

Introduction

Sequential pattern mining is a topic of data mining concerned with finding statistically relevant patterns between data examples where the values are delivered in a sequence. It is usually presumed that the values are discrete, and thus time series mining is closely related, but usually considered a different activity. Sequential pattern mining is a special case of structured data mining. There are several key traditional computational problems addressed within this field. These include building efficient databases and indexes for sequence information, extracting the frequently occurring patterns, comparing sequences for similarity, recovering missing sequence members.

Data Extraction

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In [3]: file=open('/kaggle/input/msn-dataset/msnbc990928.seq','r')
        dataset=[]
        for line in file:
            x=line.split()
            dataset.append(x)
In [4]: dataset
Out[4]: [['1', '1'],
         ['3', '2', '2', '4', '2', '2', '2', '3', '3'],
         ['5'],
          ['1'],
          '6'],
          '6', '7', '7', '7', '6', '6', '8', '8', '8', '8'],
          '6', '9', '4', '4', '4', '10', '3', '10', '5', '10', '4', '4', '4']
          '12', '12'],
          '1', '1'],
          '8', '8', '8', '8', '8', '8'],
          '2'],
          `'9', '12'],
          ''3'],
         ['9'],
```

- The data was extracted in the form a string list of list.
- The macro list contained the collection of lists which represented each user in a span of 24 hours.
- The micro lists in them depicted the hits on a particular website (by indexing) that the user visited in that particular 24 hours.

Subsequence Checking

```
In [5]: #Checking if a subsequence is a subsequence of the ain sequence
        def isSubsequence(mainSequence, subSequence):
            subSequenceClone=list(subSequence)
            return isSubsequenceRecursive(mainSequence,subSequenceClone)
        def isSubsequenceRecursive(mainSequence, subSequenceClone, start=0):
            if(not subSequenceClone):
                 return True
            firstElem=set(subSequenceClone.pop(0))
            for i in range(start,len(mainSequence)):
                if(set(mainSequence[i]).issuperset(firstElem)):
                    return isSubsequenceRecursive(mainSequence, subSequenceClone, i+1)
             return False
In [6]: sample=[['1'],['2','3'],['4'],['1','5']]
In [7]: isSubsequence(sample,[['1'],['4'],['5']])
Out[7]: True
In [8]: isSubsequence(sample,[['1'],['2','3'],['5']])
Out[8]: True
```

In this **Boolean** function, it was checked if a given sequence is a subsequence of the main sequence or not.

Computing Support

```
In [12]: #Computing support
          def countSupport(dataset,candidateSequence):
              return sum(1 for seq in dataset if isSubsequence(seq,candidateSequence))
In [13]: dataset
Out[13]: [['1', '1'],
          ['3', '2', '2', '4', '2', '2', '2', '3', '3'],
           ['5'],
           ['1'],
          ['6', '7', '7', '7', '6', '6', '8', '8', '8', '8'],
['6', '9', '4', '4', '4', '10', '3', '10', '5', '10', '4', '4', '4'],
           ['12', '12'],
           ['1', '1'],
           ['8', '8', '8', '8', '8', '8'],
           ['2'],
           ['9', '12'],
           ['3'],
In [14]: countSupport(dataset,[['2']])
Out[14]: 264016
```

In this function, the support of a particular sequence with respect to the original dataset was calculated.

Apriori Candidate generation

```
def generateCandidates(lastLevelCandidates):
             k=sequenceLength(lastLevelCandidates[0])+1
             if (k==2):
                 flatShortCandidates=[item for sublist2 in lastLevelCandidates for sublist1
                 result=[[[a,b]] for a in flatShortCandidates for b in flatShortCandidates
                 result.extend([[[a],[b]] for a in flatShortCandidates for b in flatShortCa
                 return result
             else:
                 candidates=[]
                 for i in range(0,len(lastLevelCandidates)):
                     for j in range(0,len(lastLevelCandidates)):
                         newCand=generateCandidatesForPair(lastLevelCandidates[i],lastLevel
                         if (not newCand==[]):
                             candidates.append(newCand)
                 candidates.sort()
                 return candidates
In [23]: lastLevelFrequentPatterns =[[['1','2']],[['2','3']],[['1'],['2']],[['1'],['3']],[[
In [24]: newCandidates=generateCandidates(lastLevelFrequentPatterns)
         newCandidates
Out[24]: [[['1'], ['2'], ['3']],
          [['1'], ['2', '3']],
          [['1'], ['3'], ['2']],
          [['1'], ['3'], ['3']],
          [['1', '2'], ['3']],
          [['1', '2', '3']],
          [['2'], ['3'], ['2']],
          [['2'], ['3'], ['3']],
          [['2', '3'], ['2']],
```

In this function, the candidates were generated for frequent patterns.

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In [20]: #canataace prunting
         def pruneCandidates(candidatesLastLevel,candidatesGenerated):
             return [cand for cand in candidatesGenerated if all(x in candidatesLastLevel for x i
In [27]: candidatesPruned=pruneCandidates(lastLevelFrequentPatterns,newCandidates)
         candidatesPruned
Out[27]: [[['1'], ['2'], ['3']],
          [['1'], ['2', '3']],
          [['1'], ['3'], ['2']],
          [['1', '2'], ['3']],
          [['2'], ['3'], ['3']],
          [['2', '3'], ['3']],
          [['3'], ['2'], ['3']],
          [['3'], ['3'], ['2']],
          [['3'], ['3'], ['3']]]
In [28]:
         minSupport=2
         candidatesCounts=[(i,countSupport(dataset,i)) for i in candidatesPruned]
         resultLvl=[(i,count) for (i,count) in candidatesCounts if(count>=minSupport)]
         resultLvl
Out[28]: [([['1'], ['2'], ['3']], 16048),
          ([['1'], ['3'], ['2']], 14841),
          ([['1'], ['3'], ['3']], 48590),
          ([['1', '2'], ['3']], 11370),
          ([['3'], ['2'], ['3']], 5173),
          ([['3'], ['3'], ['2']], 9351),
```

Candidate Pruning

Sequential Patterns

```
In [29]: #Apriori algorithm
          def apriori(dataset,minSupport,verbose=False):
              global numberOfCountingOperations
              numberOfCountingOperations=0
             Overall=[]
             itemsInDataset=sorted(set([item for sublist1 in dataset for sublist2 in sublist1 for item in su
              singleItemSequences=[[[item]] for item in itemsInDataset]
              singleItemCounts=[(i,countSupport(dataset,i)) for i in singleItemSequences if countSupport(dataset,i)
             Overall.append(singleItemCounts)
             print("Result, lvl 1: "+str(Overall[0]))
             k=1
             while(True):
                  if not Overall[k-1]:
                      break
                  candidatesLastLevel=[x[0] \text{ for } x \text{ in Overall}[k-1]]
                  candidatesGenerated=generateCandidates(candidatesLastLevel)
                  candidatesPruned=[cand for cand in candidatesGenerated if all(x in candidatesLastLevel for
                  candidatesCounts=[(i,countSupport(dataset,i)) for i in candidatesPruned]
                  resultLvl=[(i,count) for(i,count) in candidatesCounts if(count>=minSupport)]
                  if verbose:
                      print("Candidates generated, lvl "+str(k+1)+": "+str(candidatesGenerated))
                      print("Candidates pruned, lvl "+str(k+1)+": "+str(candidatesPruned))
                      print("Result, lvl "+str(k+1)+": "+str(resultLvl))
                  Overall.append(resultLvl)
                  k=k+1
             Overall=Overall[:-1]
             Overall=[item for sublist in Overall for item in sublist]
             return Overall
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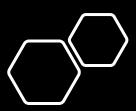
Finally, using the algorithm, we mine for sequential patterns.



Limitations

- Using this algorithm, too many candidates are generated.
- To mine sequential patterns, an exponential number of short candidates have to be generated. For eg:- A length 100 sequential pattern needs 10³⁰ candidate sequences.
- There was a problem regarding some python libraries, hence I uploaded the dataset on **Kaggle** and wrote the code on that notebook. Hence I am attaching a link here for reference

https://www.kaggle.com/archi97/kernel12175 4ab61



GitHub link:-

https://github.com/archishman97/SPADE-Implementation