

OPM3 – OPM3 TASK 3: ASSOCIATION RULES AND LIFT ANALYSIS

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Scenario 1

One of the most critical factors in customer relationship management that directly affects a company's long-term profitability is understanding its customers. When a company can better understand its customer characteristics, it is better able to target products and marketing campaigns for customers, resulting in better profits for the company in the long term.

You are an analyst for a telecommunications company that wants to better understand the characteristics of its customers. You have been asked to perform a market basket analysis to analyze customer data to identify key associations of your customer purchases, ultimately allowing better business and strategic decision-making.

Part I: Research Question

A1. Proposal of Question:

Which are the items of interest in combination with discounts that might reduce customer churn? That is, by analyzing a list of transactions, may we be able to better understand which items will endow us to reasonably reduce churn of those 23 discounted with our services? This question will be answered using **market basket analysis**.

A2. Defined Context:

Stakeholders in the company will benefit by knowing, with some measure of confidence, which customers are at highest risk of churn because this will provide weight for decisions in marketing improved services to customers with these characteristics and past user experiences. The goal of this data analysis is to present items to discount purchase to company stakeholders to consider when creating customer entitlements and marketing promotions. We will endeavor to help decision makers better understand which combinations of features (items in concert with telecom services) put their customers at lower risk of churning.

Part II: Market Basket Justification

B1. Explanation of Market Basket:

As pointed out by L.L. [Market basket analysis is one of the key techniques used] ... to uncover associations between items. It works by looking for combinations of items that occur together frequently in transactions [1].

The analysis proposes to identify which combinations of telecom peripherals and ICT tools customers prefer and purchase together most often. We will try to identify those items purchased most often together and demonstrate the relationships between these different items.

We expect that we will discover an optimal combination of items to offer at discounts in coordination with our services.

Our plan for analysis includes:

- Prepare the dataset
- Discover missing values
- Run the Apriori method to identify association rules
- Check the rules with highest values for confidence, support and lift
- Recommend a course of action following the results of our analysis

B2. Transaction Example:

On each inspection of the given dataset, transactions are easily distinguishable. The very first transactions includes a larger list of twenty items including:

- Logitech MX518 Wireless mouse
- HP E3 Ink
- HP G5 Ink
- nonda USB C to USB Adapter
- 10Pin Phone Charger Cable
- HP M02XL Ink
- Creative Pebble 2.0 Speakers
- Cleaning Gel Universal Dust Cleaner
- Memo Center 32GB Memory card
- YUNSONG 3pack 6Pin Nylon Lightning Cable
- TopMate L3 Laptop Cooler pad
- Apple USB-C Charger cable
- HyperX Cloud Single Headset
- HyperX Cloud Gaming Microphone
- Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack
- 3A USB Type C Cable 3 pack 6FT
- H2OMAP Phone charger
- SanDisk Ultra 128GB card
- FEELNANCE 3 pack 10Pin Lightng cable
- FEIYOLD Blue Light Blocking Glasses

These twenty items were purchased by one customer, synchronously.

B3. Market Basket Assumption:

One assumption of MBA is to make determinations by building association rules. These rules, suggests Dr. Susan Sivick, "are just statements that connect an 'antecedent' item to a 'consequent' item. Association rules also do not imply causal relationships, only co-occurrence" [Check p.1].

So, for instance in our research proposal we would like to identify items that would purchased before subscribing to a telecom service, or, perhaps, items that would be used in coordination with telecom services.

C1. Transforming the Dataset:

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In [1]: # standard data science imports
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

# visualization libraries
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

In [2]: # Change color of Matplotlib font
import matplotlib as mpl

COLOR = 'white'
mpl.rcParams['textcolor'] = COLOR
mpl.rcParams['axes.labelcolor'] = COLOR
mpl.rcParams['ytick.color'] = COLOR

In [3]: # Increase Jupyter display cell width
from IPython.core.display import display, HTML
display(HTML("""<div style=container { width:75% !important; }><style*>""))

In [4]: # Ignore warning Code
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

In [5]: # Load data set into Pandas dataframe
teleco = pd.read_csv('data/teleco_market_basket.csv')

In [6]: # Examine the Features of the dataset
teleco.columns

Out[6]:
Index(['Item01', 'Item02', 'Item03', 'Item04', 'Item05', 'Item06', 'Item07',
       'Item08', 'Item09', 'Item10', 'Item11', 'Item12', 'Item13', 'Item14',
       'Item15', 'Item16', 'Item17', 'Item18', 'Item19',
       dtype='object')

In [7]: # Get an idea of dataset size
teleco.shape

Out[7]:
(15682, 20)

In [8]: # Examine first few records of dataset
teleco.head()
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Out[8]:
   Item01 Item02 Item03 Item04 Item05 Item06 Item07 Item08 Item09 Item10 Item11 Item12 Item13 Item14 Item15 Item16 Item17 Item18 Item19
0  NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
1  Logitech MX518 Wireless mouse      nonda USB C to USB Adapter      10Pin Phone Charger Cable      HP M02XL Ink      Creative Pebble 2.0 Speakers      Cleaning Gel Universal Dust Cleaner      Memo Center 32GB Memory card      YUNSONG 3pack 6Pin Nylon Lightning Cable      TopMate L3 Laptop Cooler pad      Apple USB-C Charger cable      HyperX Cloud Single Headset      HyperX Cloud Gaming Microphone      Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      3A USB Type C Cable 3 pack 6FT      H2OMAP Phone charger      SanDisk Ultra 128GB card      FEELNANCE 3 pack 10Pin Lightng cable      FEIYOLD Blue Light Blocking Glasses
2  Apple TP-LINK Lighting AC1750 Dual-Port Smart Adapter      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
3  Apple TP-LINK Lighting AC1750 Dual-Port Smart Adapter      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
4  NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN

In [37]: # View DataFrame Info
teleco.info

In [10]: # Get an overview of descriptive statistics
teleco.describe()
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Out[10]:
   Item01 Item02 Item03 Item04 Item05 Item06 Item07 Item08 Item09 Item10 Item11 Item12 Item13 Item14 Item15 Item16 Item17 Item18 Item19
count      7501      5747      4389      3345      2529      1884      1369      861      654      395      256      154      87      47      25      8      4      4
unique       125       127       125       114       120       126       127      127      127      127      127      127      127      127      127      127      127      127
top      Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      TopMate L3 Laptop Cooler pad      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable      Apple USB-C Charger cable
freq        577       484       375       201       153       107      96      67      57      31      22       15      8      4      3      1      2      2
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In [11]: # Get data types of features
teleco.dtypes

Out[11]:
Item01      object
Item02      object
Item03      object
Item04      object
Item05      object
Item06      object
Item07      object
Item08      object
Item09      object
Item10      object
Item11      object
Item12      object
Item13      object
Item14      object
Item15      object
Item16      object
Item17      object
Item18      object
Item19      object
dtype: object

In [12]: # Discover missing data points within dataset
data_nulls = teleco.isnull().sum()
print(data_nulls)

Item01      7501
Item02      5747
Item03      4389
Item04      3345
Item05      2529
Item06      1884
Item07      1369
Item08      861
Item09      654
Item10      395
Item11      256
Item12      154
Item13      87
Item14      47
Item15      25
Item16      8
Item17      4
Item18      4
Item19      4
dtype: int64

In [13]: # Check for missing data & visualize missing values in dataset

# Install appropriate library
!pip install missingno

# Churnng the data frames
import missingno as mso

# Visualize missing values as a matrix
mso.matrix(teleco,
           figsize=(10, 10))

Requirement already satisfied: missingno in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (8.5.8)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from missingno) (1.18.1)
Requirement already satisfied: scipy in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from missingno) (1.4.1)
Requirement already satisfied: seaborn in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from missingno) (0.8.0)
Requirement already satisfied: matplotlib in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from missingno) (3.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: pyrsistent<2.4.12,>=2.1.2,12.1.6,12.8.1 in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from matplotlib>=3.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: cycler<0.10,>=0.9.0 in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from matplotlib>=3.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil<2.8.1 in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from matplotlib>=3.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: six in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from cycler>=0.9.0;matplotlib>=3.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: setuptools in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from setuptools>=4.1.1;matplotlib>=3.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: pandas<0.22.8 in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from pandas>=0.22.8;matplotlib>=3.1.3)
Requirement already satisfied: pyparsing<2.7.2 in c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from pandas>=0.22.8;matplotlib>=3.1.3) (2.0.19.3)

WARNING: You are using pip version 21.2.4; however, version 21.3.1 is available.
You should consider upgrading via the 'c:\users\vreed\anaconda3\python.exe -m pip install --upgrade pip' command.
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Out[13]:
('seaborn:font.Family:('sans-serif') not found. Falling back to DejaVu Sans.
fontconfig: Font Family:('sans-serif') not found. Falling back to DejaVu Sans.
fontconfig: Font Family:('sans-serif') not found. Falling back to DejaVu Sans.
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In [14]: # Draw records with missing values
teleco.dropna(how='all', inplace=True)

# Review changes
teleco.head()
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Out[14]:
   Item01 Item02 Item03 Item04 Item05 Item06 Item07 Item08 Item09 Item10 Item11 Item12 Item13 Item14 Item15 Item16 Item17 Item18 Item19
1  Logitech MX518 Wireless mouse      HP E3 Ink      HP G5 Ink      nonda USB C to USB Adapter      10Pin Phone Charger Cable      HP M02XL Ink      Creative Pebble 2.0 Speakers      Cleaning Gel Universal Dust Cleaner      Memo Center 32GB Memory card      YUNSONG 3pack 6Pin Nylon Lightning Cable      TopMate L3 Laptop Cooler pad      Apple USB-C Charger cable      HyperX Cloud Single Headset      HyperX Cloud Gaming Microphone      Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      3A USB Type C Cable 3 pack 6FT      H2OMAP Phone charger      SanDisk Ultra 128GB card      FEELNANCE 3 pack 10Pin Lightng cable      FEIYOLD Blue Light Blocking Glasses
3  Apple TP-LINK Lighting AC1750 Dual-Port Smart Adapter      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
5  UENH Wi Confid S 10Pin Lighting Cable      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
7  USB Ethernet Cable      HP G5 Ink      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
9  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      HP M02XL Ink      HP G5 Ink      Apple USB-C Charger cable      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN
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In [15]: # Replace empty values with 8
teleco.fillna(8, inplace=True)

In [16]: # Get an idea of dataset size after changes
teleco.shape

Out[16]:
(7663, 20)
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In [17]: # Review changes to DataFrame
teleco.head()
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Out[17]:
   Item01 Item02 Item03 Item04 Item05 Item06 Item07 Item08 Item09 Item10 Item11 Item12 Item13 Item14 Item15 Item16 Item17 Item18 Item19
1  Logitech MX518 Wireless mouse      HP E3 Ink      HP G5 Ink      nonda USB C to USB Adapter      10Pin Phone Charger Cable      HP M02XL Ink      Creative Pebble 2.0 Speakers      Cleaning Gel Universal Dust Cleaner      Memo Center 32GB Memory card      YUNSONG 3pack 6Pin Nylon Lightning Cable      TopMate L3 Laptop Cooler pad      Apple USB-C Charger cable      HyperX Cloud Single Headset      HyperX Cloud Gaming Microphone      Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      3A USB Type C Cable 3 pack 6FT      H2OMAP Phone charger      SanDisk Ultra 128GB card      FEELNANCE 3 pack 10Pin Lightng cable      FEIYOLD Blue Light Blocking Glasses
3  Apple TP-LINK Lighting AC1750 Dual-Port Smart Adapter      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
5  UENH Wi Confid S 10Pin Lighting Cable      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
7  USB Ethernet Cable      HP G5 Ink      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
9  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      HP M02XL Ink      HP G5 Ink      Apple USB-C Charger cable      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
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In [18]: # Confirm no null values
teleco.isnull().sum()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 7663 entries, 1 to 15681
Data columns (total 20 columns):
#   Column  Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ---
0  Item01  7581 non-null    object
1  Item02  7581 non-null    object
2  Item03  7581 non-null    object
3  Item04  7581 non-null    object
4  Item05  7581 non-null    object
5  Item06  7581 non-null    object
6  Item07  7581 non-null    object
7  Item08  7581 non-null    object
8  Item09  7581 non-null    object
9  Item10  7581 non-null    object
10 Item11  7581 non-null    object
11 Item12  7581 non-null    object
12 Item13  7581 non-null    object
13 Item14  7581 non-null    object
14 Item15  7581 non-null    object
15 Item16  7581 non-null    object
16 Item17  7581 non-null    object
17 Item18  7581 non-null    object
18 Item19  7581 non-null    object
19 dtype: object (20)
memory usage: 1.2+ MB
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In [19]: # Convert dataset into list format for use with Apriori algorithm
teleco_list = []
for i in range(0, 7501):
    teleco_list.append(str(teleco.values[i,]))
teleco_cleaned = pd.DataFrame(teleco_list)
```

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In [20]: # Review dataframe
teleco_cleaned.head()
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Out[20]:
   0      1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9     10     11     12     13     14     15     16     17     18     19
0  Logitech MX518 Wireless mouse      HP E3 Ink      HP G5 Ink      nonda USB C to USB Adapter      10Pin Phone Charger Cable      HP M02XL Ink      Creative Pebble 2.0 Speakers      Cleaning Gel Universal Dust Cleaner      Memo Center 32GB Memory card      YUNSONG 3pack 6Pin Nylon Lightning Cable      TopMate L3 Laptop Cooler pad      Apple USB-C Charger cable      HyperX Cloud Single Headset      HyperX Cloud Gaming Microphone      Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      3A USB Type C Cable 3 pack 6FT      H2OMAP Phone charger      SanDisk Ultra 128GB card      FEELNANCE 3 pack 10Pin Lightng cable      FEIYOLD Blue Light Blocking Glasses
1  Apple TP-LINK Lighting AC1750 Dual-Port Smart Adapter      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
2  UENH Wi Confid S 10Pin Lighting Cable      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
3  USB Ethernet Cable      HP G5 Ink      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
4  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      HP M02XL Ink      HP G5 Ink      Apple USB-C Charger cable      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0      0
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In [21]: # Extract to prepared dataset
(teleco_cleaned.to_csv('data/teleco_market_basket_prepared.csv'))

In [22]: teleco_list[1:]

Out[22]:
[[Logitech MX518 Wireless mouse',
 'HP E3 Ink',
 'HP G5 Ink',
 'nonda USB C to USB Adapter',
 '10Pin Phone Charger Cable',
 'HP M02XL Ink',
 'Creative Pebble 2.0 Speakers',
 'Cleaning Gel Universal Dust Cleaner',
 'Memo Center 32GB Memory card',
 'YUNSONG 3pack 6Pin Nylon Lightning Cable',
 'TopMate L3 Laptop Cooler pad',
 'Apple USB-C Charger cable',
 'HyperX Cloud Single Headset',
 'HyperX Cloud Gaming Microphone',
 'Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack',
 '3A USB C Cable 3 pack 6FT',
 'H2OMAP Phone charger',
 'SanDisk Ultra 128GB card',
 'FEELNANCE 3 pack 10Pin Lightng cable',
 'FEIYOLD Blue Light Blocking Glasses']]

In [23]: # Generate association rules from Apriori algorithm
from apriori import apriori

# Train apriori algorithm on the dataset
rule_list = apriori(teleco_list, min_support = 0.003, min_confidence = 0.3, min_lift = 3, min_length = 2)
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In [24]: # Review generated rules
rule_list = list(rule_list)
print(rule_list)

RelationRecord([('Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables', 'HP E3XL Ink'), support: 0.005730, confidence: 0.37785, lift: 4.70812])

In [25]: # Print number of rules
print(len(rule_list))

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In [26]: # Transform results into DataFrame structure
results = pd.DataFrame(rule_list)
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In [27]: # View results list
results

Out[27]:
   Item01 Item02 Item03 Item04 Item05 Item06 Item07 Item08 Item09 Item10 Item11 Item12 Item13 Item14 Item15 Item16 Item17 Item18 Item19
0  Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables      HP E3XL Ink      0.005730      0.37785      4.70812
1  AsusFoux 1080p Webcam      SanDisk Ultra 64GB card      0.005333      0.37785      3.74059
2  HP E3XL Ink      iPhone 11 case      0.005866      0.37785      4.70812
3  Logitech M518 Wireless mouse      iPhone 11 case      0.005866      0.37785      4.70812
4  SanDisk 128GB Ultra microSDXC card      SanDisk Ultra 64GB card      0.003996      0.32340      3.02194
...
97  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      VVO Dual LCD Monitor      0.004399      0.36697      3.73141
98  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
99  HP E1 Ink      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
100 Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      HP E1 Ink      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
101 Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
102 rows x 3 columns
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In [28]: # Separate support to individual DataFrame
support = results.support

In [29]: # Instantiate four empty lists to contain lhs, rhs, confidence and lift
first_values = []
second_values = []
third_values = []
fourth_values = []

In [30]: # Create for loop to iterate over list
for i in range(results.shape[0]):
    single_list = results.support.values[i][0]
    first_values.append(list(single_list[0]))
    second_values.append(list(single_list[1]))
    third_values.append(list(single_list[2]))
    fourth_values.append(list(single_list[3]))

In [31]: # Convert lists into dataframe
lhs = pd.DataFrame(first_values)
rhs = pd.DataFrame(second_values)
confidence = pd.DataFrame(third_values, columns=['confidence'])
lift = pd.DataFrame(fourth_values, columns=['lift'])

In [32]: # Concatenate lists into single DataFrame
results_final = pd.concat([lhs, rhs, support, confidence, lift], axis=1)
results_final.fillna(value=-1, inplace=True)
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In [33]: # View final results
results_final

Out[33]:
   Item01 Item02 Item03 Item04 Item05 Item06 Item07 Item08 Item09 Item10 Item11 Item12 Item13 Item14 Item15 Item16 Item17 Item18 Item19
0  Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables      HP E3XL Ink      0.005730      0.37785      3.74059
1  AsusFoux 1080p Webcam      SanDisk Ultra 64GB card      0.005333      0.37785      3.63059
2  HP E3XL Ink      iPhone 11 case      0.005866      0.37785      4.70812
3  Logitech M518 Wireless mouse      iPhone 11 case      0.005866      0.37785      4.70812
4  SanDisk 128GB Ultra microSDXC card      SanDisk Ultra 64GB card      0.003996      0.32340      3.02194
...
97  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.004399      0.36697      3.73141
98  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
99  HP E1 Ink      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
100 Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      HP E1 Ink      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
101 Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
102 rows x 5 columns
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C3. Association Rules Table:

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In [34]: # Set column names
results_final.columns = ['lhs', '1', '2', 'support', 'confidence', 'lift']
results_final = results_final[['lhs', 'rhs', 'support', 'confidence', 'lift']]

Out[34]:
   lhs      rhs      support      confidence      lift
0  Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables      HP E3XL Ink      0.005730      0.37785      3.74059
1  AsusFoux 1080p Webcam      SanDisk Ultra 64GB card      0.005333      0.37785      3.63059
2  HP E3XL Ink      iPhone 11 case      0.005866      0.37785      4.70812
3  Logitech M518 Wireless mouse      iPhone 11 case      0.005866      0.37785      4.70812
4  SanDisk 128GB Ultra microSDXC card      SanDisk Ultra 64GB card      0.003996      0.32340      3.02194
...
97  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.004399      0.36697      3.73141
98  Dual-Off Compressed Gas 2 pack      Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
99  HP E1 Ink      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
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101 Screen Mem Screen Cleaner Kit      VVO Dual LCD Monitor Desk mount      0.003030      0.47058      3.63156
102 rows x 5 columns
```

Higher combination of Support, Confidence and Lift

After running the first results to create the association rules table, we can demonstrate mathematically that "Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables" and "HP E3XL Ink" have the highest combination of values for our three metrics:

For "Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables" - "HP E3XL Ink"

- Support = 0.0057
- Confidence = 0.3778
- Lift = 3.7408

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In [36]: # Visualize the list of rules
results = list(rule_list)
for i in range(
    print("\n")
    print(i)
    print("-----")

C4. Top Three Rules:
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The top three rules are as follow:

1. If "Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables" then "HP E3XL Ink" with:

- Support = 0.0057
 - Confidence = 0.3707 ± 30%
 - Lift = 3.7608
- Our confidence in this rule demonstrates that of all customers who purchased the "Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables", 30% also purchased the "HP E3XL Ink". The simplest metric of support, with a value of 0.0057, demonstrates that a little more than half a percentage of all transactions contain both items. A lift value of 3.7608 demonstrates that once a customer has purchased the "Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables", they are 3.8 times more likely to also purchase the "HP E3XL Ink".

Item01: "Spack Nylon Braided USB C cables" then "HP E3XL Ink" with:

- Support = 0.0057
- Confidence = 0.3774 ± 38% of customers also purchased consequent
- Lift = 3.8407 ± 3.8 times more likely to purchase consequent following purchase of antecedent

Item02: "HP E3XL Ink" then "HP E3XL Ink" with:

- Support = 0.0051
- Confidence = 0.3729 ± 74% of customers also purchased consequent
- Lift = 4.7008 ± 4.7 times more likely to purchase consequent following purchase of antecedent

Part IV: Analysis

D1. Significance of Support, Lift, and Confidence Summary

Our top three rules compare the metrics:

- $Support = \frac{count(X,Y)}{total_count(X,Y)}$ = Giving us the number of total transactions containing this particular itemset.
- $Confidence = \frac{support(X,Y)}{support(X)}$ = Giving us a probability of the consequent given the antecedent.
- $Lift = \frac{support(X,Y)}{support(X) * support(Y)}$ = Giving us the coefficient of likelihood given the antecedent, that is, how many more times likely is the consequent to be purchased once the antecedent has been purchased.

The results of this analysis are not particularly compelling. None of the rules have a confidence level of greater than 40% and certainly not the greater than 80% which would be an optimal value for significance.

Our highest confidence is in rule #2 at 38%, while the #1 rule gives its analysis in combination with our three metrics of interest is only 30%.

The support for the pairing of any of the given top three rules' itemsets does not occur in more than our half percentage point of all transactions, and, again, is not compelling.

Finally, the lift ratio gives us some hope that once a customer has purchased for antecedent item they will also purchase the consequent item. Our highest lift metric at "4.7 times more likely" is demonstrated by the relationship between purchasing an "iPhone 11 case" and then purchasing some "HP E3XL Ink".

D2. Practical Significance of Findings

We do not find that these results contain very much practical significance as we really cannot be confident that any itemset will be purchased even half of the time. We have a greater chance of predicting the outcome of a coin flip, now, do we not? We can see that if one of the antecedents is selected for purchase, say a webcam, it is about 4 times more likely that the customer will also purchase the consequent, say a memory card.

So, for example, if that half a percentage point of people pick up a 5 pack of USB cables, they are nearly 4 times as likely to pickup some HP ink for the printer.

These results really do not give us much to go on. Perhaps we need to take a data before confident action can be recommended by our data science team.

D3. Course of Action

Therefore, based on the previous analysis and commentary of significance, we do not recommend company decision makers move forward with the original plan of promoting our services by discounted or, even, giving away free items for subscribing to our telecom service. Not only did we not find any significance in our market basket analysis of this transaction dataset, none of the savings suggested customers would use telecom services would like or need some consequent item.

That is, if we had found a significant relationship with say, many transactions where customers purchased two related telecommunications peripherals, we might suggest one of those items for potential customer discount and a marketing promotion. We did not find that. We found ink being purchased where, perhaps we related it being looking for a relationship where both a webcam and ethernet cable were purchased at the same time.

No action is warranted at this time. More data needs to be gathered and analyzed before confident action can be recommended by our data science team.

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