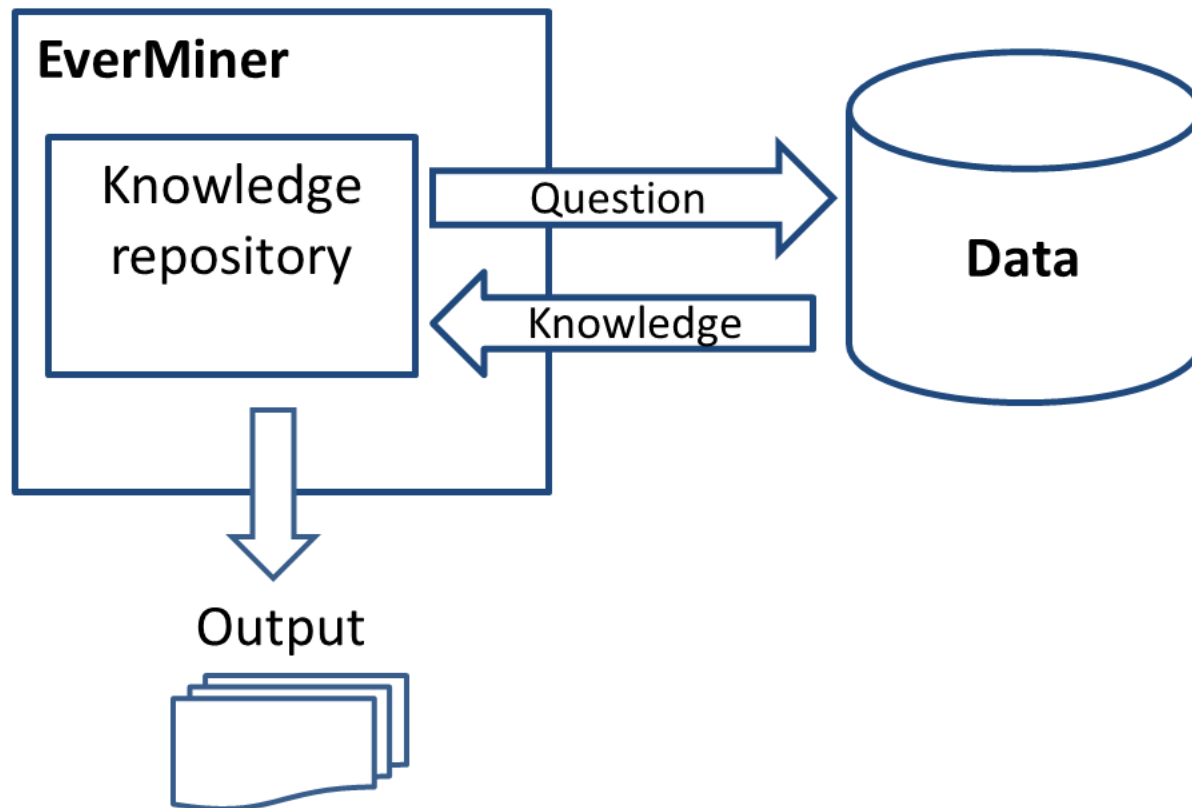


# Learning Association Rules from Data through Domain Knowledge and Automation

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# EverMiner – a research idea



# EverMiner – Principles

- Data – data matrix
- Association rules – pairs of Boolean attributes
- General Boolean attributes derived from columns of data matrix
- Domain knowledge not in the form of rules
- Analytical questions formulated using items of domain knowledge
- Set of true rules compared with a set of consequences of items of domain knowledge
- Analytical questions solved by tools of the LISp-Miner system
- The whole process formally described

Laborious process, progress :

- The process described by the LMCL language as an executable program and executed

# Analyzed data – Data Matrix

Data exploration

Data matrix: Entry Total number of rows: 1417

Filter: (empty) Number of filtered rows: 1417

#	BMI	Subsc	Tric	Status	Education	Diastolic	Systolic	Beer	Liquors	Vine
1	(24;25>	<12;14)	<=4	married	secondary	<85;95)	<115;125)	he does not drink	more than 100 cc	he does not drink
2	(27;28>	<22;24)	10	married	university	<95;105)	<145;155)	he does not drink	he does not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
3	(28;29>	<14;16)	12	married	university	<75;85)	<115;125)	he does not drink	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
4	(27;28>	<20;22)	10	married	apprentice	<65;75)	<115;125)	he does not drink	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
5	(28;29>	<12;14)	<=4	married	university	<85;95)	<155;165)	up to 1 litre	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
6	(31;32>	<26;28)	18-35	married	university	<75;85)	<115;125)	up to 1 litre	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
7	>32	<32;36)	15-17	single	university	<85;95)	<145;155)	he does not drink	he does not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
8	(26;27>	<36;72)	10	married	apprentice	<85;95)	<125;135)	up to 1 litre	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
9	(25;26>	<18;20)	13-14	married	university	<65;75)	<125;135)	up to 1 litre	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
10	(22;23>	<14;16)							cc	up to half a litre
11	(26;27>	<20;22)							cc	up to half a litre
12	(27;28>	<22;24)							not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
13	(25;26>	<32;36)							not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
14	(30;31>	<32;36)							not drink alcohol	he does not drink
15	(21;22>	<32;36)							not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
16	(25;26>	<12;14)							n 100 cc	he does not drink
17	(22;23>	<14;16)							not drink alcohol	he does not drink
18	(27;28>	<22;24)							cc	up to half a litre
19	(29;30>	<16;18)							cc	up to half a litre
20	<=21	<14;16)							cc	he does not drink
21	(25;26>	<16;18)	13-14	married	university	<75;85)	<115;125)	he does not drink	he does not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
22	(30;31>	<20;22)	9	married	apprentice	<75;85)	<115;125)	up to 1 litre	he does not drink alcohol	he does not drink
23	(27;28>	<16;18)	8	married	university	<75;85)	<125;135)	up to 1 litre	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
24	(31;32>	<36;72)	13-14	married	secondary	<105;115)	<165;175)	up to 1 litre	he does not drink alcohol	he does not drink
25	(28;29>	<22;24)	7	married	university	<75;85)	<115;125)	he does not drink	he does not drink alcohol	he does not drink
26	(23;24>	<10;12)	6	married	secondary	<85;95)	<125;135)	he does not drink	he does not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
27	(29;30>	<20;22)	10	married	secondary	<75;85)	<135;145)	he does not drink	up to 100 cc	up to half a litre
28	(25;26>	<12;14)	<=4	divorced	apprentice	<65	<105;115)	up to 1 litre	up to 100 cc	he does not drink
29	>32	<22;24)	12	married	apprentice	<75;85)	<135;145)	up to 1 litre	he does not drink alcohol	he does not drink
30	(23;24>	<10;12)	<=4	married	university	<65	<105	up to 1 litre	he does not drink alcohol	up to half a litre
31	(28;29>	<24;26)	15-17	married	university	<75;85)	<125;135)	he does not drink	he does not drink alcohol	he does not drink
32	(29;30>	<14;16)	12	divorced	universitv	<85;95)	<135;145)	un to 1 litre	un to 100 cc	un to half a litre

An example – data matrix Entry

Part of data set STULONG

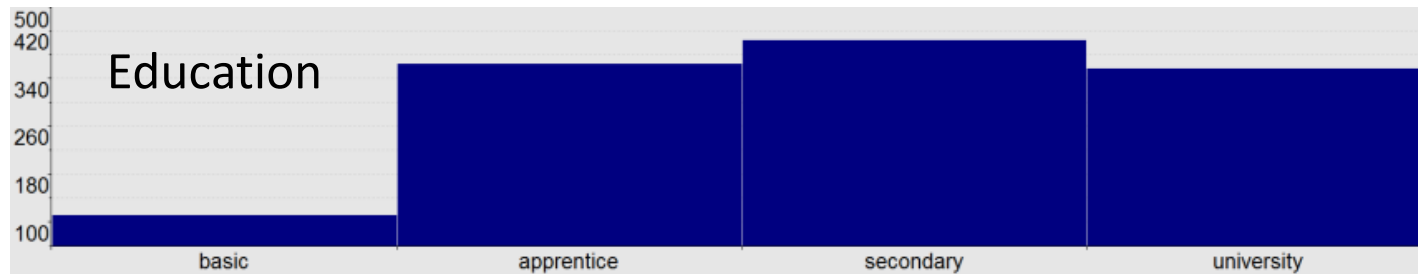
1417 rows – patients

64 columns – attributes of patients

See <http://euromise.vse.cz/challenge2004/>,

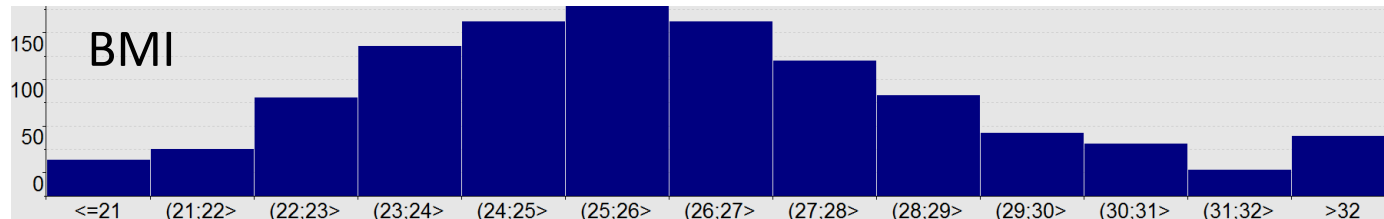
# Boolean attributes - examples

Boolean attribute  $A(\alpha) \dots \alpha$  is a subset of values of attribute A



Education(basic)

Education(secondary, university)



BMI(<=21, (21;22>, (22;23>) .... BMI(<=23)

BMI((21;22>, (22;23>, (23;24>) .... BMI(21; 24>)

# Association rule – pair of Boolean attributes

$$\text{BMI}(21; 24) \wedge \text{Education}(\text{secondary}, \text{university}) \Rightarrow_{0.9, 30} \text{Diastolic } \langle 65; 95 \rangle$$

Entry	Diastolic $\langle 65; 95 \rangle$	$\neg$ Diastolic $\langle 65; 95 \rangle$
$\text{BMI}(21; 24) \wedge \text{Education}(\text{secondary}, \text{university})$	$a$	$b$
$\neg(\text{BMI}(21; 24) \wedge \text{Education}(\text{secondary}, \text{university}))$	$c$	$d$

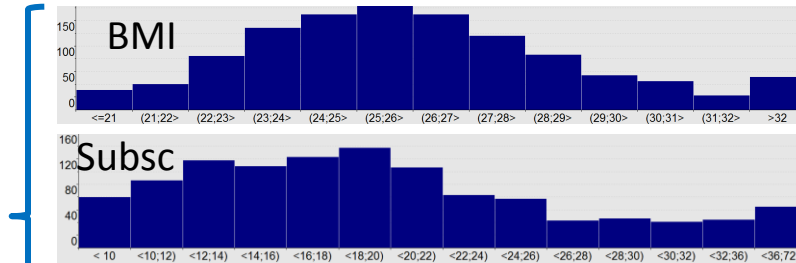
Association rule

$$\text{BMI}(21; 24) \wedge \text{Education}(\text{secondary}, \text{university}) \Rightarrow_{0.9, 30} \text{Diastolic } \langle 65; 95 \rangle$$

is true in data matrix Entry if  $\frac{a}{a+b} \geq 0.9 \wedge a \geq 30$

# Domain knowledge - Groups of attributes

- Measures



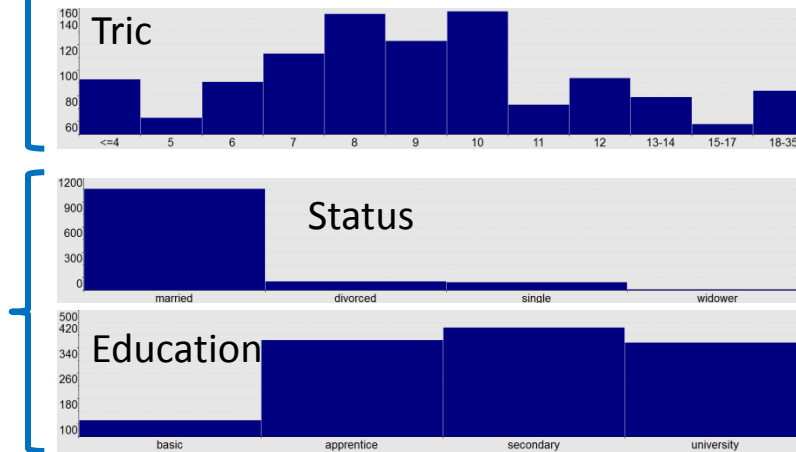
- Smoking

- Alcohol

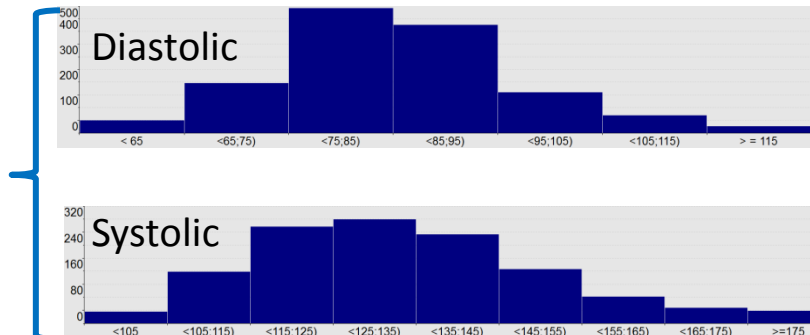
- Biochemical

- ...

- Personal



- Blood pressure



# Domain knowledge - mutual influence of attributes

	BMI	Subsc	Tric	Status	Education	Diastolic	Systolic
BMI						↑↑	
Subsc							
Tric							
Status							
Education							
Diastolic							
Systolic							

BMI ↑↑ Diastolic

If BMI of a patient increases, then his/her diastolic blood pressure increases too.



# Analytical questions based on items of domain knowledge

Are there any interesting relations between attributes from group **Measures** and attributes from group **Blood pressure** in data matrix **Entry**? Attributes from group **Measures** can be combined with attributes from group **Personal**. Interesting relation is a relation which is strong enough and which is not a consequence of a known dependency **BMI**  $\uparrow\uparrow$  **Diastolic**.

We use association rules – pairs of related general Boolean attributes, thus we convert our question to a question concerning association rules:

**Entry** : (**BMI**  $\uparrow\uparrow$  **Diastolic**)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathcal{B}(\text{Measures}), \mathcal{B}(\text{Personal}) \approx \mathcal{B}(\text{Blood pressure})$

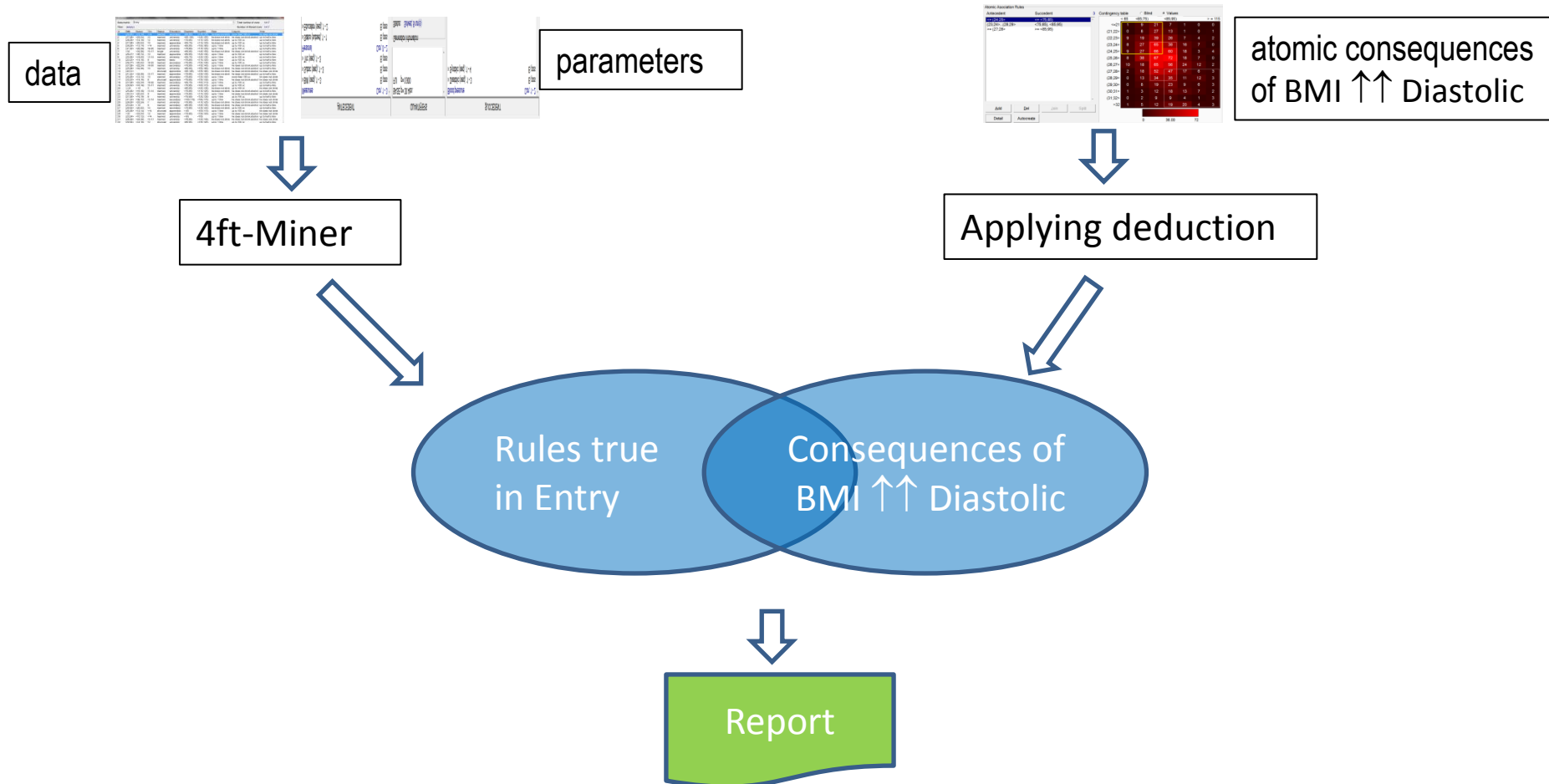
$\mathcal{B}(\text{Measures})$  – a set of Boolean attributes derived from attributes of group Measures

$\mathcal{B}(\text{Personal})$  – ...

$\mathcal{B}(\text{Blood pressure})$  – ...

# Set of true rules compared with a set of consequences of items of domain knowledge

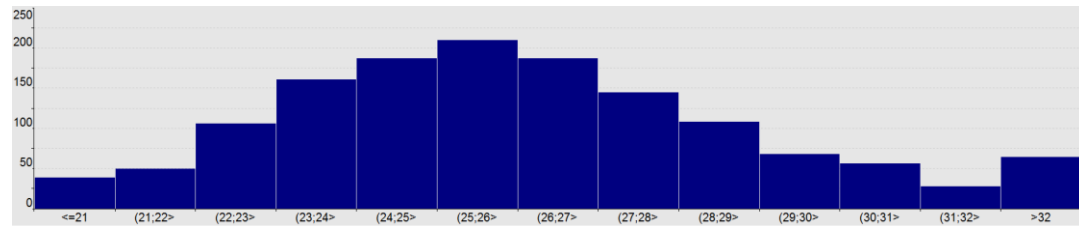
Entry : (BMI ↑↑ Diastolic)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathcal{B}(\text{Measures}), \mathcal{B}(\text{Personal}) \Rightarrow_{0.9,30} \mathcal{B}(\text{Blood pressure})$



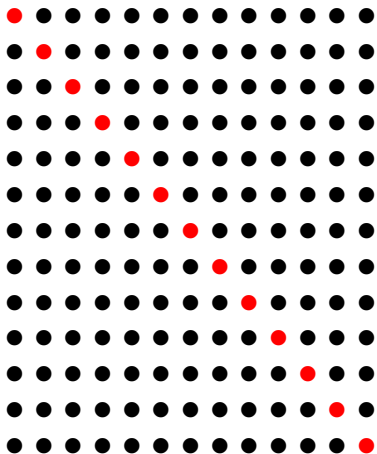
# 4ft-Miner – input parameters

ANTECEDENT	QUANTIFIERS	SUCCEDENT
<b>Measures</b> » BMI (seq), 1 - 3 » Subsc (seq), 1 - 3 » Tric (seq), 1 - 3 <b>Personal</b> » Status (subset), 1 - 1 » Education (seq), 1 - 2	Con, 1 - 3 B, pos B, pos B, pos Con, 0 - 2 B, pos B, pos	<b>Blood pressure</b> » Diastolic (seq), 1 - 3 » Systolic (seq), 1 - 4 Con, 1 - 2 B, pos B, pos
BASE p= 30 Abs. FUI p= 0.900 $\frac{a}{a+b} \geq 0.9 \wedge a \geq 30$		

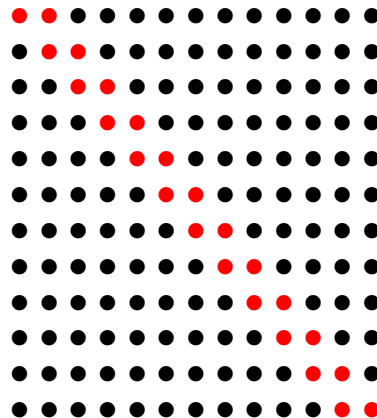
Sequences of categories of BMI, length 1 - 3



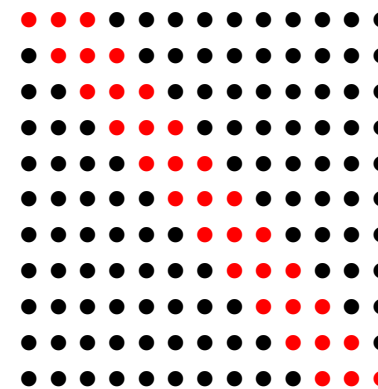
Length 1



Length 2



Length 3



$\text{BMI}(\leq 21, (21;22\rangle, (22;23\rangle) = \text{BMI}(\leq 23)$

$\text{BMI}((21;22\rangle, (22;23\rangle) = \text{BMI}(22;23\rangle$

$13 + 12 + 11 = 36$  Boolean attributes

# 4ft-Miner – output rules

Task run  
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Number of verifications: 12446562  
Number of hypotheses: 363      Mode: Standard

Add group    Del group    Edit group

Actual group of hypotheses: All hypotheses  
Hypotheses in group: 363    Shown hypotheses: 363    Highlighted: 0

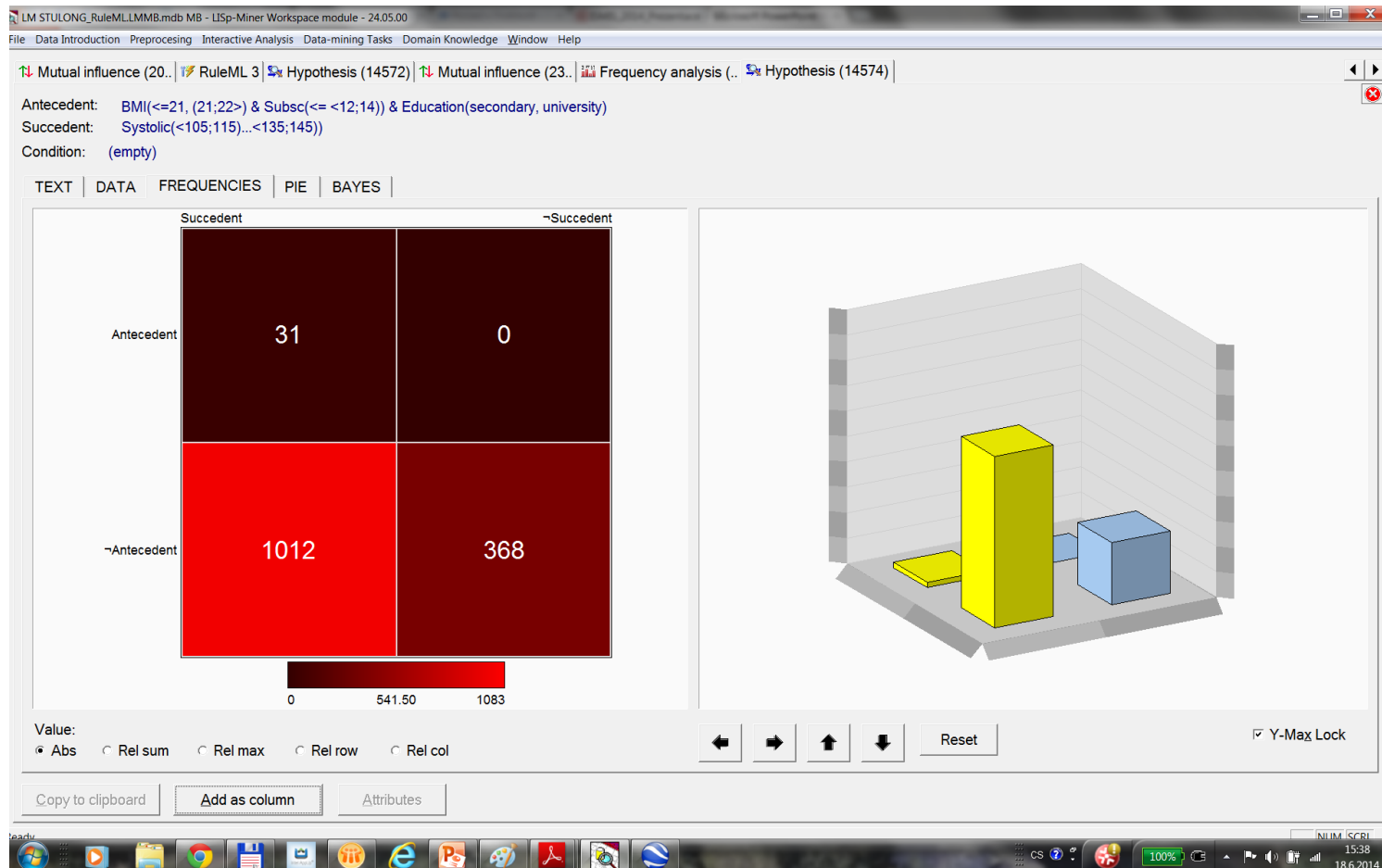
Nr.	Id	Conf	Hypothesis
1	27	1.000	BMI(<=22) & Subsc(<14) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
2	42	1.000	BMI(<=23) & Subsc(<12) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
3	8	0.976	BMI(<=22) & Status(married) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
4	64	0.975	BMI(<=23) & Tric(<=6) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
5	44	0.973	BMI(<=23) & Subsc(<14) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
6	135	0.971	BMI((23;25>) & Subsc(<10;16)) & Tric(9..11) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
7	216	0.971	BMI((24;27>) & Subsc(>=30) & Education(university) >+< Diastolic(<75;105))
8	300	0.971	Subsc(<16;22)) & Tric(9,10) & Education(university) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
9	71	0.971	BMI((21;22>) & Subsc(<14) >+< Diastolic(<65;95))
10	98	0.970	BMI((21;24>) & Subsc(<10;16)) & Tric(9..11) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
11	359	0.970	Tric(5,6) & Status(married) & Education(university) >+< Diastolic(<75;105))
12	61	0.969	BMI(<=23) & Tric(<=5) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
13	120	0.969	BMI((22;25>) & Subsc(<18;24) & Education(university) >+< Diastolic(<65;95))
14	254	0.968	BMI((27;28>) & Subsc(<16;22)) & Tric(7..9) >+< Diastolic(<75;105))
15	26	0.968	BMI(<=22) & Subsc(<14) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Diastolic(<65;95)) & Systolic(<105;145))
16	25	0.968	BMI(<=22) & Subsc(<14) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Diastolic(<65;95))
17	114	0.968	BMI((22;24>) & Subsc(<12;14) & Education(apprentice,secondary) >+< Systolic(<115;155))
18	40	0.968	BMI(<=23) & Subsc(<10;12) & Status(married) >+< Systolic(<105;145))

Set  
TRUE(Measures, Personal  $\Rightarrow_{0.9,30}$  Blood pressure)  
of 363 true relevant rules

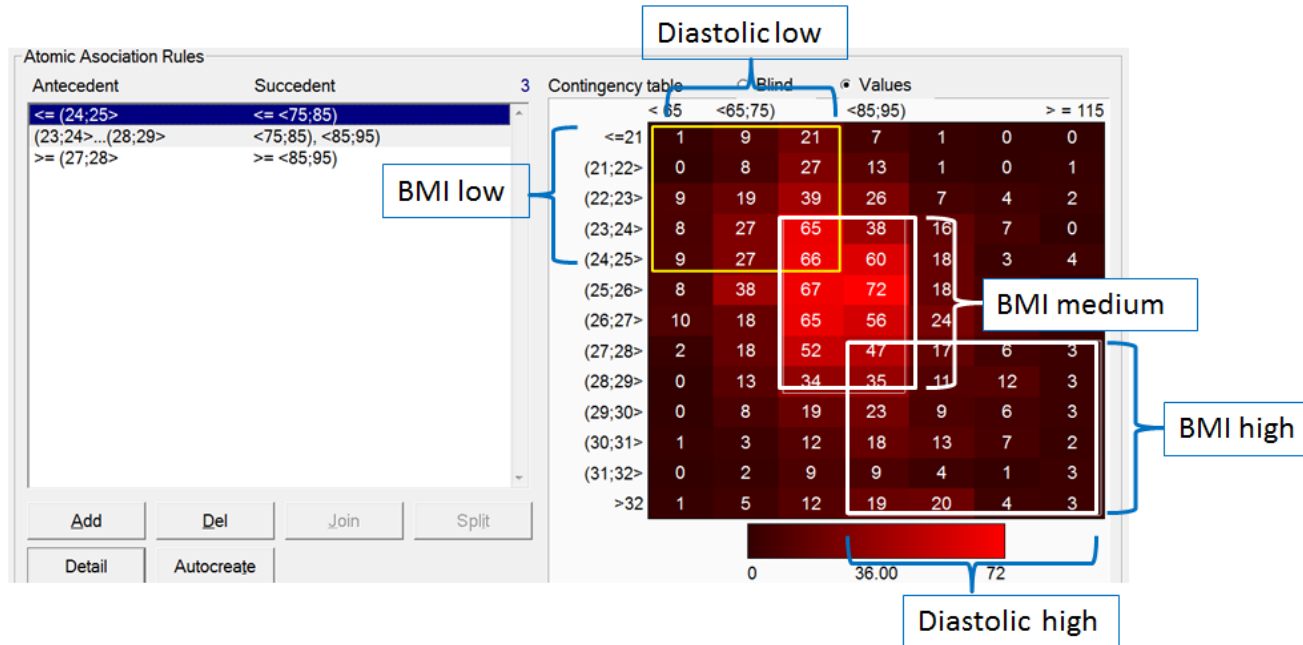
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# 4ft-Miner – output rule example

$BMI(\leq 22) \wedge Subsc(\leq 14) \wedge Education(\text{secondary, university}) \Rightarrow_{1.0,31} \text{Systolic}(<105;145)$



# Atomic consequences of BMI ↑↑ Diastolic



low x low :  $\text{BMI}(\alpha) \Rightarrow_{p,B} \text{Diastolic}(\beta) \quad p \geq 0.9, B \geq 30 ; \alpha \in \text{BMI low} ; \beta \in \text{Diastolic low}$

medium x medium: ...

high x high: ...

$\text{AC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow \uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30}) = \text{low x low} \cup \text{medium x medium} \cup \text{high x high}$

# Consequences of BMI $\uparrow\uparrow$ Diastolic

**Agreed consequences**  $\text{AgC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$  : all  $\varphi \Rightarrow_{p,B} \psi$ :

- $\varphi \Rightarrow_{p,B} \psi \notin \text{AC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$
- there is  $\rho \Rightarrow_{p,B} \sigma \in \text{AC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$  such that
  - $\varphi \Rightarrow_{p,B} \psi$  does not logically follow from  $\rho \Rightarrow_{p,B} \sigma$
  - $\varphi \Rightarrow_{p,B} \psi$  says nothing new in addition to  $\rho \Rightarrow_{p,B} \sigma$
- example:  $\text{BMI}(\text{low}) \wedge \text{Education}(\text{secondary}) \Rightarrow_{0.9,35} \text{Diastolic}(\text{low})$

**Logical consequences**  $\text{LgC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$  : all  $\varphi \Rightarrow_{p,B} \psi$ :

- $\varphi \Rightarrow_{p,B} \psi \notin ( \text{AC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30}) \cup \text{AgC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30}) )$
- there is  $\rho \Rightarrow_{p,B} \sigma \in ( \text{AC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30}) \cup \text{AgC}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30}) )$  such that  $\varphi \Rightarrow_{p,B} \psi$  logically follows from  $\rho \Rightarrow_{p,B} \sigma$
- example:  $\text{BMI}(\text{low}) \Rightarrow_{1.0,31} \text{Diastolic}(\langle 75;85 \rangle, \langle 85;95 \rangle)$

**Cons**(BMI  $\uparrow\uparrow$  Diastolic,  $\Rightarrow_{0.9,30}$ ) =

**AC**( BMI  $\uparrow\uparrow$  Diastolic,  $\Rightarrow_{0.9,30}$ )  $\cup$  **AgC**( BMI  $\uparrow\uparrow$  Diastolic,  $\Rightarrow_{0.9,30}$ )  $\cup$  **LgC**( BMI  $\uparrow\uparrow$  Diastolic,  $\Rightarrow_{0.9,30}$ )

# Rules – not consequences of BMI ↑↑ Diastolic

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Number of hypotheses: 363		Mode: Standard	
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Actual group of hypotheses:		BK match group	
Hypotheses in group: 194		Shown hypotheses: 194	
Nr.	Id	Conf	Hypothesis

- Total number of rules: 363
- Consequences of BMI ↑↑ Diastolic: 169
- Not consequences of BMI ↑↑ Diastolic: 194
  - exceptions from BMI ↑↑ Diastolic?
  - consequences of ???

1	27	1.000	BMI(<=22) & Subsc(<14) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
2	42	1.000	BMI(<=23) & Subsc(<12) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
3	8	0.976	BMI(<=22) & Status(married) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
4	64	0.975	BMI(<=23) & Tric(<=6) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
5	44	0.973	BMI(<=23) & Subsc(<14) & Education(secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
6	135	0.971	BMI((23;25>) & Subsc(<10;16)) & Tric(8,9) >+< Systolic(<115;155))
7	300	0.971	Subsc(<16;22)) & Tric(9,10) & Education(university) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
8	98	0.970	BMI((21;24>) & Subsc(<10;16)) & Tric(9..11) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
9	359	0.970	Tric(5,6) & Status(married) & Education(university) >+< Diastolic(<75;105))
10	61	0.969	BMI(<=23) & Tric(<=5) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
11	114	0.968	BMI((22;24>) & Subsc(<12;14)) & Education(apprentice,secondary) >+< Systolic(<115;155))
12	49	0.968	BMI(<=23) & Subsc(<10;12)) & Status(married) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
13	208	0.968	BMI((24;27>) & Subsc(<16;22)) & Tric(9) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
14	272	0.968	Subsc(<10) & Tric(<=6) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
15	13	0.957	BMI(<=22) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Systolic(<105;145))
16	296	0.955	Subsc(<16;22)) & Tric(9) & Education(>=secondary) >+< Diastolic(<65;95))
17	354	0.953	Subsc(<26;32)) & Tric(8..10) & Status(married) >+< Diastolic(<75;105))



# Additional analytical tasks

Solved task:

$\text{TRUE}(\text{Measures, Personal} \Rightarrow_{0.9,30} \text{Blood pressure}) \times \text{Cons}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$

Additional tasks: compare  $\text{TRUE}(\text{Measures, Personal} \Rightarrow_{0.9,30} \text{Blood pressure})$  with

$\text{Cons}(\text{Subsc} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$

$\text{Cons}(\text{Tric} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$

$\text{Cons}(\text{BMI} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Systolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$

$\text{Cons}(\text{Subsc} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Systolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$

$\text{Cons}(\text{Tric} \uparrow\uparrow \text{Systolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$

$\text{Cons}(\text{Tric} \uparrow\downarrow \text{Diastolic}, \Rightarrow_{0.9,30})$

Tric  $\uparrow\downarrow$  Diastolic ... If the skinfold above the musculus triceps increases then diastolic blood pressure decreases.

The same principle, lot of work

# Solving additional analytical tasks

- 1) Formal description of the solution, formal frame FOFRADAR used
- 2) Describe the solution in LMCL – LIsp-Miner Control Language as an executable program and execute it

LMCL syntax example:

```
82      -- Iterate through all the mutual influences
83      for k, mutualInfluence in ipairs( mutualInfluenceArray) do
84
85          hypothesisGroupNameDerivedForm= emsbk.hypotheses.getHypothesisGroupName(
86              mutualInfluence, task,
87              lm.codes.HypothesisMutualInfluenceRelationship.DerivedFrom);
88
89          hypothesisGroupDerivedFrom= lm.tasks.results.HypothesisGroup({
90              name= hypothesisGroupNameDerivedForm, pTask= task});
91
92          hypothesisGroupNameInConflictWith= emsbk.hypotheses.getHypothesisGroupName(
93              mutualInfluence, task,
94              lm.codes.HypothesisMutualInfluenceRelationship.InConflictWith);
95
96          hypothesisGroupInConflictWith= lm.tasks.results.HypothesisGroup({
97              name= hypothesisGroupNameInConflictWith, pTask= task});
98
99          hypothesisArray= task.prepareHypothesisArray();
100
101          for k, hypothesis in ipairs( hypothesisArray) do
102
103              nRelationshipType= hypothesis.checkMutualInfluence({ pMutualInfluence= mutualInfluence});
104
105              if ( nRelationshipType == lm.codes.HypothesisMutualInfluenceRelationship.DerivedFrom) then
106                  -- DerivedFrom
107
108                  hypothesisGroupDerivedFrom.insertHypothesis({
109                      pHypothesis= hypothesis});
110
111                  elseif ( nRelationshipType ==
112                      lm.codes.HypothesisMutualInfluenceRelationship.InConflictWith) then
113                      -- InConflictWith
114
115                      hypothesisGroupInConflictWith.insertHypothesis({
116                          pHypothesis= hypothesis});
117
118                  end;
119              end;
120          end;
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# Summary report – one of first experiments

T(Measures, Personal →<sub>0.9,30</sub> Blood pressure; Entry) -- Mutual Influence Report

Found association rules: 363

Mutual Influence		Number of association rules	
Item of Mutual Influence	Influence type	Consequences of the Item	To be Investigated
BMI ↑↑ Diastolic	Positive influence	<a href="#">169</a>	<a href="#">0</a>
Subsc ↑↑ Diastolic	Positive influence	<a href="#">141</a>	<a href="#">29</a>
Tric ↑↓ Diastolic	Negative influence	<a href="#">109</a>	<a href="#">42</a>
BMI ↑↑ Systolic	Positive influence	<a href="#">97</a>	<a href="#">2</a>
Subsc ↑↑ Systolic	Positive influence	<a href="#">70</a>	<a href="#">18</a>
Tric ↑↑ Systolic	Positive influence	<a href="#">59</a>	<a href="#">8</a>

A rule is interesting from the point of view of further investigation if it can be considered

- as a conflict (an exception) to the relation of the mutual influence in question.
- as an indication of an additional relation of mutual relation (not used here).

# Conclusions and further work

- LIsp-Miner Control Language approved as a powerful tool
- **Lot of additional experiments necessary**
- Automatic generation of additional analytical questions
  - all groups of attributes
  - additional types of mutual relations
- Application of additional procedures dealing with additional types of patterns
  - couples of association rules
  - action rules
  - patterns based on contingency tables

Thank you