemset
{B, C, E}

3rd scan

L_3

Itemset	sup
{B, C, E}	2

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40	B, E

3rd scan →

C_3

Itemset
{A,C,B}
{A,C,E}
{B,C,E}

→

C_3

Itemset	Subset
{A,C,B}	{A,C},{C,B},{A,B}
{A,C,E}	{A,C},{C,E},{A,E}
{B,C,E}	{B,C},{C,E},{B,E}

C_3

Itemset
{B, C, E}

← 3rd scan

L_3

Itemset	sup
{B, C, E}	2

{B,C,E} →

{B,E}→C S=2/4 =0.50 C=2/3=0.66

{B,C}→E S=2/4 =0.50 C=2/2=1

{C,E}→B S=2/4 =0.50 C=2/2=1

B→{C,E} S=2/4 =0.50 C=2/3=1

C→{B,E} S=2/4 =0.50 C=2/3=1

E→{B,C} S=2/4 =0.50 C=2/3=1

The Apriori Algorithm (Pseudo-Code)

C_k: Candidate itemset of size k
L_k : frequent itemset of size k

L_1 = {frequent items};
for (k = 1; L_k !=∅; k++) **do begin**
  C_{k+1} = candidates generated from L_k;
  for each transaction t in database do
    increment the count of all candidates in C_{k+1} that
     are contained in t
  L_{k+1} = candidates in C_{k+1} with min_support
  end
return $\cup_k L_k$;

Implementation of Apriori

- How to generate candidates?
  - Step 1: self-joining L_k
  - Step 2: pruning
- Example of Candidate-generation
  - L_3={*abc, abd, acd, ace, bcd*}
  - Self-joining: $L_3 * L_3$
    - *abcd* from *abc* and *abd*
    - *acde* from *acd* and *ace*
  - Pruning:
    - *acde* is removed because *ade* is not in L_3
  - C_4 = {*abcd*}

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Pattern-Growth Approach: Mining Frequent Patterns Without Candidate Generation

- Bottlenecks of the Apriori approach
  - Breadth-first (i.e., level-wise) search
  - Candidate generation and test
    - Often generates a huge number of candidates
- The FPGrowth Approach (J. Han, J. Pei, and Y. Yin, SIGMOD' 00)
  - Depth-first search
  - Avoid explicit candidate generation
- Major philosophy: **Grow long patterns from short ones using local frequent items only**
  - "abc" is a frequent pattern
  - Get all transactions having "abc", i.e., project DB on abc: DB|abc
  - "d" is a local frequent item in DB|abc → abcd is a frequent pattern

Construct FP-tree from a Transaction Database

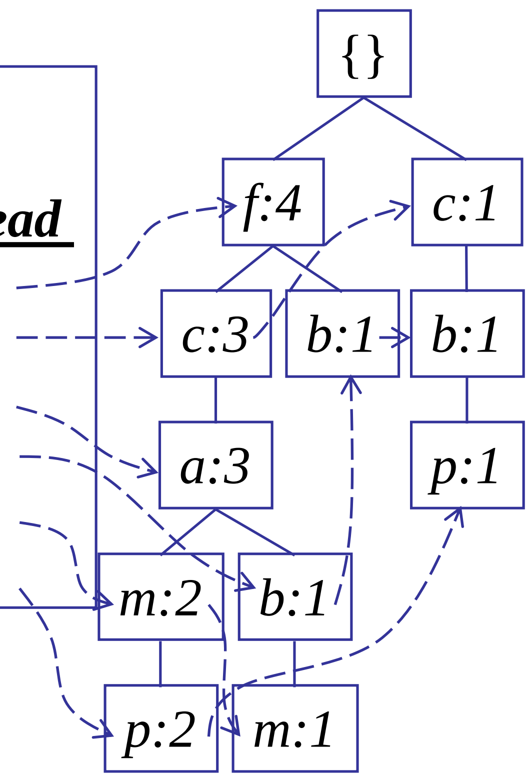
TID	*Items bought*	*(ordered) frequent items*
100	**{*f, a, c, d, g, i, m, p*}**	**{*f, c, a, m, p*}**
200	**{*a, b, c, f, l, m, o*}**	**{*f, c, a, b, m*}**
300	**{*b, f, h, j, o, w*}**	**{*f, b*}**
400	**{*b, c, k, s, p*}**	**{*c, b, p*}**
500	**{*a, f, c, e, l, p, m, n*}**	**{*f, c, a, m, p*}**

min_support = 3

1. Scan DB once, find frequent 1-itemset (single item pattern)
2. Sort frequent items in frequency descending order, f-list
3. Scan DB again, construct FP-tree

Header Table

Item	*frequency*	*head*
f	4	
c	4	
a	3	
b	3	
m	3	
p	3	



F-list = f-c-a-b-m-p

Partition Patterns and Databases

- Frequent patterns can be partitioned into subsets according to f-list
  - F-list = f-c-a-b-m-p
  - Patterns containing p
  - Patterns having m but no p
  - …
  - Patterns having c but no a nor b, m, p
  - Pattern f
- Completeness and non-redundency

Find Patterns Having P From P-conditional Database

- Starting at the frequent item header table in the FP-tree
- Traverse the FP-tree by following the link of each frequent item *p*
- Accumulate all of *transformed prefix paths* of item *p* to form *p*'s conditional pattern base

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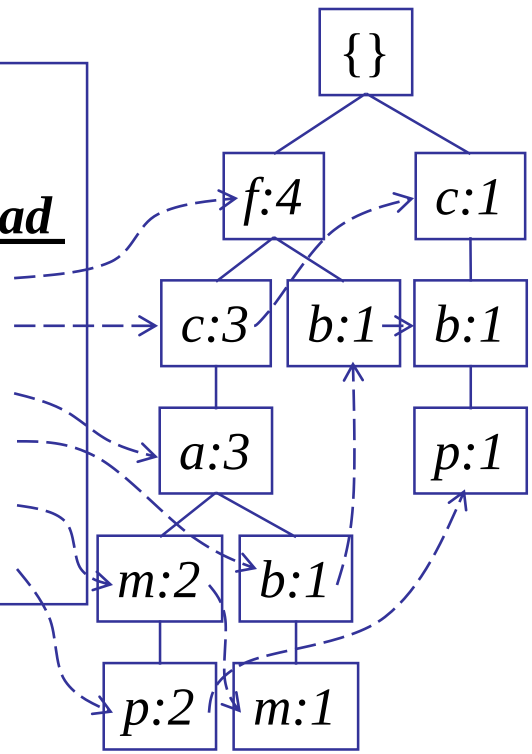


***Conditional* pattern bases**

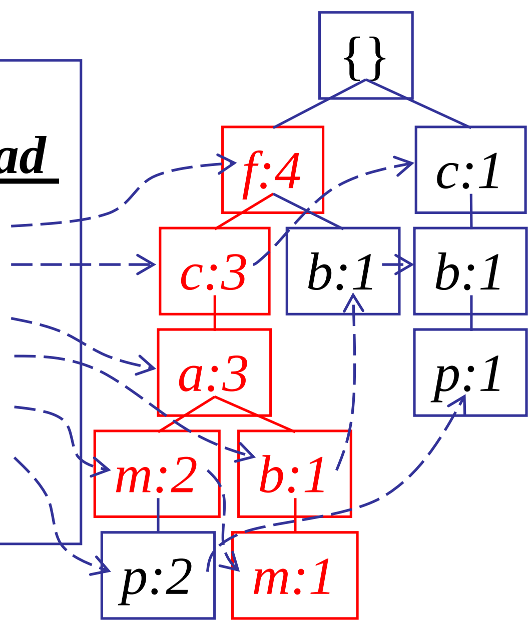
item	*cond. pattern base*
c	***f:3***
a	***fc:3***
b	***fca:1, f:1, c:1***
m	***fca:2, fcab:1***
p	***fcam:2, cb:1***

From Conditional Pattern-bases to Conditional FP-trees

- For each pattern-base
  - Accumulate the count for each item in the base
  - Construct the FP-tree for the frequent items of the pattern base

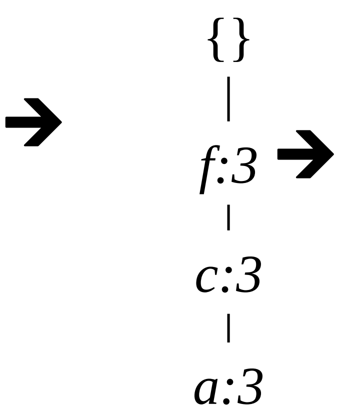
Header Table

Item	***frequency***	***head***
f	*4*	
c	*4*	
a	*3*	
b	*3*	
m	*3*	
p	*3*	



m-conditional **pattern base:**

fca:2, fcab:1



m-conditional **FP-tree**

All frequent patterns relate to *m*

m,

fm, cm, am,

fcm, fam, cam,

fcam

Benefits of the FP-tree Structure

- Completeness
  - Preserve complete information for frequent pattern mining
  - Never break a long pattern of any transaction
- Compactness
  - Reduce irrelevant info—infrequent items are gone
  - Items in frequency descending order: the more frequently occurring, the more likely to be shared
  - Never be larger than the original database (not count node-links and the *count* field)

The Frequent Pattern Growth Mining Method

- Idea: Frequent pattern growth
  - Recursively grow frequent patterns by pattern and database partition
- Method
  - For each frequent item, construct its conditional pattern-base, and then its conditional FP-tree
  - Repeat the process on each newly created conditional FP-tree
  - Until the resulting FP-tree is empty, or it contains only one path—single path will generate all the combinations of its sub-paths, each of which is a frequent pattern

Scaling FP-growth by Database Projection

- What about if FP-tree cannot fit in memory?
  - DB projection
- First partition a database into a set of projected DBs
- Then construct and mine FP-tree for each projected DB
- Parallel projection vs. partition projection techniques
  - Parallel projection
    - Project the DB in parallel for each frequent item
    - Parallel projection is space costly
    - All the partitions can be processed in parallel
  - Partition projection
    - Partition the DB based on the ordered frequent items
    - Passing the unprocessed parts to the subsequent partitions

Advantages of the Pattern Growth Approach

- Divide-and-conquer:
  - Decompose both the mining task and DB according to the frequent patterns obtained so far
  - Lead to focused search of smaller databases
- Other factors
  - No candidate generation, no candidate test
  - Compressed database: FP-tree structure
  - No repeated scan of entire database
  - Basic ops: counting local freq items and building sub FP-tree, no pattern search and matching
- A good open-source implementation and refinement of FPGrowth
  - FPGrowth+ (Grahne and J. Zhu, FIMI'03)

Extension of Pattern Growth Mining Methodology

- Mining closed frequent itemsets and max-patterns
  - CLOSET (DMKD'00), FPclose, and FPMax (Grahne & Zhu, Fimi'03)
- Mining sequential patterns
  - PrefixSpan (ICDE'01), CloSpan (SDM'03), BIDE (ICDE'04)
- Mining graph patterns
  - gSpan (ICDM'02), CloseGraph (KDD'03)
- Constraint-based mining of frequent patterns
  - Convertible constraints (ICDE'01), gPrune (PAKDD'03)
- Computing iceberg data cubes with complex measures
  - H-tree, H-cubing, and Star-cubing (SIGMOD'01, VLDB'03)
- Pattern-growth-based Clustering
  - MaPle (Pei, et al., ICDM'03)
- Pattern-Growth-Based Classification
  - Mining frequent and discriminative patterns (Cheng, et al, ICDE'07)

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Mining Frequent Closed Patterns: CLOSET

- Flist: list of all frequent items in support ascending order
  - Flist: d-a-f-e-c
- Divide search space
  - Patterns having d
  - Patterns having d but no a, etc.
- Find frequent closed pattern recursively
  - Every transaction having d also has *cfa* → *cfad* is a frequent closed pattern
- J. Pei, J. Han & R. Mao. "CLOSET: An Efficient Algorithm for Mining Frequent Closed Itemsets", DMKD'00.

Min_sup=2

TID	Items
10	a, c, d, e, f
20	a, b, e
30	c, e, f
40	a, c, d, f
50	c, e, f

CLOSET+: Mining Closed Itemsets by Pattern-Growth

- Itemset merging: if Y appears in every occurrence of X, then Y is merged with X
- Sub-itemset pruning: if Y ɔ X, and sup(X) = sup(Y), X and all of X's descendants in the set enumeration tree can be pruned
- Hybrid tree projection
  - Bottom-up physical tree-projection
  - Top-down pseudo tree-projection
- Item skipping: if a local frequent item has the same support in several header tables at different levels, one can prune it from the header table at higher levels
- Efficient subset checking

MaxMiner: Mining Max-Patterns

Tid	Items
10	A, B, C, D, E
20	B, C, D, E,
30	A, C, D, F

- 1st scan: find frequent items
  - A, B, C, D, E
- 2nd scan: find support for
  - AB, AC, AD, AE, ABCDE
  - BC, BD, BE, BCDE
  - CD, CE, CDE, DE

Potential max-patterns

- Since BCDE is a max-pattern, no need to check BCD, BDE, CDE in later scan
- R. Bayardo. Efficiently mining long patterns from databases. *SIGMOD'98*

CHARM: Mining by Exploring Vertical Data Format

- Vertical format: $t(AB) = \{T_{11}, T_{25}, \ldots\}$
  - tid-list: list of trans.-ids containing an itemset
- Deriving closed patterns based on vertical intersections
  - $t(X) = t(Y)$: X and Y always happen together
  - $t(X) \subset t(Y)$: transaction having X always has Y
- Using diffset to accelerate mining
  - Only keep track of differences of tids
  - $t(X) = \{T_1, T_2, T_3\}$, $t(XY) = \{T_1, T_3\}$
  - Diffset $(XY, X) = \{T_2\}$
- Eclat/MaxEclat (Zaki et al. @KDD'97), VIPER(P. Shenoy et al.@SIGMOD'00), CHARM (Zaki & Hsiao@SDM'02)

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Interestingness Measure: Correlations (Lift)

- *play basketball* $\Rightarrow$ *eat cereal* [40%, 66.7%] is misleading **[Refer to book]**
  - The overall % of students eating cereal is 75% > 66.7%.
- *play basketball* $\Rightarrow$ *not eat cereal* [20%, 33.3%] is more accurate, although with lower support and confidence
- Measure of dependent/correlated events: lift

$$lift = \frac{P(A \cup B)}{P(A)P(B)}$$

$$lift(B,C) = \frac{2000/5000}{3000/5000 * 3750/5000} = 0.89$$

$$lift(B,\neg C) = \frac{1000/5000}{3000/5000 * 1250/5000} = 1.33$$

	Basketball	Not basketball	Sum (row)
Cereal	2000	1750	3750
Not cereal	1000	250	1250
Sum(col.)	3000	2000	5000

Are *lift* and χ^2 Good Measures of Correlation?

- *"Buy walnuts ⇒ buy milk* [1%, 80%]" is misleading if 85% of customers buy milk
- Support and confidence are not good to indicate correlations
- Over 20 interestingness measures have been proposed (see Tan, Kumar, Sritastava @KDD'02)
- Which are good ones?

symbol	measure	range	formula
ϕ	ϕ-coefficient	-1 . . . 1	$\frac{P(A,B)-P(A)P(B)}{\sqrt{P(A)P(B)(1-P(A))(1-P(B))}}$
Q	Yule's Q	-1 . . . 1	$\frac{P(A,B)P(\overline{A},\overline{B})-P(A,\overline{B})P(\overline{A},B)}{P(A,B)P(\overline{A},\overline{B})+P(A,\overline{B})P(\overline{A},B)}$
Y	Yule's Y	-1 . . . 1	$\frac{\sqrt{P(A,B)P(\overline{A},\overline{B})}-\sqrt{P(A,\overline{B})P(\overline{A},B)}}{\sqrt{P(A,B)P(\overline{A},\overline{B})}+\sqrt{P(A,\overline{B})P(\overline{A},B)}}$
k	Cohen's	-1 . . . 1	$\frac{P(A,B)+P(\overline{A},\overline{B})-P(A)P(B)-P(\overline{A})P(\overline{B})}{1-P(A)P(B)-P(\overline{A})P(\overline{B})}$
PS	Piatetsky-Shapiro's	-0.25 . . . 0.25	$P(A,B)-P(A)P(B)$
F	Certainty factor	-1 . . . 1	$\max(\frac{P(B\mid A)-P(B)}{1-P(B)}, \frac{P(A\mid B)-P(A)}{1-P(A)})$
AV	added value	-0.5 . . . 1	$\max(P(B\mid A)-P(B), P(A\mid B)-P(A))$
K	Klosgen's Q	-0.33 . . . 0.38	$\sqrt{P(A,B)}\max(P(B\mid A)-P(B), P(A\mid B)-P(A))$
g	Goodman-kruskal's	0 . . . 1	$\frac{\Sigma_j \max_k P(A_j,B_k)+\Sigma_k \max_j P(A_j,B_k)-\max_j P(A_j)-\max_k P(B_k)}{2-\max_j P(A_j)-max_k P(B_k)}$
M	Mutual Information	0 . . . 1	$\frac{\Sigma_i \Sigma_j P(A_i,B_j)\log\frac{P(A_i,B_j)}{P(A_i)P(B_J)}}{\min(-\Sigma_i P(A_i)\log P(A_i)\log P(A_i), -\Sigma_i P(B_i)\log P(B_i)\log P(B_i))}$
J	J-Measure	0 . . . 1	$\max(P(A,B)\log(\frac{P(B\mid A)}{P(B)})+P(A\overline{B})\log(\frac{P(\overline{B}\mid A)}{P(\overline{B})}))$ $P(A,B)\log(\frac{P(A\mid B)}{P(A)})+P(\overline{A}B)\log(\frac{P(\overline{A}\mid B)}{P(\overline{A})})$
G	Gini index	0 . . . 1	$\max(P(A)[P(B\mid A)^2+P(\overline{B}\mid A)^2]+P(\overline{A}[P(B\mid\overline{A})^2+P(\overline{B}\mid\overline{A})^2]-P(B)^2-P(\overline{B})^2,$ $P(B)[P(A\mid B)^2+P(\overline{A}\mid B)^2]+P(\overline{B}[P(A\mid\overline{B})^2+P(\overline{A}\mid\overline{B})^2]-P(A)^2-P(\overline{A})^2)$
s	support	0 . . . 1	$P(A,B)$
c	confidence	0 . . . 1	$max(P(B\mid A), P(A\mid B))$
L	Laplace	0 . . . 1	$\max(\frac{NP(A,B)+1}{NP(A)+2}, \frac{NP(A,B)+1}{NP(B)+2})$
IS	Cosine	0 . . . 1	$\frac{P(A,B)}{\sqrt{P(A)P(B)}}$
γ	coherence(Jaccard)	0 . . . 1	$\frac{P(A,B)}{P(A)+P(B)-P(A,B)}$
α	all_confidence	0 . . . 1	$\frac{P(A,B)}{\max(P(A),P(B))}$
o	odds ratio	0 . . . ∞	$\frac{P(A,B)P(\overline{A},\overline{B})}{P(\overline{A},B)P(A,\overline{B})}$
V	Conviction	0.5 . . . ∞	$\max(\frac{P(A)P(\overline{B})}{P(A\overline{B})}, \frac{P(B)P(\overline{A})}{P(B\overline{A})})$
λ	lift	0 . . . ∞	$\frac{P(A,B)}{P(A)P(B)}$
S	Collective strength	0 . . . ∞	$\frac{P(A,B)+P(\overline{AB})}{P(A)P(B)+P(\overline{A})P(\overline{B})}\times\frac{1-P(A)P(B)-P(\overline{A})P(\overline{B})}{1-P(A,B)-P(\overline{AB})}$
χ^2	χ^2	0 . . . ∞	$\Sigma_i \frac{(P(A_i)-E_i)^2}{E_i}$

Null-Invariant Measures

Table 6: Properties of interestingness measures. Note that none of the measures satisfies all the properties.

Symbol	Measure	Range	P1	P2	P3	O1	O2	O3	O3'	O4
ϕ	ϕ-coefficient	$-1 \cdots 0 \cdots 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
λ	Goodman-Kruskal's	$0 \cdots 1$	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No*	Yes	No
α	odds ratio	$0 \cdots 1 \cdots \infty$	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No
Q	Yule's Q	$-1 \cdots 0 \cdots 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Y	Yule's Y	$-1 \cdots 0 \cdots 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
κ	Cohen's	$-1 \cdots 0 \cdots 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
M	Mutual Information	$0 \cdots 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**	No	No*	Yes	No
J	J-Measure	$0 \cdots 1$	Yes	No	No	No**	No	No	No	No
G	Gini index	$0 \cdots 1$	Yes	No	No	No**	No	No*	Yes	No
s	Support	$0 \cdots 1$	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
c	Confidence	$0 \cdots 1$	No	Yes	No	No**	No	No	No	Yes
L	Laplace	$0 \cdots 1$	No	Yes	No	No**	No	No	No	No
V	Conviction	$0.5 \cdots 1 \cdots \infty$	No	Yes	No	No**	No	No	Yes	No
I	Interest	$0 \cdots 1 \cdots \infty$	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
IS	Cosine	$0 \cdots \sqrt{P(A,B)} \cdots 1$	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
PS	Piatetsky-Shapiro's	$-0.25 \cdots 0 \cdots 0.25$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
F	Certainty factor	$-1 \cdots 0 \cdots 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**	No	No	Yes	No
AV	Added value	$-0.5 \cdots 0 \cdots 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**	No	No	No	No
S	Collective strength	$0 \cdots 1 \cdots \infty$	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes	No
ζ	Jaccard	$0 \cdots 1$	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
K	Klosgen's	$(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}-1)^{1/2}[2-\sqrt{3}-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}] \cdots 0 \cdots \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$	Yes	Yes	Yes	No**	No	No	No	No

where: P1: $O(\mathbf{M}) = 0$ if $det(\mathbf{M}) = 0$, *i.e.*, whenever A and B are statistically independent.
P2: $O(\mathbf{M_2}) > O(\mathbf{M_1})$ if $\mathbf{M_2} = \mathbf{M_1} + [k \;\; -k;\; -k \;\; k]$.
P3: $O(\mathbf{M_2}) < O(\mathbf{M_1})$ if $\mathbf{M_2} = \mathbf{M_1} + [0 \;\; k;\; 0 \;\; -k]$ or $\mathbf{M_2} = \mathbf{M_1} + [0 \;\; 0;\; k \;\; -k]$.
O1: Property 1: Symmetry under variable permutation.
O2: Property 2: Row and Column scaling invariance.
O3: Property 3: Antisymmetry under row or column permutation.
O3': Property 4: Inversion invariance.
O4: Property 5: Null invariance.
Yes*: Yes if measure is normalized.
No*: Symmetry under row or column permutation.
No**: No unless the measure is symmetrized by taking $\max(M(A,B), M(B,A))$.

Comparison of Interestingness Measures

- Null-(transaction) invariance is crucial for correlation analysis
- Lift and χ^2 are not null-invariant
- 5 null-invariant measures

	Milk	No Milk	Sum (row)
Coffee	m, c	~m, c	c
No Coffee	m, ~c	~m, ~c	~c
Sum(col.)	m	~m	Σ

Measure	Definition	Range	Null-Invariant
$\chi^2(a,b)$	$\sum_{i,j=0,1} \frac{(e(a_i,b_j)-o(a_i,b_j))^2}{e(a_i,b_j)}$	$[0,\infty]$	No
$Lift(a,b)$	$\frac{P(ab)}{P(a)P(b)}$	$[0,\infty]$	No
$AllConf(a,b)$	$\frac{sup(ab)}{max\{sup(a),sup(b)\}}$	$[0,1]$	Yes
$Coherence(a,b)$	$\frac{sup(ab)}{sup(a)+sup(b)-sup(ab)}$	$[0,1]$	Yes
$Cosine(a,b)$	$\frac{sup(ab)}{\sqrt{sup(a)sup(b)}}$	$[0,1]$	Yes
$Kulc(a,b)$	$\frac{sup(ab)}{2}(\frac{1}{sup(a)}+\frac{1}{sup(b)})$	$[0,1]$	Yes
$MaxConf(a,b)$	$max\{\frac{sup(ab)}{sup(a)},\frac{sup(ab)}{sup(b)}\}$	$[0,1]$	Yes

Table 3. Interestingness measure definitions.

Null-transactions w.r.t. m and c

Kulczynski measure (1927)

Null-invariant

Data set	mc	$\overline{m}c$	$m\overline{c}$	$\overline{mc}$	χ^2	$Lift$	$AllConf$	$Coherence$	$Cosine$	$Kulc$	$MaxConf$
D_1	10,000	1,000	1,000	100,000	90557	9.26	0.91	0.83	0.91	0.91	0.91
D_2	10,000	1,000	1,000	100	0	1	0.91	0.83	0.91	0.91	0.91
D_3	100	1,000	1,000	100,000	670	8.44	0.09	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.09
D_4	1,000	1,000	1,000	100,000	24740	25.75	0.5	0.33	0.5	0.5	0.5
D_5	1,000	100	10,000	100,000	8173	9.18	0.09	0.09	0.29	0.5	0.91
D_6	1,000	10	100,000	100,000	965	1.97	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.5	0.99

Table 2. Example data sets.

Subtle: They disagree

Analysis of DBLP Coauthor Relationships

Recent DB conferences, removing balanced associations, low sup, etc.

ID	Author a	Author b	$sup(ab)$	$sup(a)$	$sup(b)$	$Coherence$	$Cosine$	$Kulc$
1	Hans-Peter Kriegel	Martin Ester	28	146	54	0.163 (2)	0.315 (7)	0.355 (9)
2	Michael Carey	Miron Livny	26	104	58	0.191 (1)	0.335 (4)	0.349 (10)
3	Hans-Peter Kriegel	Joerg Sander	24	146	36	0.152 (3)	0.331 (5)	0.416 (8)
4	Christos Faloutsos	Spiros Papadimitriou	20	162	26	0.119 (7)	0.308 (10)	0.446 (7)
5	Hans-Peter Kriegel	Martin Pfeifle	18	146	18	0.123 (6)	0.351 (2)	0.562 (2)
6	Hector Garcia-Molina	Wilburt Labio	16	144	18	0.110 (9)	0.314 (8)	0.500 (4)
7	Divyakant Agrawal	Wang Hsiung	16	120	16	0.133 (5)	0.365 (1)	0.567 (1)
8	Elke Rundensteiner	Murali Mani	16	104	20	0.148 (4)	0.351 (3)	0.477 (6)
9	Divyakant Agrawal	Oliver Po	12	120	12	0.100 (10)	0.316 (6)	0.550 (3)
10	Gerhard Weikum	Martin Theobald	12	106	14	0.111 (8)	0.312 (9)	0.485 (5)

Table 5. Experiment on DBLP data set.

Advisor-advisee relation: Kulc: high, coherence: low, cosine: middle

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Which Null-Invariant Measure Is Better?

- IR (Imbalance Ratio): measure the imbalance of two itemsets A and B in rule implications

$$IR(A, B) = \frac{|sup(A) - sup(B)|}{sup(A) + sup(B) - sup(A \cup B)}$$

- Kulczynski and Imbalance Ratio (IR) together present a clear picture for all the three datasets D_4 through D_6
  - D_4 is balanced & neutral
  - D_5 is imbalanced & neutral
  - D_6 is very imbalanced & neutral

$Data$	mc	$\overline{m}c$	$m\overline{c}$	$\overline{mc}$	$all\_conf.$	$max\_conf.$	$Kulc.$	$cosine$	IR
D_1	10,000	1,000	1,000	100,000	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.0
D_2	10,000	1,000	1,000	100	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.0
D_3	100	1,000	1,000	100,000	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.0
D_4	1,000	1,000	1,000	100,000	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0
D_5	1,000	100	10,000	100,000	0.09	0.91	0.5	0.29	0.89
D_6	1,000	10	100,000	100,000	0.01	0.99	0.5	0.10	0.99

Chapter 5: Mining Frequent Patterns, Association and Correlations: Basic Concepts and Methods

- Basic Concepts
- Frequent Itemset Mining Methods
- Which Patterns Are Interesting?—Pattern Evaluation Methods
- Summary

Summary

- Basic concepts: association rules, support-confident framework, closed and max-patterns
- Scalable frequent pattern mining methods
  - Apriori (Candidate generation & test)
  - Projection-based (FPgrowth, CLOSET+, ...)
  - Vertical format approach (ECLAT, CHARM, ...)
- Which patterns are interesting?
  - Pattern evaluation methods

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