

Project Report

CRIME ASSOCIATION RULES MINING IN ATLANTA

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ABSTRACT

Crime is an inevitable problem in all major cities of the world. In the United States, in particular, cities like Chicago and New York have some of the highest rates of crime. Atlanta, one of the largest cities in the Southeastern U.S. and the largest metropolitan area closest to us, is no exception in the occurrence of crime. Like most other major cities, it experiences a wide range of crimes on a daily basis, from minor crimes like shoplifting and pickpocketing, to major crimes like rape, murder and narcotics trafficking.

In the past, due to inadequate data collection and surveillance techniques, it was difficult to recognize a pattern to these daily crimes, much less apprehend the criminals behind these violations. Fortunately, we now have access to data that is produced every second of every day as well as systematic recording and evidence collection methods. The devices used to collect this rich source of data take the form of public cameras, personal cellphones, and various electronic devices found in police vehicles.

Aggregating all of the data collected from these many devices would facilitate a more accurate pattern analysis of all types of crime, enabling the police to predict and prevent crimes that, all too often, adversely affect the lives of Atlanta's citizenry. Additional analysis of the data has the potential to almost immediately impact the fight against crime that plagues the city. In addition, this data can help the city government of Atlanta better understand the daily living, working, and recreational environments of the local population, and consequently better serve the city's interests.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT SUMMARY

The project is “CRIME ASSOCIATION RULES LEARNING IN CITY OF ATLANTA”. The Projects main aim was to be able to analyze the crimes happening all around in Atlanta and be able to form an association as to where and when certain types of crimes normally happen.

1.2 PURPOSE

The project can form association rules between the time of the crime reported, the location of the crime and the type of crime that happened. This enables us to discover a pattern of the crime and may help users take precaution measures to avoid it.

Some of the crimes that seem common are in fact something the users could have avoided, if the patterns of the crimes are studied. The criminals usually tend to follow a certain pattern when doing a crime, like the locations where the crime happened or the time during which the crimes happens. Studying and analyzing the patterns can help the citizens of that city be a step ahead and try preventing it from happening.

1.3 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is to be able to generate visualizations and facts by studying the patterns of all the crimes happening in the city and be able to see any pattern that a certain crime usually follows. The visualizations would be a way of projecting the results from the algorithms used to obtain them from.

1.4 TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY

RStudio

RStudio is a free and open source integrated development environment (IDE) for R.

R is a programming language and free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. The R language is widely used among statisticians and data miners for developing statistical software and data analysis.

There are several reasons of choosing R over the other languages. First being that, R is free, open source code. It is very stable and reliable. It runs anywhere, be it Windows, Unix systems or Mac. R performs a wide variety of functions, such as data manipulation, statistical modeling, and graphics.

Tableau

For the user to easily understand the results obtained from the data, the team saw it better to provide an interactive visualization where the user can be able to see the visualization as they wish, see the results for the specific location that they wish. we chose tableau for our rendering because:

- It converts unstructured Statistical information into comprehensive logical results, which are fully functional, interactive and provides appealing dashboards.
- It is easy to use and understand.
- The software supports establishing connections with many data sources, which improves the data analytics quality and facilitates the creation of a more unified and informative dashboard.
- It can handle large amounts of data.

CHAPTER 2

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

2.1PROJECT PLANNING

2.1.1 Project Development Approach and Justification

The project development approach used for this project is the Iterative Waterfall Model.

Iterative process starts with a simple implementation of a subset of the software requirement and iteratively enhances the evoking versions until the full system is implemented. At each iteration, design modifications are made and new functional capabilities are added.

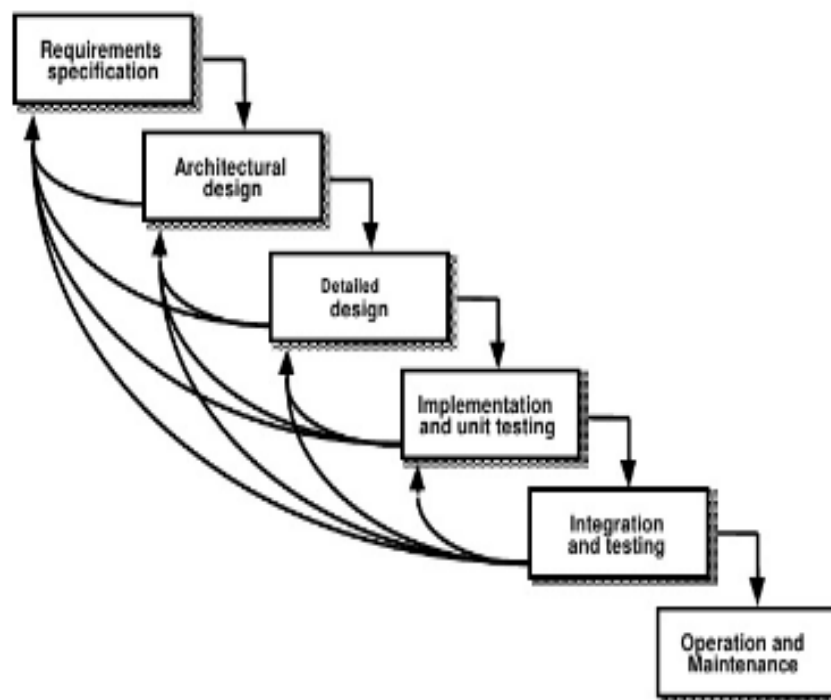


Fig 2.1 Iterative Waterfall Model design

Advantages:

- In iterative model we can only create a high-level design of the application before we actually begin to build the product and define the design solution for the entire product. Later on we can design and build a skeleton version of that, and then evolve the design based on what had been built.
- In iterative model we are building and improving the product step by step. Hence we can track the defects at early stages. This avoids the downward flow of the defects.
- In iterative model we can get the reliable user feedback. When presenting sketches and blueprints of the product to users for their feedback, we are effectively asking them to imagine how the product will work.
- In iterative model less time is spent on document and more time is given for designing.

JUSTIFICATION:

We used the iterative waterfall model since the requirements of the complete system are clearly defined and understood. When the project is big, the iterative waterfall model is best used. We had the major requirements defined however some details had evolved with time.

2.1.2 Roles and Responsibilities

The project comprises of three members:

1. Urvi Patel
2. Changlong Li
3. Mohammed Abdul Najeeb Farooqui

Pair programming is an agile software development technique in which programmers work together at one workstation. One, the **driver**, writes code while the other, the **observer**, **pointer** or **navigator**, reviews each line of code as it is typed in. The programmers switch roles frequently.

Roles	Responsibilities
Urvi Patel	Req. gathering, Coding, Maintenance
Changlong Li	Req. Analysis, Coding, Testing
Mohammed Abdul Najeeb Farooqui	Req. Analysis, Coding, Testing

Table 2.1.1 Group Dependencies

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM REQUIREMENT STUDY

3.1 User Characteristics

The target audience for the project is the people who may use this study to be able to gain analyzed information to be able to take precautions.

3.2 Software Requirements

The ideal or the recommended configurations are listed as under:

Software Specifications:-

- Front End: R
- Environment: windows, unix systems or Mac
- Tools: RStudio and Tableau

3.3 Assumption and Dependencies

- The user understands how to use the interactive visualization to gain information they specifically want.

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DESIGN

Dataset

Report Number	Report Date	Occur Date	Occur Time	Possible Date	Possible Time	Beat	Apartment	Apartment Location	Shift Occur	Location T	UCR Litera	UCR #	IBR Code	Neighborhood	NPU	Latitude	Longitude
90010930	1/1/2009	1/1/2009	1145	1/1/2009	1148	408			2841 GREE Day Watch	8 LARCENY-	630	2303 Greenbriar R	33.68845	-84.4933			
90011083	1/1/2009	1/1/2009	1330	1/1/2009	1330	506			12 BROAD Day Watch	9 LARCENY-	630	2303 Downtown M	33.7532	-84.392			
90011208	1/1/2009	1/1/2009	1500	1/1/2009	1520	413			3500 MAR Unknown	8 LARCENY-	630	2303 Adamsville H	33.75735	-84.5028			
90011218	1/1/2009	1/1/2009	1450	1/1/2009	1510	204			3393 PEAC Evening W	8 LARCENY-	630	2303 Lenox B	33.84676	-84.3621			
90011289	1/1/2009	1/1/2009	1600	1/1/2009	1700	408			2841 GREE Unknown	8 LARCENY-	630	2303 Greenbriar R	33.68677	-84.4977			

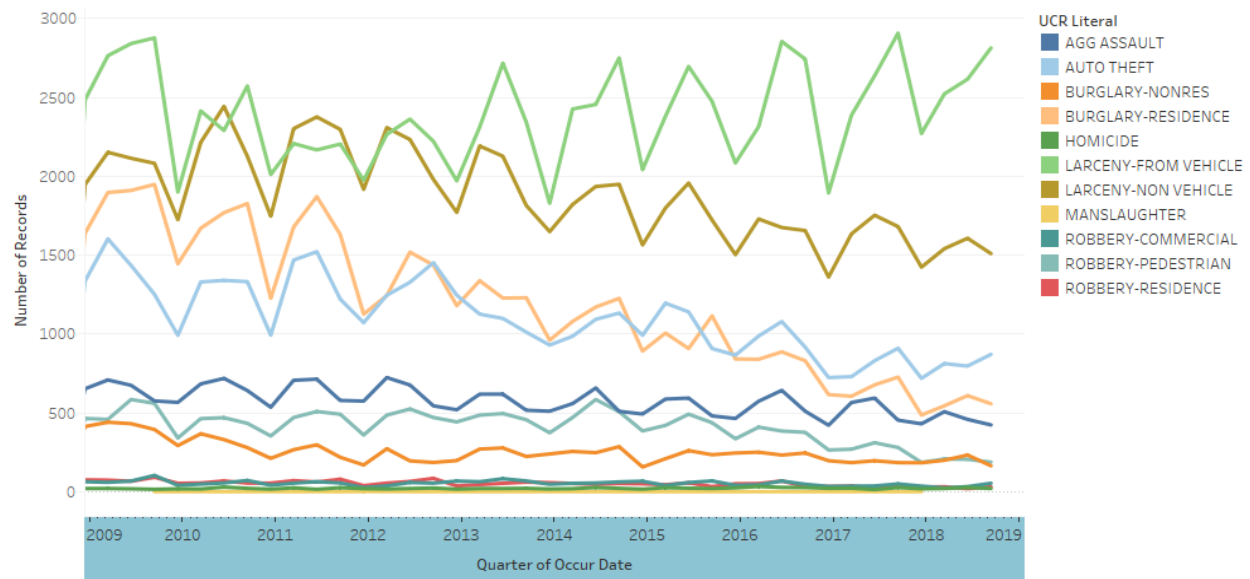
Crime statistics

To be able to come up to a decision of what attributes to use for generating association rules, we first did statistical analysis of the data based on what crimes were most prevalent, which time they were prevalent, what location was most affected by them and what day and month was it most frequent during.

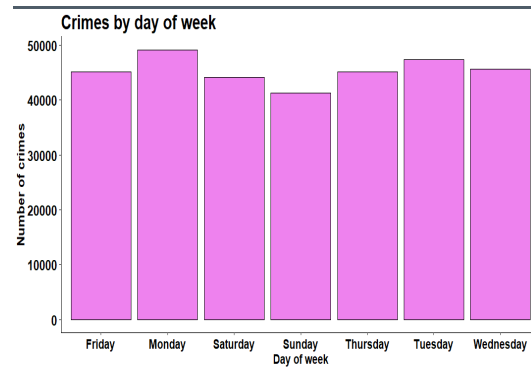
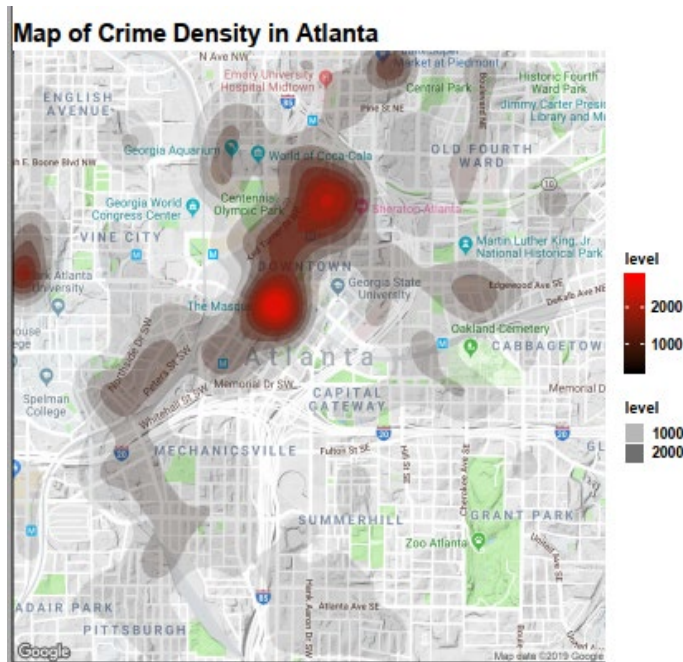
Statistic	Reported incidents	Atlanta /100k people	Georgia /100k people	National /100k people
Total crime	27,495	5,712	3,217	2,745

Statistic	Reported incidents	Atlanta /100k people	Georgia /100k people	National /100k people
Murder	79	16.4	6.7	5.3
Rape	282	58.6	26.1	41.7
Robbery	1,413	293.6	96.3	98.0
Assault	2,730	567.2	228.1	248.9
Violent crime	4,504	936	357	383
Burglary	3,390	704.3	530.9	430.4
Theft	16,304	3,387.2	2,077.4	1,694.4
Vehicle theft	3,297	685.0	251.8	237.4
Property crime	22,991	4,776	2,860	2,362

<Time Series plot of Atlanta crimes (2009-2018)>

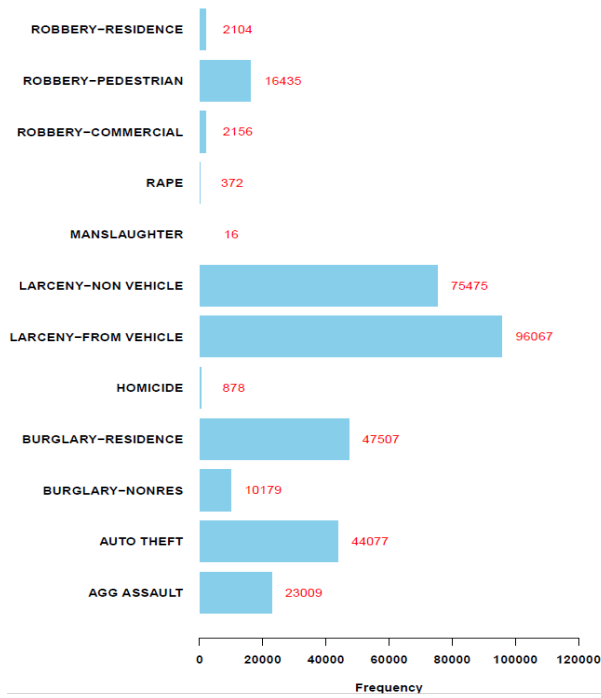


The trend of sum of Number of Records for Occur Date Quarter. Color shows details about UCR Literal.

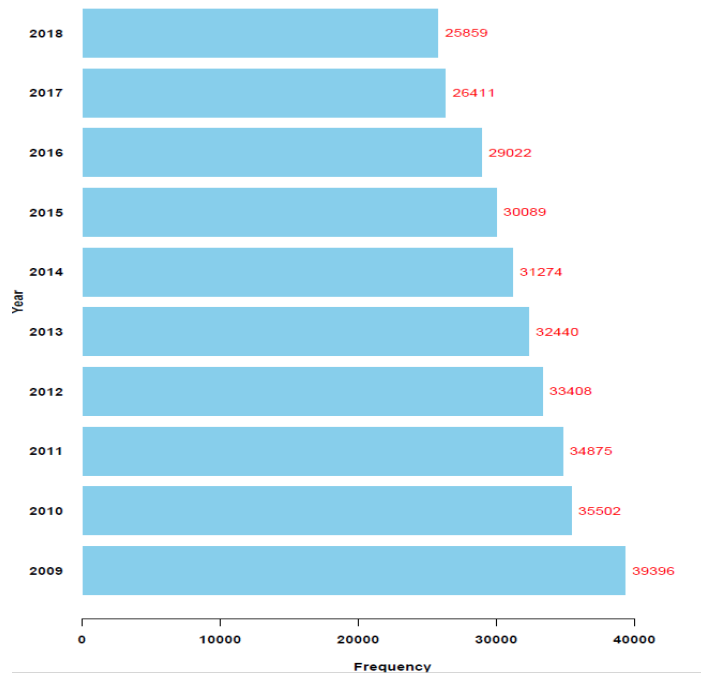


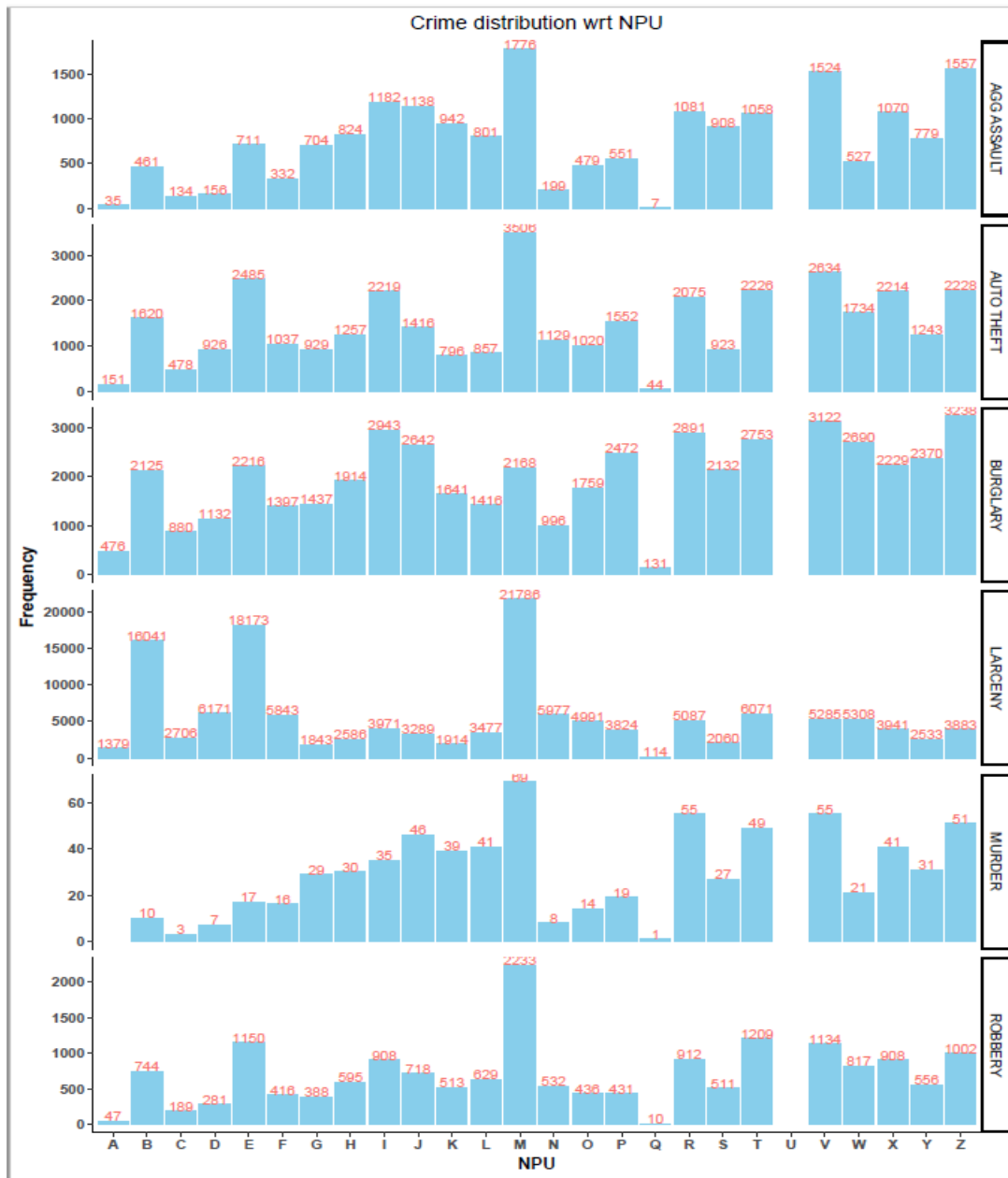
The crime density map above was able to tell us that the Downtown of Atlanta has more crimes happening than other parts of Atlanta. That helps us narrow down that some NPUs(divisions) have higher crime rates than others.

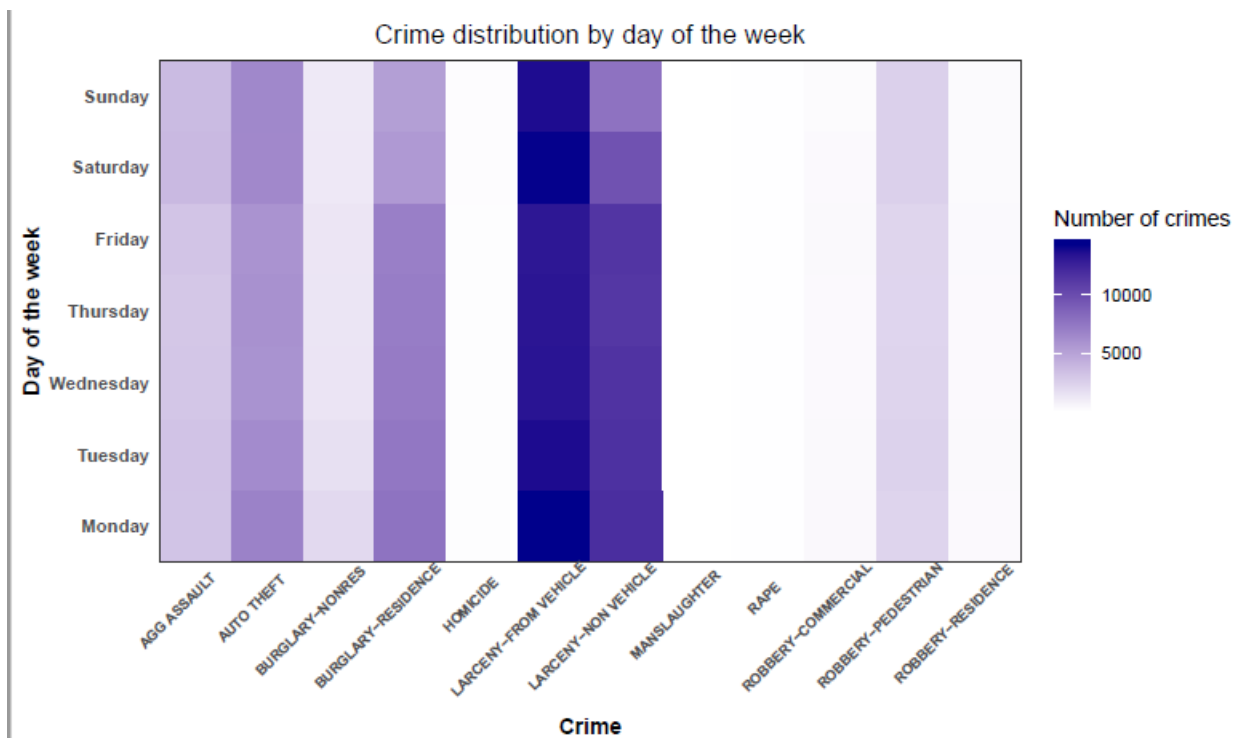
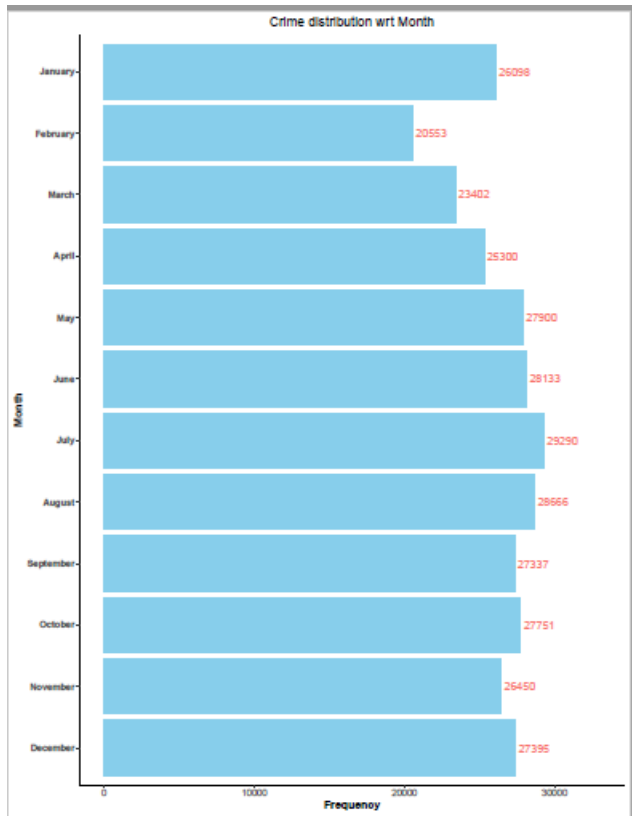
Crime Distribution wrt Type of crime

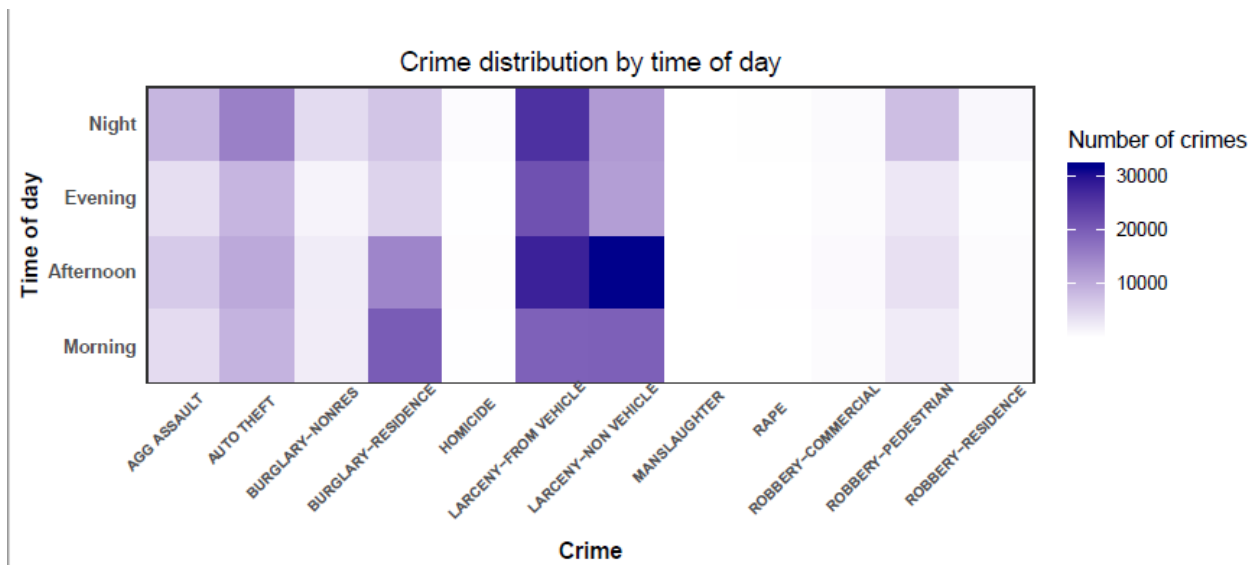


Crime Distribution wrt year

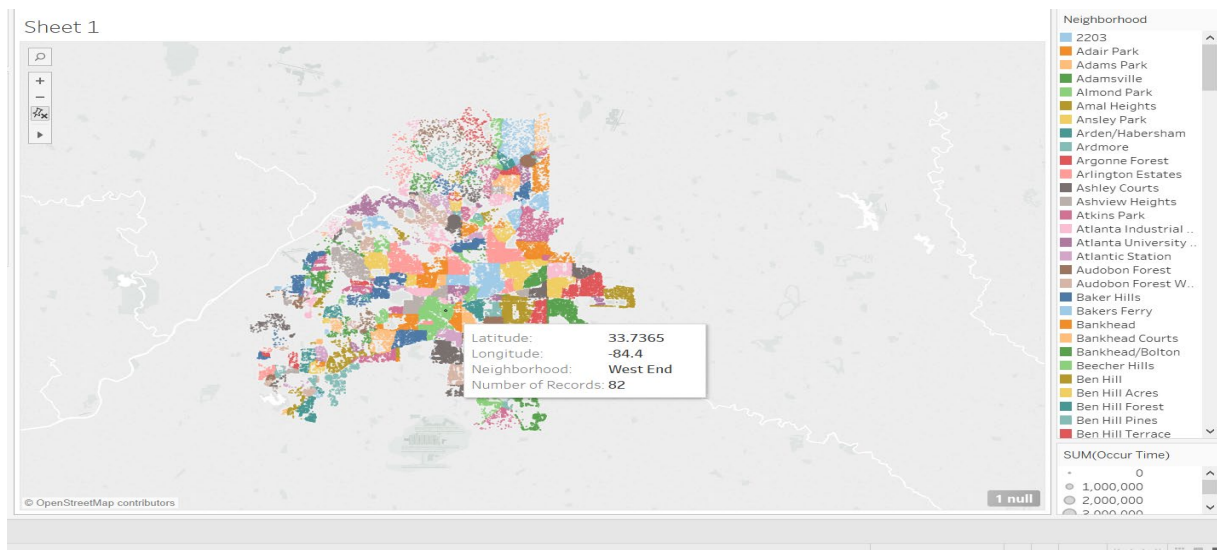








The above heat maps were able to tell us that some crimes were at peak during certain days of the week and certain times of the day. The bar charts were able to tell us what type of crime was prominent in what NPU and in what month.



After the selection of the attributes which were, type of crime, time of crime(time, day of week and month) and location of crime(divided into 26 divisions based on NPU), we start implementing the algorithm.

CHAPTER 5

IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING

5.1 Implementation Environment

We have used R to develop the project.

R is a programming language, mainly dealing with the statistical computation of data and graphical representations. Many data science experts claim that R can be considered as a very different application, of its licensed contemporary tool, SAS. The various offerings of this tool include linear and non-linear modelling, classical statistical tests, time-series analysis, clustering and graphical representation. It can be referred to as a more integrated suite of software facilities, for data manipulation, calculation and data visualization. The R environment is more of a well-developed space for an R programming language, inclusive of user-defined recursive functions as well as input and output facilities.

When it comes to graphical representation, the related attributed to R are extremely exemplary. It has over 4800 packages available, in its environment which belong to various repositories with specialization in various topics like econometrics, data mining, spatial analysis and bioinformatics.

5.2 Steps involved in developing the project:

The overall process of finding and interpreting patterns from data involves the repeated application of the following steps:

1. Data Cleaning: Data cleaning is defined as removal of noisy and irrelevant data from collection.
 - Cleaning in case of Missing values.
 - Cleaning noisy data, where noise is a random or variance error.
 - Cleaning with Data discrepancy detection and Data transformation tools.
2. Data Integration: Data integration is defined as heterogeneous data from multiple sources combined in a common source (Datawarehouse).
 - Data integration using Data Migration tools.
 - Data integration using Data Synchronization tools.

- Data integration using ETL(Extract-Load-Transformation) process.
- 3. Data Selection: Data selection is defined as the process where data relevant to the analysis is decided and retrieved from the data collection.
- 4. Data Transformation: Data Transformation is defined as the process of transforming data into appropriate form required by mining procedure.
Data Transformation is a two-step process:
 - Data Mapping: Assigning elements from source base to destination to capture transformations.
 - Code generation: Creation of the actual transformation program.
- 5. Data Mining: Data mining is defined as clever techniques that are applied to extract patterns potentially useful.
 - Transforms task relevant data into patterns.
 - Decides purpose of model using classification or characterization.
- 6. Pattern Evaluation: Pattern Evaluation is defined as as identifying strictly increasing patterns representing knowledge based on given measures.
 - Find interestingness score of each pattern.
 - Uses summarization and Visualization to make data understandable by user.
- 7. Knowledge representation: Knowledge representation is defined as technique which utilizes visualization tools to represent data mining results.
 - Generate reports.
 - Generate tables.
 - Generate discriminant rules, classification rules, characterization rules, etc.

5.3 Algorithms:

Apriori Algorithm

Name of the algorithm is Apriori because it uses prior knowledge of frequent itemset properties. We apply an iterative approach or level-wise search where k-frequent item sets are used to find k+1 item sets.

To improve the efficiency of level-wise generation of frequent item sets, an important property is used called *Apriori property* which helps by reducing the search space.

Apriori Property –

All non-empty subset of frequent itemset must be frequent. The key concept of Apriori algorithm is its anti-monotonicity of support measure. Apriori assumes that *“All subsets of a frequent itemset must be frequent (Apriori property). If an itemset is infrequent, all its supersets will be infrequent.”*

While choosing the algorithm we had two choices:

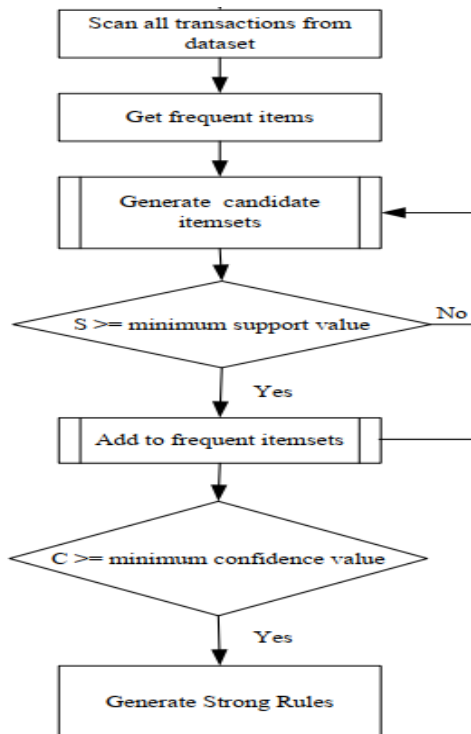
- The FP Growth algorithm
- Apriori algorithm

Comparing the two algorithms, theoretically, FP Growth has several advantages one of the main being that since it does a maximum of two scans it is faster than the Apriori algorithm which has to scan every time.

During execution of the project though, the FP growth took almost seven minutes to gives us the same results where by Apriori took less than a minute. So, for this project we chose Apriori over FP growth.

5.4 Execution

To generate rules Apriori has requires two parameters: Support and confidence. The figure below shows general steps for the algorithm.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Rule: } X \Rightarrow Y & \begin{cases} \text{Support} = \frac{freq(X,Y)}{N} \\ \text{Confidence} = \frac{freq(X,Y)}{freq(X)} \\ \text{Lift} = \frac{\text{Support}}{\text{Supp}(X) \times \text{Supp}(Y)} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The general rule for the associations were:

Whenever $X \in \text{crime reports}$

$NPU(x, NPU_value) \wedge Month(x, Month) \wedge OccurTime(x, OT_value) \wedge Weekday(x, day_of_the_week) \rightarrow \text{crime}(x, UCR_literal)$

After the association rules were generated, we had to refine our associations as most of the associations generated were not very accurate.

To refine the rules, we realized that we had to test our results on the data too. So we divided the crime data from 2008 to 2015 to generate the associations. The associations generated were tested on the test data which contained data from the year 2016 to 2018.

This helped us attain better accuracy on the associations generated.

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873 #-----Comparing the accuracy of the most relevant rules and generating rules that give us a good prediction when compared to
874 real world data.
875 Prediction_accuracy <- {}
876 for (i in 1:nrow(inspectrules_df)){
877   table1 <- table(k2[k2$NPU == as.character(inspectrules_df$npu[i]) & k2$Month == as.character(inspectrules_df$month[i]) &
878     k2$occurTime == as.character(inspectrules_df$occurtime[i]) & k2$weekday == as.character(inspectrules_df$weekday[i]), "UCRLiteral"
879   )
880   if(nrow(table1) > 0 ){
881     s <- as.data.frame(table(k2[k2$NPU == as.character(inspectrules_df$npu[i]) & k2$Month == as.character(inspectrules_df$month[
882     i]) & k2$occurTime == as.character(inspectrules_df$occurtime[i]) & k2$weekday == as.character(inspectrules_df$weekday[i]),
883     "UCRLiteral"])))
884     n <- s[s$Var1 == inspectrules_df$ucrliteral[i], "Freq"]/sum(s$Freq)*100
885     if(length(n) == 0 ){Prediction_accuracy[i] <- 0}
886     if(length(n) > 0 ){
887       Prediction_accuracy[i] <- n
888       if((n > 60) & (n < 95)){
889         Prediction_accuracy[i] <- n
890       }
891       print(table1)
892       cat("Prediction accuracy:",(s[s$Var1 == inspectrules_df$ucrliteral[i], "Freq"]/sum(s$Freq))*100,"%","\n", "Support:",
893         inspectrules_df$support[i]*100,"%","\n", "Confidence:",inspectrules_df$confidence[i], "%","\n", "Lift:", inspectrules_df$lift[i])
894       print(inspectrules_df[i,c("lhs", "rhs")])
895     }
896   }
897 }
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CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

At the end of the project, we were able to obtain 57 strong rules with the minimum accuracy prediction threshold being 65%.

The best rule generated was at a accuracy level of 87.5%.

The rule basically stated “In the NPU(division) F and months of December, during Thursday Evenings, Larceny from motor vehicle is very common”.

lhs	rhs	support	confidence	lift	Prediction accuracy
{NPU=F,Month=December,OccurTime=Evening,Weekday=Thursday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-FROM MOTOR VEHICLE}	0.011277983	0.833333333	3.453677448	87.50
{NPU=O,Month=November,OccurTime=Afternoon,Weekday=Tuesday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-SHOPLIFTING}	0.005945863	0.631578947	5.702661719	85.71
{NPU=E,Month=May,OccurTime=Evening,Weekday=Thursday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-FROM MOTOR VEHICLE}	0.012405782	0.647058824	2.68167896	83.33
{NPU=E,Month=December,OccurTime=Evening,Weekday=Sunday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-FROM MOTOR VEHICLE}	0.010526118	0.571428571	2.368235964	78.57
{NPU=E,Month=October,OccurTime=Evening,Weekday=Monday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-FROM MOTOR VEHICLE}	0.013909513	0.560606061	2.323383011	77.27
{NPU=E,Month=April,OccurTime=Evening,Weekday=Thursday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-FROM MOTOR VEHICLE}	0.010526118	0.518518519	2.148954857	75.00
{NPU=E,Month=January,OccurTime=Evening,Weekday=Monday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-FROM MOTOR VEHICLE}	0.016541042	0.709677419	2.941196278	75.00
{NPU=A,Month=October,OccurTime=Morning,Weekday=Wednesday}	{UCRLiteral=B-RESIDENCE FORCE}	0.002972931	0.6	3.627481876	75.00
{NPU=A,Month=July,OccurTime=Morning,Weekday=Thursday}	{UCRLiteral=B-RESIDENCE FORCE}	0.002972931	0.6	3.627481876	75.00
{NPU=O,Month=March,OccurTime=Evening,Weekday=Wednesday}	{UCRLiteral=LAR-SHOPLIFTING}	0.00346842	0.538461538	4.86188467	75.00

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

There is a lot of scope of improvement in the project.

If given access to the right data, we can use the location of public amenities like hospitals, schools, restaurants and et cetera to show what type of crime normally happens around them.

We can also use the detailed data of the area’s economy to enhance on the prediction of what type of crime happens in the less economically advanced areas and which in the “rich” areas.

The above stated improvements can be done if credible data is obtained.

Another enhancement could be made toward identifying the possible victims of certain crimes by having the detailed criminal records and mining on what type of people they would normally choose as their victims.

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