

# Data Mining

## Midterm Project

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# Submission Rules

- Submit ONE SINGLE file. Embed your last name and first name in your project file name. For example, if your name is John Smith, your file name should read: smith\_john\_midtermproj.doc. Only doc or pdf file is accepted. No tar/zip/rar is allowed.
- Your project will automatically lose **10** points if the above submission rules are violated.
- This is a single person project.
- Put your first name, last name, NJIT UCID, and email address on the first page of your project file (otherwise you will lose points).
- Submit your project file in Canvas under Midterm Project Submission Site before the due time.
- A project is late if it is not submitted to Canvas before the due time. Email your late project to wangj@njit.edu. A late project will automatically lose **50** points and will **NOT** be graded until the end of the semester.

# Midterm Project – Part 1

Create 30 items usually seen in Amazon, K-mart, or any other supermarkets (e.g. diapers, clothes, etc.).

- (1) Create a database of 20 transactions each containing some of these items. The information can be stored in a file, or a DBMS (e.g. ORACLE).
- (2) Repeat (1) by creating 4 additional, different databases each containing 20 transactions.

Using Apriori, generate and print out all the association rules and the input transactions for each of the 5 transaction databases you created (support and confidence should be user-determined parameter values, so the output should show different support and confidence values).

# Midterm Project – Part 2

- Implement the brute force method and compare the brute force method with the Apriori algorithm on each of the 5 transaction databases you created. Present computation (CPU or clock) time to demonstrate that the Apriori algorithm is faster than the brute force method on each of the 5 transaction databases. The brute force method and Apriori algorithm should output the same association rules on each database.
- The brute force method works as follows. Enumerate and generate all possible 2-itemsets (do not generate 1-itemsets since 1-itemsets can not be used to generate association rules). There are 30 items, so there are 435 possible 2-itemsets totally. Check to see whether each possible 2-itemset is frequent. Then enumerate and generate all possible 3-itemsets. There are 4060 possible 3-itemsets totally. Check to see whether each possible 3-itemset is frequent. Keep on doing so until you see none of the possible  $k$ -itemsets is frequent for some  $k$ , at which point the brute force method terminates without generating  $(k+1)$ -itemsets.

# Platforms are open

- Programming language is open; any one of the following is allowed: C, C++, C#, Java, R, Matlab, Perl, Python, Php, visual studio, PL/SQL, etc. Use any programming language of your choice (specify the programming language you use in the project).
- Operating system is open; any one of the following is allowed: Windows, Solaris Unix, Linux, Mac OS, etc.
- Hardware is open; any one of the following is allowed: PC, Laptop, Sun Sparc, etc.

# Project Grading

- There is a limit on the file size in Canvas. So, keep your project file small to avoid any problem that may occur when submitting the file in Canvas.
- The project file should contain the source code and documentation including **screenshots**. The screenshots are used to demonstrate the running situation of your program, particularly how the program executes and produces output based on different input data and user-specified parameter values.