

# Mineração de Dados

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## Regras de Associação

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Tan, Steinbach, Karpatne, Kumar

# Association Rule Mining

- 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>
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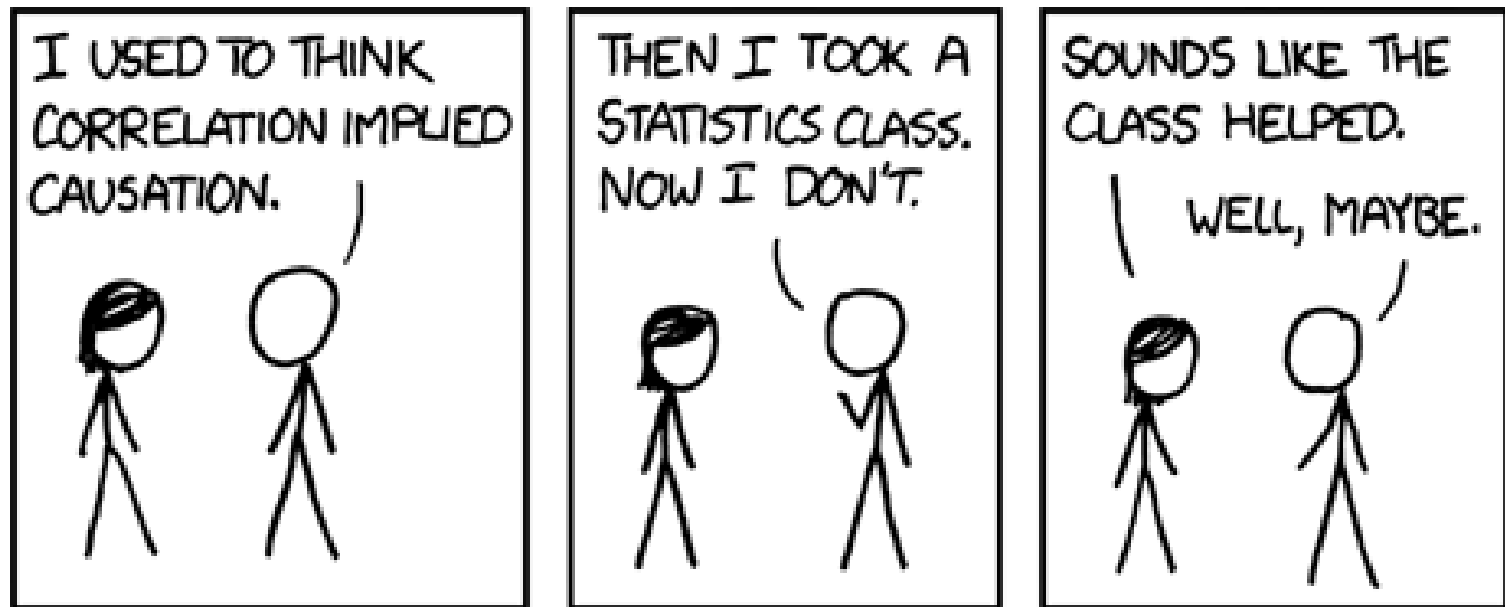
## Example of Association Rules

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

Implication means co-occurrence,  
not causality!

# Correlation does not imply causation

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<https://xkcd.com/552/>

# Definition: Frequent Itemset

- **Itemset**

- A collection of one or more items
  - ◆ Example: {Milk, Bread, Diaper}
- k-itemset
  - ◆ An itemset that contains k items

- **Support count ( $\sigma$ )**

- Frequency of occurrence of an itemset
- E.g.  $\sigma(\{\text{Milk, Bread, Diaper}\}) = 2$

- **Support**

- Fraction of transactions that contain an itemset
- E.g.  $s(\{\text{Milk, Bread, Diaper}\}) = 2/5$

- **Frequent Itemset**

- An itemset whose support is greater than or equal to a *minsup* threshold

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**Example:**

$\{\text{Milk, Diaper}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Beer}\}$

$$s = \frac{\sigma(\text{Milk, Diaper, Beer})}{|T|} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

$$c = \frac{\sigma(\text{Milk, Diaper, Beer})}{\sigma(\text{Milk, Diaper})} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.67$$

# Association Rule Mining Task

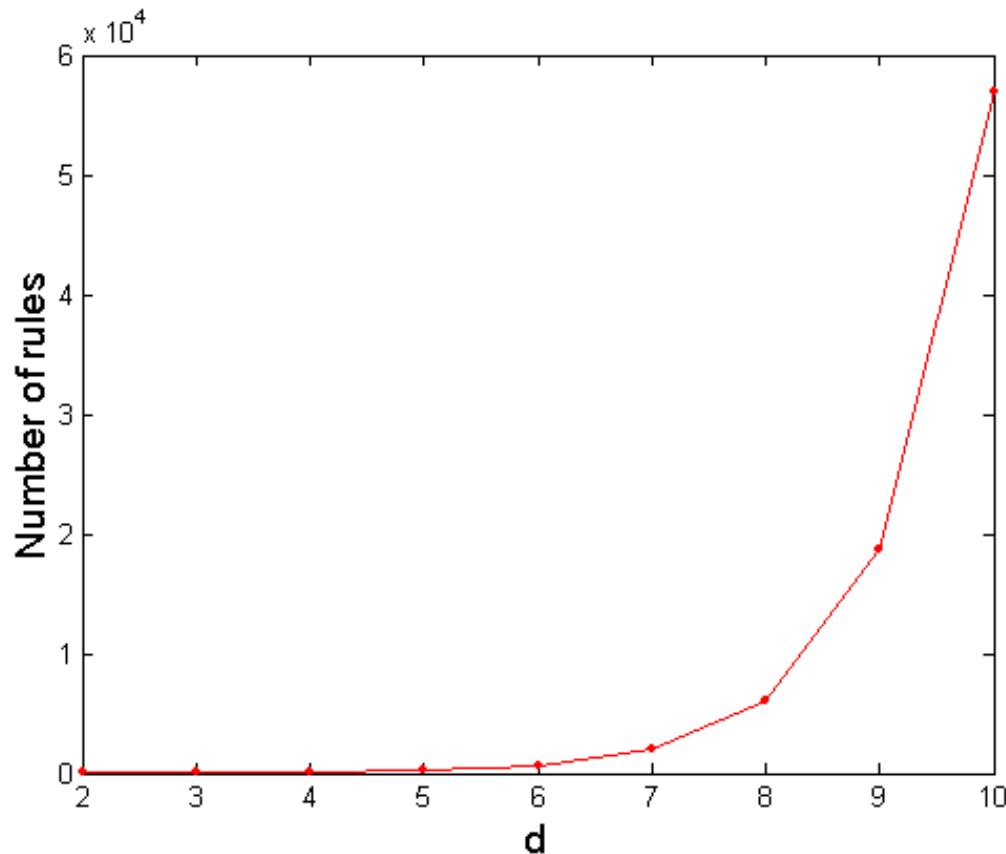
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- Given a set of transactions  $T$ , the goal of association rule mining is to find all rules having
  - support  $\geq \textit{minsup}$  threshold
  - confidence  $\geq \textit{minconf}$  threshold
- Brute-force approach:
  - List all possible association rules
  - Compute the support and confidence for each rule
  - Prune rules that fail the *minsup* and *minconf* thresholds

⇒ **Computationally prohibitive!**

# Computational Complexity

- Given  $d$  unique items:
  - Total number of itemsets =  $2^d$
  - Total number of possible association rules:



$$R = \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} \left[ \binom{d}{k} \times \sum_{j=1}^{d-k} \binom{d-k}{j} \right]$$
$$= 3^d - 2^{d+1} + 1$$

**If  $d=6$ ,  $R = 602$  rules**



# Mining Association Rules

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## Example of Rules:

$\{\text{Milk, Diaper}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Beer}\}$  ( $s=0.4$ ,  $c=0.67$ )  
 $\{\text{Milk, Beer}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Diaper}\}$  ( $s=0.4$ ,  $c=1.0$ )  
 $\{\text{Diaper, Beer}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Milk}\}$  ( $s=0.4$ ,  $c=0.67$ )  
 $\{\text{Beer}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Milk, Diaper}\}$  ( $s=0.4$ ,  $c=0.67$ )  
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## Observations:

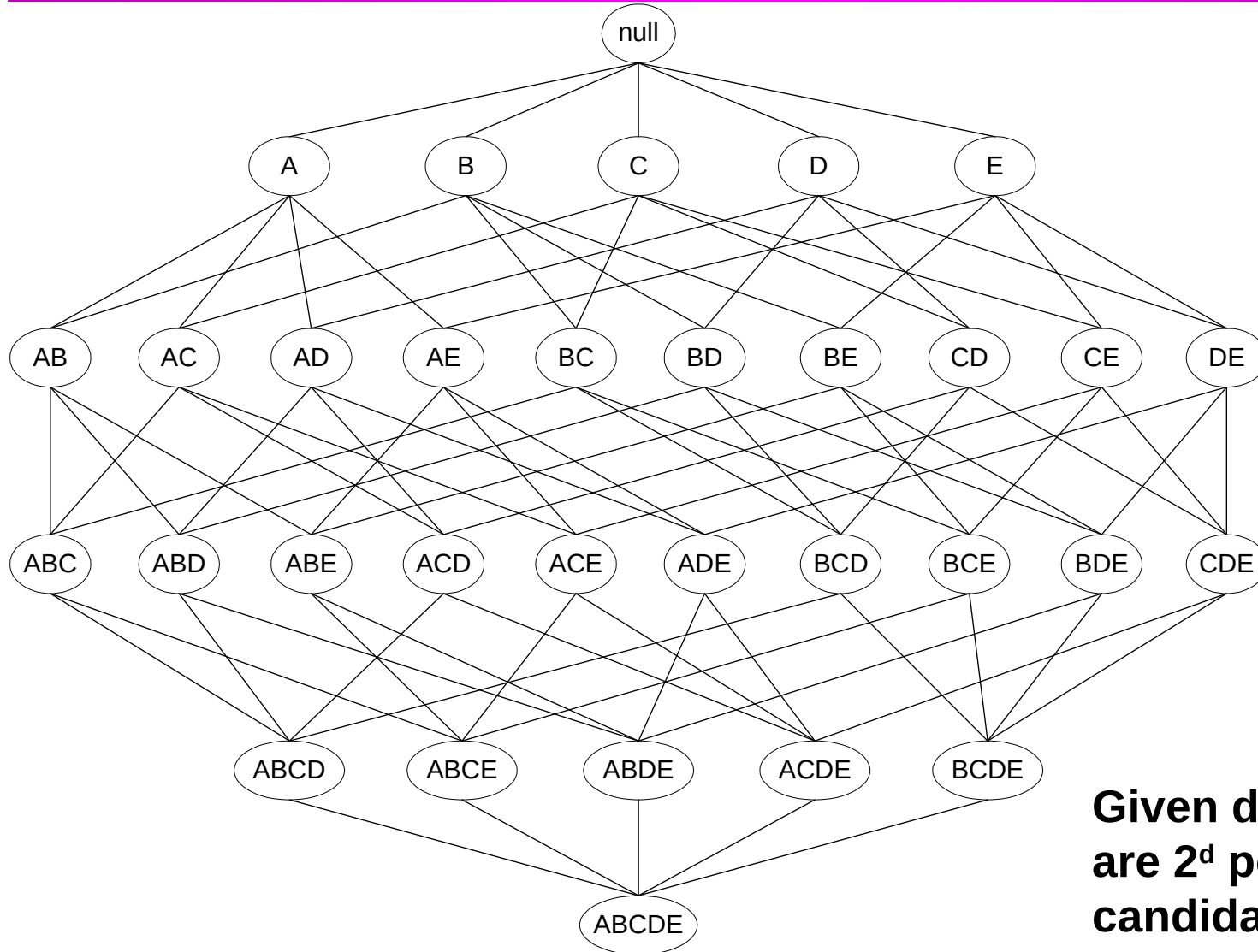
- ✂ All the above rules are binary partitions of the same itemset:  
 $\{\text{Milk, Diaper, Beer}\}$
- ✂ Rules originating from the same itemset have identical support but can have different confidence
- ✂ Thus, we may decouple the support and confidence requirements

# Mining Association Rules

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- Two-step approach:
  1. Frequent Itemset Generation
    - Generate all itemsets whose support  $\geq$  minsup
  2. Rule Generation
    - Generate high confidence rules from each frequent itemset, where each rule is a binary partitioning of a frequent itemset
- Frequent itemset generation is still computationally expensive

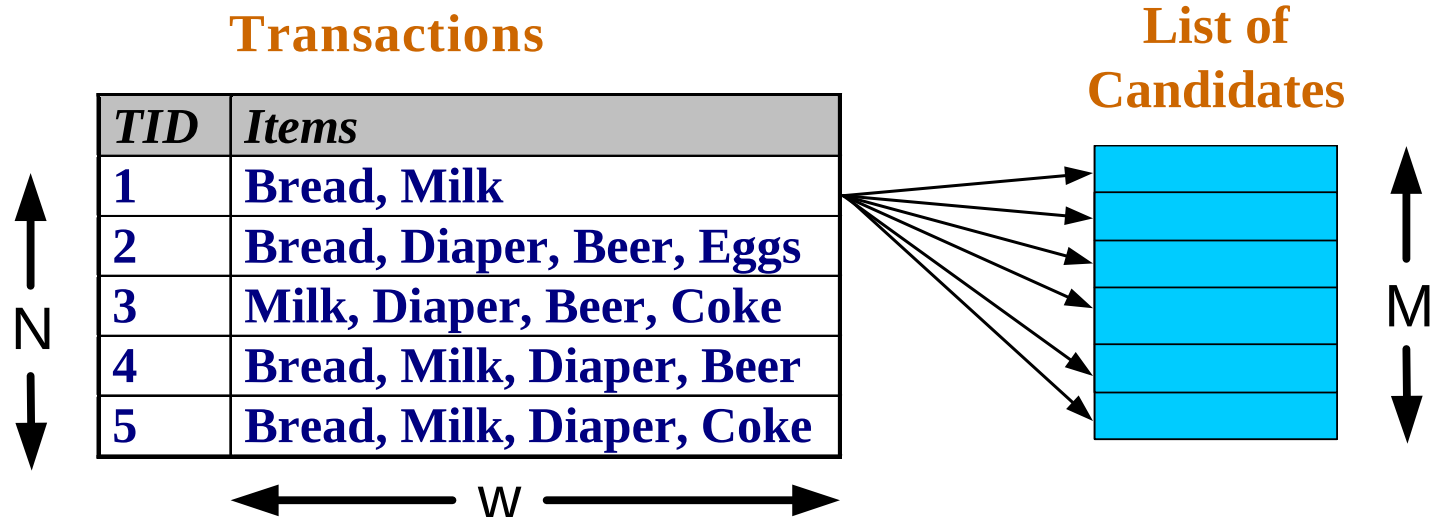
# Frequent Itemset Generation



**Given  $d$  items, there are  $2^d$  possible candidate itemsets**

# Frequent Itemset Generation

- Brute-force approach:
  - Each itemset in the lattice is a **candidate** frequent itemset
  - Count the support of each candidate by scanning the database



- Match each transaction against every candidate
- Complexity  $\sim O(NMw) \Rightarrow$  **Expensive since  $M = 2^d$  !!!**

# Frequent Itemset Generation Strategies

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- Reduce the **number of candidates** (M)
  - Complete search:  $M=2^d$
  - Use pruning techniques to reduce M
- Reduce the **number of transactions** (N)
  - Reduce size of N as the size of itemset increases
- Reduce the **number of comparisons** (NM)
  - Use efficient data structures to store the candidates or transactions
  - No need to match every candidate against every transaction

# Reducing Number of Candidates

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- **Apriori principle:**

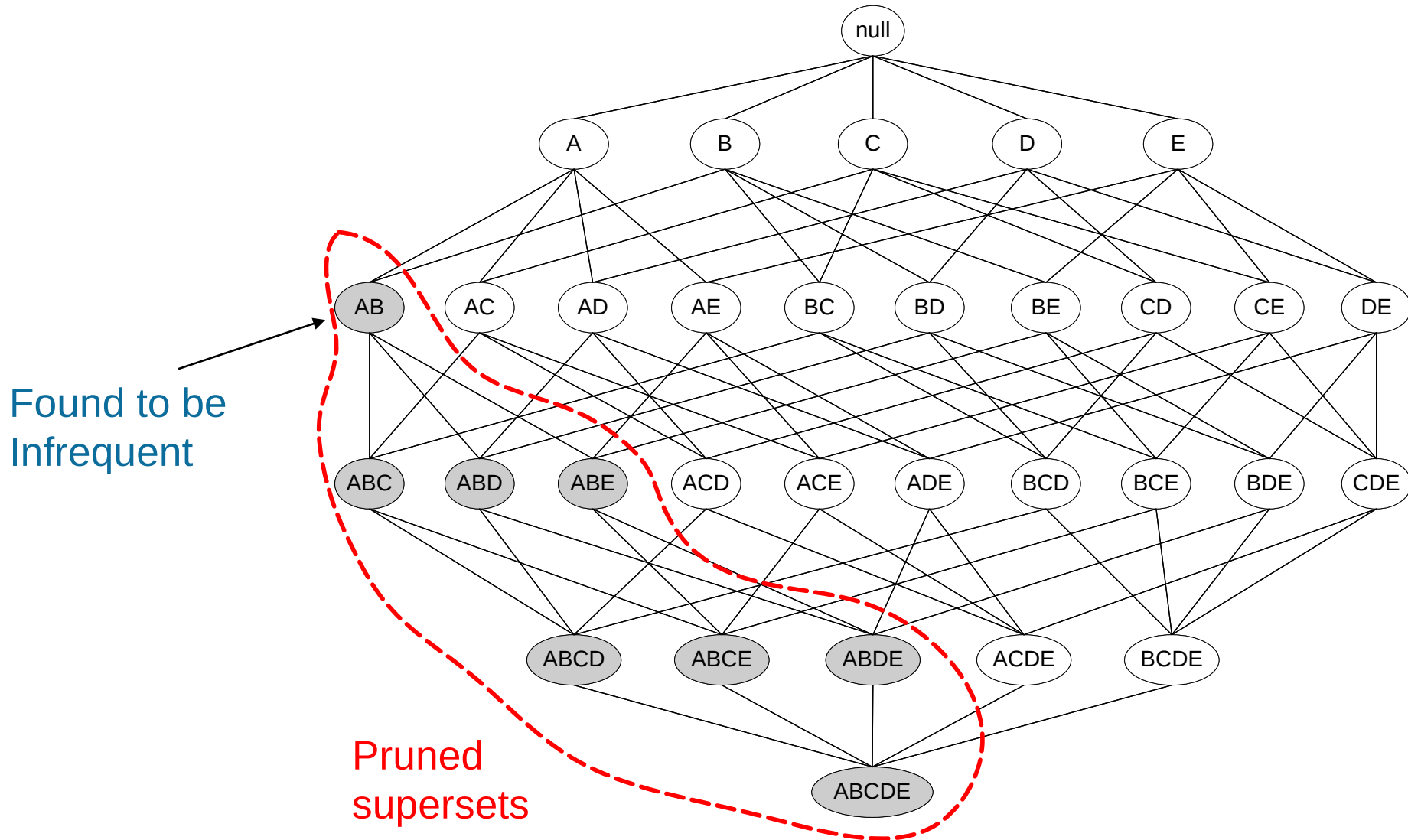
- If an itemset is frequent, then all of its subsets must also be frequent

- Apriori principle holds due to the following property of the support measure:

$$\forall X, Y : (X \subseteq Y) \Rightarrow s(X) \geq s(Y)$$

- Support of an itemset never exceeds the support of its subsets
- This is known as the **anti-monotone** property of support

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If every subset is considered,

$${}^6C_1 + {}^6C_2 + {}^6C_3$$

$$6 + 15 + 20 = 41$$

With support-based pruning,

$${}^6C_1 + {}^4C_2 + 1$$

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# Apriori Algorithm

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- $F_k$ : frequent k-itemsets
- $L_k$ : candidate k-itemsets

## ● Algorithm

- Let  $k=1$
- Generate  $F_1 = \{\text{frequent 1-itemsets}\}$
- Repeat until  $F_k$  is empty
  - ◆ **Candidate Generation:** Generate  $L_{k+1}$  from  $F_k$
  - ◆ **Candidate Pruning:** Prune candidate itemsets in  $L_{k+1}$  containing subsets of length  $k$  that are infrequent
  - ◆ **Support Counting:** Count the support of each candidate in  $L_{k+1}$  by scanning the DB
  - ◆ **Candidate Elimination:** Eliminate candidates in  $L_{k+1}$  that are infrequent, leaving only those that are frequent  $\Rightarrow F_{k+1}$

# Candidate Generation: Brute-force method

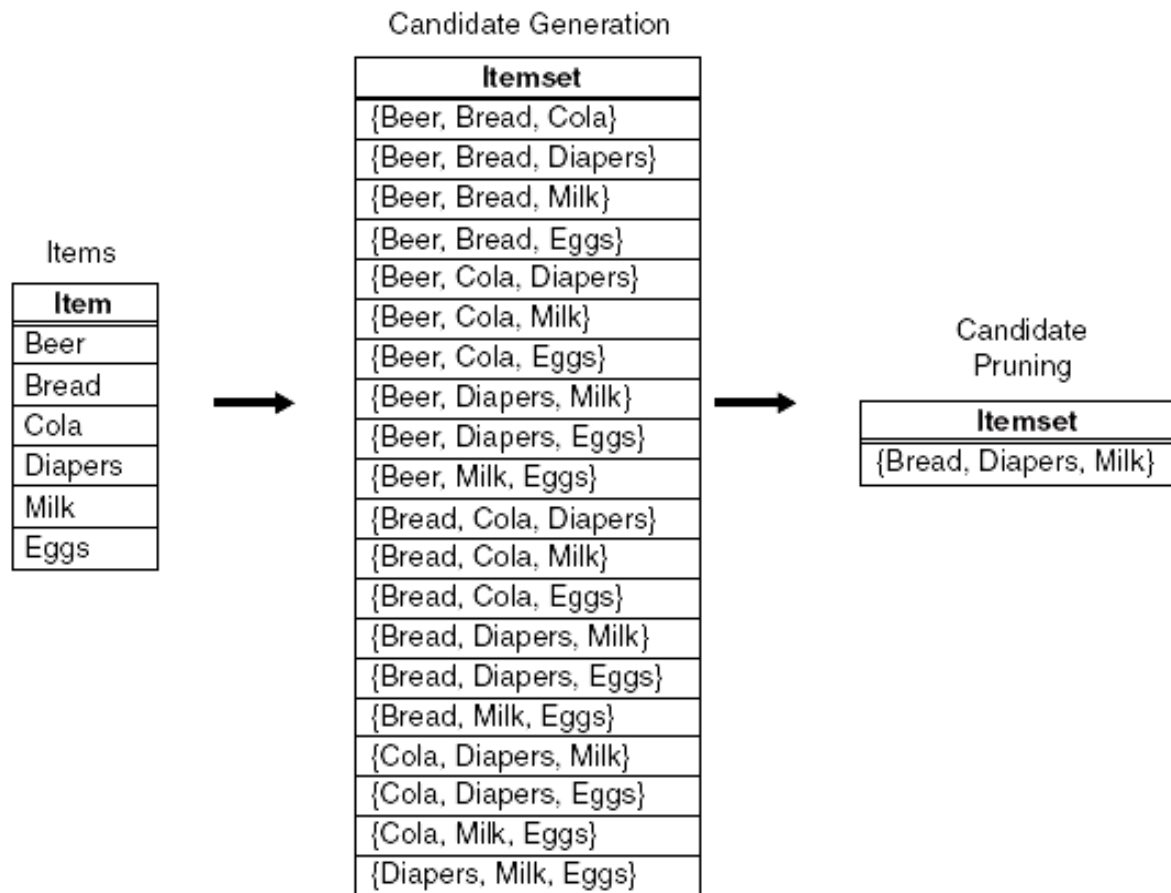


Figure 6.6. A brute-force method for generating candidate 3-itemsets.



# Candidate Generation: Merge $F_{k-1}$ and $F_1$ itemsets

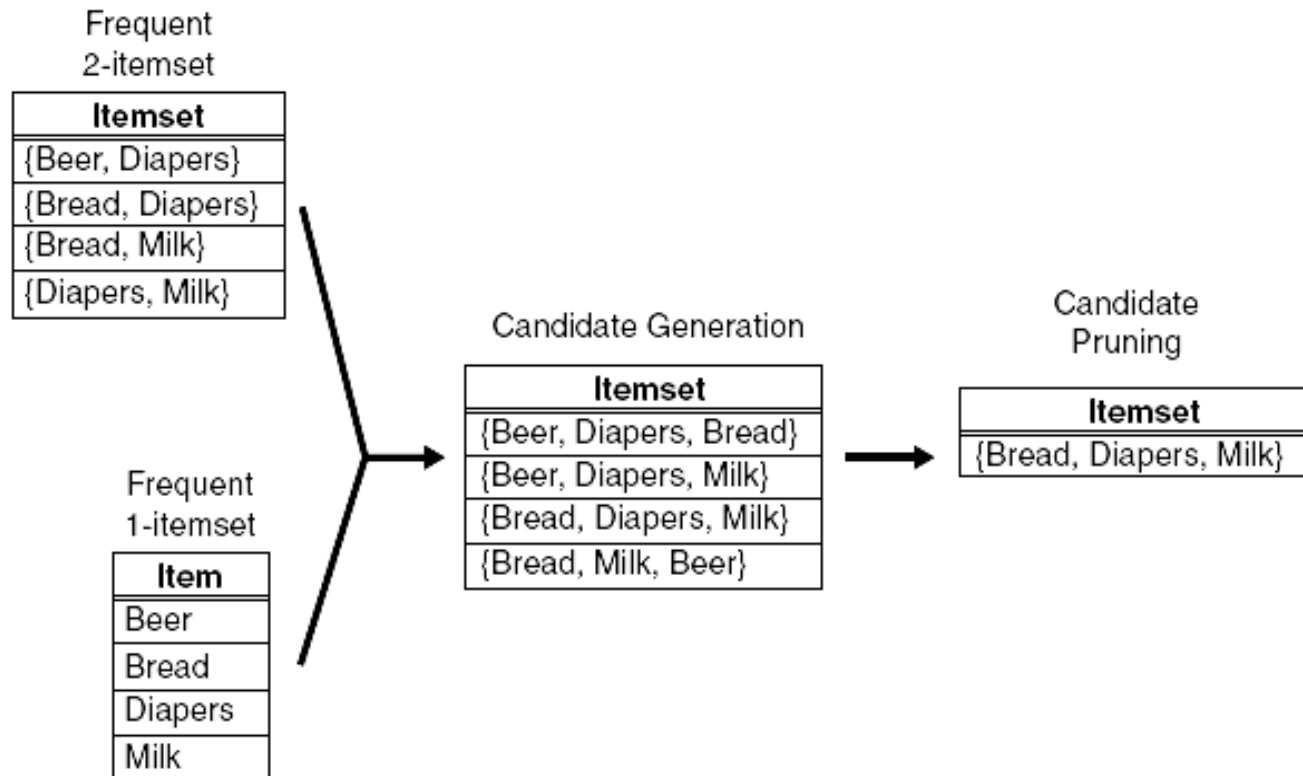
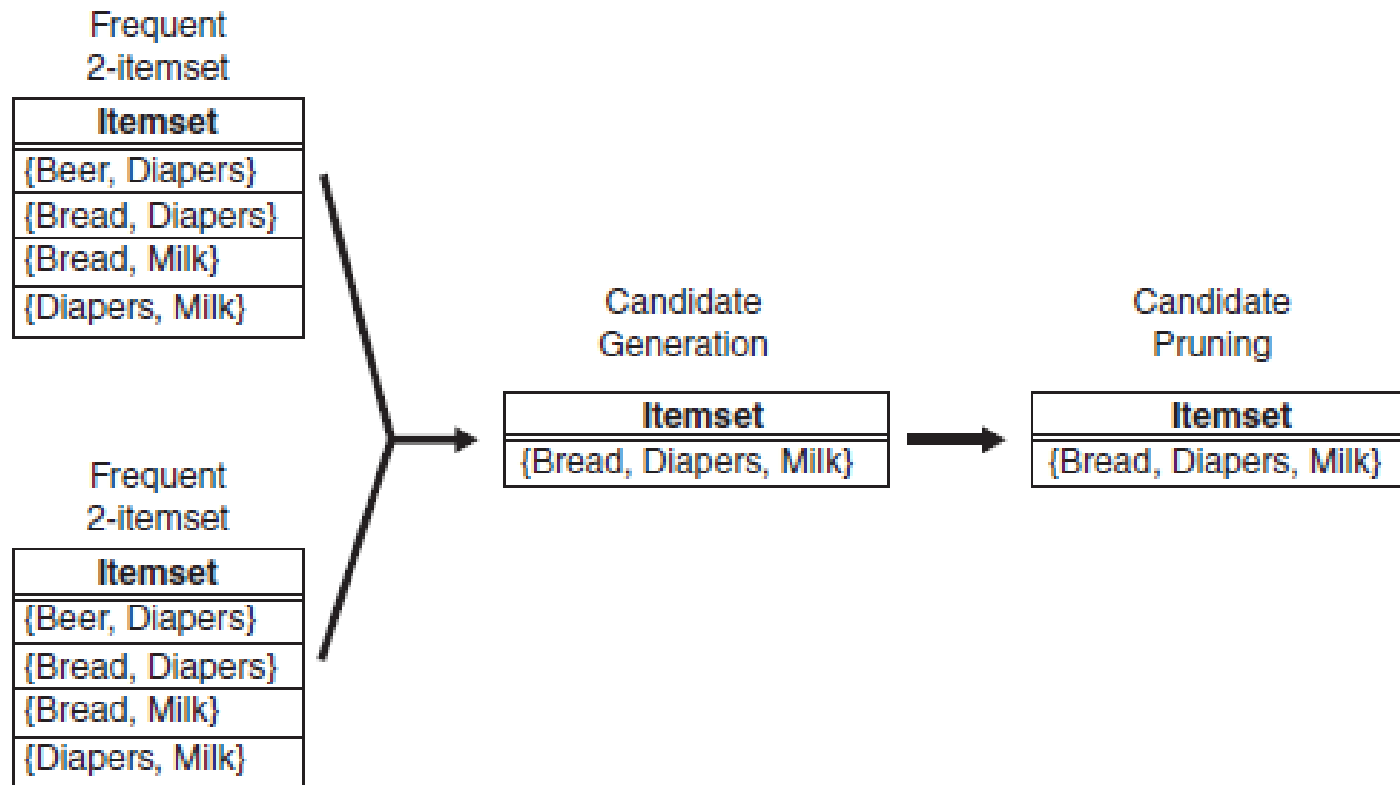


Figure 6.7. Generating and pruning candidate  $k$ -itemsets by merging a frequent  $(k-1)$ -itemset with a frequent item. Note that some of the candidates are unnecessary because their subsets are infrequent.

# Candidate Generation: $F_{k-1} \times F_{k-1}$ Method



**Figure 6.8.** Generating and pruning candidate  $k$ -itemsets by merging pairs of frequent  $(k-1)$ -itemsets.

# Candidate Generation: $F_{k-1} \times F_{k-1}$ Method

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- Merge two frequent  $(k-1)$ -itemsets if their first  $(k-2)$  items are identical
- $F_3 = \{ABC, ABD, ABE, ACD, BCD, BDE, CDE\}$ 
  - Merge(ABC, ABD) = ABCD
  - Merge(ABC, ABE) = ABCE
  - Merge(ABD, ABE) = ABDE
  - Do not merge(ABD, ACD) because they share only prefix of length 1 instead of length 2

# Candidate Pruning

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- Let  $F_3 = \{ABC, ABD, ABE, ACD, BCD, BDE, CDE\}$  be the set of frequent 3-itemsets
- $L_4 = \{ABCD, ABCE, ABDE\}$  is the set of candidate 4-itemsets generated (from previous slide)
- Candidate pruning
  - Prune ABCE because ACE and BCE are infrequent
  - Prune ABDE because ADE is infrequent
- After candidate pruning:  $L_4 = \{ABCD\}$

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Use of  $F_{k-1} \times F_{k-1}$  method for candidate generation results in only one 3-itemset. This is eliminated after the support counting step.

# Support Counting of Candidate Itemsets

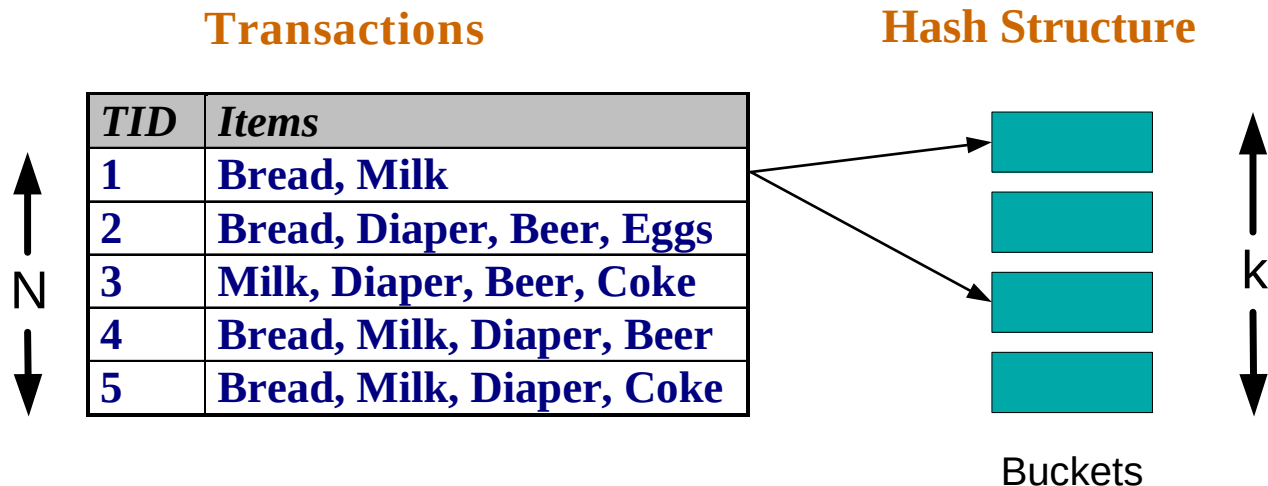
- Scan the database of transactions to determine the support of each candidate itemset
  - Must match every candidate itemset against every transaction, which is an expensive operation

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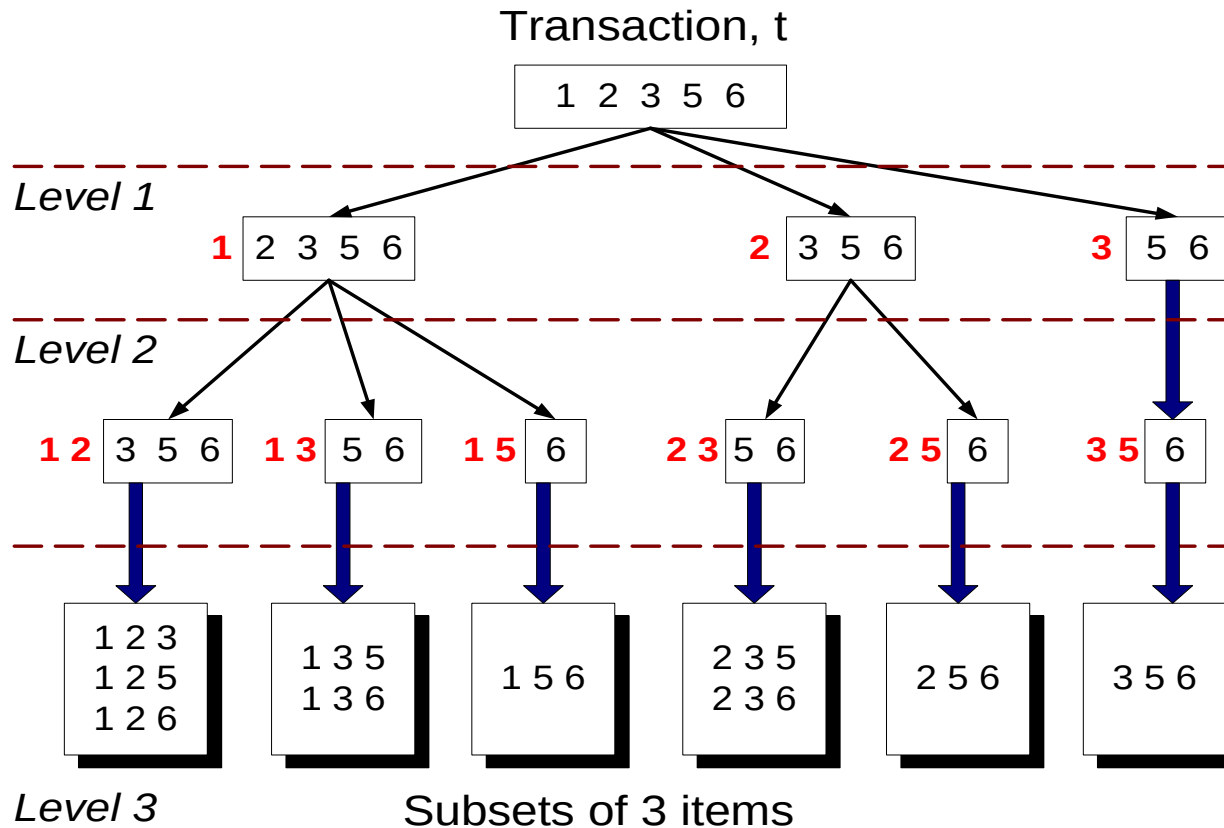
# Support Counting of Candidate Itemsets

- To reduce number of comparisons, store the candidate itemsets in a hash structure
  - Instead of matching each transaction against every candidate, match it against candidates contained in the hashed buckets



# Support Counting: An Example

3-itemsets supported by transaction (1,2,3,5,6)?



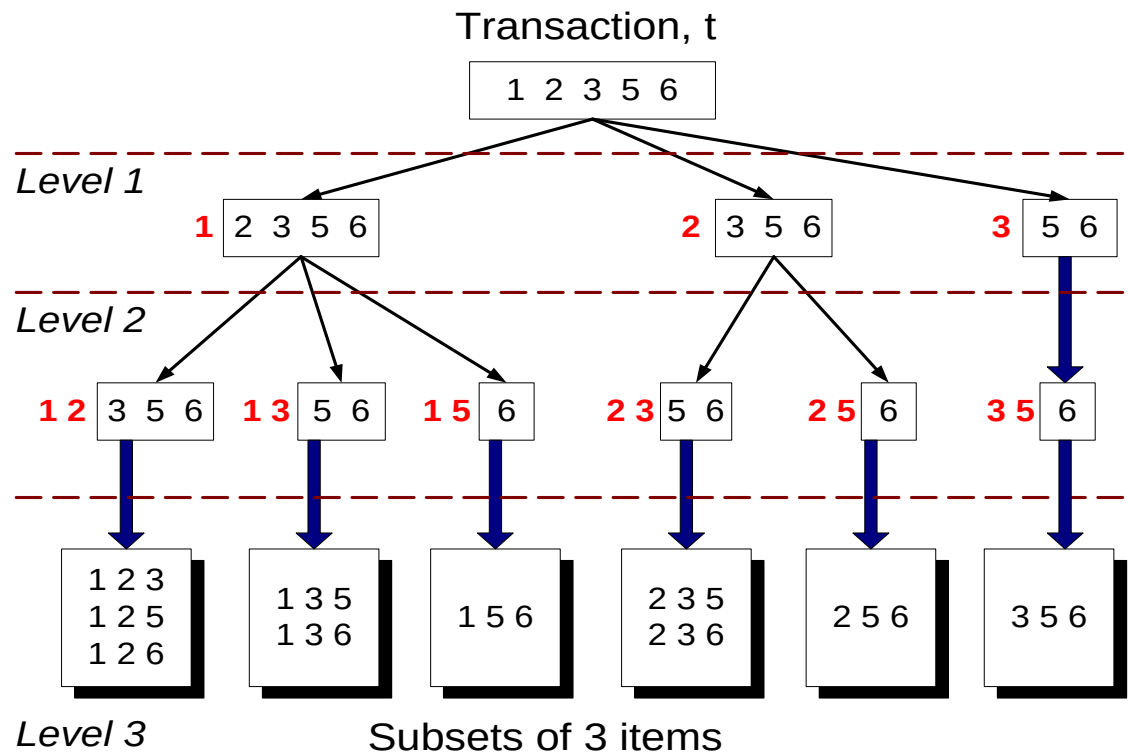


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Suppose you have 15 candidate itemsets of length 3:

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How many of these itemsets are supported by transaction (1,2,3,5,6)?



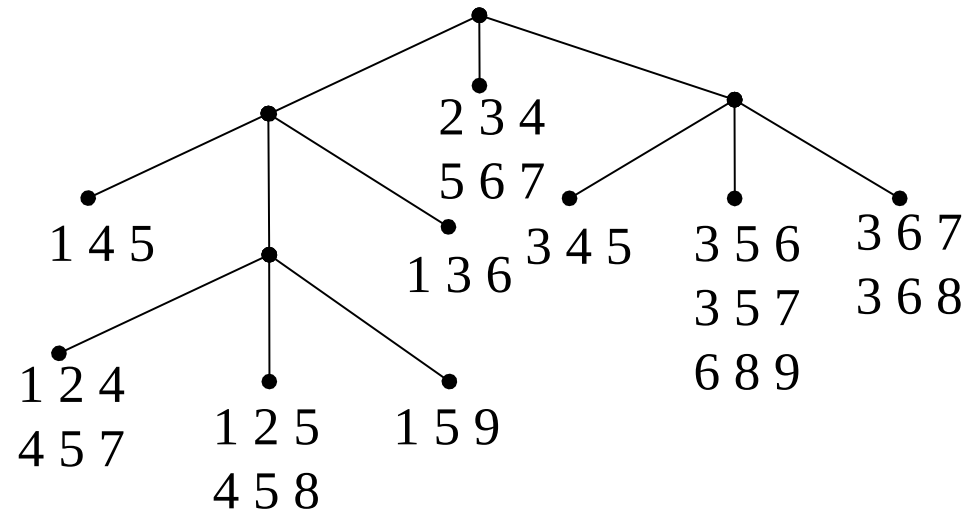
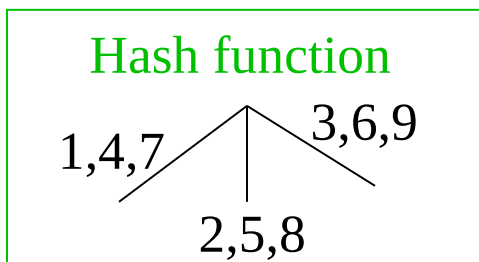
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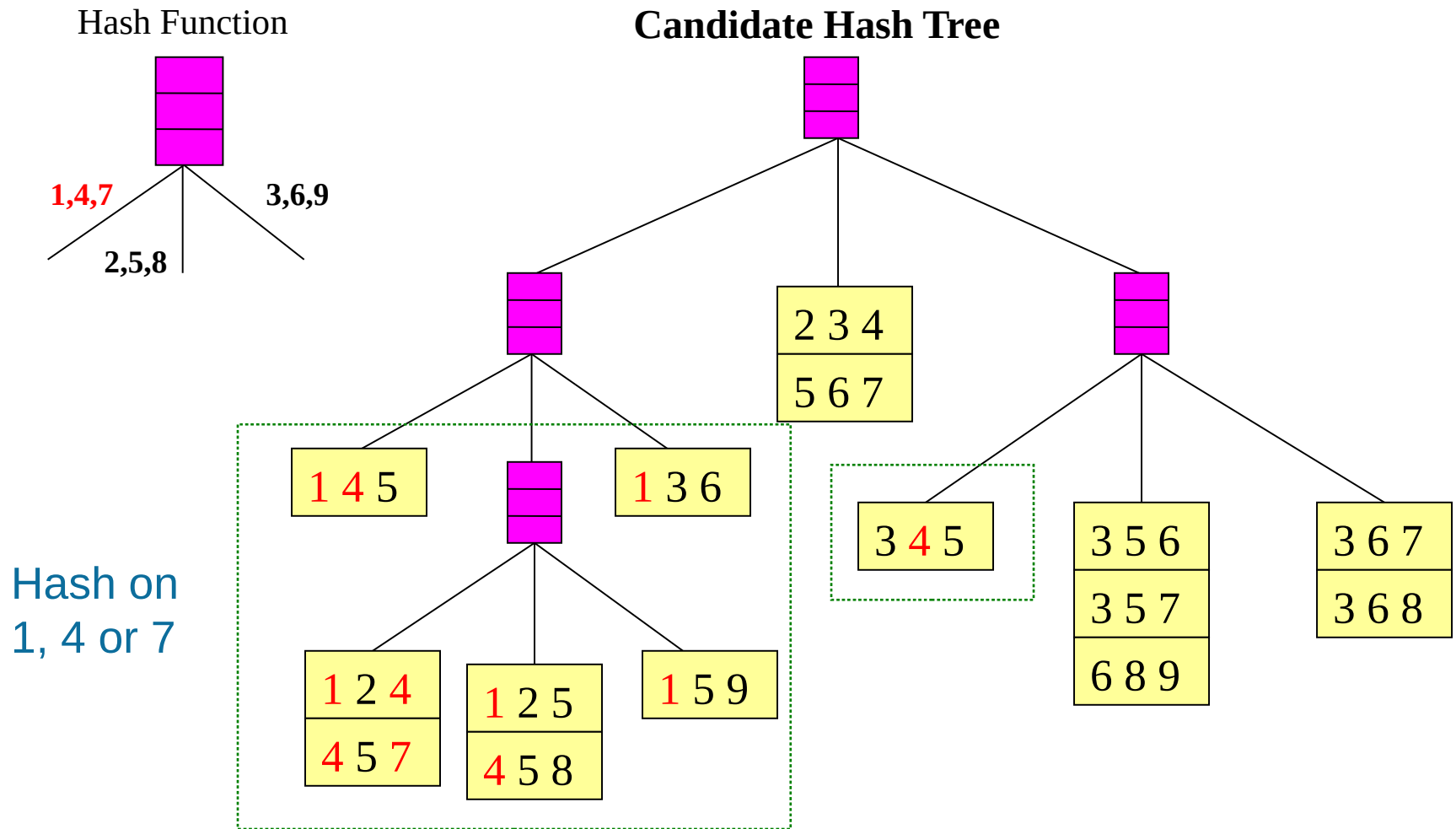
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You need:

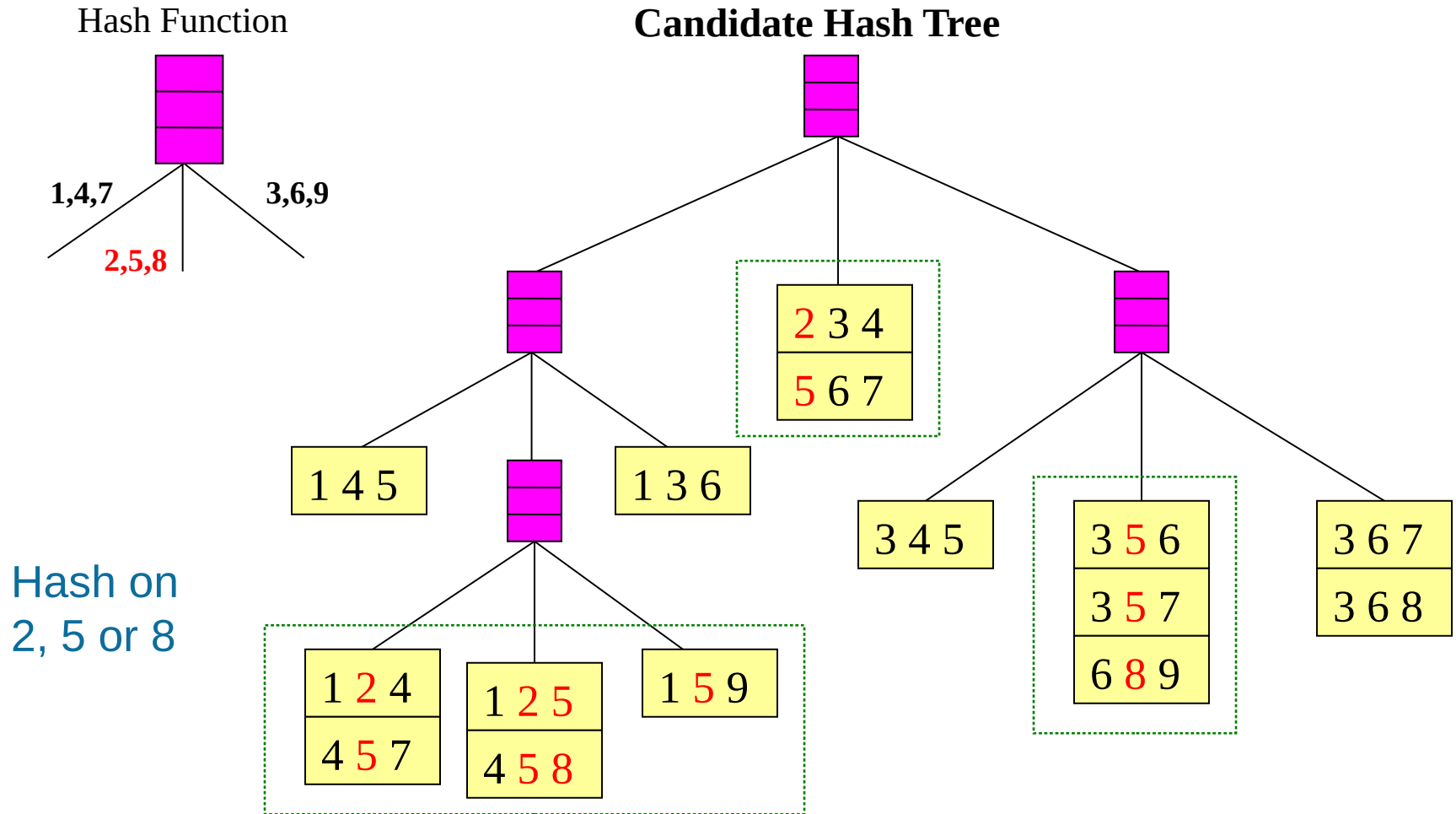
- ✂ Hash function, e.g.,  $h(p) = p \bmod 3$
- ✂ Max leaf size: max number of itemsets stored in a leaf node (if number of candidate itemsets exceeds max leaf size, split the node)



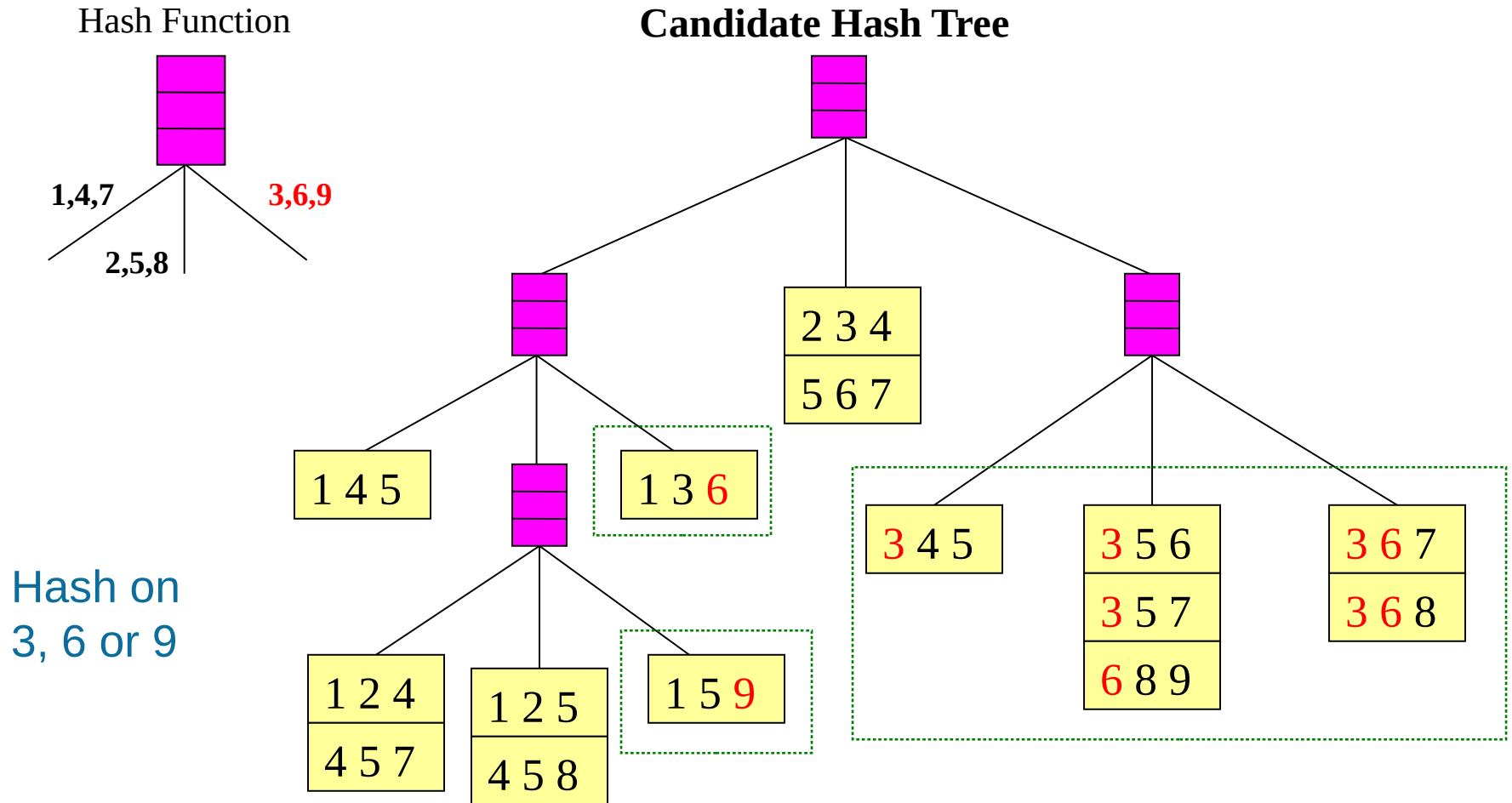
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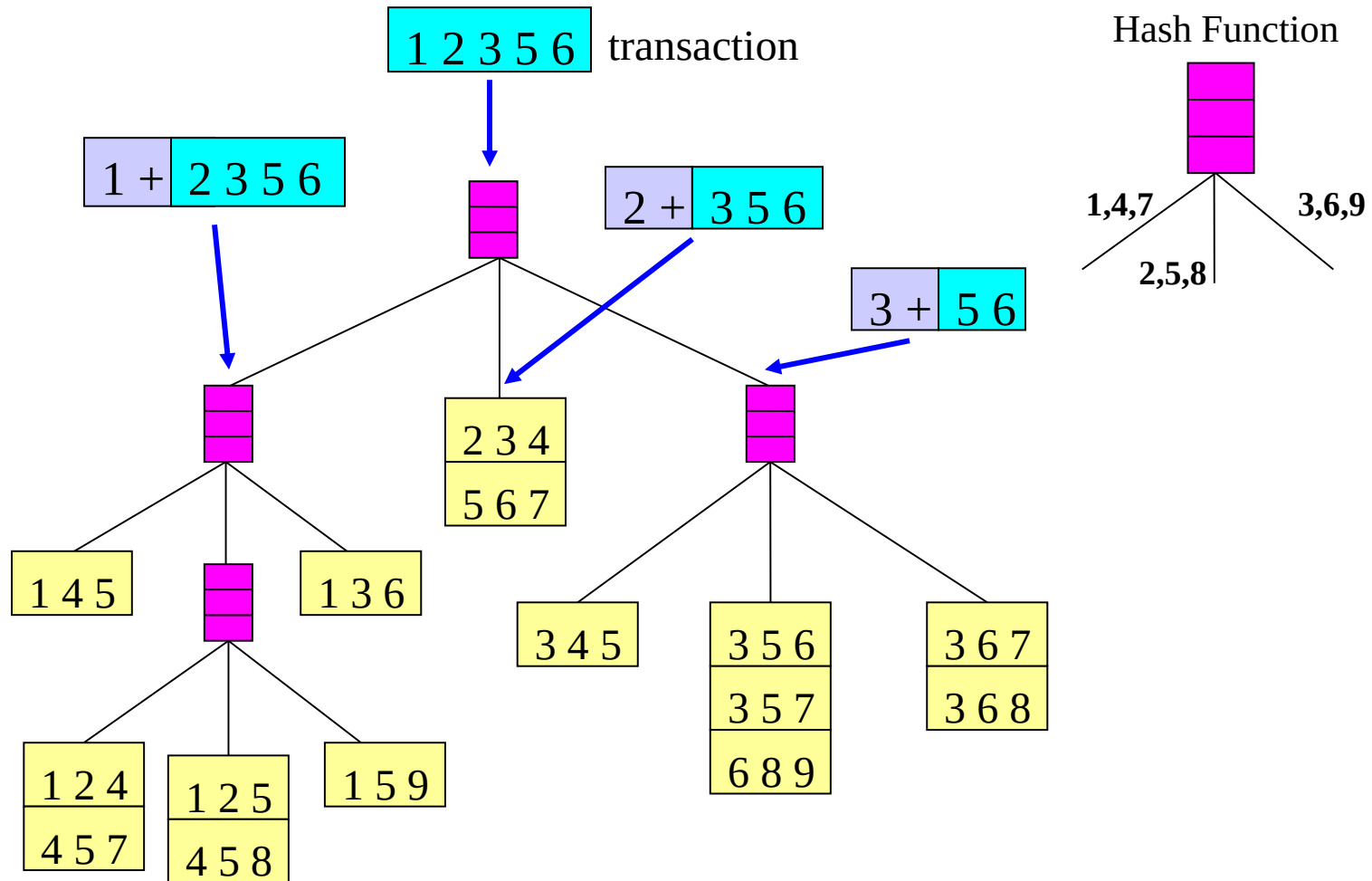
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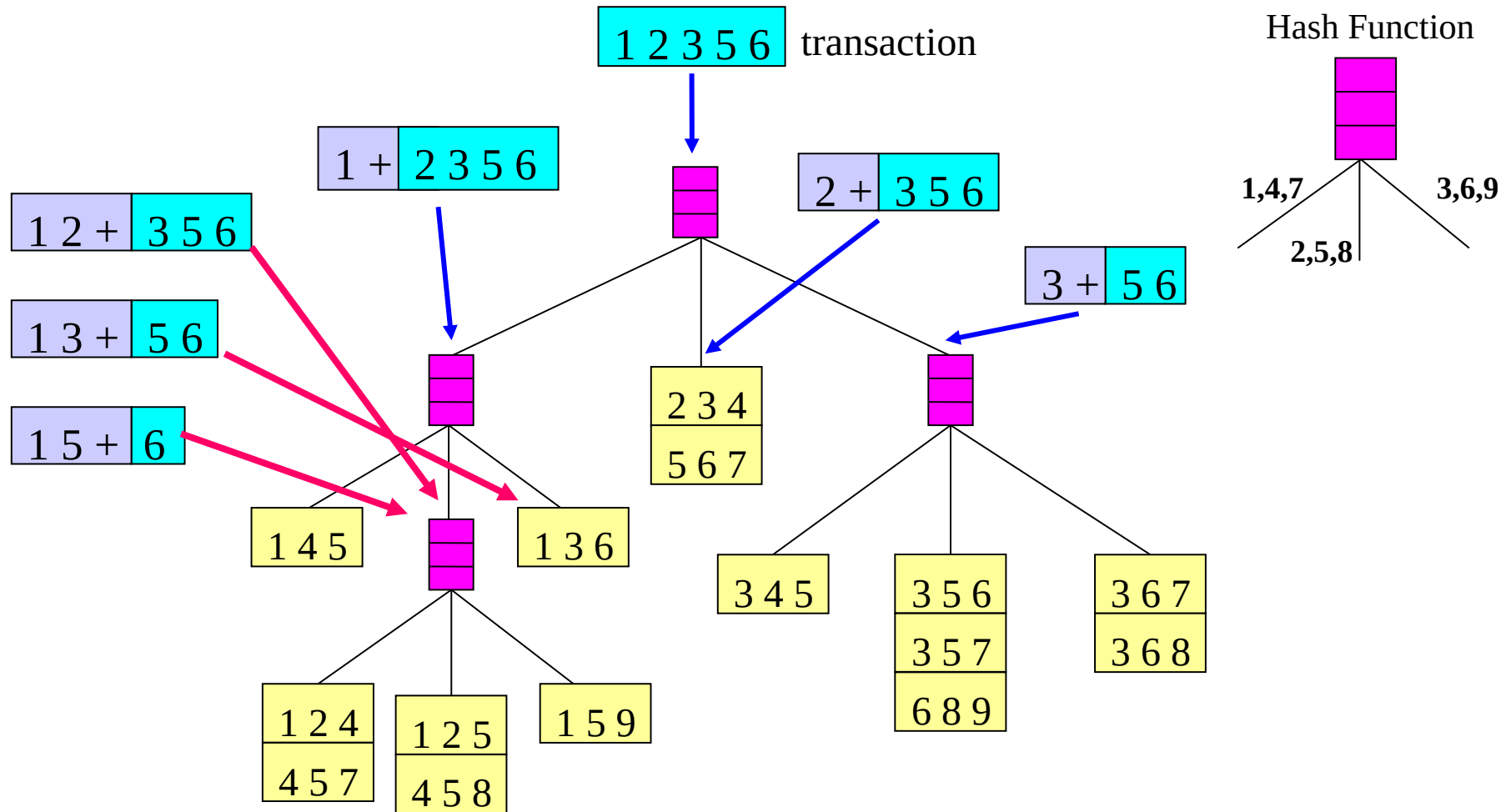
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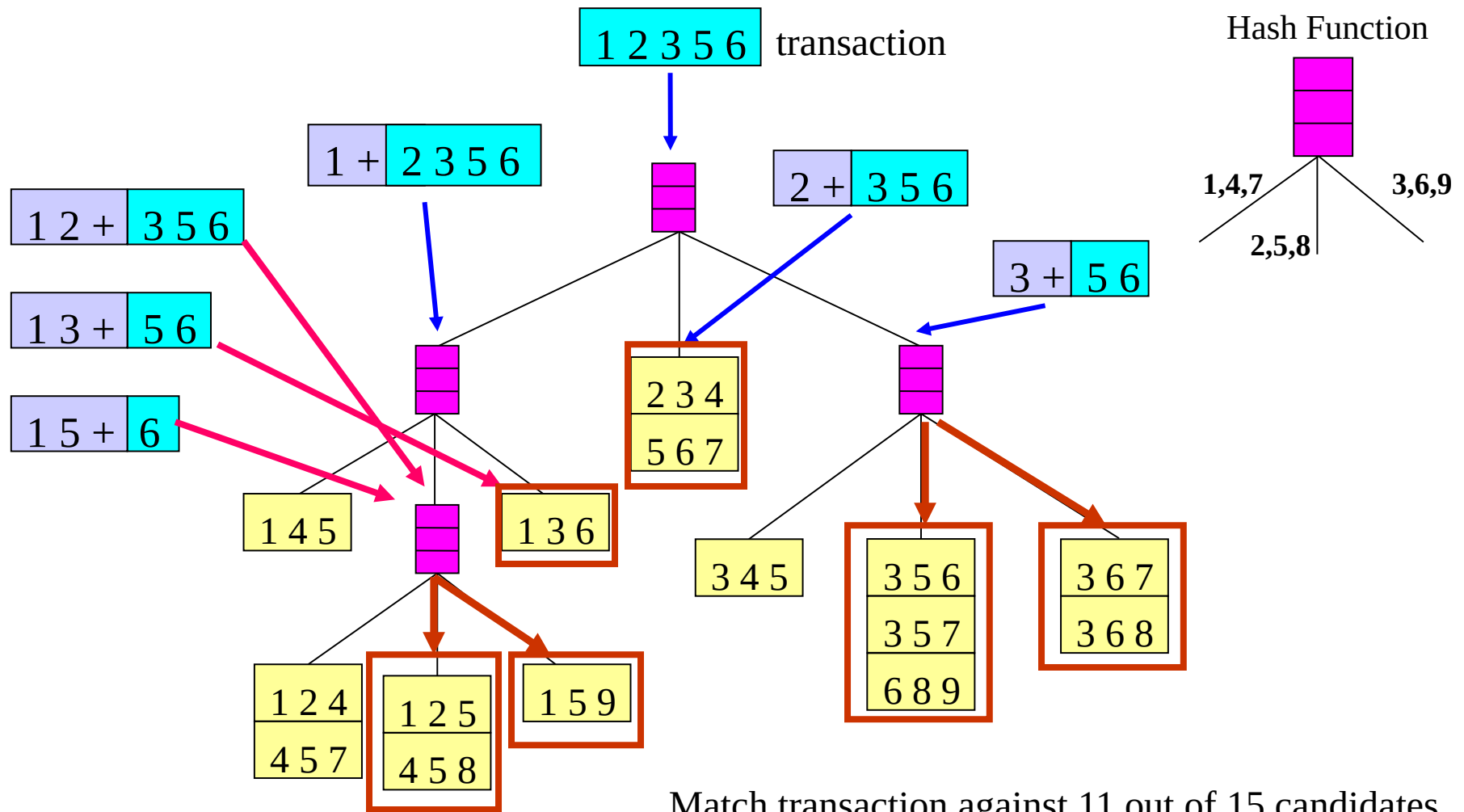
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# Rule Generation

- Given a frequent itemset  $L$ , find all non-empty subsets  $f \subset L$  such that  $f \rightarrow L - f$  satisfies the minimum confidence requirement
  - If  $\{A,B,C,D\}$  is a frequent itemset, candidate rules:  
 $ABC \rightarrow D, \quad ABD \rightarrow C, \quad ACD \rightarrow B, \quad BCD \rightarrow A,$   
 $A \rightarrow BCD, \quad B \rightarrow ACD, \quad C \rightarrow ABD, \quad D \rightarrow ABC$   
 $AB \rightarrow CD, \quad AC \rightarrow BD, \quad AD \rightarrow BC, \quad BC \rightarrow AD,$   
 $BD \rightarrow AC, \quad CD \rightarrow AB,$
- If  $|L| = k$ , then there are  $2^k - 2$  candidate association rules (ignoring  $L \rightarrow \emptyset$  and  $\emptyset \rightarrow L$ )

# Rule Generation

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- In general, confidence does not have an anti-monotone property

$c(ABC \rightarrow D)$  can be larger or smaller than  $c(AB \rightarrow D)$

- But confidence of rules generated from the same itemset has an anti-monotone property

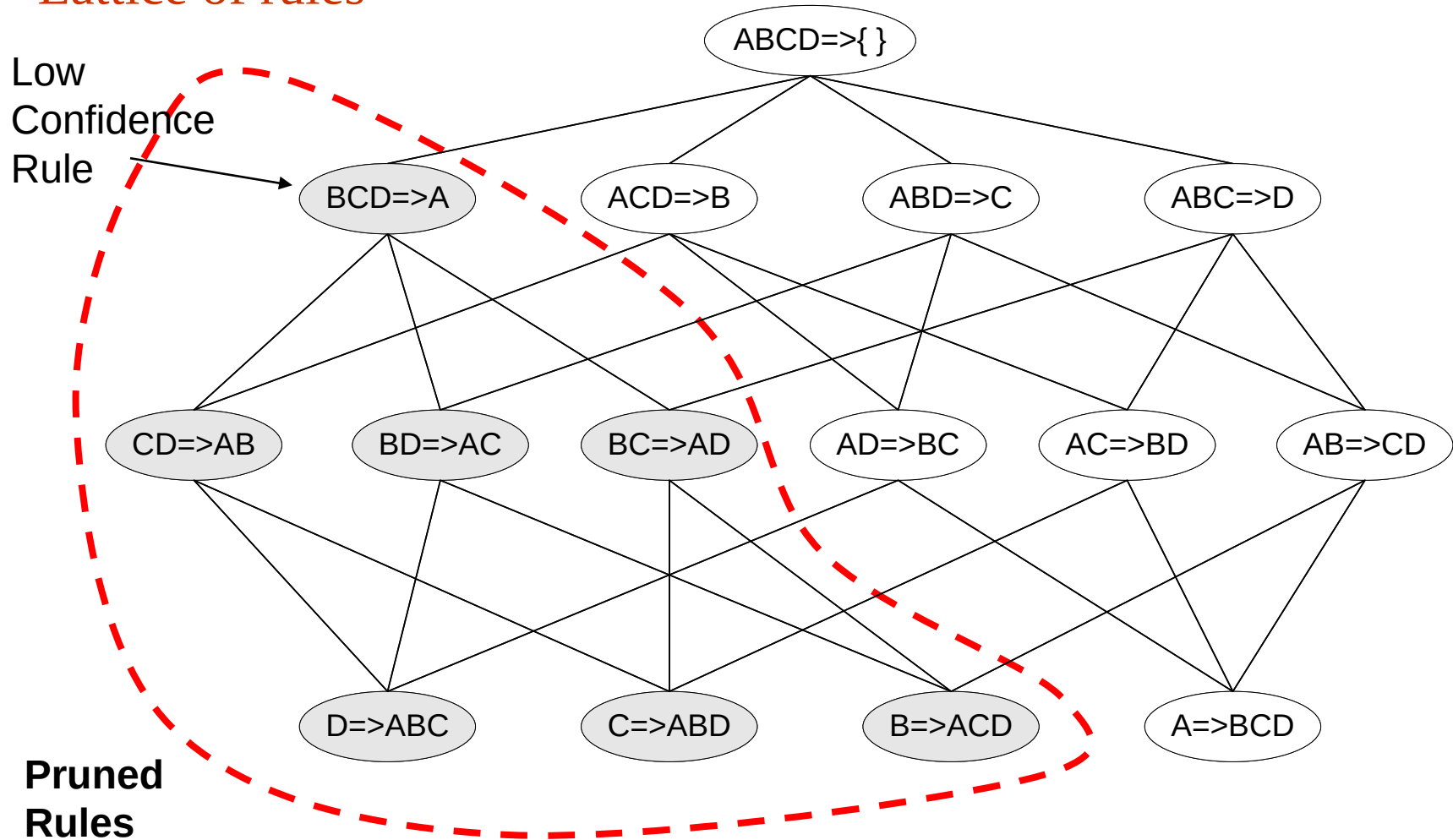
- E.g., Suppose  $\{A,B,C,D\}$  is a frequent 4-itemset:

$$c(ABC \rightarrow D) \geq c(AB \rightarrow CD) \geq c(A \rightarrow BCD)$$

- Confidence is anti-monotone w.r.t. number of items on the RHS of the rule

# Rule Generation for Apriori Algorithm

## Lattice of rules



# Factors Affecting Complexity of Apriori

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- Choice of minimum support threshold
  - lowering support threshold results in more frequent itemsets
  - this may increase number of candidates and max length of frequent itemsets
- Dimensionality (number of items) of the data set
  - more space is needed to store support count of each item
  - if number of frequent items also increases, both computation and I/O costs may also increase
- Size of database
  - since Apriori makes multiple passes, run time of algorithm may increase with number of transactions
- Average transaction width
  - transaction width increases with denser data sets
  - This may increase max length of frequent itemsets and traversals of hash tree (number of subsets in a transaction increases with its width)

# Compact Representation of Frequent Itemsets

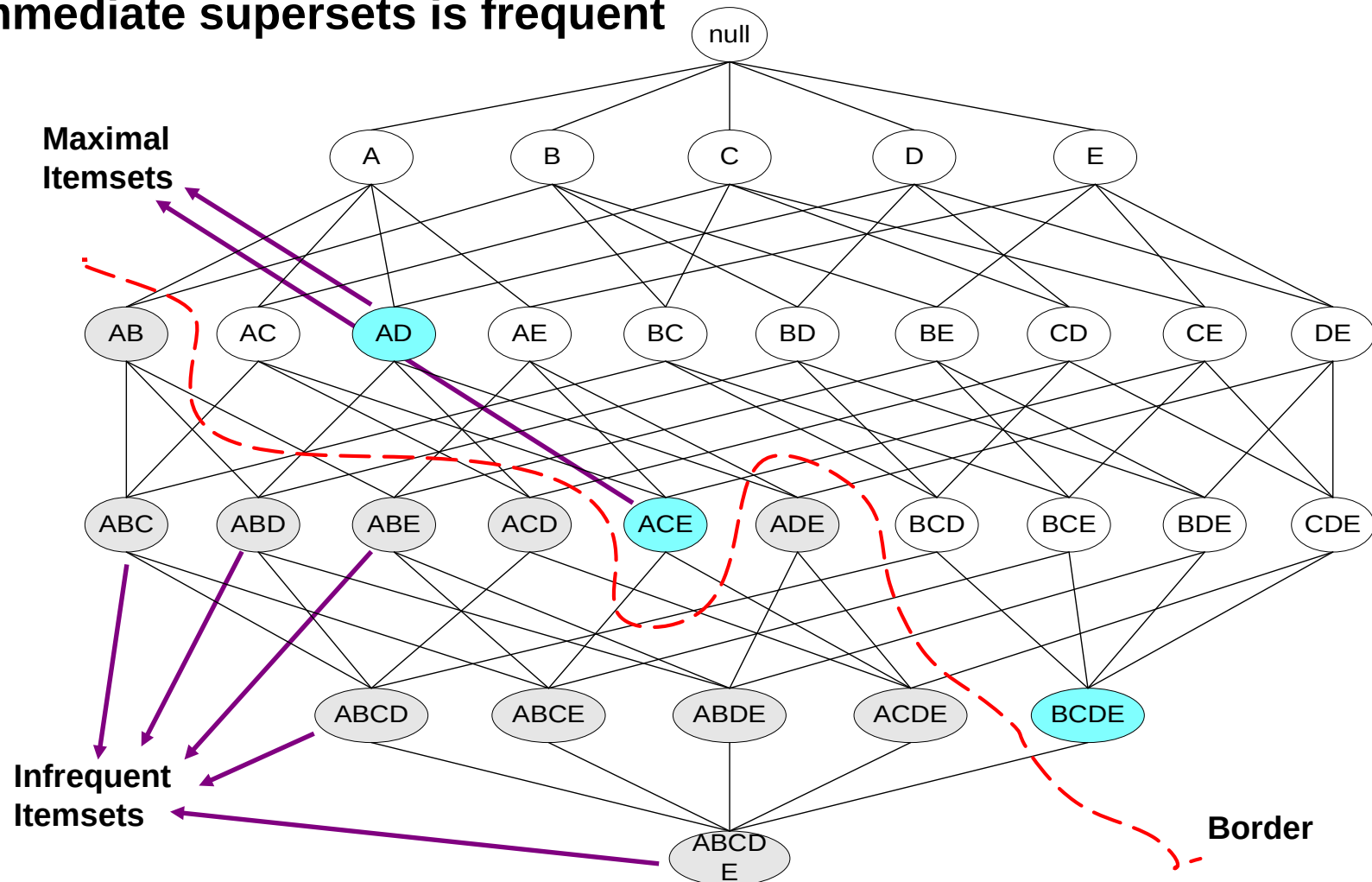
- Some itemsets are redundant because they have identical support as their supersets

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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- Number of frequent itemsets  $= 3 \times \sum_{k=1}^{10} \binom{10}{k}$
- Need a compact representation

# Maximal Frequent Itemset

An itemset is maximal frequent if it is frequent and none of its immediate supersets is frequent



# What are the Maximal Frequent Itemsets in this Data?

TID	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Minimum support threshold = 5

# An illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Support threshold (by count) : 5  
Frequent itemsets: ?



# An illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Support threshold (by count) : 5  
Frequent itemsets: {F}

# An illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Support threshold (by count) : 5  
Frequent itemsets: {F}

Support threshold (by count): 4  
Frequent itemsets: ?

# An illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Support threshold (by count) : 5  
Frequent itemsets: {F}

Support threshold (by count): 4  
Frequent itemsets: {E}, {F}, {E,F}, {J}

# An illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Support threshold (by count) : 5  
Frequent itemsets: {F}

Support threshold (by count): 4  
Frequent itemsets: {E}, {F}, {E,F}, {J}

Support threshold (by count): 3  
Frequent itemsets: ?

# An illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Support threshold (by count) : 5  
Frequent itemsets: {F}

Support threshold (by count): 4  
Frequent itemsets: {E}, {F}, {E,F}, {J}

Support threshold (by count): 3  
Frequent itemsets:  
All subsets of {C,D,E,F} + {J}

# An illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

**Support threshold (by count) : 5**

Frequent itemsets: {F}

Maximal itemsets: ?

**Support threshold (by count): 4**

Frequent itemsets: {E}, {F}, {E,F}, {J}

Maximal itemsets: ?

**Support threshold (by count): 3**

Frequent itemsets:

All subsets of {C,D,E,F} + {J}

Maximal itemsets: ?

# An illustrative example

		Items									
Transactions		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

**Support threshold (by count) : 5**

Frequent itemsets: {F}

Maximal itemsets: {F}

**Support threshold (by count): 4**

Frequent itemsets: {E}, {F}, {E,F}, {J}

Maximal itemsets: ?

**Support threshold (by count): 3**

Frequent itemsets:

All subsets of {C,D,E,F} + {J}

Maximal itemsets: ?

# An illustrative example

		Items									
Transactions		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

**Support threshold (by count) : 5**

Frequent itemsets: {F}

Maximal itemsets: {F}

**Support threshold (by count): 4**

Frequent itemsets: {E}, {F}, {E,F}, {J}

Maximal itemsets: {E,F}, {J}

**Support threshold (by count): 3**

Frequent itemsets:

All subsets of {C,D,E,F} + {J}

Maximal itemsets: ?



# An illustrative example

		Items									
Transactions		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

**Support threshold (by count) : 5**

Frequent itemsets: {F}

Maximal itemsets: {F}

**Support threshold (by count): 4**

Frequent itemsets: {E}, {F}, {E,F}, {J}

Maximal itemsets: {E,F}, {J}

**Support threshold (by count): 3**

Frequent itemsets:

All subsets of {C,D,E,F} + {J}

Maximal itemsets:

{C,D,E,F}, {J}

# Another illustrative example

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Support threshold (by count) : 5

Maximal itemsets: {A}, {B}, {C}

Support threshold (by count): 4

Maximal itemsets: {A,B}, {A,C},{B,C}

Support threshold (by count): 3

Maximal itemsets: {A,B,C}

# Closed Itemset

- An itemset  $X$  is closed if none of its immediate supersets has the same support as the itemset  $X$ .
- $X$  is not closed if at least one of its immediate supersets has support count as  $X$ .

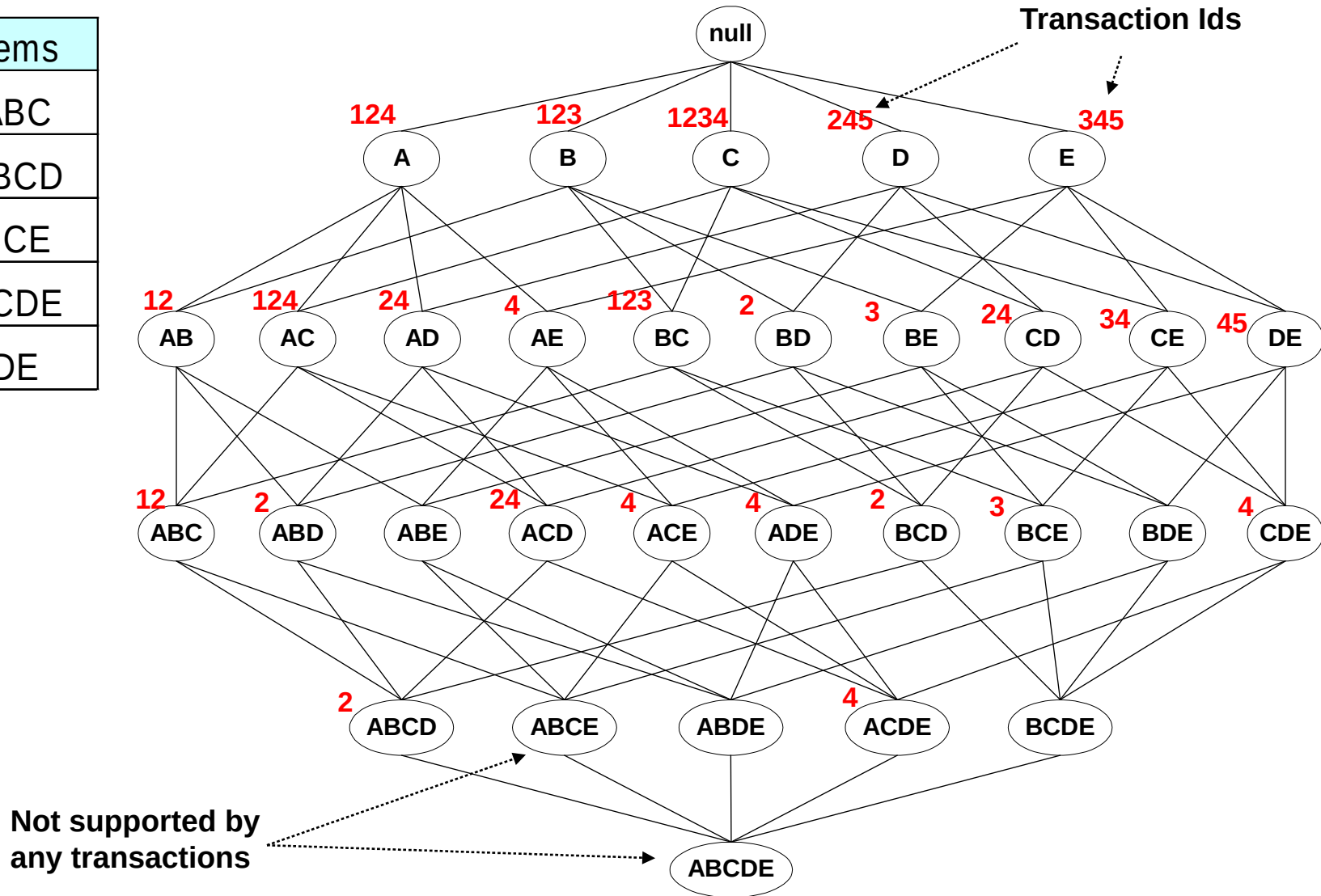
TID	Items
1	{A,B}
2	{B,C,D}
3	{A,B,C,D}
4	{A,B,D}
5	{A,B,C,D}

Itemset	Support
{A}	4
{B}	5
{C}	3
{D}	4
{A,B}	4
{A,C}	2
{A,D}	3
{B,C}	3
{B,D}	4
{C,D}	3

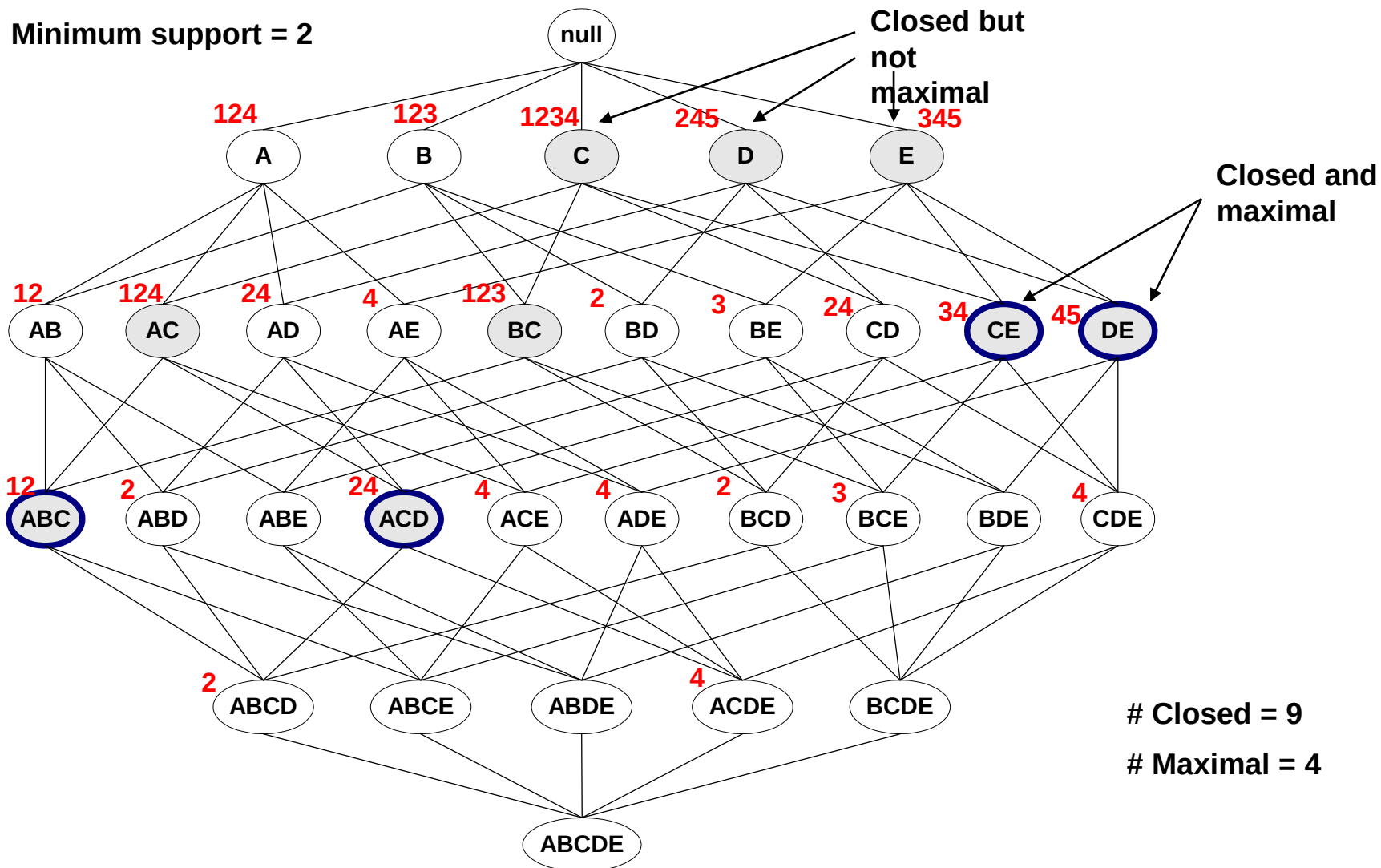
Itemset	Support
{A,B,C}	2
{A,B,D}	3
{A,C,D}	2
{B,C,D}	2
{A,B,C,D}	2

# Maximal vs Closed Itemsets

TID	Items
1	ABC
2	ABCD
3	BCE
4	ACDE
5	DE



# Maximal vs Closed Frequent Itemsets



# What are the Closed Itemsets in this Data?

TID	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

# Example 1

		Items									
Transactions		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Itemsets	Support (counts)	Closed itemsets
{C}	3	
{D}	2	
{C,D}	2	

# Example 1

	Items									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

Itemsets	Support (counts)	Closed itemsets
<b>{C}</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>☑</b>
{D}	2	
<b>{C,D}</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>☑</b>



# Example 2

	Items									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

Itemsets	Support (counts)	Closed itemsets
{C}	3	
{D}	2	
{E}	2	
{C,D}	2	
{C,E}	2	
{D,E}	2	
{C,D,E}	2	

# Example 2

		Items									
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Transactions	1										
	2										
	3										
	4										
	5										
	6										
	7										
	8										
	9										
	10										

Itemsets	Support (counts)	Closed itemsets
<b>{C}</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>☑</b>
{D}	2	
{E}	2	
{C,D}	2	
{C,E}	2	
{D,E}	2	
<b>{C,D,E}</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>☑</b>

# Example 3

Items

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

Closed itemsets: {C,D,E,F}, {C,F}

# Example 4

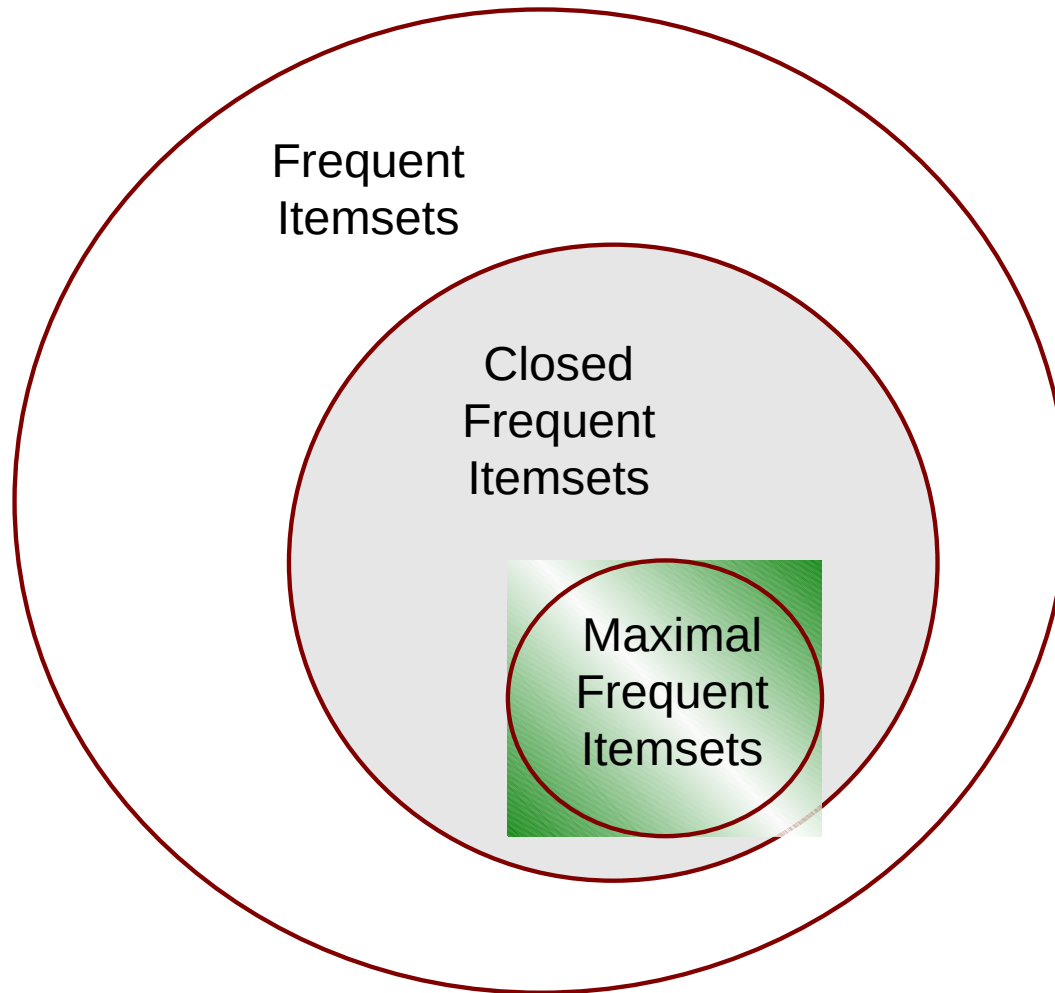
Items

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

Closed itemsets: {C,D,E,F}, {C}, {F}

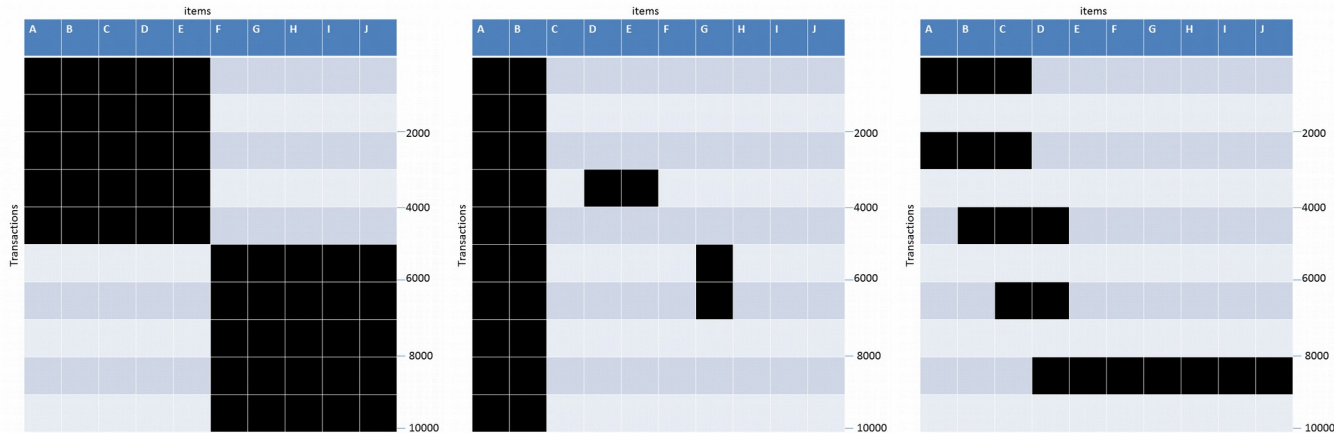
# Maximal vs Closed Itemsets

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# Exam Question

- Given the following transaction data sets (dark cells indicate presence of an item in a transaction) and a support threshold of 20%, answer the following questions



- What is the number of frequent itemsets for each dataset? Which dataset will produce the most number of frequent itemsets?
- Which dataset will produce the longest frequent itemset?
- Which dataset will produce frequent itemsets with highest maximum support?
- Which dataset will produce frequent itemsets containing items with widely varying support levels (i.e., itemsets containing items with mixed support, ranging from 20% to more than 70%)?
- What is the number of maximal frequent itemsets for each dataset? Which dataset will produce the most number of maximal frequent itemsets?
- What is the number of closed frequent itemsets for each dataset? Which dataset will produce the most number of closed frequent itemsets?

# Pattern Evaluation

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- Association rule algorithms can produce large number of rules
- Interestingness measures can be used to prune/rank the patterns
  - In the original formulation, support & confidence are the only measures used

# Computing Interestingness Measure

- Given  $X \rightarrow Y$  or  $\{X, Y\}$ , information needed to compute interestingness can be obtained from a contingency table

## Contingency table

	Y	$\overline{Y}$	
X	$f_{11}$	$f_{10}$	$f_{1+}$
$\overline{X}$	$f_{01}$	$f_{00}$	$f_{0+}$
	$f_{+1}$	$f_{+0}$	N

$f_{11}$ : support of X and Y

$f_{10}$ : support of  $\underline{X}$  and  $\overline{Y}$

$f_{01}$ : support of  $\underline{X}$  and  $\underline{Y}$

$f_{00}$ : support of X and Y

Used to define various measures

- ◆ support, confidence, Gini, entropy, etc.



# Drawback of Confidence

Custo mers	Tea	Coffee	...
C1	0	1	...
C2	1	0	...
C3	1	1	...
C4	1	0	...
...			

	Coffee	<u>Coffee</u>	
Tea	15	5	20
<u>Tea</u>	75	5	80
	90	10	100

Association Rule: Tea  $\rightarrow$  Coffee

Confidence  $\cong P(\text{Coffee}|\text{Tea}) = 15/20 = 0.75$

Confidence  $> 50\%$ , meaning people who drink tea are more likely to drink coffee than not drink coffee

So rule seems reasonable

# Drawback of Confidence

	Coffee	<u>Coffee</u>	
Tea	15	5	20
<u>Tea</u>	75	5	80
	90	10	100

Association Rule: Tea  $\rightarrow$  Coffee

Confidence =  $P(\text{Coffee}|\text{Tea}) = 15/20 = 0.75$

but  $P(\text{Coffee}) = 0.9$ , which means knowing that a person drinks tea reduces the probability that the person drinks coffee!

$\Rightarrow$  Note that  $P(\text{Coffee}|\overline{\text{Tea}}) = 75/80 = 0.9375$

# Measure for Association Rules

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- So, what kind of rules do we really want?
  - Confidence( $X \rightarrow Y$ ) should be sufficiently high
    - ◆ To ensure that people who buy  $X$  will more likely buy  $Y$  than not buy  $Y$
  - Confidence( $X \rightarrow Y$ )  $>$  support( $Y$ )
    - ◆ Otherwise, rule will be misleading because having item  $X$  actually reduces the chance of having item  $Y$  in the same transaction
    - ◆ Is there any measure that capture this constraint?
      - Answer: Yes. There are many of them.

# Statistical Independence

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- The criterion  
 $\text{confidence}(X \rightarrow Y) = \text{support}(Y)$

is equivalent to:

- $P(Y|X) = P(Y)$
- $P(X,Y) = P(X) \times P(Y)$

If  $P(X,Y) > P(X) \times P(Y)$  : X & Y are positively correlated

If  $P(X,Y) < P(X) \times P(Y)$  : X & Y are negatively correlated

# Measures that take into account statistical dependence

$$\text{Lift} = \frac{P(Y | X)}{P(Y)}$$

$$\text{Interest} = \frac{P(X, Y)}{P(X)P(Y)}$$

lift is used for rules while  
interest is used for itemsets

$$PS = P(X, Y) - P(X)P(Y)$$

$$\phi - \text{coefficient} = \frac{P(X, Y) - P(X)P(Y)}{\sqrt{P(X)[1 - P(X)]P(Y)[1 - P(Y)]}}$$

# Example: Lift/Interest

	Coffee	<u>Coffee</u>	
Tea	15	5	20
<u>Tea</u>	75	5	80
	90	10	100

Association Rule: Tea  $\rightarrow$  Coffee

Confidence =  $P(\text{Coffee}|\text{Tea}) = 0.75$

but  $P(\text{Coffee}) = 0.9$

$\Rightarrow$  Lift =  $0.75/0.9 = 0.8333$  ( $< 1$ , therefore is negatively associated)

So, is it enough to use confidence/lift for pruning?

# Lift or Interest

	Y	$\bar{Y}$	
X	10	0	10
$\bar{X}$	0	90	90
	10	90	100

	Y	$\bar{Y}$	
X	90	0	90
$\bar{X}$	0	10	10
	90	10	100

$$Lift = \frac{0.1}{(0.1)(0.1)} = 10$$

$$Lift = \frac{0.9}{(0.9)(0.9)} = 1.11$$

**Statistical independence:**

**If  $P(X,Y)=P(X)P(Y) \Rightarrow Lift = 1$**

There are lots of measures proposed in the literature

#	Measure	Formula
1	$\phi$ -coefficient	$\frac{P(A,B) - P(A)P(B)}{\sqrt{P(A)P(B)(1-P(A))(1-P(B))}}$
2	Goodman-Kruskal's ( $\lambda$ )	$\frac{\sum_j \max_k P(A_j, B_k) + \sum_k \max_j P(A_j, B_k) - \max_j P(A_j) - \max_k P(B_k)}{2 - \max_j P(A_j) - \max_k P(B_k)}$
3	Odds ratio ( $\alpha$ )	$\frac{P(A,B)P(\bar{A},\bar{B})}{P(A,\bar{B})P(\bar{A},B)}$
4	Yule's $Q$	$\frac{P(A,B)P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) - P(A,\bar{B})P(\bar{A},B)}{P(A,B)P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) + P(A,\bar{B})P(\bar{A},B)} = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+1}$
5	Yule's $Y$	$\frac{\sqrt{P(A,B)P(\bar{A}\bar{B})} - \sqrt{P(A,\bar{B})P(\bar{A},B)}}{\sqrt{P(A,B)P(\bar{A}\bar{B})} + \sqrt{P(A,\bar{B})P(\bar{A},B)}} = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}-1}{\sqrt{\alpha}+1}$
6	Kappa ( $\kappa$ )	$\frac{P(A,B) + P(\bar{A},\bar{B}) - P(A)P(B) - P(\bar{A})P(\bar{B})}{1 - P(A)P(B) - P(\bar{A})P(\bar{B})}$
7	Mutual Information ( $M$ )	$\frac{\sum_i \sum_j P(A_i, B_j) \log \frac{P(A_i, B_j)}{P(A_i)P(B_j)}}{\min(-\sum_i P(A_i) \log P(A_i), -\sum_j P(B_j) \log P(B_j))}$
8	J-Measure ( $J$ )	$\max \left( P(A,B) \log \left( \frac{P(B A)}{P(B)} \right) + P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) \log \left( \frac{P(\bar{B} \bar{A})}{P(\bar{B})} \right), \right. \\ \left. P(A,B) \log \left( \frac{P(A B)}{P(A)} \right) + P(\bar{A}\bar{B}) \log \left( \frac{P(\bar{A} \bar{B})}{P(\bar{A})} \right) \right)$
9	Gini index ( $G$ )	$\max \left( P(A)[P(B A)^2 + P(\bar{B} A)^2] + P(\bar{A})[P(B \bar{A})^2 + P(\bar{B} \bar{A})^2] \right. \\ \left. - P(B)^2 - P(\bar{B})^2, \right. \\ \left. P(B)[P(A B)^2 + P(\bar{A} B)^2] + P(\bar{B})[P(A \bar{B})^2 + P(\bar{A} \bar{B})^2] \right. \\ \left. - P(A)^2 - P(\bar{A})^2 \right)$
10	Support ( $s$ )	$P(A,B)$
11	Confidence ( $c$ )	$\max(P(B A), P(A B))$
12	Laplace ( $L$ )	$\max \left( \frac{NP(A,B)+1}{NP(A)+2}, \frac{NP(A,B)+1}{NP(B)+2} \right)$
13	Conviction ( $V$ )	$\max \left( \frac{P(A)P(\bar{B})}{P(\bar{A}B)}, \frac{P(B)P(\bar{A})}{P(\bar{B}A)} \right)$
14	Interest ( $I$ )	$\frac{P(A,B)}{P(A)P(B)}$
15	cosine ( $IS$ )	$\frac{P(A,B)}{\sqrt{P(A)P(B)}}$
16	Piatetsky-Shapiro's ( $PS$ )	$P(A,B) - P(A)P(B)$
17	Certainty factor ( $F$ )	$\max \left( \frac{P(B A) - P(B)}{1 - P(B)}, \frac{P(A B) - P(A)}{1 - P(A)} \right)$
18	Added Value ( $AV$ )	$\max(P(B A) - P(B), P(A B) - P(A))$
19	Collective strength ( $S$ )	$\frac{P(A,B) + P(\bar{A}\bar{B})}{P(A)P(B) + P(\bar{A})P(\bar{B})} \times \frac{1 - P(A)P(B) - P(\bar{A})P(\bar{B})}{1 - P(A,B) - P(\bar{A}\bar{B})}$
20	Jaccard ( $\zeta$ )	$\frac{P(A,B)}{P(A) + P(B) - P(A,B)}$
21	Klosgen ( $K$ )	$\sqrt{P(\bar{A},\bar{B})} \max(P(B A) - P(B), P(A B) - P(A))$



# Simpson's Paradox

Buy HDTV	Buy Exercise Machine		
	Yes	No	
Yes	99	81	180
No	54	66	120
	153	147	300

$c(\{\text{HDTV} = \text{Yes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Exercise Machine} = \text{Yes}\}) = 99 / 180 = 55\%$

$c(\{\text{HDTV} = \text{No}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Exercise Machine} = \text{Yes}\}) = 54 / 120 = 45\%$

**=> Customers who buy HDTV are more likely to buy exercise machines**

# Simpson's Paradox

Customer Group	Buy HDTV	Buy Exercise Machine		Total
		Yes	No	
College Students	Yes	1	9	10
	No	4	30	34
Working Adult	Yes	98	72	170
	No	50	36	86

## College students:

$$c(\{\text{HDTV} = \text{Yes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Exercise Machine} = \text{Yes}\}) = 1/10 = 10\%$$

$$c(\{\text{HDTV} = \text{No}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Exercise Machine} = \text{Yes}\}) = 4/34 = 11.8\%$$

## Working adults:

$$c(\{\text{HDTV} = \text{Yes}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Exercise Machine} = \text{Yes}\}) = 98/170 = 57.7\%$$

$$c(\{\text{HDTV} = \text{No}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Exercise Machine} = \text{Yes}\}) = 50/86 = 58.1\%$$

# Simpson's Paradox

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- Observed relationship in data may be influenced by the presence of other confounding factors (hidden variables)
  - Hidden variables may cause the observed relationship to disappear or reverse its direction!
- Proper stratification is needed to avoid generating spurious patterns