

GSP: Apriori-Based Sequential Pattern Mining

- Initial candidates: All singleton sequences
- <a>, , <c>, <d>, <e>, <f>, <g>, <h>
- Scan DB once, count support for each candidate
- ☐ Generate length-2 candidate sequences

$$min_sup = 2$$

Cand.	sup
<a>	3
	5
<c></c>	4
<d></d>	3
<e></e>	3
<f></f>	2
785	

	<a>		<c></c>	<d></d>	<e></e>	<f></f>
<a>	<aa></aa>	<ab></ab>	<ac></ac>	<ad></ad>	<ae></ae>	<af></af>
	<ba></ba>	<bb></bb>	<bc></bc>	<bd></bd>	<be></be>	<bf></bf>
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<e></e>	<ea></ea>	<eb></eb>	<ec></ec>	<ed></ed>	<ee></ee>	<ef></ef>
<f></f>	<fa></fa>	<fb></fb>	<fc></fc>	<fd></fd>	<fe></fe>	<ff></ff>

	<a>		<c></c>	<d></d>	<e></e>	<f></f>
<a>		<(ab)>	<(ac)>	<(ad)>	<(ae)>	<(af)>
			<(bc)>	<(bd)>	<(be)>	<(bf)>
<c></c>				<(cd)>	<(ce)>	<(cf)>
<d></d>					<(de)>	<(df)>
<e></e>						<(ef)>
<f></f>						

SID	Sequence
10	<(bd)cb(ac)>
20	<(bf)(ce)b(fg)>
30	<(ah)(bf)abf>
40	<(be)(ce)d>
50	<a(bd)bcb(ade)></a(bd)bcb(ade)>

■ Length-2 candidates:

$$36 + 15 = 51$$

■ Without Apriori pruning: 8*8+8*7/2=92 candidates

GSP (Generalized Sequential Patterns): Srikant & Agrawal @ EDBT'96)

GSP Mining and Pruning

Candidates cannot pass min_sup 5th scan: 1 cand. 1 length-5 seq. pat. <(bd)cba> threshold 4th scan: 8 cand. 7 length-4 seq. pat. Candidates not in DB <abba> <(bd)bc> ... 3rd scan: 46 cand. 20 length-3 seq. pat. 20 <abb> <aab> <aba> <bab> ... cand, not in DB at all 2nd scan: 51 cand. 19 length-2 seq. pat. <aa> <ab> ... <af> <ba> <bb> ... <ff> <(ab)> ... <(ef)> 10 cand, not in DB at all <a> <c> <d> <e> <f> <g> <h> $min_sup = 2$ 1st scan: 8 cand. 6 length-1 seq. pat.

- Repeat (for each level (i.e., length-k))
 - Scan DB to find length-k frequent sequences
 - Generate length-(k+1) candidate sequences from length-k frequent sequences using Apriori
 - set k = k+1
- Until no frequent sequence or no candidate can be found

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