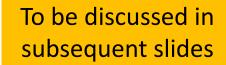
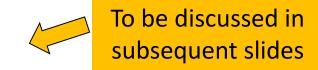


Apriori: Improvements and Alternatives

- Reduce passes of transaction database scans
 - □ Partitioning (e.g., Savasere, et al., 1995)



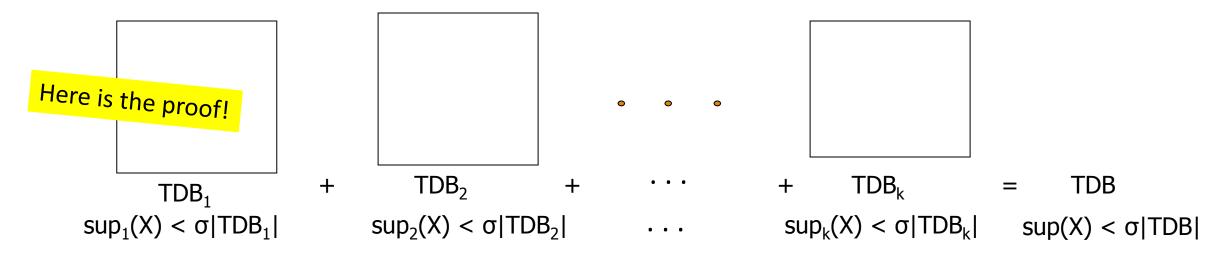
- Dynamic itemset counting (Brin, et al., 1997)
- Shrink the number of candidates
 - Hashing (e.g., DHP: Park, et al., 1995)



- Pruning by support lower bounding (e.g., Bayardo 1998)
- Sampling (e.g., Toivonen, 1996)
- Exploring special data structures
 - Tree projection (Aggarwal, et al., 2001)
 - H-miner (Pei, et al., 2001)
 - Hypecube decomposition (e.g., LCM: Uno, et al., 2004)

Partitioning: Scan Database Only Twice

Theorem: Any itemset that is potentially frequent in TDB must be frequent in at least one of the partitions of TDB



- Method: (A. Savasere, E. Omiecinski and S. Navathe, VLDB'95)
 - Scan 1: Partition database (how?) and find local frequent patterns
 - Scan 2: Consolidate global frequent patterns (how to?)
- Why does this method guarantee to scan TDB only twice?

Direct Hashing and Pruning (DHP)

- □ DHP (Direct Hashing and Pruning): Reduce the number of candidates (J. Park, M. Chen, and P. Yu, SIGMOD'95)
- □ Observation: A *k*-itemset whose corresponding hashing bucket count is below the threshold cannot be frequent
 - Candidates: a, b, c, d, e
 - Hash entries
 - {ab, ad, ae}
 - {bd, be, de}
 - Frequent 1-itemset: a, b, d, e

Itemsets	Count
{ab, ad, ae}	35
{bd, be, de}	298
{yz, qs, wt}	58

Hash Table

ab is not a candidate 2-itemset if the sum of count of {ab, ad, ae} is below support threshold