

Association rule learning is a rule-based method for discovering relations between variables in large datasets. In the case of retail POS (point-of-sale) transactions analytics, our variables are going to be the retail products. It essentially discovers strong associations (rules) with some “strongness” level, which is represented by several parameters.

## Apriori Algorithm

The Apriori algorithm (originally proposed by [Agrawal](#)) is one of the most common techniques in Market Basket Analysis. It is used to analyze the frequent itemsets in a transactional database, which then is used to generate association rules between the products. Install the **apriori** library using the command line by running the following pip command.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from apyori import apriori
```

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
df=pd.read_csv('GroceryStoreDataSet.csv')
df
```

Out[1]:

	MILK,BREAD,BISCUIT
0	BREAD,MILK,BISCUIT,CORNFLAKES
1	BREAD,TEA,BOURNVITA
2	JAM,MAGGI,BREAD,MILK
3	MAGGI,TEA,BISCUIT
4	BREAD,TEA,BOURNVITA
5	MAGGI,TEA,CORNFLAKES
6	MAGGI,BREAD,TEA,BISCUIT
7	JAM,MAGGI,BREAD,TEA
8	BREAD,MILK
9	COFFEE,COCK,BISCUIT,CORNFLAKES
10	COFFEE COCK BISCUIT CORNFLAKES

```
In [2]: df.isnull().sum()
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Out[2]: MILK,BREAD,BISCUIT    0  
dtype: int64
```

```
In [3]: pip install apyori
```

Requirement already satisfied: apyori in c:\users\bhavana\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (1.1.2)  
Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

```
In [8]: from apyori import apriori  
rules=apriori(df,min_support=0.01,min_confidence=0.02,min_lift=1,min_length=1)
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In [9]: m=list(rules)  
m  
=frozenset(), items_add=frozenset({'M'}), confidence=1.0, lift=1.0]],  
RelationRecord(items=frozenset({'R'}), support=1.0, ordered_statistics=[OrderedStatistic(items_base=  
=frozenset(), items_add=frozenset({'R'}), confidence=1.0, lift=1.0)]),  
RelationRecord(items=frozenset({'S'}), support=1.0, ordered_statistics=[OrderedStatistic(items_base=  
=frozenset(), items_add=frozenset({'S'}), confidence=1.0, lift=1.0)]),  
RelationRecord(items=frozenset({'T'}), support=1.0, ordered_statistics=[OrderedStatistic(items_base=  
=frozenset(), items_add=frozenset({'T'}), confidence=1.0, lift=1.0)]),  
RelationRecord(items=frozenset({'U'}), support=1.0, ordered_statistics=[OrderedStatistic(items_base
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In [10]: print(len(m))
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16383
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In [11]: print(m[0])
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RelationRecord(items=frozenset({'','}), support=1.0, ordered_statistics=[OrderedStatistic(items_base=f  
rozenset(), items_add=frozenset({'','}), confidence=1.0, lift=1.0)])
```