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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  $lift(A \rightarrow B) = \frac{conf(A \rightarrow B)}{s(B)}$  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~~ <sup>the</sup> 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  $\text{conv}(A \rightarrow B)$  hasn't the property ~~X~~, 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.

Maximum is infinity.  
And maximum is reached,  
when  $P(B|A)=1$