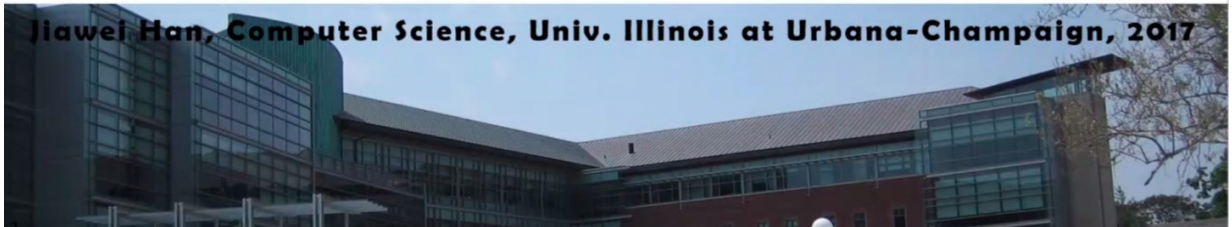


CS 412 Intro. to Data Mining

Chapter 6. Mining Frequent Patterns, Association and Correlations: Basic Concepts and Methods

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What Is Pattern Discovery?

❑ What are patterns?

- ❑ **Patterns**: A set of items, subsequences, or substructures that occur frequently together (or strongly correlated) in a data set
- ❑ Patterns represent **intrinsic** and **important properties** of datasets

❑ **Pattern discovery**: Uncovering patterns from massive data sets

❑ Motivation examples:

- ❑ What products were often purchased together? *Ex. ในร้านขายของชำ หรือ ร้านค้าปลีก*
- ❑ What are the subsequent purchases after buying an iPad? *↳ ร้านค้าปลีก*
- ❑ What code segments likely contain copy-and-paste bugs?
- ❑ What word sequences likely form phrases in this corpus?

Pattern Discovery: Why Is It Important?

- ❑ Finding **inherent regularities** in a data set
- ❑ **Foundation** for many essential data mining tasks
 - ❑ Association, correlation, and causality analysis
 - ❑ Mining sequential, structural (e.g., sub-graph) patterns
 - ❑ Pattern analysis in spatiotemporal, multimedia, time-series, and stream data
 - ❑ Classification: Discriminative pattern-based analysis
 - ❑ Cluster analysis: Pattern-based subspace clustering
- ❑ Broad applications
 - ❑ Market basket analysis, cross-marketing, catalog design, sale campaign analysis, Web log analysis, biological sequence analysis

Basic Concepts: k-Itemsets and Their Supports

- Itemset: A set of one or more items
- k-itemset: $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$
 - Ex. {Beer, Nuts, Diaper} is a 3-itemset
- (absolute) support (count) of X, $\text{sup}\{X\}$: Frequency or the number of occurrences of an itemset X
 - Ex. $\text{sup}\{\text{Beer}\} = 3$ (เราไม่สามารถรู้ว่ามีกี่ transaction)
 - Ex. $\text{sup}\{\text{Diaper}\} = 4$ (พบใน transaction)
 - Ex. $\text{sup}\{\text{Beer, Diaper}\} = 3$
 - Ex. $\text{sup}\{\text{Beer, Eggs}\} = 1$

Tid	Items bought
10	Beer, Nuts, Diaper
20	Beer, Coffee, Diaper
30	Beer, Diaper, Eggs
40	Nuts, Eggs, Milk
50	Nuts, Coffee, Diaper, Eggs, Milk

- (relative) support, $s\{X\}$: The fraction of transactions that contains X (i.e., the probability that a transaction contains X)
 - Ex. $s\{\text{Beer}\} = 3/5 = 60\%$ (มี 3 transaction ที่มีส่วน Beer ใน 5 transaction ทั้งหมด)
 - Ex. $s\{\text{Diaper}\} = 4/5 = 80\%$
 - Ex. $s\{\text{Beer, Eggs}\} = 1/5 = 20\%$

Basic Concepts: Frequent Itemsets (Patterns)

- An itemset (or a pattern) X is **frequent** if the support of X is no less than a **minsup** threshold σ
- Let $\sigma = 50\%$ (σ : minsup threshold)
 - For the given 5-transaction dataset
 - All the frequent 1-itemsets:
 - Beer: 3/5 (60%); Nuts: 3/5 (60%)
 - Diaper: 4/5 (80%); Eggs: 3/5 (60%)
 - All the frequent 2-itemsets:
 - {Beer, Diaper}: 3/5 (60%)
 - All the frequent 3-itemsets?
 - None

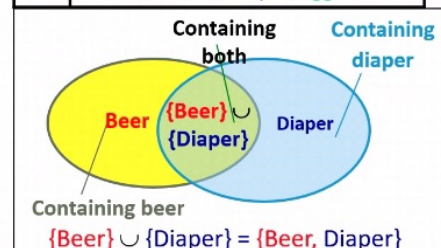
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- Why do these itemsets (shown on the left) form the complete set of frequent k-itemsets (patterns) for any k?
- Observation:** We may need an efficient method to mine a complete set of frequent patterns

From Frequent Itemsets to Association Rules

- Comparing with itemsets, rules can be more telling
 - Ex. $\text{Diaper} \rightarrow \text{Beer}$
 - Buying diapers may likely lead to buying beers
- How strong is this rule? (support, confidence)
 - Measuring association rules: $X \rightarrow Y (s, c)$
 - Both X and Y are itemsets
 - Support, s:** The probability that a transaction contains $X \cup Y$
 - Ex. $s\{\text{Diaper, Beer}\} = 3/5 = 0.6$ (i.e., 60%)
 - Confidence, c:** The conditional probability that a transaction containing X also contains Y
 - Calculation: $c = \text{sup}(X \cup Y) / \text{sup}(X)$
 - Ex. $c = \text{sup}\{\text{Diaper, Beer}\} / \text{sup}\{\text{Diaper}\} = 3/4 = 0.75$

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Note: $X \cup Y$: the union of two itemsets
 ■ The set contains both X and Y

ถ้า Confidence สูง Rule น่าเชื่อถือ

Mining Frequent Itemsets and Association Rules

Association rule mining

- Given two thresholds: minsup , minconf
- Find **all** of the rules, $X \rightarrow Y (s, c)$
 - such that, $s \geq \text{minsup}$ and $c \geq \text{minconf}$

Let $\text{minsup} = 50\%$

- Freq. 1-itemsets: Beer: 3, Nuts: 3, Diaper: 4, Eggs: 3
- Freq. 2-itemsets: {Beer, Diaper}: 3

Let $\text{minconf} = 50\%$

- $\text{Beer} \rightarrow \text{Diaper}$ (60%, 100%)
- $\text{Diaper} \rightarrow \text{Beer}$ (60%, 75%)

(Q: Are these all rules?)

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Observations:

- Mining association rules and mining frequent patterns are very close problems
- Scalable methods are needed for mining large datasets

Efficient Pattern Mining Methods

- The Downward Closure Property of Frequent Patterns
- The **Apriori Algorithm**
- Extensions or Improvements of **Apriori**
- Mining Frequent Patterns by Exploring Vertical Data Format
- FPGrowth**: A Frequent Pattern-Growth Approach
- Mining Closed Patterns

The **Apriori** Algorithm (Pseudo-Code)

C_k : Candidate itemset of size k

F_k : Frequent itemset of size k

$K := 1$;

$F_k := \{\text{frequent items}\}$; // frequent 1-itemset

While ($F_k \neq \emptyset$) **do** { // when F_k is non-empty

$C_{k+1} := \text{candidates generated from } F_k$; // candidate generation

 Derive F_{k+1} by counting candidates in C_{k+1} with respect to TDB at minsup ;

$k := k + 1$

}

return $\cup_k F_k$ // return F_k generated at each level

Apriori: A Candidate Generation & Test Approach

- Outline of Apriori (level-wise, candidate generation and test)
 - Initially, scan DB once to get frequent 1-itemset
 - Repeat
 - Generate length-(k+1) candidate itemsets from length-k frequent itemsets
 - Test the candidates against DB to find frequent (k+1)-itemsets
 - Set $k := k + 1$
 - Until no frequent or candidate set can be generated
 - Return all the frequent itemsets derived

Apriori Pruning and Scalable Mining Methods

- Apriori pruning principle: If there is any itemset which is infrequent, its superset should not even be generated! (Agrawal & Srikant @VLDB'94, Mannila, et al. @ KDD' 94)
- Scalable mining Methods: Three major approaches
 - Level-wise, join-based approach: Apriori (Agrawal & Srikant@VLDB'94)
 - Vertical data format approach: Eclat (Zaki, Parthasarathy, Ogihara, Li @KDD'97)
 - Frequent pattern projection and growth: FPgrowth (Han, Pei, Yin @SIGMOD'00)

The Apriori Algorithm—An Example

