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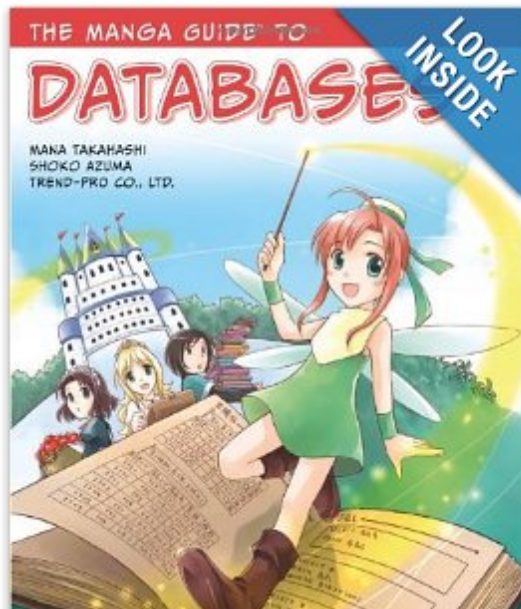
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Frequent pattern

What products do people frequently buy together?

What other products would people buy if they bought a laptop?



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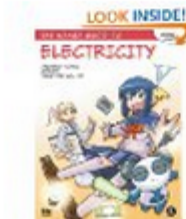
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Given a set of transactions, find rules that will predict the occurrence of an item based on the occurrences of other items in the transaction.

Market-Basket Transactions

<i>TID</i>	<i>Items</i>
1	Bread, Milk
2	Bread, Diaper, Beer, Eggs
3	Milk, Diaper, Beer, Coke
4	Bread, Milk, Diaper, Beer
5	Bread, Milk, Diaper, Coke

Example of association rules:

$\{\text{Diaper}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Beer}\}$

$\{\text{Milk, Bread}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Eggs, Coke}\}$

$\{\text{Beer, Bread}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Milk}\}$

Implication means co-occurrence,
not causality!

ASSOCIATION RULE (AR) MINING

Textbook chapter 6 requires some background knowledge in undergraduate computer science courses such as data structure.

Requirement for this class: Learn the basic concepts about AR and the main idea of the Apriori Algorithm.

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