

CDS 503: Machine Learning
Academic Session: Semester 1, 2022-2023
School of Computer Sciences, USM, Penang

ASSIGNMENT 2

Task Type

Assignment 2 is a group assignment of 2 per group. The members are **not** necessarily same as project group members.

Assignment Description

1. Find **any problem** that can be solved using **Apriori-based algorithms**.
2. Explain the problem and how you can do an association analysis using the Apriori algorithm based on the steps below:
 - Preparing the data for the apriori algorithm
 - Setting the parameters for the algorithm and running the algorithm
 - Inspecting the frequent items
 - Generate association rules and analyze the results using confidence, support, and lift.
3. Develop the Apriori algorithm **WITHOUT** using any toolbox. However, you can use any library to help you complete the association analysis.
4. You have to code your Apriori algorithm in Python.

Report Requirement and Format

- A report must be prepared using Microsoft Word, font type Arial, size 12 in a single line, between 8 – 12 pages. Every chapter should start with a **new** page (Chapters 1.0 to 5.0, and references).
- A **cover page** should contain the course name (including semester and year), assignment title, name, and matrix no.
- Table of Contents
 - 1.0 Problem Background
 - 2.0 Data Understanding & Integration
 - 3.0 Pre-processing options
 - 4.0 Experiment and Analysis using Apriori Algorithm
 - Setting the parameters for the algorithm and running the algorithm.
 - Inspect frequent items.
 - Generate association rules and analyze the results using confidence, support, and lift.
 - 5.0 Conclusion

References

Note: You may create additional subsections as deemed necessary.

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Report Submission Instruction

- Submit a soft copy (PDF to eLearn@USM).
- The PDF file must be named according to the following notation: **CDS503_Assignment 2_Name1_Name2.**

Assignment Evaluation

This assignment will be graded (A to F scale).

IMPORTANT: Students who copied or plagiarized other's work or let their work be copied or plagiarized will be given an F grade. The student may be barred from sitting for final exam and reported to the university's disciplinary board.

Assignment Due Date: Refer to the course planner.

Grading Rubric – Assignment 1

Course Learning Outcome (CLO):

- C03: Design relevant machine learning solutions for typical real-world problems.

Rubrics

| Component | 2-1 (Poor) | 5-3 (Average) | 8-6 (Good) | 10-9 (Excellent) | Weight |
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| Intro & Problem Background | Introduction and problem background are poorly explained. | Introduction and problem background are fairly explained. | Introduction and problem background are adequately explained. | Introduction and problem background are clearly explained. | 20% |
| Data Understanding & Integration | Data Understanding & Integration are poorly explained. | Data Understanding & Integration are fairly explained. | Data Understanding & Integration are adequately explained. | Data Understanding & Integration are clearly explained. | 15% |

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| Pre-processing options | Pre-processing options are minimally discussed and justified. | Pre-processing options are fairly discussed and justified. | Pre-processing options are adequately discussed and justified. | Pre-processing options are clearly discussed and justified. | 10% |
| Experiment Result & Analysis | The experiment is poorly performed according to the plan. The results and analysis are poorly discussed. | The experiment is minimally performed according to the plan. The results and analysis are minimally discussed. | The experiment is fairly performed according to the plan. The results and analysis are fairly discussed. | The experiment is clearly performed according to the plan. The results and analysis are clearly discussed. | 45% |
| Conclusion & References | The conclusion is absent , and no references provided. | The conclusion is of simplistic summary and few references are provided. | The conclusion is a partially complete summary and adequately references are given. | The conclusion contains a comprehensive summary and good references are provided. | 5% |
| Report Formatting | Some writings are inaccurate and unclear. Follow the format given and somewhat organized. | Some writings are inaccurate and unclear. Follow the format given and somewhat organized. | Most writings are accurate, clear and concise. Somewhat follow the format and organized. | Most writings are accurate, clear and concise language used throughout. Report follows the format given and is properly arranged and well-organized. | 5% |