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1 Task 1: Analysis of Symptom Co-occurrence Patterns

In this task, we analysed the co-occurrence pattern of different symptoms within disease profiles using the Apriori algorithm.

1.1 Data Preprocessing

The dataset is loaded from a CSV file from the Disease Symptom Prediction Dataset. It was then cleaned to remove null values. Each row represents a transaction. We then extract the symptoms (items) associated with each case from every row (transaction).

The symptoms are then convered to lowercase and we remove any whitespace This ensures that when we store the symptoms, there are no duplicate symptoms within transactions. Using the TransactionEncoder from the mlxtend library, the transactions are transformed via one-hot encoding. This facilitates the implementation of the Apriori algorithm.

1.2 Implementation of Apriori Algorithm

The Apriori algorithm is implemented using the mlxtend library, with the goal of mining frequent itemsets from the preprocessed transaction data. The minimum support threshold is set to 0.1, meaning that an itemset must appear in at least 10% of the transactions to be considered frequent.

Following the discovery of frequent itemsets, the association_rules function is used to generate association rules with a minimum confidence threshold of 0.6. This ensures that only rules with a confidence greater than or equal to 60% are considered valid.

The key parameters used are support and confidence, which are essential for filtering out weak rules and itemsets.

1.3 Results

The frequent itemsets and association rules discovered using the Apriori algorithm are shown in the table below. The frequent itemsets include individual symptoms

that appear together in the dataset with a support greater than or equal to 0.1. The association rules highlight the relationships between symptoms, where the antecedents (conditions) are linked to the consequents (outcomes), with each rule being evaluated based on its support and confidence.

Antecedents	Consequents	Support	Confidence
dark_urine	abdominal_pain	0.110976	0.957895
abdominal_pain	loss_of_appetite	0.132927	0.633721
abdominal_pain	vomiting	0.176829	0.843023
yellowing_of_eyes	abdominal_pain	0.114634	0.691176
yellowish_skin	abdominal_pain	0.154878	0.835526

Table 1: Association Rules with Support and Confidence

2 Task 2: Mining Cancer Feature Patterns

3 Task 3: Open Advanced Task

4 Conclusion

Appendix A - Breakdown of Contributions

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