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> inspect(groceryrules[1:3])
 lhs
                                         support confidence lift
                    rhs
1 {potted plants} => {whole milk}
                                     0.006914082 0.4000000 1.565460
2 {pasta} => {whole milk} 0.006100661 0.4054054 1.586614
3 {herbs} => {root vegetables} 0.007015760 0.4312500 3.956477
> length(groceries)
[1] 9835
> subset(groceries, items %in% "potted plants")
transactions in sparse format with
170 transactions (rows) and
169 items (columns)
> subset(groceries, items %in% "whole milk")
transactions in sparse format with
2513 transactions (rows) and
169 items (columns)
> subset(groceries, items %ain% c("potted plants", "whole milk"))
transactions in sparse format with
68 transactions (rows) and
169 items (columns)
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**Support:** Support is an indication of how frequently the itemset appears in the dataset.

support (whole milk) = 
$$\frac{\text{\# of transactions with whole milk}}{\text{total \# of transactions}}$$

support (plotted plants) = 
$$\frac{\text{# of transactions with plotted plants}}{\text{total # of transactions}}$$

$$= 170 / 9835 = 0.01728521$$

support (plotted plants, whole milk) = 
$$\frac{\text{\# of transactions with plotted plants and whole milk}}{\text{total \# of transactions}}$$

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**Confidence:** Confidence is an indication of how often the rule has been found to be true.

confidence (potted plants 
$$\rightarrow$$
 whole milk) =  $\frac{\text{support (potted plants, whole milk)}}{\text{support (potted plants)}}$   
=  $0.006914082 / 0.01728521 = 0.40000000$ 

{Or

(# of transactions with potted plants and whole milk) / = 68/170 = 0.4000000 } (# of transactions where potted plants)

**Lift:** Lift is the ratio of the observed support to that expected if X and Y were independent.

lift(potted plants 
$$\rightarrow$$
 whole milk) =  $\frac{\text{confidence (potted plants } \rightarrow \text{ whole milk)}}{\text{support (whole milk)}}$   
=  $\frac{0.40000000 / 0.255516 = 1.565460}{0.255516}$ 

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