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# Chapter 6

## Association Analysis: Advanced Concepts

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- The association rule mining formulation in Ch.5 assumes that
  - The input data consists of binary attributes called items
  - The presence of an item in a transaction is also assumed to be more important than its absence 나타나는게 중요하다고 포커스를 둬
  - As a result, an item is treated as an asymmetric binary attribute and only frequent patterns are considered interesting → 0,1 인데 1에 집중함!
- This chapter extends the formulation to data sets with
  - Categorical attributes
  - Continuous attributes
  - A concept of hierarchy 계층구조
  - Sequences

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# Handling **Categorical** Attributes

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- There are many data that contain *categorical* attributes
  - (ex) Internet survey data with categorical attributes

Gender	Level of Education	State	Computer at Home	Chat Online	Shop Online	Privacy Concerns
Female	Graduate	Illinois	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Male	College	California	No	No	No	No
Male	Graduate	Michigan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Female	College	Virginia	No	No	Yes	Yes
Female	Graduate	California	Yes	No	No	Yes
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

- Using association analysis, we may uncover *interesting rules*
  - (ex) {Shop Online = Yes}  $\rightarrow$  {Privacy Concerns = Yes}

# Transformation of Categorical Attributes

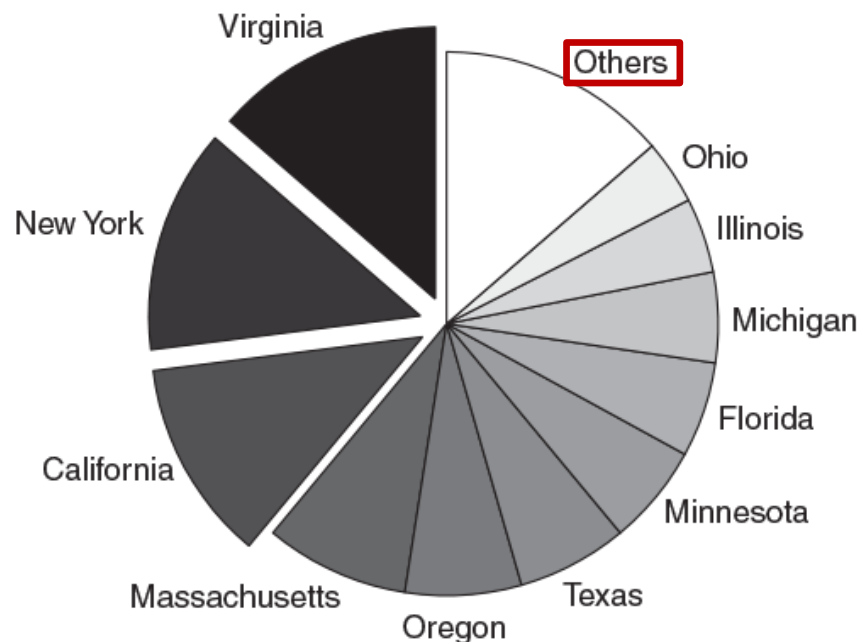
- To extract such patterns, we must **transform** the categorical attributes into “items” first
  - So that existing association rule mining algorithms can be applied
- We create a new **item** for each distinct **attribute-value pair**
  - (ex) Internet survey data after transformation

Male	Female	Education = Graduate <i>이것 자체가 item</i>	Education = College	...	Privacy = Yes	Privacy = No
0	1	1	0	...	1	0
1	0	0	1	...	0	1
1	0	1	0	...	1	0
0	1	0	1	...	1	0
0	1	1	0	...	1	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

# Several Issues to Consider (1/3)

## 1. Some attribute values may *not* be frequent

- They are not enough to be part of a frequent pattern
- **Solution 1:** group related attribute values into a small number of categories
  - Many state names → Midwest, Pacific Northwest, Southwest, East Cost  
*지역으로 묶기 (minsup을 넘기게 하려고)*
- **Solution 2:** aggregate the less frequent values into a single category
  - Many small state names → Others



# Several Issues to Consider (2/3)

## 2. Some attribute values may be *too* frequent 예기 정상상의 특징정보로

- For example, if 85% of the survey participants own a home computer, we may potentially generate many redundant patterns (양도적인것제거)

{**Computer at Home** = Yes, Shop Online = Yes} → {Privacy Concerns = Yes}

{..., **Computer at Home** = Yes, ...} → {...} 의미없는 rule만 많이 만듦

- Because the high-frequency items correspond to the typical values of an attribute, they *seldom* carry any new information
- **Solution:** remove such items before applying association analysis
  - It may be more useful to better understand the pattern

# Several Issues to Consider (3/3)

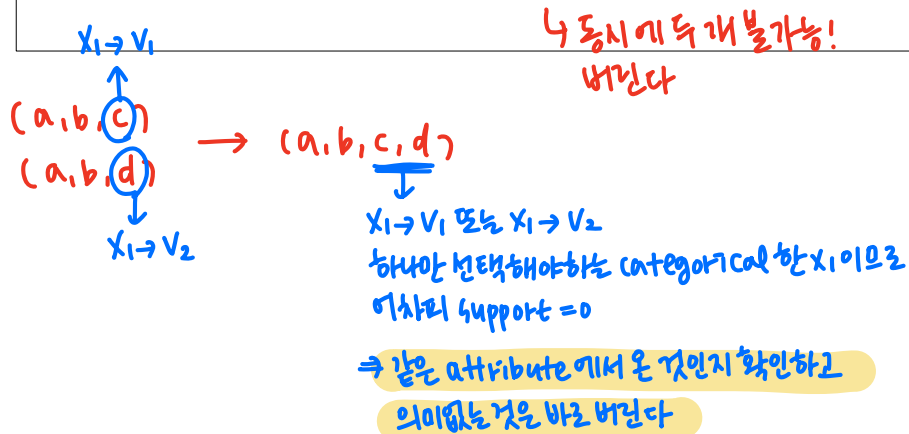
Candidate를 만들때

## 3. There can be many *meaningless* candidate itemsets

- For example, we do not have to generate a candidate itemset such as  $\{\text{State} = X, \text{State} = Y, \dots\}$  because its support count is 0
- Solution:** Avoid generating candidate itemsets that contain more than one item from the *same* attribute

$\{\dots, \text{Education} = \text{Graduate}, \text{Education} = \text{College}, \dots\} \rightarrow \{\dots\} \text{ (X)}$

$\{\dots, \text{Privacy} = \text{Yes}, \text{Privacy} = \text{No}, \dots\} \rightarrow \{\dots\} \text{ (X)}$





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# Handling Continuous Attributes

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- There are many data that contain *continuous* attributes
  - (ex) Internet survey data with continuous attributes

Gender	...	Age	Annual Income	No. of Hours Spent Online per Week	No. of Email Accounts	Privacy Concern
Female	...	26	90K	20	4	Yes
Male	...	51	135K	10	2	No
Male	...	29	80K	10	3	Yes
Female	...	45	120K	15	3	Yes
Female	...	31	95K	20	5	Yes
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

✓ value가 너무 많아서  
특정값으로 item을 만들기 불가능하거나 어려움

- Mining continuous attributes may reveal *useful insights*
  - (ex)  $\{\text{Annual Income} > 120\text{K}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Age} \in [45, 60)\}$
  - (ex)  $\{\text{Email Accounts} > 3, \text{Hours Spent Online} > 15\} \rightarrow \{\text{Privacy} = \text{Yes}\}$

# Discretization-Based Methods

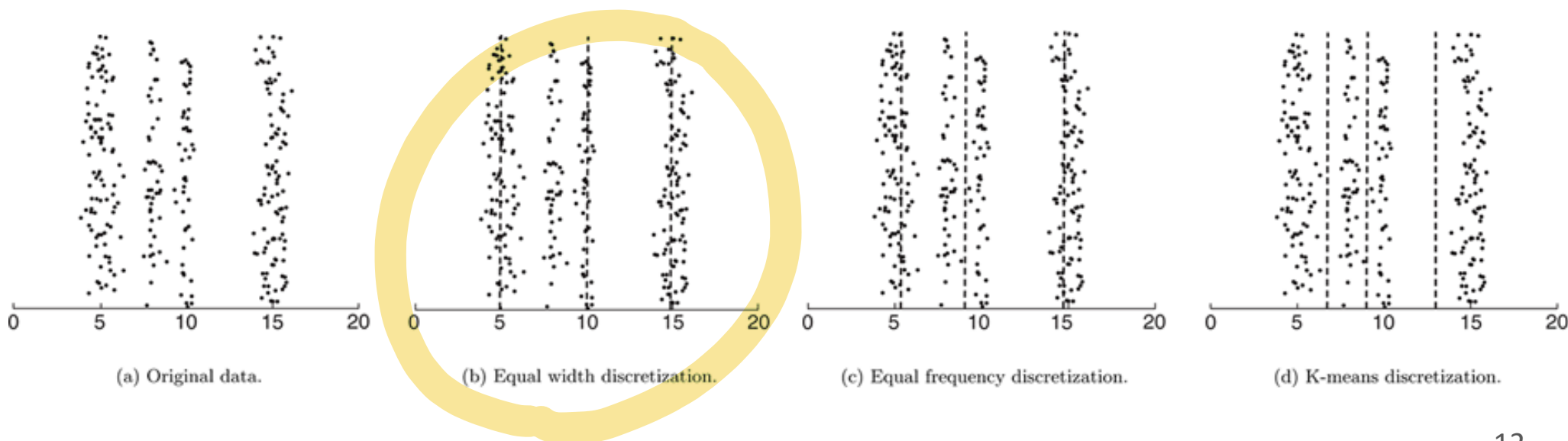
- Group the adjacent values of a continuous attribute into a finite number of intervals → 인접한 것을 group으로 묶음
  - (ex) Age → Age  $\in$  [12, 16), Age  $\in$  [16, 20), ..., Age  $\in$  [56, 60)
- We can use any of the discretization techniques described before
  - Equal interval width, equal frequency, or clustering
  - (ex) Internet survey data after transformation

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# The Number of Intervals

→ 구역의 개수는 구역의 폭과 연결됨

- A **key** parameter in attribute discretization
- This parameter is typically provided by the users
  - Equal interval width approach → the interval width
  - Equal frequency approach → the number of transactions per interval
  - Clustering-based approach → the number of desired clusters



# Difficulty in Determining the Interval Width

<구멍을 잘 채우는 예시>

Age Group	Chat Online = Yes	Chat Online = No
[12, 16)	12	13
[16, 20)	11	2
[20, 24)	11	3
[24, 28)	12	13
[28, 32)	14	12
[32, 36)	15	12
[36, 40)	16	14
[40, 44)	16	14
[44, 48)	4	10
[48, 52)	5	11
[52, 56)	5	10
[56, 60)	4	11

지나치게 높지  
support : 전체 수  
confidence :

- There are **two** strong rules (assume  $minsup = 5\%$ ,  $minconf = 65\%$ )

–  $R_1$ : Age  $\in [16, 24) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = Yes ( $s = 8.8\%$ ,  $c = 81.5\%$ )

–  $R_2$ : Age  $\in [44, 60) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = No ( $s = 16.8\%$ ,  $c = 70.5\%$ )

강력하게 rule이 보임!

# Issues with the Interval Width (1/3)

## 1. If the interval is too *wide*

- We may lose some patterns because of their lack of *confidence*

→ 아무 믿음을 갖을 수 없게 됨

### ■ Example

- If the interval width is 24 years,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are replaced by follows rules:

$R_1'$ : Age  $\in [12, 36) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = Yes ( $s = 30\%$ ,  $c = 57.7\%$ )

$R_2'$ : Age  $\in [36, 60) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = No ( $s = 28\%$ ,  $c = 58.3\%$ )

- Despite their higher supports, their confidences drop below *minconf*
- As a result, both patterns are lost after discretization

# Issues with the Interval Width (2/3)

## 2. If the interval is too *narrow*

- We may lose some patterns because of their *lack of support*

→ *minsup* 충족하지 못함

### ■ Example

- If the interval width is 4 years,  $R_1$  is broken up into the following two rules:

$R_{11}: \text{Age} \in [16, 20) \rightarrow \text{Chat Online} = \text{Yes} (s = 4.4\%, c = 84.6\%)$

$R_{12}: \text{Age} \in [20, 24) \rightarrow \text{Chat Online} = \text{Yes} (s = 4.4\%, c = 78.6\%)$

- Since their supports are less than *minsup*,  $R_1$  is lost after discretization
- Similarly,  $R_2$ , which is broken up into four subrules, will also be lost because the support of each subrule is less than *minsup*

# Issues with the Interval Width (3/3)

## 3. If the interval width is 8 years

아직 범위를 최적으로 잡는 방법이 없다!

- $R_2$  is broken into the following two subrules:

정답!

$R_{21}$ : Age  $\in [44, 52) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = No ( $s = 8.4\%$ ,  $c = 70\%$ )

$R_{22}$ : Age  $\in [52, 60) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = No ( $s = 8.4\%$ ,  $c = 70\%$ )

- $R_{21}$  and  $R_{22}$  have sufficient support and confidence
  - Thus, we can recover  $R_2$  by aggregating the two subrules

- Meanwhile,  $R_1$  is broken into the following two subrules:

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$R_{11}$ : Age  $\in [12, 20) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = Yes ( $s = 9.2\%$ ,  $c = 60.5\%$ )

$R_{12}$ : Age  $\in [20, 28) \rightarrow$  Chat Online = Yes ( $s = 9.2\%$ ,  $c = 60.0\%$ )

support (o)

confidence (x)

↳ 애매한 애들과 grouping  
되면서 강력한 특징이 희미해짐

- $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  fail the confidence threshold

- Thus, we cannot recover  $R_1$  by aggregating the two subrules



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# Handling a Concept Hierarchy

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## ■ A concept hierarchy

- A multilevel organization of the various entities or concepts defined in a particular domain
- (ex) an item taxonomy in market basket analysis
  - e.g., milk is a kind of food, DVD is a kind of home electronics

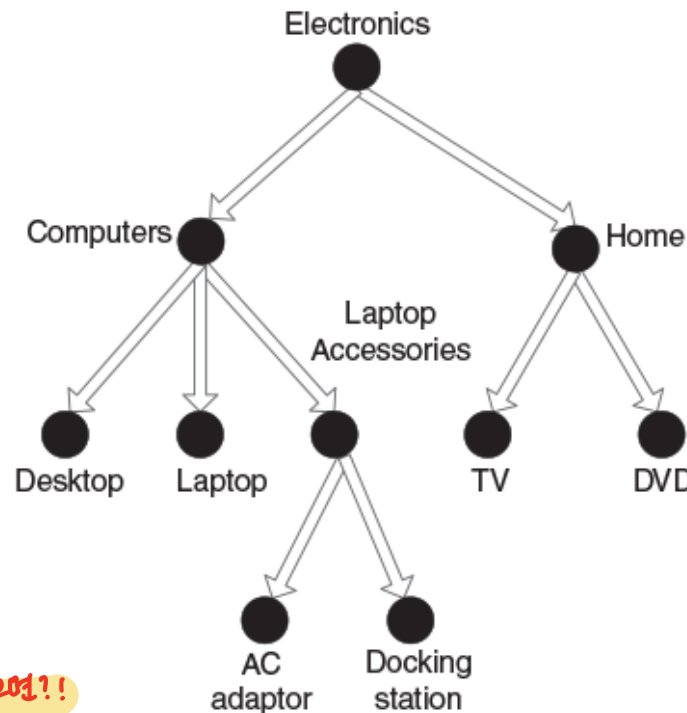
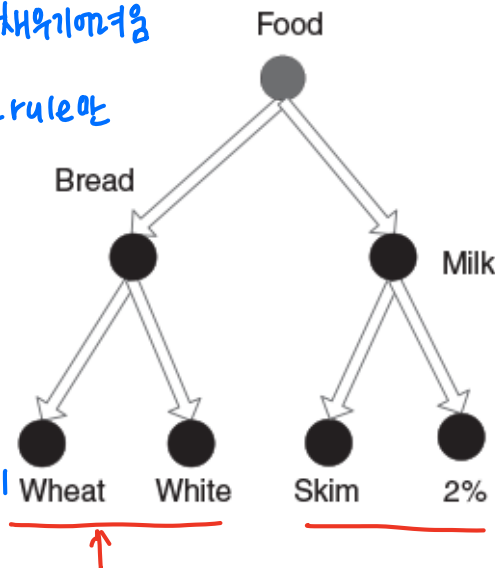
confidence를 채워가며  
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너무 일반적인 rule은  
삭제됨

↑  
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support가 채워가  
며

너무 자주 발생해서 confidence가 아무리 커도  
minsupport를 못넘겨서 발견되지 않을수도!

⇒ 그림 상위에 데이터로 올라가서 연관 규칙을 찾아보면!!



Parent



Child

Ancestor



Descendent

# Advantages of Using Concept Hierarchies

1. Items at the lower levels of a hierarchy may **not** have enough support to appear in any frequent itemset

→ minsup이 너무 작다!

## ■ Examples

- Although the sale of {AC adaptors} and {docking stations} may be low, the sale of {laptop accessories} may be high
  - Also, rules involving high-level categories may have lower confidence than ones generated using low-level categories
- ✓ Unless the concept hierarchy is used, there is a potential to miss interesting patterns at ***different levels*** of categories

# Advantages of Using Concept Hierarchies

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2. Rules found at the lower levels tend to be *overly specific* and may not be as interesting as rules at the higher levels

## ■ Examples

- Staple items such as milk and bread tend to produce many low-level rules
- (ex) {skim milk}  $\rightarrow$  {wheat bread}, {2% milk}  $\rightarrow$  {wheat bread},  
      {skim milk}  $\rightarrow$  {white bread}, {2% milk}  $\rightarrow$  {white bread}

✓ Using a concept hierarchy, they can be summarized into a single rule

- (ex) {milk}  $\rightarrow$  {bread}

# Advantages of Using Concept Hierarchies

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3. Considering only items at the **top level** of their hierarchies also **may not be good enough** → 너무 일반화되거나, confidence를 채워주기 어려움

- Because such rules may not be of any practical use

## ■ Example

- The rule {electronics}  $\rightarrow$  {food} may satisfy *minsup* and *minconf*
- However, it is not informative because it **overgeneralizes** the situation

✓ If {milk, DVD} are the only items sold together frequently, then we may find {milk}  $\rightarrow$  {DVD} using a concept hierarchy

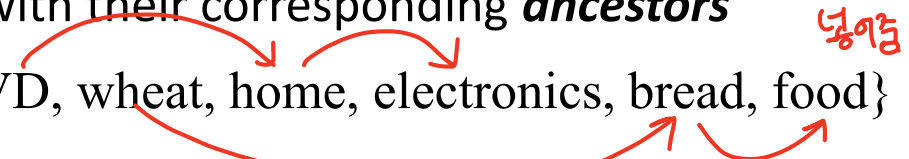
# Extending Standard Association Analysis

알고리즘 확장 x, 데이터 확장 o

- We can extend standard association analysis to incorporate concept hierarchies in the following way:

중복하는 방법...

- Basic strategy

- Replace each transaction  $t$  with its **extended transaction**  $t'$ 
  - $t'$  contains all the items in  $t$  along with their corresponding **ancestors** 아이템인 것처럼 넣음
  - (ex)  $t = \{\text{DVD, wheat}\} \rightarrow t' = \{\text{DVD, wheat, home, electronics, bread, food}\}$   

- Then apply existing algorithms to the database of extended transactions
  - Such as Apriori and FP-growth

- Such an approach would find rules that span **different levels** of the concept hierarchy

# Limitations of This Extension (1/2)

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1. Items at the higher levels tend to have higher support counts than those at the lower levels
  - As a result, if *minsup* is set too high, then **only** patterns involving the high-level items are extracted   ↳ 말의것에서는 rule 발견
  - On the other hand, if *minsup* is set too low, then the algorithm generates far **too many** patterns and becomes computationally inefficient   ↳ 너무 자잘한 rule 까지 발견

느려짐! 데이터가 점점 커짐..

T.T

2. Introduction of a concept hierarchy tends to **increase** the **computation time** of association analysis algorithms

- Because of the larger number of items and wider transactions
- The number of candidate patterns and frequent patterns may also grow exponentially with wider transactions

# Limitations of This Extension (2/2)

## 3. Using a concept hierarchy may produce *redundant* rules

- A rule  $X \rightarrow Y$  is redundant if there exists a more general rule  $X' \rightarrow Y'$ , where  $X'$  and  $Y'$  are the **ancestors** of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively

더 일반적인 게 있으면 그것 선택

### – Example

- Suppose we have the rule  $\{\text{bread}\} \rightarrow \{\text{milk}\}$
- Then  $\{\text{white bread}\} \rightarrow \{2\% \text{ milk}\}$ ,  $\{\text{wheat bread}\} \rightarrow \{2\% \text{ milk}\}$ ,  $\{\text{white bread}\} \rightarrow \{\text{skim milk}\}$ , and  $\{\text{wheat bread}\} \rightarrow \{\text{skim milk}\}$  are all redundant
  - Because they can be summarized by  $\{\text{bread}\} \rightarrow \{\text{milk}\}$
- An itemset such as  $\{\text{skim milk, milk, food}\}$  is also redundant
  - Because food and milk are ancestors of skim milk

– Fortunately, it is easy to eliminate such redundant rules during frequent itemset generation

- (ex) eliminate a frequent itemset  $\{X, Y\}$  if there is a frequent itemset  $\{X', Y'\}$

통과되는게 있으니까, 아닐수도 있으니까 쉽게 놓칠 수는 없음



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# Sequential Patterns

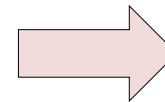
# Sequential Patterns (1/2)

- Market basket data often contains **temporal** information about when an item was purchased by customers 2개의 timestamp
  - (ex) the **sequence** of transactions made by a customer
    - $\langle \{\text{Wine, Wallet}\} \{\text{Lego}\} \{\text{Gift card, Flower}\} \dots \rangle$
- Similarly, event-based data have an inherent **sequential** nature
  - (ex) data collected from scientific experiments or the monitoring of physical systems, such as telecommunication networks and computer networks, and wireless sensor networks
    - $\langle \dots \{\text{Low Pressure}\} \dots \{\text{Heavy Cloud}\} \dots \{\text{Rain}\} \dots \rangle$
- However, association rules so far emphasize only “**co-occurrence**” relationships and disregard the **sequential** information of the data
  - (ex)  $\{\text{Diapers, Milk}\}$  vs.  $\langle \{\text{Diaper}\} \{\text{Milk}\} \rangle$   
↑ sequential

# Sequential Patterns (2/2)

- The latter information may be valuable for identifying recurring features of a dynamic system or predicting future occurrences of certain events

SID	Sequence
1	$\langle \{a, b\}, \{c\}, \{f, g\}, \{g\}, \{e\} \rangle$
2	$\langle \{a, d\}, \{c\}, \{b\}, \{a, b, e, f\} \rangle$
3	$\langle \{a\}, \{b\}, \{f, g\}, \{e\} \rangle$
4	$\langle \{b\}, \{f, g\} \rangle$



Sequential patterns  
with support  $\geq 60\%$

$\langle \{b\} \{f, g\} \rangle,$   
 $\langle \{a\} \{e\} \rangle,$

...

주요하는 minsup

minimum confidence는 없음!

- This section presents the basic concept of sequential patterns and an algorithm developed to discover them

# Preliminaries

## ■ Input: a *sequence* data set

- Each row records the occurrences of **events** with an object at a given **time**
- The **timestamp** information enables a different style of association analysis

현실데이터는 대부분 timestamp를 sort 되었음

Object	Timestamp	Events
A	10	2, 3, 5
A	20	1, 6
A	23	1
B	11	4, 5, 6
B	17	2
B	21	1, 2, 7, 8
C	14	1, 6
C	28	1, 7, 8

↑ 로그데이터

→ preprocessing

정리 가공해야함!

여기서는 정확하게 언제 말고  
순서만을 따짐!

A:  $\langle \{2,3,5\} \{1,6\} \{1\} \rangle$

B:  $\langle \{4,5,6\} \{2\} \{1,2,7,8\} \rangle$


C:  $\langle \{1,6\} \{1,7,8\} \rangle$

**sequence data set**

## ■ Output: association patterns of events that commonly occur in a *sequential order* across objects

- (ex)  $\langle \{6\} \{1\} \rangle$  (i.e., event 6 is followed by event 1)
- Such a pattern cannot be inferred using the traditional association analysis

# Sequences (1/2)

- An ordered list of **elements** (transactions)  

- A sequence can be denoted as  $s = \langle e_1 e_2 e_3 \dots e_n \rangle$ 
  - $e_j = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$ : a collection of one or more **events** (items)
- Examples of sequences
  - Sequence of web pages viewed by a web site visitor
    - (ex)  $\langle \{\text{Homepage}\} \{\text{Electronics}\} \{\text{Cameras}\} \{\text{Shopping Cart}\} \dots \rangle$
  - Sequence of events leading to the nuclear accident
    - (ex)  $\langle \{\text{clogged resin}\} \{\text{outlet valve closure}\} \{\text{loss of feedwater}\}, \dots \rangle$
  - Sequence of classes taken by a software major student in each semester
    - (ex)  $\langle \{\text{Algorithm, OS}\} \{\text{DB, CA}\} \{\text{Network, SE}\} \{\text{Graphics, Mining}\}, \dots \rangle$

# Sequences (2/2)

## ■ $k$ -sequence

- A sequence that contains  $k$  events (items)
- Examples
  - 2-sequences:  $\langle \{a,b\} \rangle, \langle \{a\} \{b\} \rangle$
  - 3-sequences:  $\langle \{a,b\} \{c\} \rangle, \langle \{a\} \{b\} \{c\} \rangle, \langle \{a\} \{b,c\} \rangle$

## ■ Examples of sequence data

Sequence Database	Sequence	Element (Transaction)	Event (Item)
Customer	Purchase history of a given customer	A set of items bought by a customer at time $t$	Books, diary products, CDs, etc
Web Data	Browsing activity of a particular Web visitor	The collection of files viewed by a Web visitor after a single mouse click	Home page, index page, contact info, etc
Event data	History of events generated by a given sensor	Events triggered by a sensor at time $t$	Types of alarms generated by sensors
Genome sequences	DNA sequence of a particular species	An element of the DNA sequence	Bases A,T,G,C

# Subsequences

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- A sequence  $t = \langle t_1 t_2 \dots t_m \rangle$  is a **subsequence** of  $s = \langle s_1 s_2 \dots s_n \rangle$ 
  - If there exist  $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_m \leq n$  such that  $t_1 \subseteq s_{j_1}, t_2 \subseteq s_{j_2}, \dots, t_m \subseteq s_{j_m}$
  - In other words,  $t$  can be derived from  $s$  by simply deleting some events from elements in  $s$  or even deleting some elements in  $s$  completely
- If  $t$  is a subsequence of  $s$ , then we say that  $t$  is **contained** in  $s$

둘서도요!

## Examples

이 안에 t가 sub로 들어가있는지?

Sequence $s$	Sequence $t$	Is $t$ a subsequence of $s$ ?
$\langle \{2,4\} \{3,5,6\} \{8\} \rangle$	$\langle \{2\} \{3,6\} \{8\} \rangle$	Yes
$\langle \{2,4\} \{3,5,6\} \{8\} \rangle$	$\langle \{2\} \{8\} \rangle$	Yes
$\langle \{1,2\} \{3,4\} \rangle$	$\langle \{1\} \{2\} \rangle$	No
$\langle \{2,4\} \{2,4\} \{2,5\} \rangle$	$\langle \{2\} \{4\} \rangle$	Yes

둘서도 일치해야함

여기에 2가 없음!

minsup 계산을 위해 count

# Sequential Pattern Discovery

- Let  $D$  be a data set that contains one or more *data sequences*
  - Data sequence: an ordered list of elements associated with a *single* object
  - (ex) the data set shown below contains five data sequences

Object	Timestamp	Events
A	1	1, 2, 4
A	2	2, 3
A	3	5
B	1	1, 2
B	2	2, 3, 4
C	1	1, 2
C	2	2, 3, 4
C	3	2, 4, 5
D	1	2
D	2	3, 4
D	3	4, 5
E	1	1, 3
E	2	2, 4, 5



A:  $\langle \{1,2,4\} \{2,3\} \{5\} \rangle$   
 B:  $\langle \{1,2\} \{2,3,4\} \rangle$   
 C:  $\langle \{1,2\} \{2,3,4\} \{2,4,5\} \rangle$   
 D:  $\langle \{2\} \{3,4\} \{4,5\} \rangle$   
 E:  $\langle \{1,3\} \{2,4,5\} \rangle$

**5 data sequences**

- The support of a sequence  $s$  지정해두기
  - The fraction of all data sequences that *contain*  $s$
  - (ex) the support of  $\langle \{1\} \{2\} \rangle = 4/5 = 80\%$



# Problem Definition

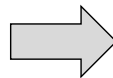
Given a sequence data set  $D$  and a user-specified minimum support threshold  $minsup$ , find **all** sequences with support  $\geq minsup$

## ■ Example ( $minsup = 50\%$ )

Sequence data set  $D$ :

A:  $\langle \{1,2,4\} \{2,3\} \{5\} \rangle$   
B:  $\langle \{1,2\} \{2,3,4\} \rangle$   
C:  $\langle \{1,2\} \{2,3,4\} \{2,4,5\} \rangle$   
D:  $\langle \{2\} \{3,4\} \{4,5\} \rangle$   
E:  $\langle \{1,3\} \{2,4,5\} \rangle$

몇 번 등장하는지?  
사실 문제...~



50% (2.5건)  
이상 발생하는  
subsequence

Examples of Sequential Patterns:

$\langle \{1,2\} \rangle$	$s=60\%$
$\langle \{2,3\} \rangle$	$s=60\%$
$\langle \{2,4\} \rangle$	$s=80\%$
$\langle \{3\} \{5\} \rangle$	$s=80\%$
$\langle \{1\} \{2\} \rangle$	$s=80\%$
$\langle \{2\} \{2\} \rangle$	$s=60\%$
$\langle \{1\} \{2,3\} \rangle$	$s=60\%$
$\langle \{2\} \{2,3\} \rangle$	$s=60\%$
$\langle \{1,2\} \{2,3\} \rangle$	$s=60\%$

# Challenges in Sequential Pattern Discovery

- The set of all possible sequences is **exponentially** large and difficult to enumerate
  - (ex) a collection of  $n$  events can result in the following examples of 1-sequences, 2-sequences, and 3-sequences:

1-sequences:	$\langle i_1 \rangle, \langle i_2 \rangle, \dots, \langle i_n \rangle$
2-sequences:	$\langle \{i_1, i_2\} \rangle, \langle \{i_1, i_3\} \rangle, \dots, \langle \{i_{n-1}, i_n\} \rangle, \dots$ $\langle \{i_1\}\{i_1\} \rangle, \langle \{i_1\}\{i_2\} \rangle, \dots, \langle \{i_n\}\{i_n\} \rangle$
3-sequences:	$\langle \{i_1, i_2, i_3\} \rangle, \langle \{i_1, i_2, i_4\} \rangle, \dots, \langle \{i_{n-2}, i_{n-1}, i_n\} \rangle, \dots$ $\langle \{i_1\}\{i_1, i_2\} \rangle, \langle \{i_1\}\{i_1, i_3\} \rangle, \dots, \langle \{i_{n-1}\}\{i_{n-1}, i_n\} \rangle, \dots$ $\langle \{i_1, i_2\}\{i_2\} \rangle, \langle \{i_1, i_2\}\{i_3\} \rangle, \dots, \langle \{i_{n-1}, i_n\}\{i_n\} \rangle, \dots$ $\langle \{i_1\}\{i_1\}\{i_1\} \rangle, \langle \{i_1\}\{i_1\}\{i_2\} \rangle, \dots, \langle \{i_n\}\{i_n\}\{i_n\} \rangle$

① 똑같은 것이 여러번 등장 가능 →  
 ② 순서가 다르다면 요소가 같아도 다른 sequence  
 ↳ 매우 많아야 함!

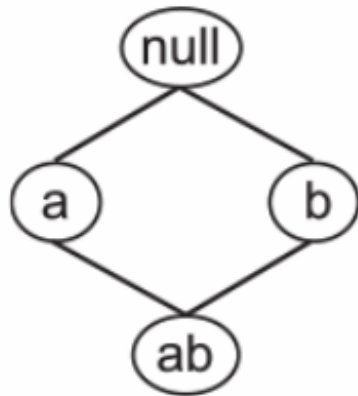
- The number of candidate sequences is even **substantially larger** than the number of candidate itemsets
  - Which makes their enumeration difficult

# Reasons for Additional Candidates (1/2)

1. An item can appear at most once in an itemset, but an event can appear *more than once* in a sequence
  - (ex) Given two items  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ 
    - Candidate 2-itemsets:  $\{i_1, i_2\}$  (only one)
    - Candidate 2-sequences:  $\langle \{i_1\} \{i_1\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \{i_1\} \{i_2\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \{i_2\} \{i_1\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \{i_2\} \{i_2\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \{i_1, i_2\} \rangle$
2. Order *matters* in sequence, but not for itemsets
  - (ex) Given two items  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ 
    - $\{i_1, i_2\}$  and  $\{i_2, i_1\}$  are the same itemset
    - $\langle \{i_1\} \{i_2\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \{i_2\} \{i_1\} \rangle$ , and  $\langle \{i_1, i_2\} \rangle$  are different sequences, and thus must be generated separately

# Reasons for Additional Candidates (2/2)

3. For  $n$  items, the number of possible itemsets is  $(2^n - 1)$ , whereas the number of possible sequences are *infinite*
- (ex) comparing the number of itemsets with the number of sequences generated using two events (items)



Itemset Lattice

1-subsequences:

$\langle \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{b\} \rangle$

2-subsequences:

$\langle \{a\} \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{a\} \{b\} \rangle, \langle \{b\} \{b\} \rangle, \langle \{a,b\} \rangle$

3-subsequences:

$\langle \{a\} \{a\} \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{a\} \{a\} \{b\} \rangle, \langle \{a\} \{b\} \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{a\} \{b\} \{b\} \rangle$

$\langle \{b\} \{a\} \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{b\} \{a\} \{b\} \rangle, \langle \{b\} \{b\} \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{b\} \{b\} \{b\} \rangle$

$\langle \{a\} \{a,b\} \rangle, \langle \{b\} \{a,b\} \rangle, \langle \{a,b\} \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{a,b\} \{b\} \rangle$

⋮

# Apriori Principle for Sequential Data

- Despite these challenges, the **Apriori principle** still holds 알고리즘은 그대로 쓴다!
  - If a sequence is frequent, all of its subsequences **must** also be frequent
  - (ex) if  $\langle \{a\} \{b\} \rangle$  is frequent, then  $\langle \{a\} \rangle$  and  $\langle \{b\} \rangle$  must be frequent

- Thus, it is possible to generate candidate  $k$ -sequences from the frequent  $(k - 1)$ -sequences using the Apriori principle ★ 사실임!
  - (ex)  $\langle \{a\} \{b\} \{c\} \rangle + \langle \{b\} \{c\} \{d\} \rangle = \langle \{a\} \{b\} \{c\} \{d\} \rangle$   
②  
↓ 1개      ↓ 1개      ↳ 앞뒤로 하나씩 부분 부분이 일치해야 합침

- This allows us to extract sequential patterns from a sequence data set using an Apriori-like algorithm

① 기호 방식

$\{a, b, c\}$   
 $\{a, b, d\}$  →  $\{a, b, c, d\}$   
(알파벳 sort)

# Apriori-Like Algorithm for Sequential Data

- Initially, find all frequent 1-subsequences,  $F_1$  원본데이터 개, minsup을 넘김
    - (ex)  $F_1 = \{ \langle \{a\} \rangle, \langle \{b\} \rangle, \langle \{c\} \rangle, \langle \{d\} \rangle, \dots \}$
  - Next, iteratively perform the following for  $k = 2, 3, \dots$  자기랑자기를 결합해서 Ck를만들
    - Generate** candidate  $k$ -sequences  $C_k$  from frequent  $(k-1)$ -sequences  $F_{k-1}$
    - Prune** candidates in  $C_k$  whose  $(k-1)$ -subsequences are infrequent
    - Determine**  $F_k$  by making an additional pass over the data set and counting the supports of the remaining candidates in  $C_k$
    - Terminate if  $F_k = \emptyset$  
 $\langle \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\} \rangle$   
 $\langle \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\} \rangle$
- 단점 T.T 추가너무많다
- ✓ Notice that the structure of the algorithm is almost *identical* to Apriori algorithm for frequent itemset discovery

# Candidate Generation

- We generate candidate  $k$ -sequences by *merging* a pair of frequent  $(k - 1)$ -sequences
  - (ex)  $\langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \rangle + \langle \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle = \langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle$
- Although this approach is similar to the  $F_{k-1} \times F_{k-1}$  strategy for generating candidate itemsets, there are certain *differences*:
  - ① We can merge a  $(k - 1)$ -sequence with *itself* to produce a  $k$ -sequence
    - (ex)  $\langle \{a\} \rangle + \langle \{a\} \rangle = \langle \{a\} \{a\} \rangle$
  - ② Although we still use the lexicographical order for arranging *events within an element*, the arrangement of *elements in a sequence* may *not* follow the lexicographical order
    - (ex)  $\langle \{b, c\} \{a\} \{d\} \rangle (O), \langle \{c, b\} \{a\} \{d\} \rangle (X)$  *순서를 바꿀면 안됨!*
    - (ex)  $\langle \{a\} \{b\} \{c\} \rangle (O), \langle \{c\} \{b\} \{a\} \rangle (O)$  *transition 내의 alphabet sorting (o)*

# Sequence Merging Procedure (1/2)

- k-1

■ Let  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  be two sequences

  - We arrange the events within every elements *lexicographically*
  - (ex)  $\langle \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d\} \rangle (O), \langle \{b, a\}, \{c, d, b\} \rangle (X)$  → 뒤에서 바꿀면 안됨!
  
- We merge  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  *only if*

  - Let  $s'_1$  be the subsequence obtained by dropping the **first event** in  $s_1$
  - Let  $s'_2$  be the subsequence obtained by dropping the **last event** in  $s_2$
  - We merge  $s_1$  with  $s_2$  only if  $s'_1 = s'_2$
  
- Examples coding 할 때 주의해야 함...

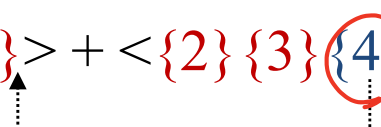
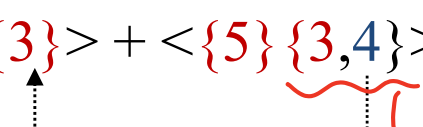
  - $\langle \{1\} \underline{\{2\}} \underline{\{3\}} \rangle + \langle \underline{\{2\}} \underline{\{3\}} \{4\} \rangle = \langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle$
  - $\langle \{1\} \underline{\{5\}} \underline{\{3\}} \rangle + \langle \underline{\{5\}} \underline{\{3,4\}} \rangle = \langle \{1\} \{5\} \{3,4\} \rangle$

$s'_1$

$s'_2$



# Sequence Merging Procedure (2/2)

- How can we merge  $s_1$  with  $s_2$  to obtain the merged sequence?
- **Case 1:** If the last element of  $s_2$  has only one event
  - Append the last element of  $s_2$  to the end of  $s_1$
  - (ex)  $\langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \rangle + \langle \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle = \langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle$   
  
두번째 sequence의  
마지막 transitional이 1개의 event를 가지고 있을 때를 일반화
- **Case 2:** If the last element of  $s_2$  has more than one event
  - Append the last event from the last element of  $s_2$  to the last element of  $s_1$
  - (ex)  $\langle \{1\} \{5\} \{3\} \rangle + \langle \{5\} \{3,4\} \rangle = \langle \{1\} \{5\} \{3,4\} \rangle$   
  
→ 두개 이상의 event

# Analysis of the Merging Procedure (1/2)

이런 frequent한 것은  
 → 배제하지 않고 생성돼야함

- The sequence merging procedure is complete
  - i.e., it generate **every** frequent  $k$ -sequences
  - This is because every frequent  $k$ -sequences  $s$  includes
    - A frequent  $(k - 1)$ -sequence  $s_1$  that does not contain the last event of  $s$
    - A frequent  $(k - 1)$ -sequence  $s_2$  that does not contain the first event of  $s$
  - Since  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are frequent and follow the criteria for merging sequences, they will be merged to produce every frequent  $k$ -sequences  $s$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \underbrace{\langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \rangle}_{s_1} + \underbrace{\langle \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle}_{s_2} = \underbrace{\langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle}_{\substack{s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s}}
 \end{array}$$

→  $s_1, s_2$  모두 frequent,  
 그 둘을 결합

# Analysis of the Merging Procedure (2/2)

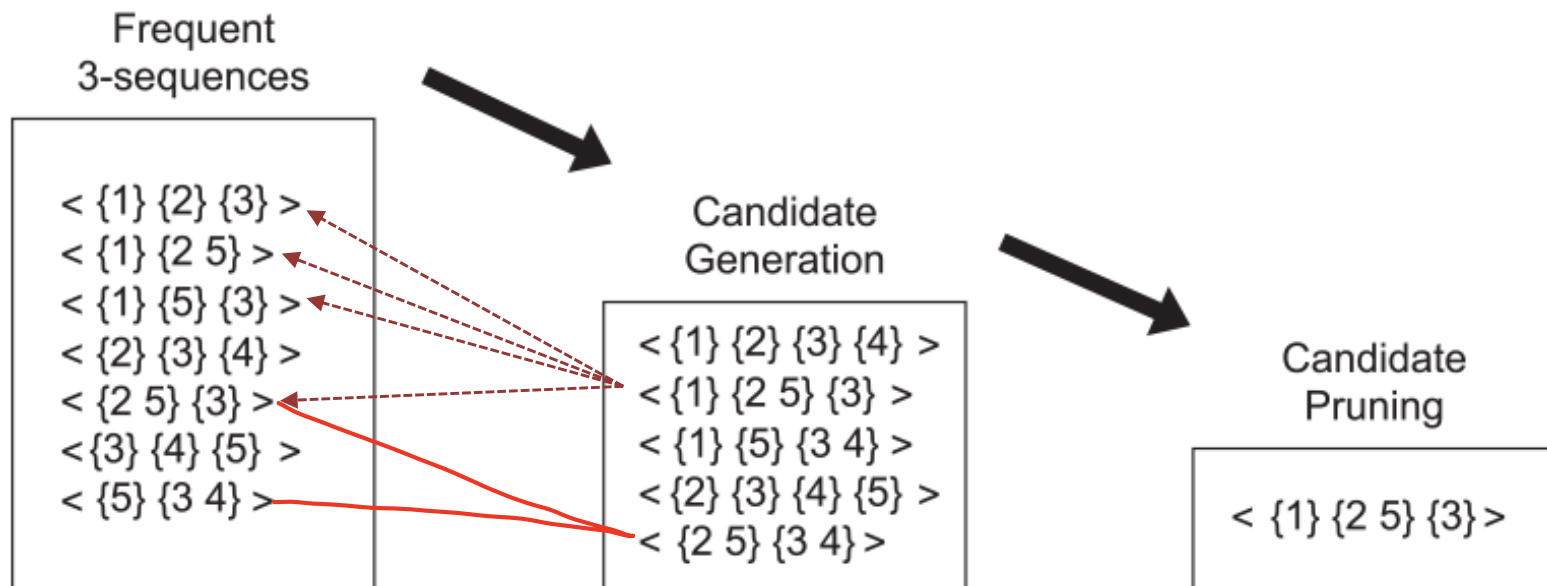
- The sequence merging procedure is non-redundant
  - i.e., it does not generate duplicate candidate sequences
  - Because the sequence merging procedure ensures that there is a **unique** way of generating  $s$  only by merging  $s_1$  and  $s_2$
  - Examples
    - $\langle \{1\} \{2,5\} \rangle + \langle \{2,5\} \{3\} \rangle = \langle \{1\} \{2,5\} \{3\} \rangle$  (allowed) ✓ 이방법만 가능!
    - $\langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \rangle + \langle \{1\} \{2,5\} \rangle = \langle \{1\} \{2,5\} \{3\} \rangle$  (**not** allowed)
    - In other words,  $\langle \{1\} \{2,5\} \{3\} \rangle$  is generated **only** by merging  $\langle \{1\} \{2,5\} \rangle$  and  $\langle \{2,5\} \{3\} \rangle$

candidate를 만들 때 pruning을 할 때

- ①  $\langle \{1,2,5\}, \{3\} \rangle$
  - ②  $\langle \{1\}, \{5\}, \{3\} \rangle$
  - ③  $\langle \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\} \rangle$
  - ④  $\langle \{1\}, \{2,5\} \rangle$
- 모두 frequent한지 확인

# Candidate Pruning

- We prune a candidate  $k$ -sequence if at least one of its  $(k - 1)$ -sequence is *infrequent*
- Example
  - $\langle \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \{4\} \rangle$  can be eliminated because  $\langle \{1\} \{2\} \{4\} \rangle$  is infrequent
  - $\langle \{1\} \{2,5\} \{3\} \rangle$  survives because all of its 3-sequences are frequent



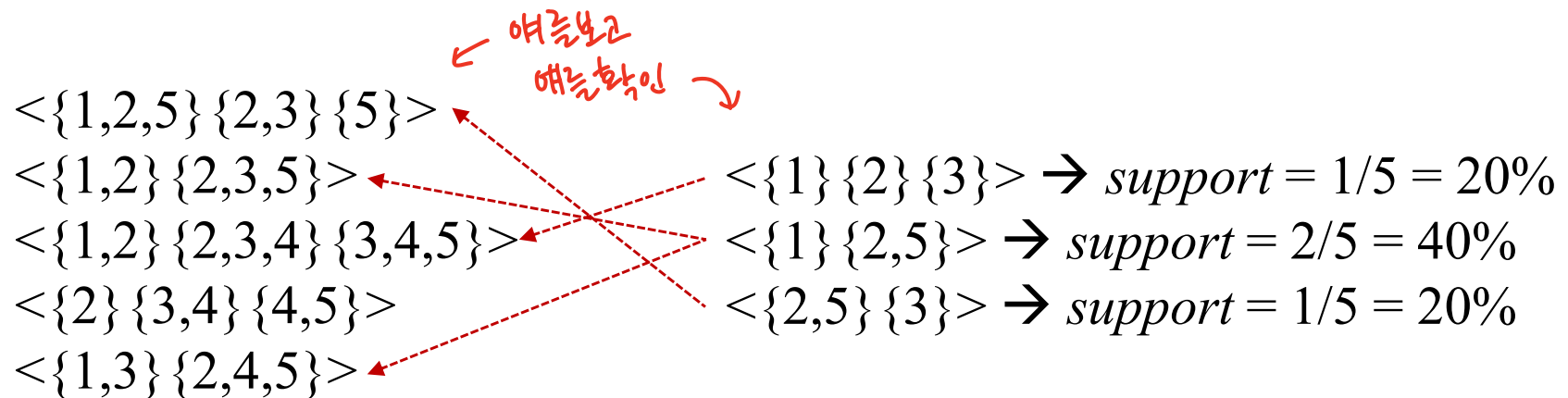
# Support Counting

- During support counting

- We identify all candidate  $k$ -sequences belonging to a particular data sequence and increment their support counts

- After performing this step for each data sequence

- We identify the frequent  $k$ -sequences and discard all candidate sequences whose support  $< minsup$



Sequence data set

Candidate 3-sequences