

Association Analysis

Support

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

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Support } (A \Rightarrow B) &= P(A \cup B) \\ &= \frac{\text{No. of tuples containing } A \cup B}{\text{total data set.}}\end{aligned}$$

Confidence

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

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Confidence } (A \Rightarrow B) &= P(A \cap B) \\ &= \frac{\text{No. of tuple containing } A \cup B}{\text{No. of tuple containing } A}\end{aligned}$$

Item set

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

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

Association Rule Mining

Mining of association rule involves

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

Given a set of transactions, the goal of association rule mining is 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) Prune rules that fail the minimum support and minimum confidence threshold

(B) Apriori Approach:

If an itemset is frequent then all of its subsets must also be frequent or, a 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. 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 1 is used to find frequent itemset at level 2 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 frequent itemset at level 1.
- Step 3 → use join to generate a set of candidate $k+1$ 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 onwards using minimum confidence.

Example:

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

Let minimum support = 33% = $\frac{33}{100} \times 5 = 1.65 \approx 2$ (2.5 to 4.5% Normally)

Minimum confidence = 70% (65 to 80% normally)

Assume if not given

At level 1, candidate itemset

$C_1 =$

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

frequent items at level 1

$F_1 =$

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

D is removed as it is less frequent

At level 2, candidate $C_2 =$

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

$F_2 =$

Itemset	count
AC	3
AE	2
BE	3
CE	3

At level 3, $C_3 =$

Item	count
ACE	2
ABE	1
ABCE	1
BCE	2

$F_3 =$

Item	count
ACE	2
BCE	2

At level 4, $C_4 =$

Item	count
ABCE	1

(No frequent item is generated so, end.)

Now, generating rules from level 2:

$A \Rightarrow C$, confidence $(A \Rightarrow C) = \frac{3}{3} = 100\%$

$C \Rightarrow A$, confidence $(C \Rightarrow A) = \frac{3}{4} = 75\%$

$A \Rightarrow E$, confidence $(A \Rightarrow E) = \frac{2}{3} = 66.67\%$

$E \Rightarrow A$, confidence $(E \Rightarrow A) = \frac{2}{4} = 50\%$

Similarly other confidence can be generated

Rules are

$A \Rightarrow C$
 $C \Rightarrow A$ } Since minimum confidence is 70%

From Level 3:

$A \Rightarrow CE$, confidence $(A \Rightarrow CE) = \frac{2}{3} = 66.67\%$

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$AC \Rightarrow E$, confidence $(AC \Rightarrow E) = \frac{2}{3} = 66.67\%$

$E \Rightarrow AC$, confidence $(E \Rightarrow AC) = \frac{2}{4} = 50\%$

$C \Rightarrow AE$,

$AE \Rightarrow C$,

Mining frequent item set without candidate generation.

Frequent pattern growth (FP-growth):

→ FP is divide and conquer strategy

→ It compresses the database representing frequent items into a frequent pattern tree (FP-tree), which retain itemset association information.

→ Stores the compressed database into a set of conditional databases 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 an 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.

Example:

Tid	List of items
1.	I_1, I_2, I_5
2.	I_2, I_4
3.	I_2, I_3
4.	I_1, I_2, I_4
5.	I_1, I_3
6.	I_2, I_3
7.	I_1, I_3
8.	I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4
9.	I_1, I_2, I_3

Let, minimum support = 2

Item	Count
I_1	6
I_2	7
I_3	6
I_4	2
I_5	2

Sorted order
descending

Item	Count
I_2	7
I_1	6
I_3	6
I_4	2
I_5	2

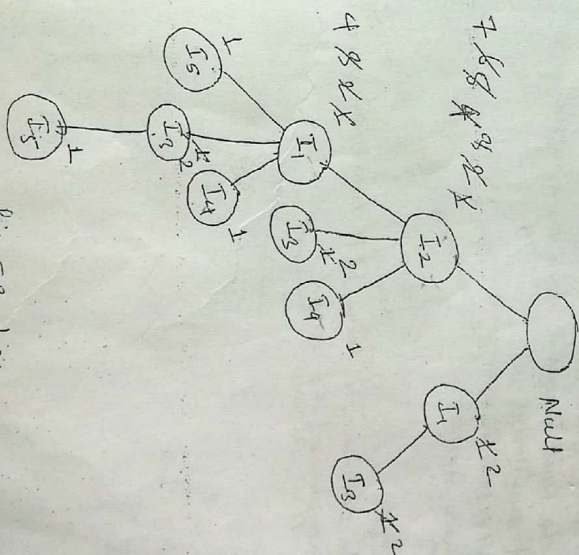
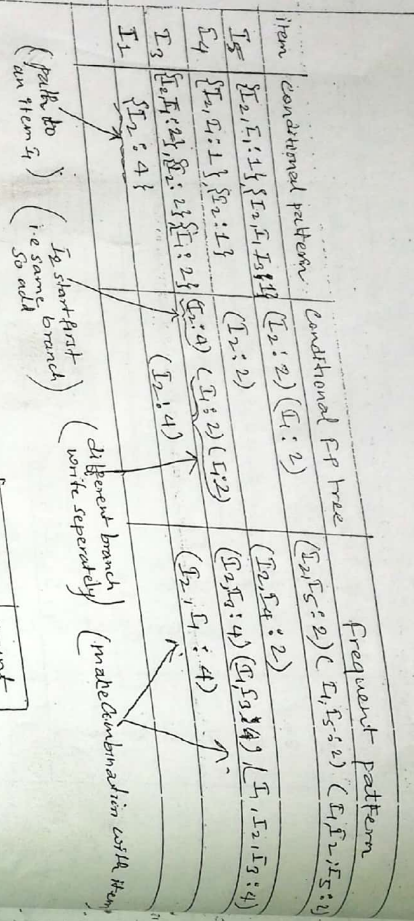


Fig. FP-tree



$F_2 =$

item	count
I_1, I_2	2
I_2, I_3	2
I_2, I_4	2
I_1, I_3	4
I_2, I_1	4

$F_3 =$

item	count
I_1, I_2, I_3	2
I_1, I_3, I_4	4

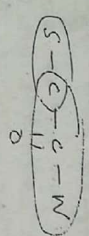
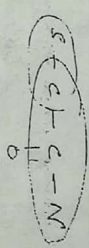
- Advantages of FP-growth:
- (1) It transforms the problem of finding long frequent pattern to searching for shorter ones recursively then concatenating the suffix.
 - (2) It uses the least frequent item as a suffix.
 - (3) Has good sensitivity.
 - (4) Reduce the search cost.
 - (5) faster than Apriori?

Disadvantages:

- (1) when the database is large, it is sometime unrealistic to construct a main memory-based FP-tree.

sequence pattern:
 eg: a d c a b c a c d c a

subgraph pattern:



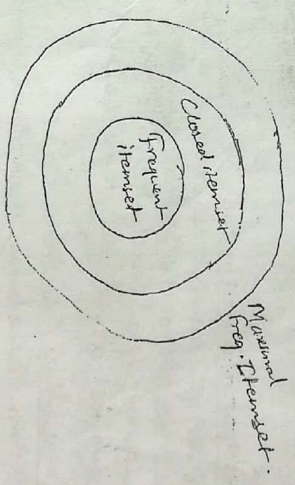
- Infrequent patterns:
- Not common items information
 - can hold significant information
 - useful in scientific research prediction
 - useful in rare item identification.

Maximal frequent itemset:

An itemset is maximal if none of its immediate supersets is frequent (support > min)

closed item set:

An itemset is closed if none of its immediate supersets has the same as of the item set.



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