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# **SAP Data Intelligence hands-on exercises**

This document will guide you step-by-step through the process of training and implementing association rules to produce recommendation analysis using SAP HANA ML in SAP DI.



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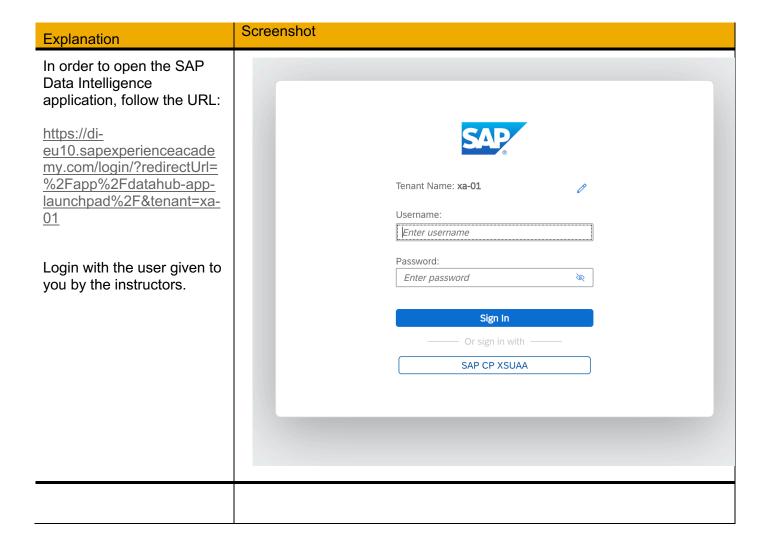
#### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this exercise is to give you an overview of how you can use the machine learning capabilities in SAP Data Intelligence. We will use the association rules APRIORI algorithm available in the SAP HANA ML PAL library.

#### **SCENARIO**

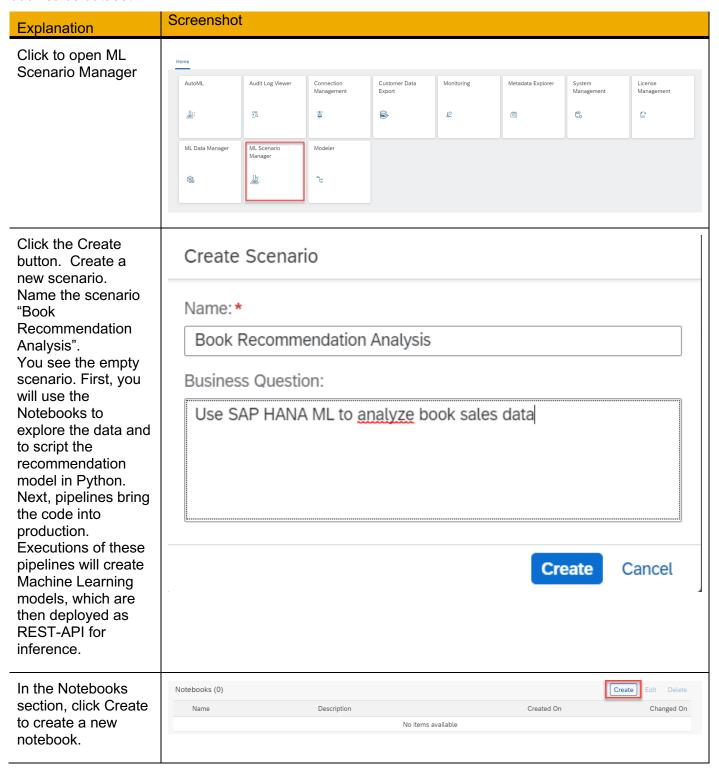
In this scenario, we want to build a book recommendation algorithm, using as input data source the history of book sales for a fictitious book shop having about 10 years of activity (2020 to 2021). The sales data are stored in a Data Warehouse Cloud instance. We will perform market-basket analysis on the historical combinations of books purchased, and build association rules that will be used to make book recommendations.

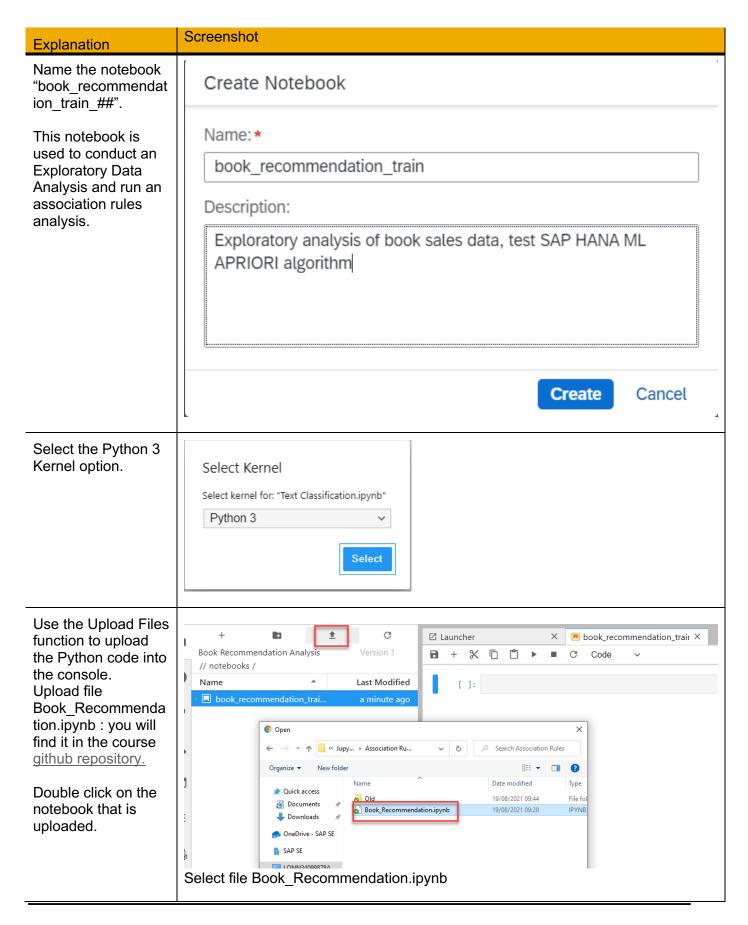
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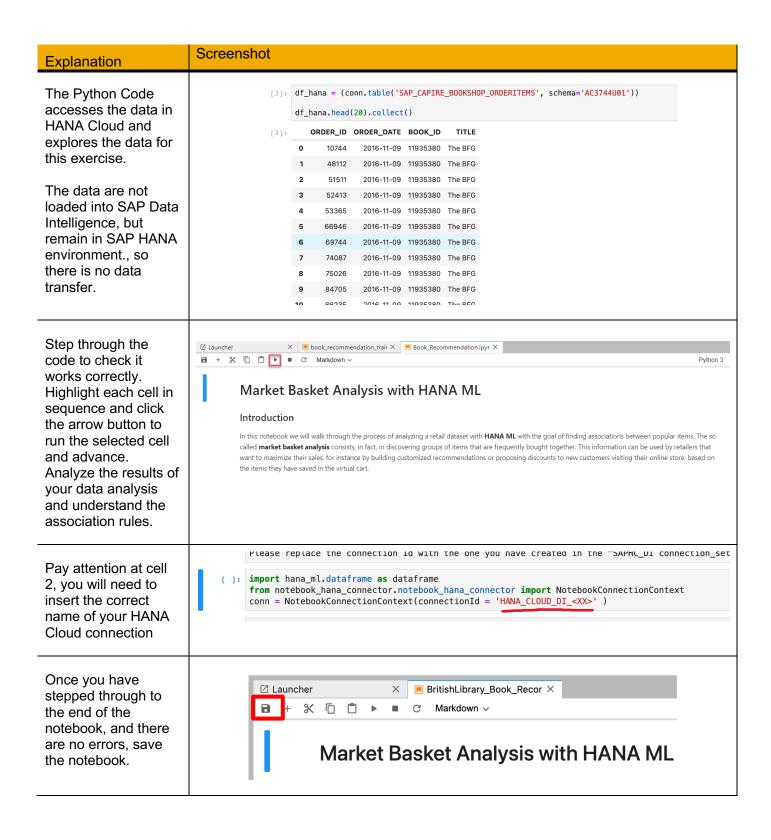


#### STEP 1 – USE A JUPYTER NOTEBOOK

A Jupyter Notebook environment is used to explore the data, and to test an association algorithm on the book sales dataset.

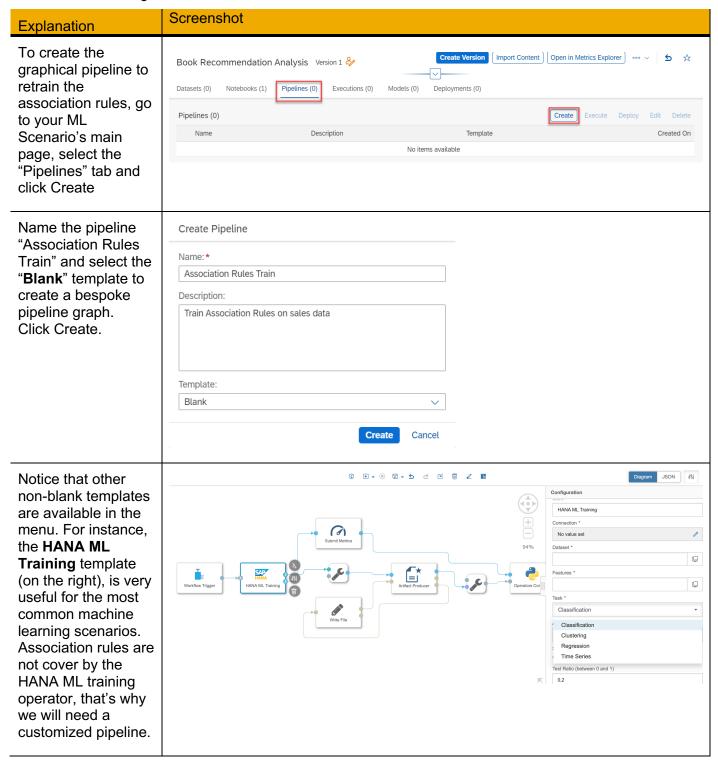


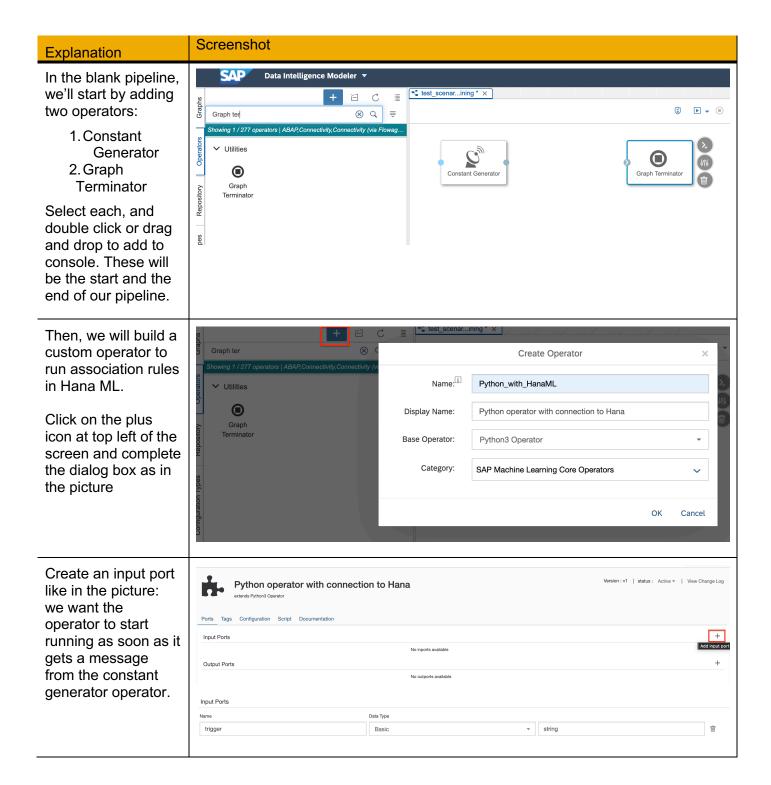




#### STEP 2 – BUILD MODEL PIPELINES

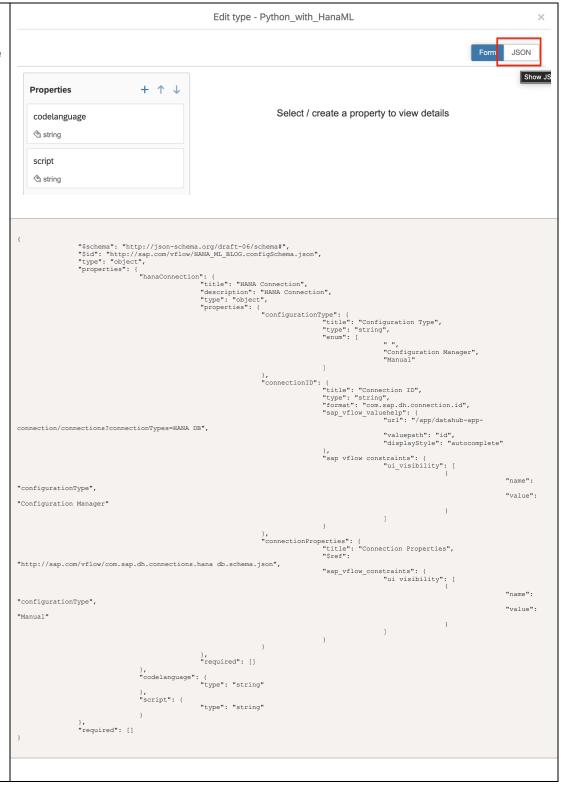
Model pipelines are used to operationalize the association rules model. Now that you have prepared the data, identified the best algorithm to use and which hyper-parameters work best, you can operationalize the model. We will build one pipeline to automate model training, and a second pipeline to deploy the book recommendation engine.





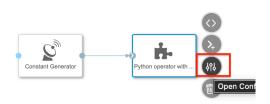
Go to the Configuration tab. We will configure the operator so that it can connect to a HANA instance connected to SAP Data Intelligence. Click the pencil to get into the edit mode and change to JSON.

In the editor, copypaste the text on the right and click ok.

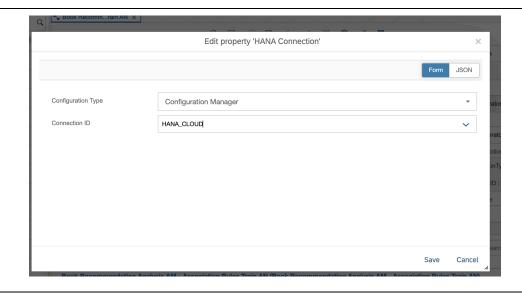


import hana\_ml Go to the Script tab from hana\_ml import dataframe and copy paste the import numpy as np python code to the right. def on\_input(data): conn = hana\_ml.dataframe.ConnectionContext(  $api.config.hana Connection \cite{ConnectionProperties'} \cite{Connection$ api.config.hanaConnection['connectionProperties']['port'],  $api.config.hana Connection \cite{ConnectionProperties'} \cite{Connection$ api.config.hanaConnection['connectionProperties']['password'], encrypt='true', sslValidateCertificate='false') # insert your specific code / script here ... api.set\_port\_callback("trigger", on\_input) Save the custom ↑ 🖫 🕶 operator and the Version : v1 | status : Active ▼ | View Change Log close the window. Python operator with connection to Hana Tags Configuration Script Documentation Type: Python | script.py 1 mport hana\_ml rom hana\_ml import dataframe mport numpy as np encrypt='true',
sslValidateCertificate='false') insert your specific code / script her api.set\_port\_callback("trigger", on\_input) You should be now again in the pipeline window. Look for your new custom Constant Generator Python operator with **Graph Terminator** operator in the menu and add it to the pipeline. Connect the constant Generator with the trigger port of the custom operator.

Begin with configuring the HANA ML within Python operator. Highlight it and click on the Configuration icon.



Edit the Hana
Connection field.
Select Configuration
Manager as
Configuration Type
and select your
HANA Cloud
connection in the
Connection ID dropdown menu. Click
save.

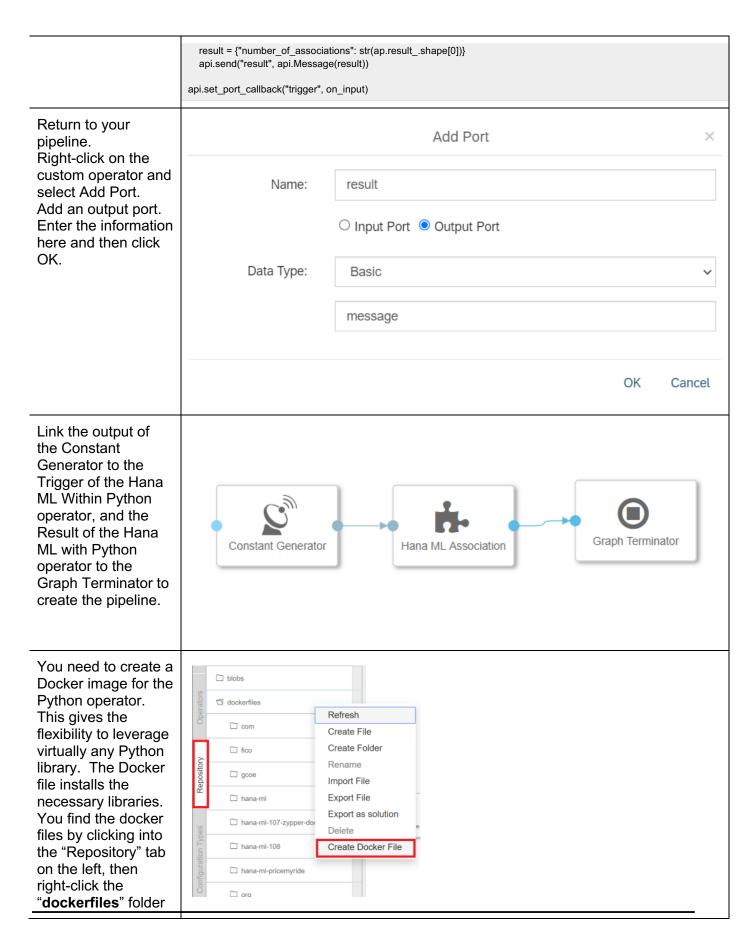


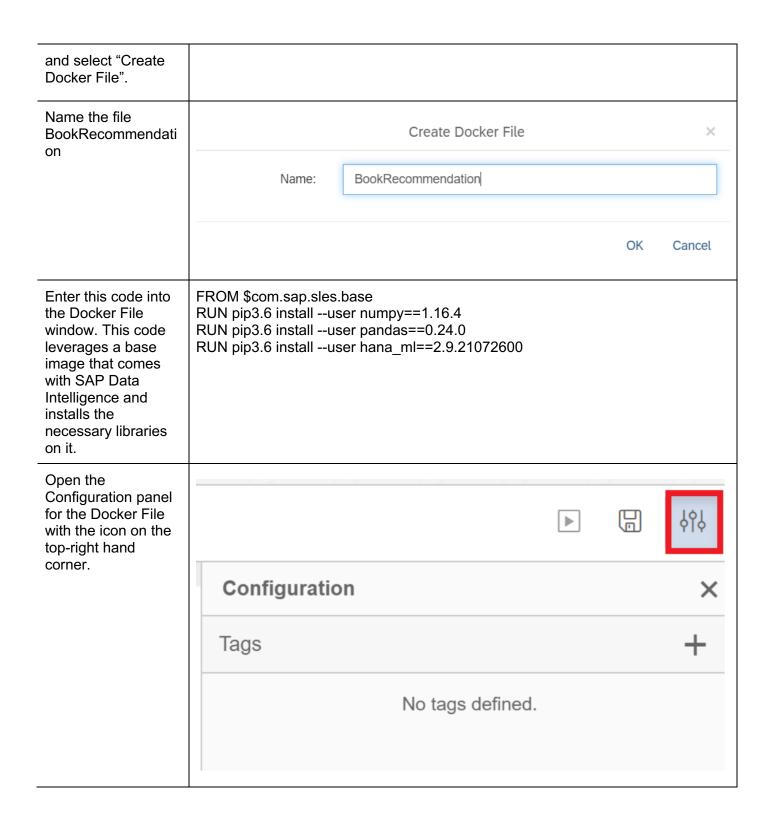
In the HANA ML within Python operator, click the script icon.

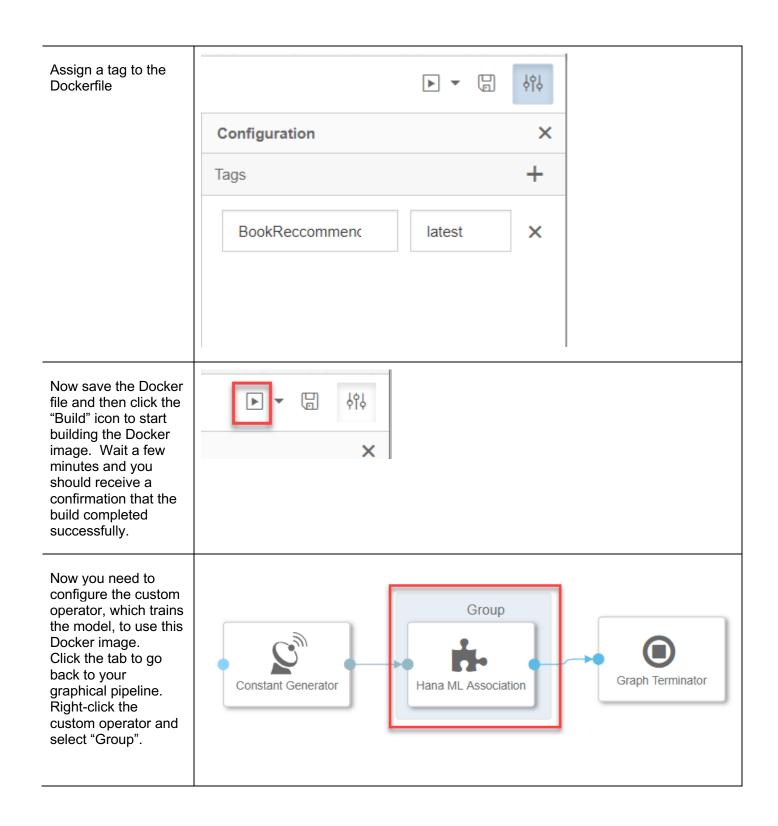


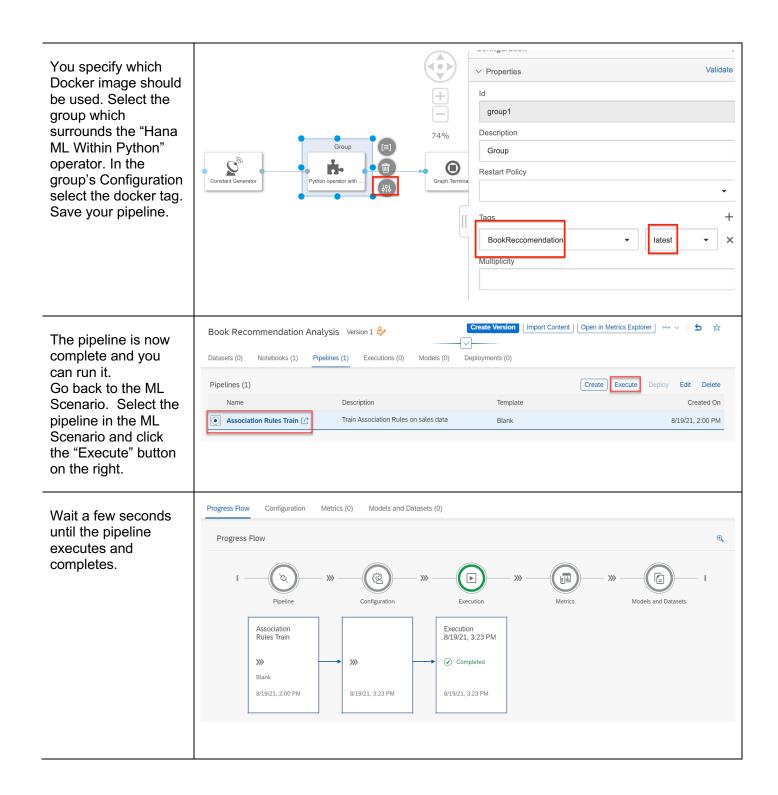
Customize the python template by adding the code to train the association algorithm. The complete script is available here to the right. Replace the schema value with your assigned user id for the exercise. Notice that python is sensitive to indentation!

```
import hana ml
from hana_ml import dataframe
import numpy as np
def on_input(data):
  conn = hana_ml.dataframe.ConnectionContext(
  api.config.hanaConnection['connectionProperties']['host'],
  api.config.hanaConnection['connectionProperties']['port'],
  api.config.hanaConnection['connectionProperties']['user'],
  api.config.hanaConnection['connectionProperties']['password'],
  encrypt='true',
  sslValidateCertificate='false')
# insert your specific code / script here ...
  df_hana = (conn.table('SAP_CAPIRE_BOOKSHOP_ORDERITEMS', schema='<XXXXXXXXXX'))
  df hana=df hana.select('ORDER ID','BOOK ID')
  from hana_ml.algorithms.pal.association import Apriori
  min_support=0.0005
  min confidence=0.05
  min_lift=5
  ap = Apriori(min_support=min_support,
       min_confidence=min_confidence,
       max_len = 2,
       min lift=min lift
  ap.fit(data=df_hana)
  ap.result_.save(where='APRIORI_BOOK_ASSOCIATION_PIPELINE_TRAINING',force=True)
# output some quality metrics
```





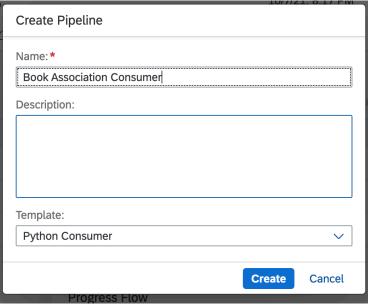




You will now use the model for real-time inference with REST-API.

Go back to the main page of your ML Scenario and create a second pipeline. This pipeline will provide the REST-API to obtain predictions in real-time.

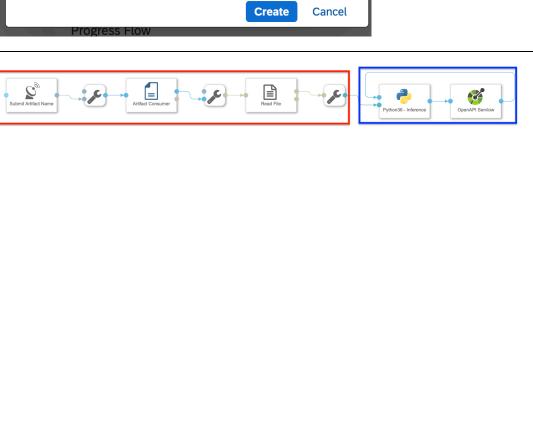
Select the template "Python Consumer" to create a bespoke pipeline.
Click Create.



Take a moment to understand this template. The first portion of the graph, shown in red in the picture, has the function of reading a model artifact stored in a binary file and feeding it to the second portion of the graph. As a matter of fact, in machine learning scenarios, trained models such as regressors or classifiers, are usually stored in binary format.

In our scenario, however, the results of Apriori are not stored in an artifact, but in a HANA table. We can delete the operators within the red box, we will not need them.

The blue portion of the graph, instead, is what we need to

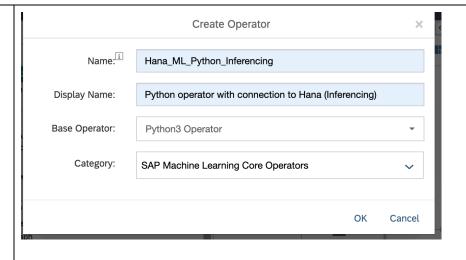


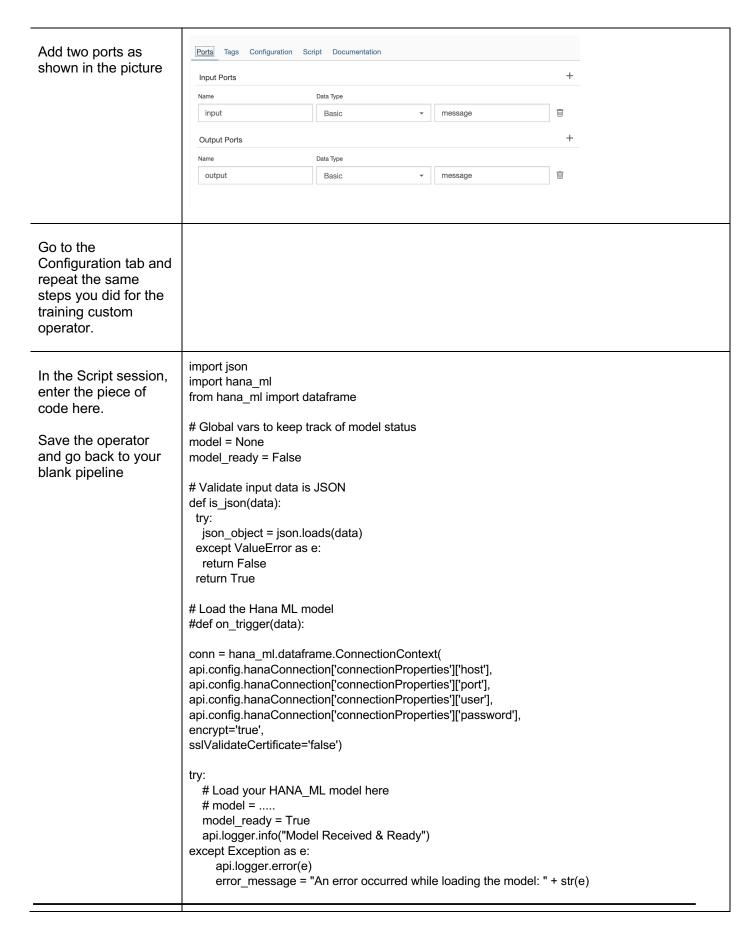
expose the book association table to an open API service. The OpenAPI Servlow operator reads requests coming from the openAPI and submits them to the python operator. These requests contains the ID of books that are about to be chosen by a customer. The role of the python operator will be querying the book association table to come up with a list of recommendations that will be sent back to the open API service.

Since we need to query a table stored in HANA, a simple python operator will not suffice. We will need a custom operator, similar to the one we built for the training pipeline, with the possibility to configure a HANA connection. Click on the plus button

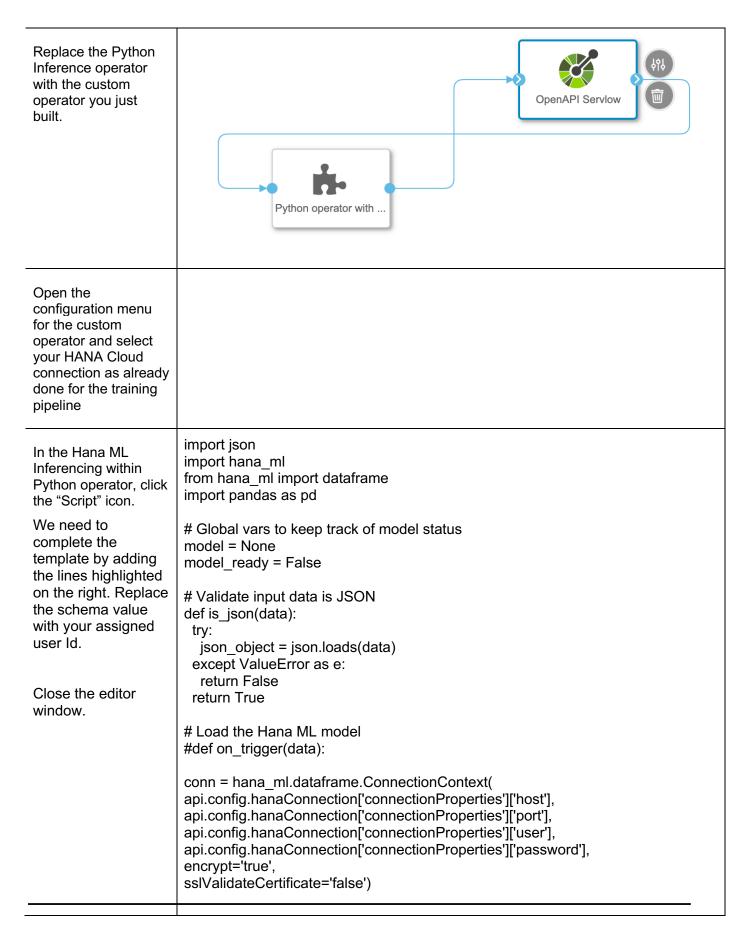


to create a new operator. Configure the dialog box as shown here.





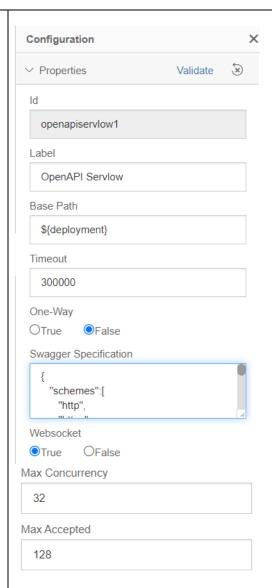
```
# Client POST request received
def on input(msg):
  error_message = ""
  success = False
  prediction = None
     api.logger.info("POST request received from Client - checking if model is ready")
    if model_ready:
       api.logger.info("Model Ready")
       api.logger.info("Received data from client - validating json input")
       user data = msg.body.decode('utf-8')
       # Received message from client, verify json data is valid
       if is ison(user data):
          api.logger.info("Received valid json data from client - ready to use")
         # apply your model
         # obtain your results
         input field = json.loads(user data)["input"]
         #prediction = .....apply model here ...
          success = True
         api.logger.info("Invalid JSON received from client - cannot apply model.")
         error_message = "Invalid JSON provided in request: " + user_data
         success = False
     else:
       api.logger.info("Model has not yet reached the input port - try again.")
       error message = "Model has not yet reached the input port - try again."
       success = False
  except Exception as e:
     api.logger.error(e)
     error_message = "An error occurred: " + str(e)
  if success:
    # apply carried out successfully, send a response to the user
    msg.body = json.dumps({'prediction': prediction})
  else:
     msg.body = json.dumps({'Error': error_message})
  new_attributes = {'message.request.id': msg.attributes['message.request.id']}
  msg.attributes = new attributes
  api.send('output', msg)
api.set port callback("input", on input)
```



```
try:
  # Load your HANA_ML model here
  model = (conn.table('APRIORI BOOK ASSOCIATION PIPELINE TRAINING',
schema='<XXXXXXXXX'))
  model ready = True
  api.logger.info("Model Received & Ready")
except Exception as e:
     api.logger.error(e)
     error message = "An error occurred while loading the model: " + str(e)
# Client POST request received
def on input(msq):
  error message = ""
  success = False
  prediction = None
  try:
     api.logger.info("POST request received from Client - checking if model is
ready")
    if model ready:
       api.logger.info("Model Ready")
       api.logger.info("Received data from client - validating json input")
       user data = msg.body.decode('utf-8')
       # Received message from client, verify json data is valid
       if is ison(user data):
          api.logger.info("Received valid json data from client - ready to use")
         # apply your model
         # obtain your results
          book ID = json.loads(user_data)["book"]
          filter string='ANTECEDENT = '+str(book ID)
         prediction =
model.filter(filter_string).sort('LIFT',desc=True).select('CONSEQUENT').collect().v
alues.tolist()
         if len(prediction) == 0:
            prediction='No rule available for this book'
         success = True
       else:
          api.logger.info("Invalid JSON received from client - cannot apply
model.")
          error message = "Invalid JSON provided in request: " + user data
         success = False
     else:
       api.logger.info("Model has not yet reached the input port - try again.")
       error message = "Model has not yet reached the input port - try again."
       success = False
  except Exception as e:
     api.logger.error(e)
     error_message = "An error occurred: " + str(e)
```

if success: # apply carried out successfully, send a response to the user msg.body = json.dumps({'recommendation': prediction}) else: msg.body = json.dumps({'Error': error message}) new\_attributes = {'message.request.id': msg.attributes['message.request.id']} msg.attributes = new attributes api.send('output', msg) api.set port callback("input", on input) Description Assign the Docker 76% image. As before, Group right-click the custom Restart Policy operator and select OpenAPI Serviov "Group". Add the tag Save the changes. + Tags BookReccomendation latest × Multiplicity 0 > Resources

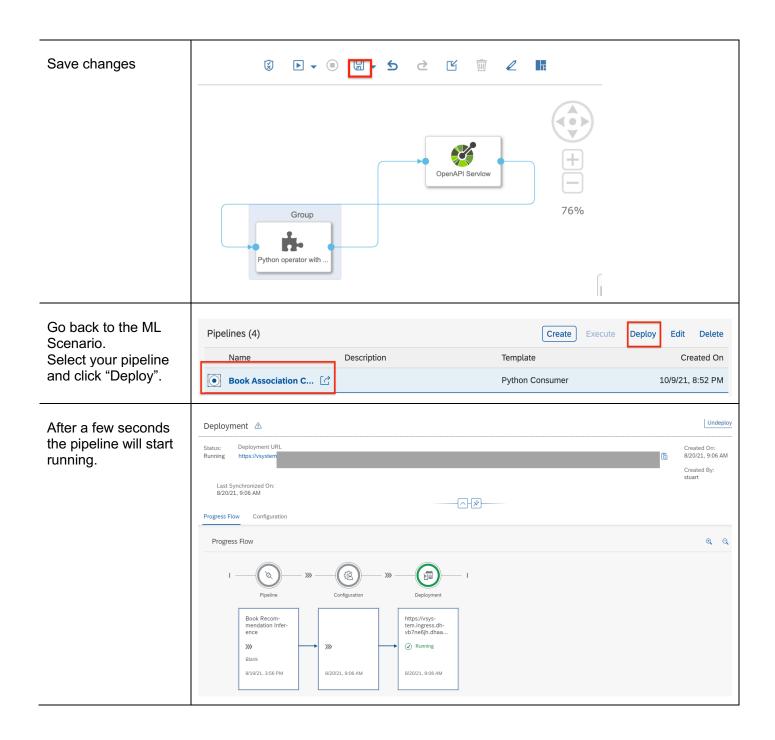
Click on OpenAPIServlow and have a look at the configuration



Notice in particular the content of the Swagger Specification.

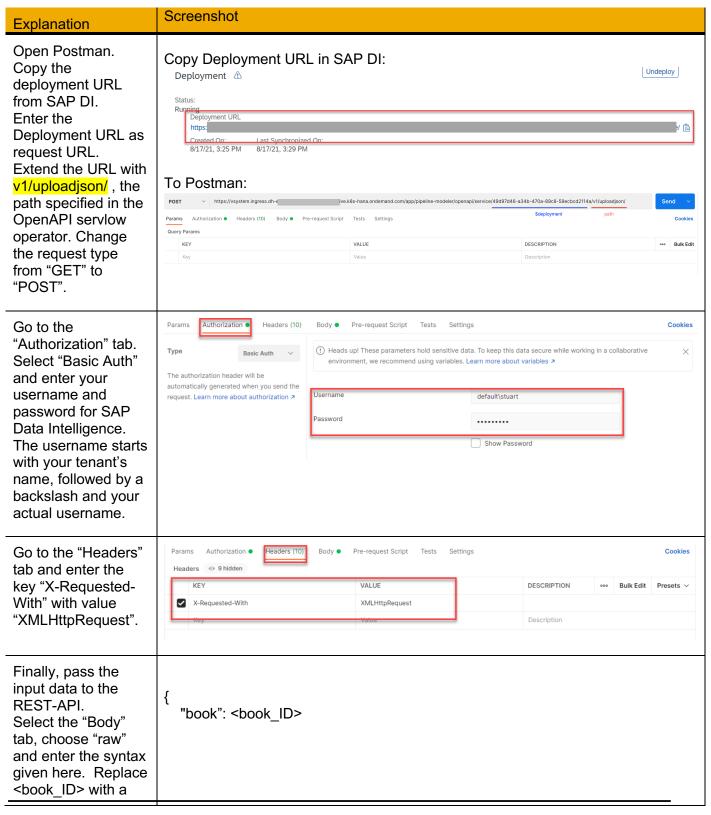
```
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    "http",
    "https"
],
  "swagger":"2.0",
  "info":{
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    "title":"OpenAPI demo",
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    "contact":{
    },
    "license":{
        "name":"Apache 2.0",
    }
}
```

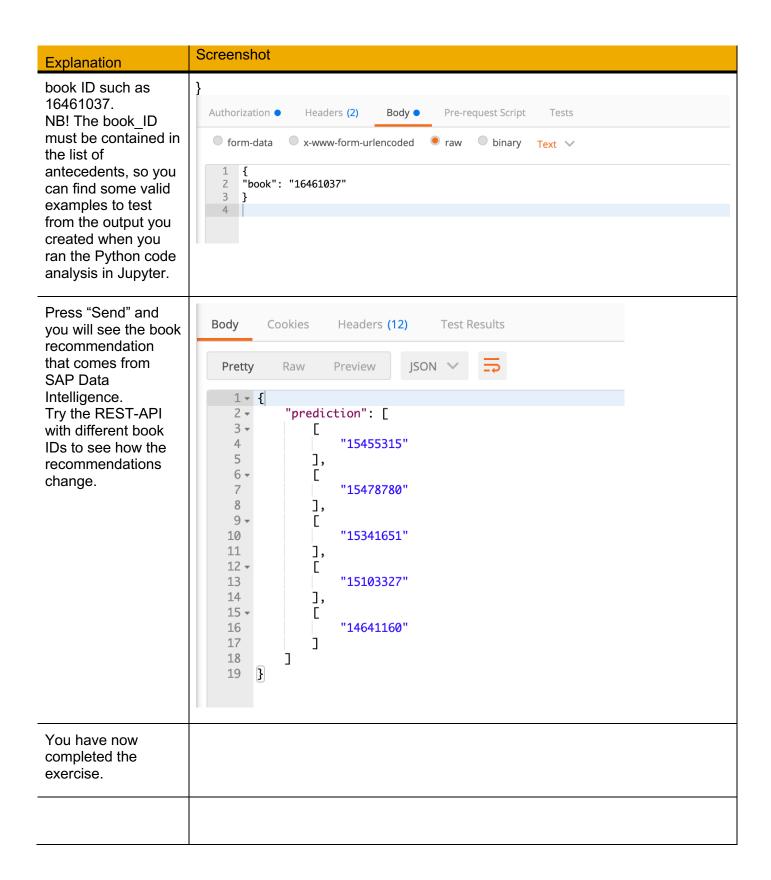
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},
"securityDefinitions":{
  "UserSecurity":{
    "type":"basic"
}
```



#### STEP 3 – USE YOUR ASSOCIATION RULES MODEL

Now that you have deployed your model, you can use it for real-time book recommendations. For this, you are going to use the Postman application.





#### **APPENDIX 1 – INTRODUCTION TO ASSOCIATION RULES**

For a clearly presented tutorial on the concepts of association rules and the Apriori algorithm we use in this exercise, please see <a href="https://www.kdnuggets.com/2016/04/association-rules-apriori-algorithm-tutorial.html">https://www.kdnuggets.com/2016/04/association-rules-apriori-algorithm-tutorial.html</a>.

For an introduction to Association Rules, see the PowerPoint presentation Short Introduction to Association Rules.pptx

#### APPENDIX 2 – APRIORI IN SAP HANA ML

Apriori is a classic predictive analysis algorithm for finding association rules used in association analysis. Association analysis uncovers the hidden patterns, correlations or casual structures among a set of items or objects. For example, association analysis enables you to understand what products and services customers tend to purchase at the same time. By analyzing the purchasing trends of your customers with association analysis, you can predict their future behavior.

Apriori is designed to operate on databases containing transactions. As is common in association rule mining, given a set of items, the algorithm attempts to find subsets which are common to at least a minimum number of the item sets. Apriori uses a "bottom up" approach, where frequent subsets are extended one item at a time, a step known as candidate generation, and groups of candidates are tested against the data. The algorithm terminates when no further successful extensions are found. Apriori uses breadth-first search and a tree structure to count candidate item sets efficiently. It generates candidate item sets of length k from item sets of length k-1, and then prunes the candidates which have an infrequent sub pattern. The candidate set contains all frequent k-length item sets. After that, it scans the transaction database to determine frequent item sets among the candidates.

The Apriori function in PAL uses vertical data format to store the transaction data in memory. The function can take VARCHAR/NVARCHAR or INTEGER transaction ID and item ID as input. It supports the output of confidence, support, and lift value, but does not limit the number of output rules.

#### Prerequisites:

- The input data does not contain null value.
- There are no duplicated items in each transaction

#### Input Table

| Table | Column     | Data Type                        | Description    |
|-------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| DATA  | 1st column | INTEGER, VARCHAR, or<br>NVARCHAR | Transaction ID |
|       | 2nd column | INTEGER, VARCHAR, or<br>NVARCHAR | Item ID        |

# Parameter Table Mandatory Parameters

The following parameters are mandatory and must be given a value.

| Name           | Data Type | Description                                       |
|----------------|-----------|---|
| MIN_SUPPORT    | DOUBLE    | User-specified minimum support (actual value).    |
| MIN_CONFIDENCE | DOUBLE    | User-specified minimum confidence (actual value). |

**Optional Parameters**The following parameters are optional. If a parameter is not specified, PAL will use its default value.

| Name               | Data Type | Default Value    | Description  |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------|--|
| MIN_LIFT           | DOUBLE    | 0.0              | User-specified minimum lift.   |
| MAX_CONSEQUENT     | INTEGER   | 100              | Maximum length of dependent items.   |
| MAXITEMLENGTH      | INTEGER   | 5                | Total length of leading items and dependent items in the output.   |
| UBIQUITOUS         | DOUBLE    | 1.0              | Ignores items whose support values are greater than the UBIQUITOUS value during the frequent items mining phase.             |
| IS_USE_PREFIX_TREE | INTEGER   | 0                | Indicates whether to use the prefix tree, which can save memory.  O: Does not use the prefix tree.  I: Uses the prefix tree. |
| LHS_RESTRICT       | VARCHAR   | No default value | Specifies that some items are only allowed on the left-hand side of the association rules.                                   |
| RHS_RESTRICT       | VARCHAR   | No default value | Specifies that some items are only allowed on the right-hand side of the association rules.                                  |

| Name                          | Data Type | Default Value | Description  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| LHS_IS_COMPLEMEN-<br>TARY_RHS | INTEGER   | 0             | If you use RHS_RESTRICT to restrict some items to the right-hand side of the association rules, you can set this parameter to 1 to restrict the complementary items to the left-hand side.                 |
|                               |           |               | For example, if you have 1000 items (i1, i2,, i1000) and want to restrict i1 and i2 to the right-hand side, and i3, i4,, i1000 to the left-hand side, you can set the parameters similar to the following: |
|                               |           |               | INSERT INTO PAL_CONTROL_TBL VALUES ('RHS_RESTRICT', NULL, NULL, 'il');   |
|                               |           |               | INSERT INTO PAL_CONTROL_TBL VALUES ('RHS_RESTRICT', NULL, NULL, 'i2');   |
|                               |           |               | INSERT INTO PAL_CONTROL_TBL VALUES ('LHS_IS_COMPLEMENT ARY_RHS', 1, NULL, NULL);   |
| RHS_IS_COMPLEMEN-<br>TARY_LHS | INTEGER   | 0             | If you use LHS_RESTRICT to restrict some items to the left-hand side of the association rules, you can set this parameter to 1 to restrict the complementary items to the right-hand side.                 |

| Name         | Data Type | Default Value | Description   |  |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|---|--|
| THREAD_RATIO | DOUBLE    | 0             | Specifies the ratio of total number of threads that can be used by this function. The value range is from 0 to 1, where 0 means only using 1 thread, and 1 means using at most all the currently available threads. Values outside the range will be ignored and this function heuristically determines the number of threads to use. |  |
| TIMEOUT      | INTEGER   | 3600          | Specifies the maximum run<br>time in seconds. The algo-<br>rithm will stop running when<br>the specified timeout is<br>reached.   |  |
| PMML_EXPORT  | INTEGER   | 0             | O: Does not export Apriori model in PMML.  Exports Apriori model in PMML in single row.  Exports Apriori model in PMML in several rows, and the minimum length of each row is 5000 characters.  |  |

### Output Tables

| Table  | Column     | Data Type      | Column Name   | Description                     |
|--------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| RESULT | 1st column | NVARCHAR(1000) | ANTECEDENT    | Leadingitems                    |
|        | 2nd column | NVARCHAR(1000) | CONSEQUENT    | Dependent items                 |
|        | 3rd column | DOUBLE         | SUPPORT       | Support value                   |
|        | 4th column | DOUBLE         | CONFIDENCE    | Confidence value                |
|        | 5th column | DOUBLE         | LIFT          | Lift value                      |
| MODEL  | 1st column | INTEGER        | ROW_INDEX     | ID                              |
|        | 2nd column | NVARCHAR(5000) | MODEL_CONTENT | Apriori model in PMML<br>format |

We know that the connection is set, we can access the sales order table in the form of a hana dataframe, and start to prepare the data for the association analysis.

df\_hana = (conn.table('SAP\_CAPIRE\_BOOKSHOP\_ORDERITEMS', schema='AC3287U01')) df\_hana.head(20).collect()

#### This gives an output:

|    | ORDER_ID | ORDER_DATE | BOOK_ID | TITLE  |
|----|----------|------------|---------|--|
| 0  | 115      | 2012-09-07 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 1  | 237      | 2015-05-02 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 2  | 285      | 2011-06-11 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 3  | 312      | 2015-09-17 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 4  | 321      | 2015-01-21 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 5  | 394      | 2014-12-29 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 6  | 553      | 2015-08-06 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 7  | 674      | 2016-09-01 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 8  | 711      | 2012-11-03 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 9  | 749      | 2016-05-18 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 10 | 916      | 2015-08-19 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 11 | 968      | 2014-04-28 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 12 | 1438     | 2015-12-29 | 5       | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harr |
| 13 | 1527     | 2015-10-07 | 5       | Harm Dotte and the Prisoner of Azhoban Harr.   |

To run the book association analysis, we will need just the order id and the book id, so we have filtered these two columns using the select method.

df\_hana=df\_hana.select('ORDER\_ID','BOOK\_ID')
df hana.head(5).collect()

#### This gives an output:

|   | ORDER_ID | BOOK_ID |
|---|----------|---------|
| 0 | 115      | 5       |
| 1 | 237      | 5       |
| 2 | 285      | 5       |
| 3 | 312      | 5       |
| 4 | 321      | 5       |

```
import numpy as np
print('Number of purchased books: ', df_hana.shape[0])
n_transactions=len(np.unique(df_hana.collect()['ORDER_ID']))
print( 'Number of purchase orders: ',n_transactions)
```

#### This gives an output:

```
Number of purchased books: 146293
Number of purchase orders: 84607
```

As we can see above, the book sales records contain the list of books sold by Mr. Cricket in the last few years. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" had a pretty good success. The table is in long (transactional) format, meaning that each row contains only one book, and books that were sold in the same transaction are recorded in multiple rows having the same order ID.

The sales history contains 84607 transactions, for a total of 146293 books.

#### **Build the Association Rules Model**

For this analysis, we will use the Apriori association algorithm. We will not enter here in the details of how the algorithm works, but you can check out the following resources to learn more:

- [HANA ML Python APIs.- Association Analysis Algorithms] (https://blogs.sap.com/2019/09/03/association-algorithms-hana-ml-apis/)
- [Association Rules and the Apriori Algorithm: A Tutorial] (https://www.kdnuggets.com/2016/04/association-rules-apriori-algorithm-tutorial.html)
- [Association Discovery the Apriori Algorithm] (https://pub.towardsai.net/association-discovery-the-apriori-algorithm-28c1e71e0f04)
- [SAP HANA PAL documentation] (https://help.sap.com/viewer/2cfbc5cf2bc14f028cfbe2a2bba60a50/2.0.04/en-US/7a073d66173a4c1589ef5fbe5bb3120f.html)

In the cell below, we import the Apriori algorithm from HANA ML and we fit it to our sales dataset. The algorithm will crunch historical sales records in search of good book associations rules. Notice that we set a few parameters while calling the algorithm (e.g. min\_support and min\_confidence). We use this analysis in Jupyter Notebooks to find suitable values for these thresholds, often repeating the tests a number of times to identify the best range for the parameters. Once we have established the best parameter values, we can then easily use these to productionize the models in the SAP DI pipeline. We will come back to these and explain them later.

ap.fit(data=df\_hana)

To look at the output:

rules\_df = ap.result\_.collect().sort\_values('LIFT',ascending=False)
rules df

#### The output is:

|    | ANTECEDENT | CONSEQUENT | SUPPORT  | CONFIDENCE | LIFT       |
|----|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 73 | 6545536    | 6393047    | 0.000508 | 0.573333   | 606.350167 |
| 72 | 6393047    | 6545536    | 0.000508 | 0.537500   | 606.350167 |
| 75 | 280277     | 277191     | 0.000898 | 0.655172   | 518.057686 |
| 74 | 277191     | 280277     | 0.000898 | 0.710280   | 518.057686 |
| 70 | 6389704    | 6393047    | 0.000508 | 0.462366   | 488.992070 |
|    |            |            |          |            |            |
| 3  | 11737313   | 11594337   | 0.000579 | 0.114486   | 6.540389   |
| 11 | 233818     | 47281      | 0.000520 | 0.063128   | 5.987718   |
| 2  | 11594337   | 11387515   | 0.002127 | 0.121540   | 2.750225   |
| 4  | 11737313   | 11387515   | 0.000508 | 0.100467   | 2.273398   |
| 7  | 30119      | 5          | 0.000556 | 0.054335   | 1.082955   |

76 rows × 5 columns

The Apriori algorithm found 76 book associations. Let's replace the book ID with the book title, so that we can have a better understanding of the results.

#### import string

books = (conn.table('SAP\_CAPIRE\_BOOKSHOP\_BOOKS', schema='AC3287U01')).collect() books=books.set index('ID')

rules\_df['ANTECEDENT']=rules\_df['ANTECEDENT'].apply(lambda x: books.TITLE[int(x)]) rules\_df['CONSEQUENT'] =rules\_df['CONSEQUENT'].apply(lambda x: books.TITLE[int(x)]) rules\_df

The output is:

|    | ANTECEDENT  | CONSEQUENT   | SUPPORT  | CONFIDENCE | LIFT       |
|----|---|--|----------|------------|------------|
| 73 | The Emperor's Code (The 39 Clues, #8)               | The Viper's Nest (39 Clues, #7)                      | 0.000508 | 0.573333   | 606.350167 |
| 72 | The Viper's Nest (39 Clues, #7)                     | The Emperor's Code (The 39 Clues, #8)                | 0.000508 | 0.537500   | 606.350167 |
| 75 | Lucinda's Secret (The Spiderwick<br>Chronicles, #3) | The Ironwood Tree (The Spiderwick<br>Chronicles, #4) | 0.000898 | 0.655172   | 518.057686 |
| 74 | The Ironwood Tree (The Spiderwick Chronicles, #4)   | Lucinda's Secret (The Spiderwick<br>Chronicles, #3)  | 0.000898 | 0.710280   | 518.057686 |
| 70 | In Too Deep (The 39 Clues, #6)                      | The Viper's Nest (39 Clues, #7)                      | 0.000508 | 0.462366   | 488.992070 |
|    |   | ***  |          |            |            |
| 3  | Three Times Lucky (Mo & Dale<br>Mysteries, #1)      | The One and Only Ivan                                | 0.000579 | 0.114486   | 6.540389   |
| 11 | Island of the Blue Dolphins (Island of the Blu      | Number the Stars                                     | 0.000520 | 0.063128   | 5.987718   |
| 2  | The One and Only Ivan                               | Wonder (Wonder #1)                                   | 0.002127 | 0.121540   | 2.750225   |
| 4  | Three Times Lucky (Mo & Dale<br>Mysteries, #1)      | Wonder (Wonder #1)                                   | 0.000508 | 0.100467   | 2.273398   |
| 7  | Where the Sidewalk Ends                             | Harry Potter and the Prisoner of<br>Azkaban (Harr    | 0.000556 | 0.054335   | 1.082955   |

76 rows × 5 columns

What a surprise! The first lines seem to indicate that volumes belonging to the same series are often purchased together.

How can we interpret these results in more detail?

The result table shows a list of antecedent-consequent pairs: customers that bought the antecedent book (**A**) have often bought the corresponding consequent (**C**) in the same purchase. The antecedent and consequent columns contain always just one book each because we set the maximum length of the sequence (max\_len parameter) to 2. This has been done just for sake of simplicity. Otherwise, more complex sequences made of combinations of multiple books would be also possible.

For each association rule, some statistics are also available:

SUPPORT - The support indicates how frequent the book association is. This is why we set the minimum\_support parameter to a value of 0.05%, meaning that we are taking into account only books combinations that took place at least in 0.05% of the transactions, that is to say in a few tens of occasions. As a matter of fact, it doesn't make sense to consider associations that happened less frequently than that: very rare books are not likely to bring any statistically significant information and they won't have much impact on Mr. Cricket revenues anyway.

CONFIDENCE - The confidence is the probability of purchasing book C when book A is purchased. In general, the higher the confidence, the more robust the association is.

LIFT - When both A and C are popular books, however, the confidence measure can be misleading. An association can be frequent just because both books involved are purchased frequently. Consider for instance the last association proposed. "The Little Prince" has been bought with "Harry Potter" quite frequently, but there is no meaningful association between the two. The thing is that these books are both very popular. The lift measure helps precisely to distinguish these situations. It is defined as the probability of purchasing "Harry Potter" when "The little Prince" is purchased, scaled by the overall probability of purchasing "Harry Potter" anyway. **Only combinations with lift > 1 are actually meaningful**.

It's interesting to explore the combinations with intermediate lift values, as shown below. A few valuable associations of books not belonging to the same series were discovered. Notice for instance "The Cat in the

Hat" and "The Very Hungry Catarpillar", or "James and the Giant Peach" and "The BFG". These associations are not obvious, and it would not be easy to spot them without a statistical analysis.

rules\_df[(rules\_df['LIFT']<30) & (rules\_df['LIFT']>5)]

#### The output is:

|    | ANTECEDENT  | CONSEQUENT  | SUPPORT  | CONFIDENCE | LIFT      |
|----|---|---|----------|------------|-----------|
| 6  | A Light in the Attic                              | Where the Sidewalk Ends                           | 0.000898 | 0.302789   | 29.616249 |
| 5  | Where the Sidewalk Ends                           | A Light in the Attic                              | 0.000898 | 0.087861   | 29.616249 |
| 40 | The Bad Beginning (A Series of<br>Unfortunate Eve | The Reptile Room (A Series of<br>Unfortunate Even | 0.004066 | 0.209246   | 28.012112 |
| 41 | The Reptile Room (A Series of<br>Unfortunate Even | The Bad Beginning (A Series of<br>Unfortunate Eve | 0.004066 | 0.544304   | 28.012112 |
| 10 | The Marvelous Land of Oz (Oz, #2)                 | The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (Oz, #1)               | 0.000567 | 0.333333   | 26.065003 |
| 25 | The Lorax   | The Cat in the Hat                                | 0.000662 | 0.139303   | 24.657008 |
| 24 | The Cat in the Hat                                | The Lorax   | 0.000662 | 0.117155   | 24.657008 |
| 36 | The Bad Beginning (A Series of<br>Unfortunate Eve | The Ersatz Elevator (A Series of<br>Unfortunate E | 0.001371 | 0.070560   | 20.514904 |
| 37 | The Ersatz Elevator (A Series of<br>Unfortunate E | The Bad Beginning (A Series of<br>Unfortunate Eve | 0.001371 | 0.398625   | 20.514904 |
| 15 | The Bad Beginning (A Series of<br>Unfortunate Eve | The Austere Academy (A Series of<br>Unfortunate E | 0.001690 | 0.086983   | 19.624981 |
| 14 | The Austere Academy (A Series of                  | The Bad Beginning (A Series of                    | 0.001690 | 0.381333   | 19.624981 |

Now that the Blue Fairy data scientists have understood the data using the apriori analysis, they can play with the notebook and adjust the parameters of the Apriori algorithm until they find a configuration they are happy with. For instance, it might be a good idea to add a lift lower bound with the min lift input parameter.

#### Save Results

Last thing left to do is to save the list of associations. Notice that ap.result\_ is also a HANA dataframe, so it exists only in memory and it will be gone forever if the connection with HANA is dropped. If you want to persist the data in our HANA DB, you can use the save method as follows:

ap.result .save(where='APRIORI BOOK ASSOCIATION',force=True)

After running the line above, you should be able to see that a new table named APRIORI\_BOOK\_ASSOCIATION has been created in your schema. Now it's all done you can happily close the connection to HANA.

conn.close()

The next step would then be operationalizing the association model using SAP Data Intelligence pipelines. Mr. Cricket is almost ready to have his special book recommendation application to help his business grow.