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a) Because when item B is actually an item with high $Pr(B)$,

which means it is just purchased frequently, it will turn out that many different item "A" will have high confidence $Pr(B|A)$. This actually shows nothing about association.

② ~~Lift~~ $Lift(A \rightarrow B) = \frac{conf(A \rightarrow B)}{s(B)}$ does not suffer from this drawback

because if $Pr(B)$, which equals to $s(B)$ is high, $\frac{conf(A \rightarrow B)}{s(B)}$ can still show ~~that how much~~ ^{the} frequency that A and B appear together despite B appears how often.

③ Similarly, $conv(A \rightarrow B) = \frac{1 - s(B)}{1 - conf(A \rightarrow B)}$ actually shows the opposite side version of $Lift(A \rightarrow B)$. so it does not ~~suffer~~ from the high $Pr(B)$, either.

b) ① $conf(A \rightarrow B)$ is not symmetrical.

$$conf(A \rightarrow B) = Pr(B|A) = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(A)}, \quad conf(B \rightarrow A) = Pr(A|B) = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(B)}. \quad \text{So when } Pr(A) \neq Pr(B), \text{ it is not symmetrical}$$

② $Lift(A \rightarrow B)$ is symmetrical.

$$Lift(A \rightarrow B) = \frac{conf(A \rightarrow B)}{s(B)} = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(A) \cdot Pr(B)}, \quad Lift(B \rightarrow A) = \frac{conf(B \rightarrow A)}{s(A)} = \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(B) \cdot Pr(A)},$$

so it is symmetrical

③ $conv(A \rightarrow B)$ is not symmetrical.

$$conv(A \rightarrow B) = \frac{1 - s(B)}{1 - conf(A \rightarrow B)} = \frac{1 - Pr(B)}{1 - \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(A)}} = \frac{Pr(A) - Pr(A) \cdot Pr(B)}{Pr(A) - Pr(AB)}$$

$$conv(B \rightarrow A) = \frac{1 - s(A)}{1 - conf(B \rightarrow A)} = \frac{1 - Pr(A)}{1 - \frac{Pr(AB)}{Pr(B)}} = \frac{Pr(B) - Pr(A) \cdot Pr(B)}{Pr(B) - Pr(AB)}$$

so it is not symmetrical (e.g. $Pr(A) = \frac{1}{2}, Pr(B) = \frac{1}{3}, Pr(AB) = \frac{1}{6}$)



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① $\text{conf}(A \Rightarrow B)$ has the property, because when the associated probability is 1, $\text{conf}(A \Rightarrow B) = 1$, reaches its maximum achievable value. (Normalization of Probability).

② $\text{lift}(A \Rightarrow B)$ hasn't the property, because $\text{lift}(A \Rightarrow B) = \frac{\text{Pr}(AB)}{\text{Pr}(A) \cdot \text{Pr}(B)}$ when the associated probability is 1, $\text{lift}(A \Rightarrow B) = \frac{1}{\text{Pr}(B)}$ but $\text{lift}(A \Rightarrow B)$ does not ~~have~~ reaches its maximum achievable value (it can be ~~greater than 1~~ changed by different $\text{Pr}(B)$).

③ $\text{conv}(A \Rightarrow B)$ has the property, because $\text{conv}(A \Rightarrow B) = \frac{\text{Pr}(A) - 1 - S(B)}{1 - \text{conf}(A \Rightarrow B)}$ when the associated probability is 1, $\text{conf}(A \Rightarrow B) = 1$, $\lim_{\text{conf}(A \Rightarrow B) \rightarrow 1} \text{conv}(A \Rightarrow B) = \infty$ it reaches its maximum achievable value.