

## Association Analysis

### Support

The support of an association pattern is the percentage of relevant data transaction for which the pattern is true i.e.

$$\text{Support } (A \Rightarrow B) = P(A \cup B)$$

$$= \frac{\text{No. of tuples containing } A \& B}{\text{total data set.}}$$

### Confidence

Confidence is defined as the measure of certainty or trust associated with each discovered pattern i.e.

$$\text{Confidence } (A \Rightarrow B) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$= \frac{\text{No. of tuple containing } A \& B}{\text{No. of tuple containing } A}$$

### Itemset

A set of item is referred as itemset. An itemset containing 'k' is called k-itemset.

An itemset satisfies minimum support then it is called frequent itemset.

### Association Rule Mining $\rightarrow$

Mining of association rule involves

- (i) frequent item generation
- (ii) Rules generation.

Given a set of transactions, the goal of association rule mining is to find all rules having

(i) support  $\geq$  minimum support threshold.

(ii) confidence  $\geq$  minimum confidence threshold.

### Approaches of Rule Mining:-

#### (A) Brute force Approach:

(i) List all possible association rules.

(ii) Compute the support and confidence for each rule

(iii) Remove rules that fail the minimum support and minimum confidence threshold

### (B) Apriori Approach:-

If an itemset is frequent then all of its subsets must be frequent; or, superset of non-frequent itemset is also non-frequent.

"Apriori" algorithm is an influential algorithm for mining frequent itemset.

→ It uses a level wise search i.e. if item sets are used to explore  $k+1$  itemset.

→ At first the set is found at level 1, and so on until no frequent itemset at level  $k$  is used to find frequent itemset at level  $k+1$  and so on until no frequent itemset is found.

#### Algorithm:-

- Step 1 → Read the transaction database and get support from each itemset.
- Step 2 → compute the support with minimum support to generate a set of frequent itemset at level 1.
- Step 3 → use join to generate a set of candidate  $k$  item set at next level.
- Step 4 → Generate frequent itemset at next level using minimum support.
- Step 5 → Repeat 2 and 3 until no frequent itemset can be generated.
- Step 6 → Generate rules from frequent item sets from level 2 onward using minimum confidence.

Example:

Trans	Items
1	A, C, D
2	B, C, E
3	A, B, C, E
4	B, E
5	A, C, E

$$\text{Let minimum support} = 38\% = \frac{38}{100} \times 5 = 1.65 \approx 2 \quad (\text{25 to 45% Normally})$$

$$\text{minimum confidence} = 70\% =$$

$$(65 \text{ to } 80\% \text{ Normally}) \rightarrow \text{Assume if not given}$$

#### At level 1, frequent items at level 1

Item	count
A	3
B	3
C	4
D	1
E	4

$$P \xrightarrow{\text{is removed}} \text{frequent}$$

#### At level 2, candidate itemset

item	count
AB	1
AC	3
BC	2
AE	2
BE	3
CE	3

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Example:

Item	List of Items
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I <sub>2</sub>	I <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>4</sub>
I <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>3</sub>
I <sub>4</sub>	I <sub>1</sub> , I <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>4</sub>
I <sub>5</sub>	I <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>3</sub>
I <sub>6</sub>	I <sub>1</sub> , I <sub>3</sub>
I <sub>7</sub>	I <sub>1</sub> , I <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>3</sub>
I <sub>8</sub>	I <sub>1</sub> , I <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>3</sub> , I <sub>5</sub>
I <sub>9</sub>	I <sub>1</sub> , I <sub>2</sub> , I <sub>3</sub>

Let, minimum support = 2

Item	Count
I <sub>1</sub>	6
I <sub>2</sub>	7
I <sub>3</sub>	6
I <sub>4</sub>	2
I <sub>5</sub>	2

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I <sub>2</sub>	7
I <sub>3</sub>	6

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I <sub>1</sub>	6
I <sub>5</sub>	2

Mining frequent item sets without candidate generation.  
Frequent pattern growth (FP-growth)

→ FP-tree divide and conquer strategy

→ It compresses the database representing frequent items into a frequent pattern tree (FP-tree), which retain itemset association information. → divides the compressed database into a set of conditional database each associated with one frequent item or pattern fragment and mines each such database separately.

### FP-tree Algorithm

Step 1: Create root node of tree labeled with null

Step 2: Scan the complete dataset

Step 3: The items in each transactions are processed in sorted order (ascending to descending) and branch is created for each transaction.

### FP-tree Mining:

→ Start from each frequent length pattern as our initial suffix pattern.

→ Construct of conditional pattern base (A conditional pattern base is a sub database which consists of the set of prefix paths in the FP-tree co-occurring with suffix pattern.)

→ construct each FP-tree and perform mining recursively on such tree.

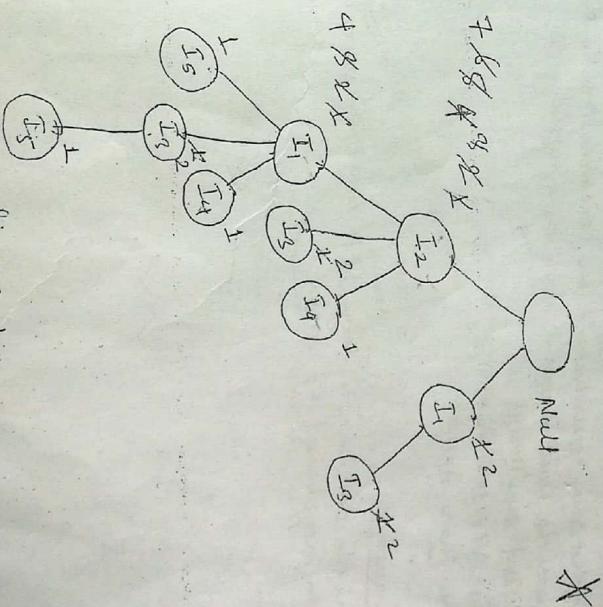


Fig: FP-tree

