ASSOCIATION RULE MINING USING ECLAT ON STARS

A case study on ECLAT

Abstract

ECLAT algorithm is an association rule mining algorithm which takes transactional data in vertical format and works like Depth First Search to create frequent item sets or associative clusters. ECLAT can find associations between features and is widely used for Market basket analysis. However, it can be used in other fields also. The inspiration for this case study comes from stars being an important subject of astronomy as well as the above fact. This case study is on stars dataset. The data has been encoded to convert the data into transactional data using Python. The algorithm has been implemented on the processed data using R libraries. Associative clusters of features have been found using the algorithm.

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1. Case Synopsis

Stars are the most well known astronomical objects. These are illuminating balls of gases which acted as a navigator for ancient discoverers. In the present scenario, these help the scientists and astrophysicists to unravel the mysteries of universe. Stars are the fundamental units of galaxies. The age, distribution and constitution of the stars uncover the history, dynamics and evolution of galaxies. Moreover, Stars are accountable for the production of heavy elements such as Oxygen, Nitrogen, Carbon, etc and the attributes are related to the attributes of the planetary systems that may converge about them. Therefore, Research and study on the birth, life and death is a focal point in the branch of astronomy. The subject of this case study is also based on stars. However, the perspective presented is different. This Case study is about studying an association rule mining algorithm using a dataset from the field of astronomy which is Stars.

2. Literature review

A lot of research has been done in the field of clustering stars. One of such methods is extraction of light curve sub sequences which are represented as features(vectors). Some other approaches use nearest neighbor algorithm and MST (Minimum Spanning Tree) method, one of which has been done on the star region in the small megallanic cloud.

3. Learning Objective of the case

- Understanding the vertical topology and bottom-up approach ECLAT algorithm follows to cluster the data.
- Analysing the analogy of ECLAT algorithm with DFS algorithm.
- Comparing and contrasting Apriori algorithm with ECLAT algorithm.
- Studying temperature and spectral class of stars.
- Label encoding continuous variables for creating association rules.
- Discovering clusters by creating association rules.

4. Study Questions

- Q1. How will the algorithm consider the features of stars to cluster them?
- Q2. Which stars are the most prominent and features do they associate with themselves?
- Q3. Are main sequence stars associated with the correct range of absolute magnitude and radius?
- Q4. Which association rule mining is suitable for this data?

5. Suggested Answer of Study Questions

5.1. How will the algorithm consider the features of stars to cluster them?

ECLAT algorithm takes transactional data, to cluster the stars the features have to be converted into transactions. Conditional expressions have been used to convert the data into transactional data. Every category has been created as an attribute and each record is populated with the attribute value if it exists for the particular record. The detailed steps are as follows:

- 1. All the continuous data has been sorted in ascending order. Each 40th, 80th, 120th, 160th, 200th and 240th value has been found. These values are the base for converting the continuous data into categorical.
- 2. The categories for each attribute have been created as an individual new attribute. The value for each corresponding record is filled.
- 5.2. Which stars are the most prominent and features do they associate with themselves?

	items	support	transIdenticalToItemsets	count
[1]	{M,red}	0.4583333	110	110
[2]	<pre>{j,o,three}</pre>	0.1666667	40	40
[3]	{j,three}	0.1666667	40	40
[4]	{j,o}	0.1666667	40	40
[5]	{o,three}	0.1666667	40	40
[6]	{g,two}	0.1666667	40	40
[7]	{five,1,m}	0.1666667	40	40
[8]	{five,m}	0.1666667	40	40
[9]	{five,1}	0.1666667	40	40
[10] {1,m}	0.1666667	40	40

The cluster with the highest support is {M, red}. According to the available literature, the highest number of stars are of spectral class M. The above cluster shows that spectral class M star is associated with red colour. The stellar classification shows that stars of spectral class M are mostly orange red and light orange red.

5.3. Are main sequence stars associated with the correct range of absolute magnitude and radius?

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[4]	{j,o}	0.1666667	40	40
[5]	{o,three}	0.1666667	40	40
[6]	{g,two}	0.1666667	40	40
[7]	{five,1,m}	0.1666667	40	40
[8]	{five,m}	0.1666667	40	40
[9]	{five,1}	0.1666667	40	40
[10]	{1,m}	0.1666667	40	40

According to the clusters shown above, A star of type three, radius category j and magnitude category of o will be similar to each other. A main sequence star has

absolute magnitude in the range of -4 to -5.8 which has been found in literature and the category o contains this range. Furthermore, the radius of main sequence star lies between 0.13 and 18 and the category j contains this range partially. This shows that this approach of ECLAT can be helpful in discovering similarities between features of stars and subsequently knowing some unknown facts about stars or research ideas related to stars and other celestial bodies.

5.4 Which association rule mining is suitable for this data?

Apriori Algorithm uses the prior knowledge of frequent itemset. A level-wise search is done where k-frequent items are used to find k+1 frequent items. It takes data in horizontal format and works like Breadth First Search (BFS).

ECLAT stands for Equivalence class Clustering and bottom-up Lattice Traversal. It recursively groups items to find intersections between item and tidset pairs according to a support value. It takes data in vertical format and mimics Depth First Search (DFS) algorithm.

According to the size of dataset, ECLAT can be used as it suits the dataset as well as it will be faster and memory efficient as compared to Apriori algorithm. Apriori algorithm gives 1485 rules whereas ECLAT gives 596 rules. This shows that more than the half of the rules can be discarded using minimum support.

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Appendix A: Description of Algorithm

ECLAT

ECLAT stands for Equivalence Class Clustering and Bottom-up Lattice Traversal. It is an association rule mining algorithm. It traverses the data in vertical format like Depth first search and creates clusters of data items whose features associate together.

ASSUMPTIONS

Each record or tuple is considered as a transaction and each transaction has a transaction Id.

PROCESS

STEP 1

The data is taken in vertical format i.e., each column or attribute is considered as an item.

STEP 2

A minimum support value is set according to which the most frequent clusters can be classified.

STEP 3

Each item is paired with the transaction Id in which the particular item is occurring. This item and transactionId pairing is known as 'Item-tidset' pairing.

STEP 4

The items are grouped iteratively and item-tidset pairs are created.

STEP 5

A 'support' value is calculated for each item-tidset pairing based on the intersection of item with the transaction.

STEP 6

The item tidset pairs with support lower than minimum support are discarded.

Hence, ECLAT gives us the item sets so obtained are the associative clusters or set of attributes which occur together frequently.

Appendix B: CRISP Model Steps:

B.1. Business understanding

Define Business goal

The aim is to study ECLAT algorithm and find associative clusters of features of stars.

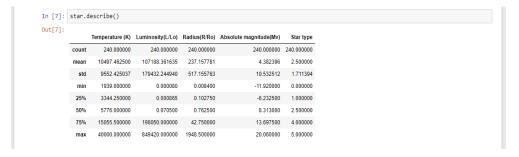
B.2. Data understanding

The data is of 240 stars with their 7 attributes.

The screenshot of data is shown below:



The statistics of data is as follows:



The metadata is as follows:

<u>Title</u>

Star dataset to predict star types

Description

The dataset has been taken from Kaggle. The dataset is in CSV (Comma Separated Values) and contains information about 240 stars. The author of dataset has collected the data of stars from the web. The author has found the missing values using Stefan's-Boltzmann's law to calculate the luminosity of star, Wein's displacement law to calculate the temperature and parallax to calculate radius.

Field description

- Temperature (K): This field contains the surface temperature of the star in Kelvin.
- Luminosity (L/Lo): This field contains the luminosity of star (L) with respect to the sun (Lo).

- Radius (R/Ro): This field contains the radius of star (R) with respect to the sun (Ro).
- Absolute magnitude (Mv): This field contains the absolute visual magnitude of star.
- Star type: This field contains type of star and is represented as a number viz.
 - > Brown dwarf 0
 - Red dwarf 1
 - ➤ White dwarf 2
 - > Main sequence 3
 - > Supergiant 4
 - \rightarrow Hypergiant 5
 - Star color: This field consists of the colour of star.
 - Spectral Class: This field consists of the spectral class of star i.e.,
 {O, B, A, F, G, K, M}.

Category or Theme

This dataset was created by the author to create a star classifier using Deep learning techniques. The theme of dataset is Astrophysics and Computer science.

Keywords

Luminosity, Temperature, Radius, Spectral class, Star type

Tags

astrophysics, computer science, physics, stars, classification, neural networks

Modification date

The data was updated by the author 7 months ago.

License

Data files © Original Authors

Data source URL

https://www.kaggle.com/deepu1109/star-dataset

B.3. Data preparation

The data consists of:

- 1. 4 columns with continuous data
- 2. 3 columns of categorical data

STEP 1: Dropping the Temperature (K) column.

According to Wein's displacement law, the Stars can be distinguished on the basis of their surface temperatures. Spectral class also classifies the stars in

another way by observing absorption lines. The absorption lines discover temperature ranges as particular absorption lines can be observed only for a range of temperatures as only in that range, the involved atomic energy levels are populated. The classes are:

Spectral Class	Temperature
O	30,000 - 60,000 K
В	10,000 - 30,000 K
A	7,500 - 10,000 K
F	6,000 - 7,500 K
G	5,000 - 6,000 K
K	3,500 - 5,000K
M	< 3,500 K

Data source: http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Starlog/staspe.html

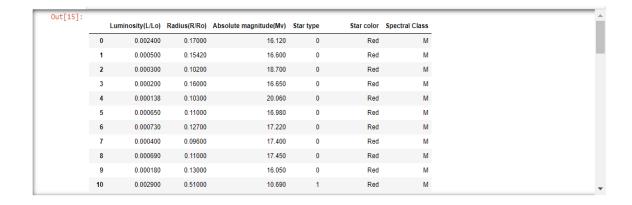
According to the above information, Temperature column is redundant. Hence, the column is dropped as shown below.

In [13]: #Removing Temperature column as spectral class can be used in it's place, hence it can be dropped
 new=star.drop('Temperature (K)',axis=1)

Data before dropping Temperature column



Data after dropping Temperature column



STEP 2: Converting the continuous data into categorical.

The columns with continuous data are first sorted to find values on the basis of which categories can be created. Consequently, categories have been created.

Luminosity column

Radius column

Absolute magnitude column

STEP 3: Removing inconsistencies

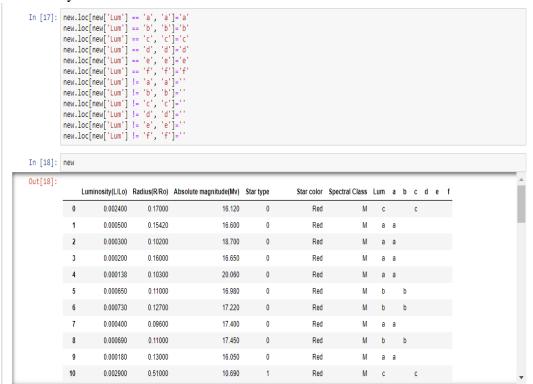
The color column which is categorical was inconsistent as name of colour in upper case and lower case were considered differently. This problem is handled by setting one consistent spelling for each colour.

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new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'Blue') | (new['Star color'] == 'Blue ') , 'blue']='blue'
new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'Blue-White') | (new['Star color'] == 'Blue-White ') , 'blue white']='blue white'
new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'Blue white') | (new['Star color'] == 'Blue White ') , 'blue white']='blue white'
new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'yellow-white') | (new['Star color'] == 'Yellowish white') | (new['Star color'] == 'White-Yellow')
new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'yellowish') | (new['Star color'] == 'Yellowish') , 'yellowish']='yellowish'
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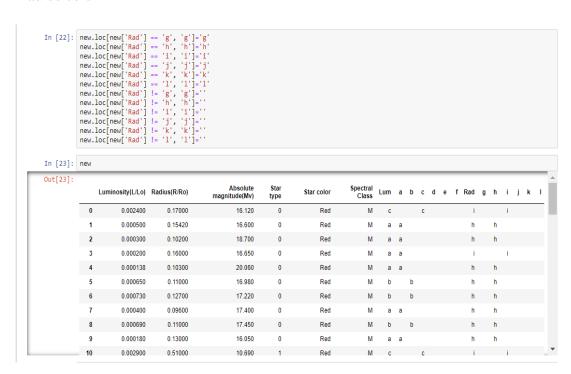
STEP4: Converting data into transactions

Number of conditions were created to transform the data into transactions.

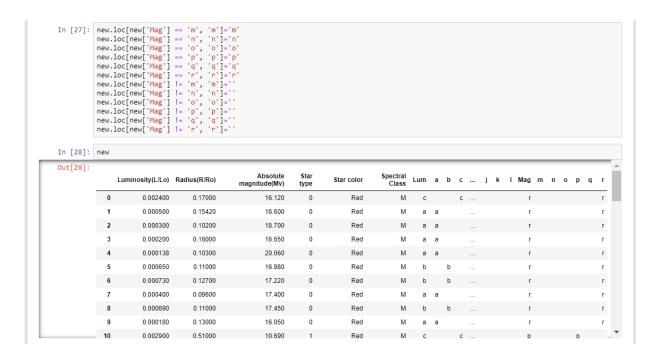
Luminosity column



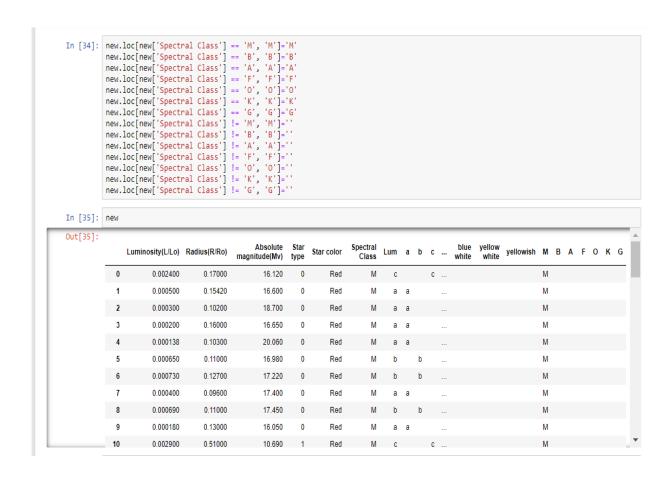
Radius column



Magnitude column



Spectral class column



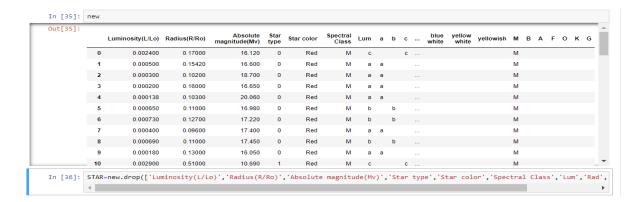
Star type column

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In [30]: new.loc[new['type'] == 'zero', 'zero']='zero'
    new.loc[new['type'] == 'one', 'one']='one'
    new.loc[new['type'] == 'two', 'two']='two'
    new.loc[new['type'] == 'four', 'four']='four'
    new.loc[new['type'] == 'five', 'five']='five'
    new.loc[new['type'] != 'one', 'zero']=''
    new.loc[new['type'] != 'one', 'one']=''
    new.loc[new['type'] != 'two', 'two']=''
    new.loc[new['type'] != 'throe', 'three']=''
    new.loc[new['type'] != 'four', 'four']=''
    new.loc[new['type'] != 'five', 'five']=''
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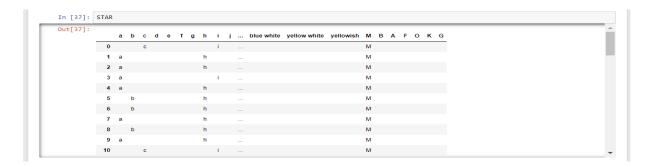
Star color column

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In [32]: new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'Red', 'red']='red'
    new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'White', 'white']='white'
    new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'Orange-Red', 'orange red']='orange red'
    new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'Orange', 'orange']='orange'
    new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'Orange', 'orange']='orange'
    new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'Pale yellow orange', 'pale yellow orange']='pale yellow orange'
    new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'Blue') | (new['Star color'] == 'Blue "blue "blue white']='blue white'
    new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'Blue white') | (new['Star color'] == 'Blue white'), 'blue white']='blue white'
    new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'Blue white') | (new['Star color'] == 'Blue white'), 'blue white']='blue white'
    new.loc[(new['Star color'] == 'yellow-white') | (new['Star color'] == 'Yellowish white') | (new['Star color'] == 'White-Yellow')
    new.loc[new['Star color'] == 'yellow-white'] | (new['Star color'] == 'Yellowish'), 'yellowish']='yellowish'
    new.loc[new['Star color'] != 'White', 'white']=''
    new.loc[new['Star color'] != 'Whitish', 'whitish']=''
    new.loc[new['Star color'] != 'Orange-Red', 'orange red']=''
    new.loc[new['Star color'] != 'Blue 'whitish']=''
    new.loc[new['Star color'] != 'Blue', 'orange']=''
    new.loc[(new['Star color'] != 'Blue', 'orange']='
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Deletion of redundant columns

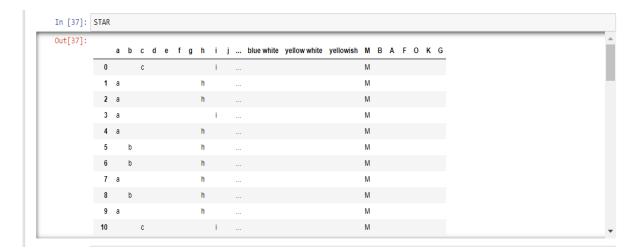


After Deletion



Exporting Data to CSV file

Transactional data



B.4. Modelling

The processed data has been exported as a CSV file using Python. Further, the ECLAT algorithm is implemented in R and the item sets have been obtained.

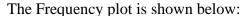
The summary of transactions is shown in the figure below:

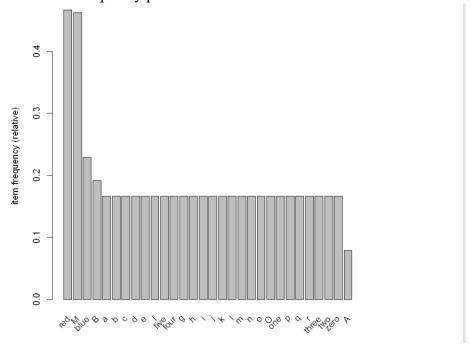
The implementation of ECLAT is as shown below:

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> rules = eclat(data = star_data, parameter = list(support = 0.025, minlen =2))
parameter specification:
 tidLists support minlen maxlen
                                                  target ext
                                10 frequent itemsets TRUE
    FALSE 0.025
algorithmic control:
 sparse sort verbose
          -2
                  TRUE
Absolute minimum support count: 6
create itemset ...
set transactions ...[38 item(s), 240 transaction(s)] done [0.00s].
sorting and recoding items ... [33 item(s)] done [0.00s]. creating bit matrix ... [33 row(s), 240 column(s)] done [0.00s]. writing ... [596 set(s)] done [0.00s].
Creating S4 object ... done [0.00s].
>
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B.5. Evaluation

The results obtained are item sets along with their support and count of identical transactions which successfully meets the business goal. Also, the frequency plot gives an insight of the most frequent features.





The item sets by Apriori algorithm are shown below:

```
In [10]: inspect(sort(rules, by = 'support')[1:10])
             lhs
                       rhs
                              support confidence coverage lift
                                                                   count
        [1] \{M\}
                    => {red} 0.4583333 0.9909910 0.4625000 2.123552 110
        [2] {red} => {M}
                              0.4583333 0.9821429 0.4666667 2.123552 110
        [3] \{\text{three}\} \Rightarrow \{0\}
                              0.1666667 1.0000000 0.1666667 6.000000 40
        [4] {0}
                    => {three} 0.1666667 1.0000000 0.1666667 6.000000 40
        [5] \{\text{three}\} \Rightarrow \{j\}
                            0.1666667 1.0000000 0.1666667 6.000000 40
        [6] {j}
                    => {three} 0.1666667 1.0000000 0.1666667 6.000000 40
        [7] {0}
                    => {j} 0.1666667 1.0000000 0.1666667 6.000000 40
        [8] {j}
                    [9] {two} => {g} 0.1666667 1.0000000 0.1666667 6.000000 40
                    => {two} 0.1666667 1.0000000 0.1666667 6.000000 40
        [10] {g}
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The item sets by ECLAT algorithm are shown below:

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In [15]: inspect(sort(rules, by = 'support')[1:10])
                        support transIdenticalToItemsets count
             items
         [1] {M, red}
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         [3] {j,three} 0.1666667 40
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ANNEXURE: DATA DESCRIPTIVE ANALYTICS

