

Market Basket Analysis

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Libraries

```
library(tidyverse)
library(knitr)
library(kableExtra)
library(corrplot)
library(reshape2)
library(Amelia)
library(dlookr)
library(fpp2)
library(plotly)
library(gridExtra)
library(readxl)
library(ggplot2)
library(urca)
library(tseries)
library(AppliedPredictiveModeling)
library(RANN)
library(psych)
library(e1071)
library(corrplot)
library(glmnet)
library(mlbench)
library(caret)
library(earth)
library(randomForest)
library(party)
library(Cubist)
library(gbm)
library(rpart)
library(dplyr)
library(arulesViz)
library(igraph)
```

Problem statement

Imagine 10000 receipts sitting on your table. Each receipt represents a transaction with items that were purchased. The receipt is a representation of stuff that went into a customer's basket - and therefore "Market Basket Analysis".

That is exactly what the Groceries Data Set contains: a collection of receipts with each line representing 1 receipt and the items purchased. Each line is called a transaction and each column in a row represents an item. The data set is attached.

Your assignment is to use R to mine the data for association rules. You should report support, confidence and lift and your top 10 rules by lift.

Extra credit: do a simple cluster analysis on the data as well. Use whichever packages you like. Due May 3 before midnight.

Brief explanation

Initially, I proceeded to read with `read_csv`. Although I was able to read the usual csv file (GroceryDataSet.csv i.e.), it didn't help in down stream analysis. So, in order to mine the data for **Association Rules**, I googled and learned that `apriori()` function was required. This is not something, which we customarily use or have used so in the past. On googling, I hit upon the following page:

<https://blog.aptitive.com/building-the-transactions-class-for-association-rule-mining-in-r-using-arules>

The page gives an overview of transactions class, `apriori()` functions etc. The package `arules` is required, which I added to the list of libraries above. "Market Basket Analysis" was a good clue.

Explanation of some of the terms in Association Rules, which we'll encounter below:

Support of a set of items is the frequency with which, an item appears in the dataset.

Confidence of a rule is the frequency of how often a rule has been found to be true.

Lift is the ratio of the actual support to the expected support.

Reading data and summary

```
# grocery_transactions <- read_csv('./GroceryDataSet.csv')
grocery_transactions <- read.transactions('./GroceryDataSet.csv', sep = ",")
```

```
summary(grocery_transactions)
```

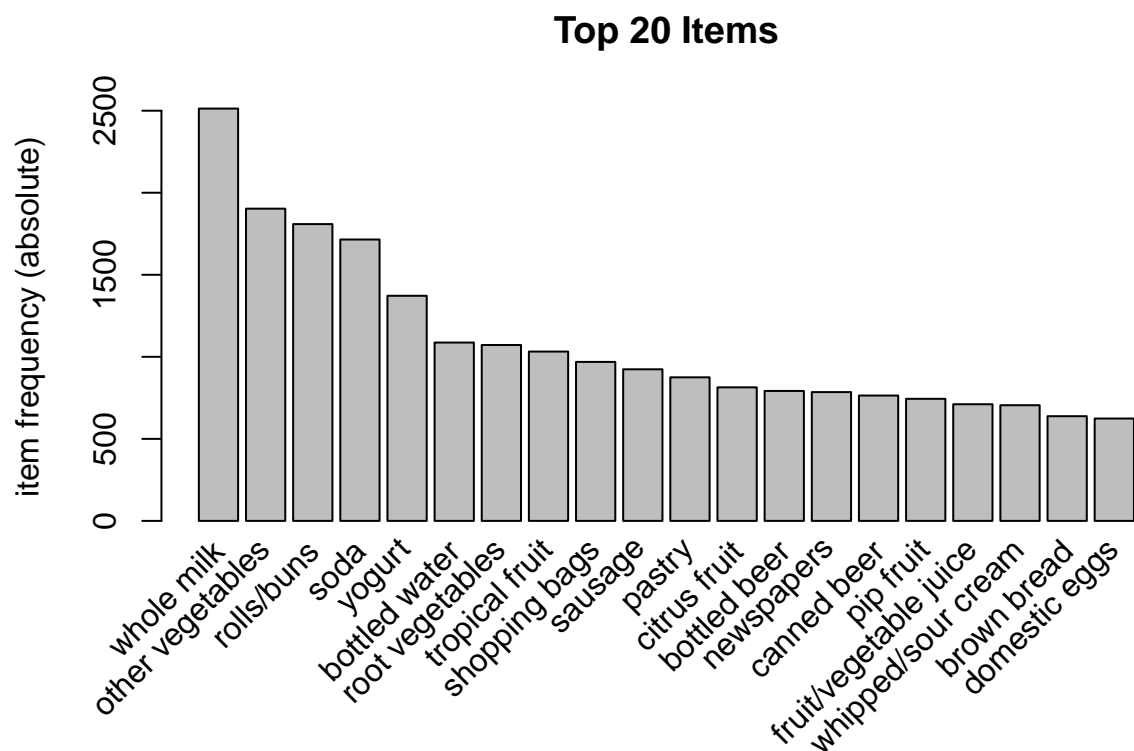
```
## transactions as itemMatrix in sparse format with
## 9835 rows (elements/itemsets/transactions) and
## 169 columns (items) and a density of 0.02609146
##
## most frequent items:
##      whole milk other vegetables      rolls/buns      soda
##           2513           1903           1809           1715
##           yogurt           (Other)
##           1372           34055
##
## element (itemset/transaction) length distribution:
## sizes
##      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9     10     11     12     13     14     15     16
## 2159 1643 1299 1005  855  645  545  438  350  246  182  117  78   77   55   46
##     17     18     19     20     21     22     23     24     26     27     28     29     32
```

```
##      29      14      14      9      11      4      6      1      1      1      1      3      1
##
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##      1.000   2.000   3.000   4.409   6.000   32.000
##
## includes extended item information - examples:
##              labels
## 1 abrasive cleaner
## 2 artif. sweetener
## 3   baby cosmetics
```

From summary, we see that some of the most frequent items are “whole milk”, “other vegetables”, “rolls/buns”, “soda” etc. In order to get a better visualization, I’ll use function `itemFrequencyPlot()`.

Frequency of top 20 most frequent items

```
itemFrequencyPlot(grocery_transactions, topN = 20, type = "absolute", main = "Top 20 Items")
```



This graph gives an idea of frequencies of top 20 most frequent items. This graph corroborate the few observations in summary.

Further analysis

Now, I'll use `apriori()` function, for “Market Basket Analysis”. I explored `apriori()` function, by varying the values of the parameters, **support** and **confidence**. With some combinations, I didn't get any results at all – simply errored out. With `support = 0.001`, `confidence = 0.4`, in descending order of lift, I got a table (shown down below).

```
support <- 0.001
confidence <- 0.4
rules <- apriori(grocery_transactions, parameter = list(support = support, confidence = confidence), con
```

```
summary(rules)
```

```
## set of 8955 rules
##
## rule length distribution (lhs + rhs):sizes
##      2      3      4      5      6
##    81 2771 4804 1245    54
##
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##    2.000   3.000   4.000   3.824   4.000   6.000
##
## summary of quality measures:
##      support      confidence      coverage      lift
##    Min.   :0.001017   Min.   :0.4000   Min.   :0.001017   Min.   : 1.565
##    1st Qu.:0.001118   1st Qu.:0.4583   1st Qu.:0.001932   1st Qu.: 2.316
##    Median :0.001322   Median :0.5319   Median :0.002542   Median : 2.870
##    Mean   :0.001811   Mean   :0.5579   Mean   :0.003478   Mean   : 3.191
##    3rd Qu.:0.001830   3rd Qu.:0.6296   3rd Qu.:0.003559   3rd Qu.: 3.733
##    Max.   :0.056024   Max.   :1.0000   Max.   :0.139502   Max.   :21.494
##
##      count
##    Min.   : 10.00
##    1st Qu.: 11.00
##    Median : 13.00
##    Mean   : 17.81
##    3rd Qu.: 18.00
##    Max.   :551.00
##
## mining info:
##      data ntransactions support confidence
##    grocery_transactions      9835    0.001      0.4
```

An important observation in summary is, there 8955 rules with length from 2 to 6.

In the following, I'll display the top 10 rules with their support and confidence, sorted descending order of lift.

```
rules %>% DATAFRAME() %>% arrange(desc(lift)) %>% top_n(10) %>% kable()
```

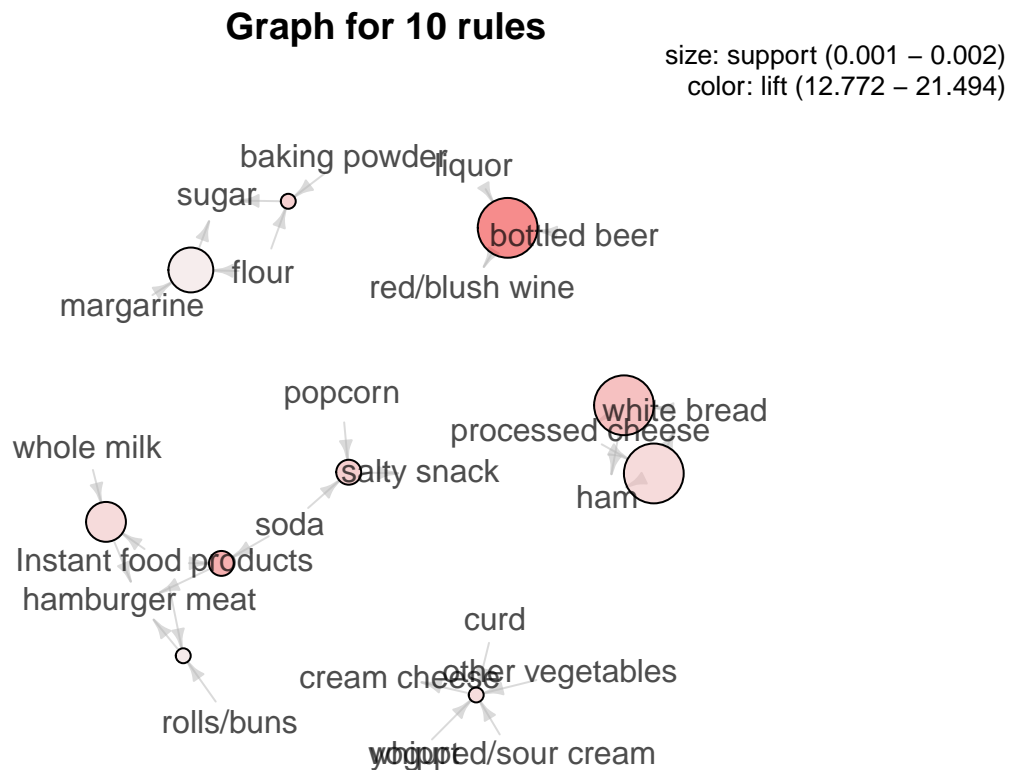
```
## Selecting by count
```

LHS	RHS	support	confidence	coverage	lift	count
{root vegetables}	{other vegetables}	0.0473818	0.4347015	0.1089985	2.246605	466
{whipped/sour cream}	{other vegetables}	0.0288765	0.4028369	0.0716828	2.081924	284
{butter}	{whole milk}	0.0275547	0.4972477	0.0554143	1.946053	271
{curd}	{whole milk}	0.0261312	0.4904580	0.0532791	1.919480	257
{domestic eggs}	{whole milk}	0.0299949	0.4727564	0.0634469	1.850203	295
{whipped/sour cream}	{whole milk}	0.0322318	0.4496454	0.0716828	1.759754	317
{root vegetables}	{whole milk}	0.0489070	0.4486940	0.1089985	1.756031	481
{margarine}	{whole milk}	0.0241993	0.4131944	0.0585663	1.617098	238
{tropical fruit}	{whole milk}	0.0422979	0.4031008	0.1049314	1.577595	416
{yogurt}	{whole milk}	0.0560244	0.4016035	0.1395018	1.571735	551

What is this table telling us? The rule having the greatest lift (2.246605), is for the item **{other vegetables}**, after purchase of **{root vegetables}**. The support and confidence of the item are 0.04738180 and 0.4347015 respectively.

The following graph gives a good visualization of how the items are associating.

```
subrules <- head(rules, n = 10, by = 'lift')
plot(subrules, method = 'graph')
```



Cluster analysis

In order to do cluster analysis, groupings must be identified. After creating a network graph from the given data, I'll use `cluster_louvain()` to

```

grocery_csv <- read.csv("GroceryDataSet.csv", header = FALSE) %>% mutate(shoper_id = row_number()) %>%
communities <- grocery_csv %>% rename(to = value, from = shoper_id) %>% graph_from_data_frame(directed =

```

The following step will associate customers and items to 19 clusters.

```

products <- as.character(unique(grocery_csv$value))

df <- data.frame(name = c(NA), members = c(NA)) %>% na.omit() # create data frame

for (i in 1:length(communities)){
  cluster_name <- paste0(i,": ")
  cluster_members <- 0
  for (member in communities[[i]]){
    if (member %in% products){
      cluster_name <- paste0(cluster_name, member, " + ")
    } else {
      cluster_members <- cluster_members + 1
    }
  }
  cluster_name <- substr(cluster_name,1,nchar(cluster_name)-3)
  df <- rbind(df, data.frame(name = cluster_name, members = cluster_members))
}

df %>%
  arrange(desc(members)) %>% kable()

```

name
8: chocolate + soda + specialty bar + pastry + salty snack + waffles + candy + dessert + chocolate marshmallow + spec
10: other vegetables + rice + abrasive cleaner + flour + beef + chicken + root vegetables + bathroom cleaner + spices +
12: ready soups + rolls/buns + frankfurter + sausage + spread cheese + hard cheese + canned fish + seasonal products +
13: whole milk + butter + cereals + curd + detergent + hamburger meat + flower (seeds) + canned vegetables + pasta +
5: liquor (appetizer) + canned beer + shopping bags + misc. beverages + chewing gum + brandy + liqueur + whisky
7: yogurt + cream cheese + meat spreads + packaged fruit/vegetables + butter milk + berries + whipped/sour cream +
4: tropical fruit + pip fruit + white bread + processed cheese + sweet spreads + beverages + ham + cookware + tea + s
15: citrus fruit + hygiene articles + domestic eggs + cat food + cling film/bags + canned fruit + dental care + flower soi
16: bottled beer + red/blush wine + prosecco + liquor + rum
11: UHT-milk + bottled water + white wine + male cosmetics
2: long life bakery product + pot plants + fruit/vegetable juice + pickled vegetables + jam + bags
3: semi-finished bread + newspapers + pet care + nuts/prunes + toilet cleaner
6: dishes + napkins + grapes + zwieback + decalcifier
1: coffee + condensed milk + sparkling wine + fish + kitchen towels
18: sugar + frozen vegetables + salt + skin care + liver loaf + frozen chicken
14: frozen dessert + ice cream + frozen meals
9: margarine + artif. sweetener + specialty fat + candles + organic products
17: brown bread + sauces
19: photo/film

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