

# Outline

- **Briefly explain association analysis**
- **How to implement association analysis in Weka**

# Association Analysis

- **Association analysis (AA)** discovers the probability of the co-occurrence of items in a collection.
- **Association rules:** the relationships between co-occurring items.

## Market-basket analysis

Valuable for direct marketing, sales promotions, and for discovering business trends. Market-basket analysis can also be used effectively for store layout, catalog design, and cross-sell.

**Example:** An association model might find that a user who bought products A and B is 70% likely to buy product C in the same session.

# Market Basket Example

## Example II



- ? Where should detergents be placed in the Store to maximize their sales?
- ? Are window cleaning products purchased when detergents and orange juice are bought together?
- ? Is soda typically purchased with bananas? Does the brand of soda make a difference?
- ? How are the demographics of the neighborhood affecting what customers are buying?

# Association rules

$$\text{Support} = \frac{\text{freq}(X, Y)}{N}$$

$$\text{Confidence} = \frac{\text{freq}(X, Y)}{\text{freq}(X)}$$

$$\text{Lift} = \frac{\text{Support}}{\text{Supp}(X) \times \text{Supp}(Y)}$$

Rule:  $X \Rightarrow Y$



| Rule                   | Support | Confidence | Lift |
|------------------------|---------|------------|------|
| $A \Rightarrow D$      | 2/5     | 2/3        | 10/9 |
| $C \Rightarrow A$      | 2/5     | 2/4        | 5/6  |
| $A \Rightarrow C$      | 2/5     | 2/3        | 5/6  |
| $B \& C \Rightarrow D$ | 1/5     | 1/3        | 5/9  |

## An example of Association Rules

1. Assume there are 100 customers.
2. 10 of them bought milk, 8 bought butter and 6 bought both of them.
3. bought milk  $\Rightarrow$  bought butter.
4. support =  $P(\text{Milk} \& \text{Butter}) = 6/100 = 0.06$ .
5. confidence =  $\text{support}/P(\text{Butter}) = 0.06/0.08 = 0.75$ .
6. lift =  $\text{confidence}/P(\text{Milk}) = 0.75/0.10 = 7.5$ .

Please note the rule  $A \Rightarrow D$  differs from the rule  $D \Rightarrow A$

# Please pay attention to the data format requirement

| Order | Product   |
|-------|-----------|
| 1     | Product 1 |
| 1     | Product 2 |
| 1     | Product 3 |
| 2     | Product 2 |
| 2     | Product 3 |
| 3     | Product 2 |
| 3     | Product 3 |
| 3     | Product 4 |

**Unacceptable**

| Product 1 | Product 2 | Product 3 | ... | Product n |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----------|
| 1         | 1         |           | ..  | 1         |
|           | 1         |           | ..  |           |
|           | 1         | 1         | ..  |           |
|           |           | 1         | ..  | 1         |
|           | 1         | 1         | ..  | 1         |
|           |           |           | ..  | 1         |

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