

## 5. Introduction to Data Mining

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using material from A. Kemper,  
A.W. Moore, CMU [www.cs.cmu.edu/~awm](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~awm) (excellent intro to data mining!)

## Data Mining

- Data Mining is all about automating the process of searching for patterns in the data.

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### **Which patterns are interesting?**

- How do we find them?

## 5.1 Introduction

PERSON_ID	AGE	WORKCLASS	WEIGHT	EDUCATION	EDUCATION_NUM	MARITAL_STATUS	OCCUPATION	RELATK
3	70		133248	HS-grad	9	Married		Husband
4	24	Self-emp	277700	<Bach	10	Separ.	Handler	O-child
5	20	Private	226978	HS-grad	9	NeverM	Other	O-child
6	20	Sta-gov	205895	<Bach	10	NeverM	Cleric.	O-child
14	24	Private	162593	Bach.	13	NeverM	Cleric.	NotInF
19	42	Private	317078	HS-grad	9	Divorc.	Machine	NotInF
20	64	Self-emp	181408	Assoc-V	11	Married	Crafts	Husband
26	37	Fed-gov	325538	Masters	14	Married	Prof.	Husband
28	34	Private	37210	HS-grad	9	NeverM	Cleric.	O-child
33	46	Private	116338	Masters	14	NeverM	Prof.	NotInF
52	52	Loc-gov	346668	Masters	14	NeverM	Prof.	O-child
55	37	Private	189503	Bach.	13	NeverM	Cleric.	NotInF
56	25	Private	154210	11th	7	Married	Sales	O-child
57	41	Sta-gov	110556	Masters	14	Married	Exec.	Wife
58	58	Private	153551	HS-grad	9	Divorc.	Sales	Unmar
60	32	Private	239662	HS-grad	9	Married	Crafts	Husband
91	26	Private	106705	HS-grad	9	NeverM	Handler	O-child
99	23	Private	149704	HS-grad	9	NeverM	Cleric.	O-child
90	43	Loc-gov	135056	HS-grad	9	Separ.	Cleric.	Other R

- Large amount of data
- Find "hidden knowledge" – e.g. correlations between attributes
- Statistical techniques
- Challenge for DB technology: scalable algorithms for very large data sets

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## Introduction

- Typical Mining tasks

### Classification

Given set of data and a set of classes. Assign data object to one class according to its characteristics (e.g. values)

find risk dependent on age, sex, make, horsepower  
risk = 'high' or 'low' in db of car insurance

Methods: Decision tree of data set

Naïve Bayes

Adaptive Bayes

Goal: prediction of attribute value  $x=c$  dependent on predictor attributes

$$F(a_1, \dots, a_n) = c$$

Sometimes written as classification rule :

$$(age < 40) \wedge (sex = 'm') \wedge (make = 'Golf GTI') \wedge (hp > 100) \\ \Rightarrow (risk = 'high')$$

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# Introduction

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## Association rules

Market basket analysis:

customer transaction data: `tid, time, {articles}`

Find rules  $X \Rightarrow Y$ , with particular confidence

e.g. `those buying sauce, meat and spaghetti`  
`buy red wine with 0.7 probability.`

## Clustering

Group homogenous data into clusters  
according to some similarity measure.

Not predefined as opposed to classification.

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# Data Mining

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- **Which patterns are interesting?**

What means "interesting"?

Some quantitative measure?

- Which might be mere illusions?
- And how can they be exploited?

see A. Moore

- Data mining uses **Machine Learning algorithms**
- Well known since the 80's
- Challenge: apply to very large data sets

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# Introduction

- Data mining process
  - Data gathering, joining, reformatting
    - e.g. Oracle: max 1000 attributes ⇒ transform into "transactional format": (id, attr\_name, value)
  - Data cleansing
    - eliminate outliers
    - check correctness based on domain specific heuristics
    - check values in case of redundancy, ...
  - Build model (training phase). (Example: Decision tree)
  - Apply to new data

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## 5.2 Building a decision tree

mpg	cylinders	displacement	horsepower	weight	acceleration	modelyear	maker
good	4	low	low	low	high	75to78	asia
bad	6	medium	medium	medium	medium	70to74	america
bad	4	medium	medium	medium	low	75to78	europa
bad	8	high	high	high	low	70to74	america
bad	6	medium	medium	medium	medium	70to74	america
bad	4	low	medium	low	medium	70to74	asia
bad	4	low	medium	low	low	70to74	asia
bad	8	high	high	high	low	75to78	america
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
bad	8	high	high	high	low	70to74	america
good	8	high	medium	high	high	79to83	america
bad	8	high	high	high	low	75to78	america
good	4	low	low	low	low	79to83	america
bad	6	medium	medium	medium	high	75to78	america
good	4	medium	low	low	low	79to83	america
good	4	low	low	medium	high	79to83	america
bad	8	high	high	high	low	70to74	america
good	4	low	medium	low	medium	75to78	europa
bad	5	medium	medium	medium	medium	75to78	europa

40 records

Miles per gallon: how can we predict mpg ("bad", "good") from the other attributes

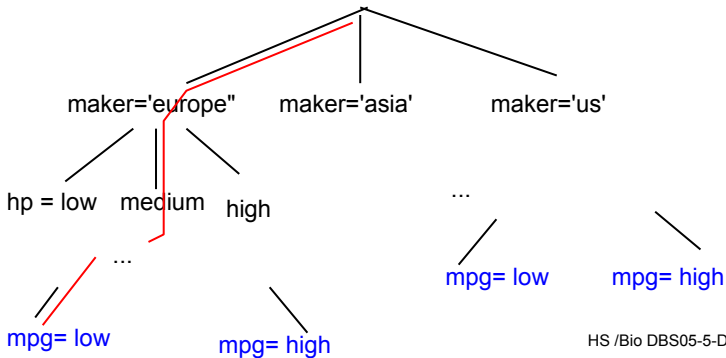
example by A.Moore, data by R. Quinlan

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## Building a decision tree

- Wanted: tree which allows to predict value of an  $x$  given the values of the other attributes  $a_1, \dots, a_n$
- Given: a training set – attribute value of  $x$  known

How to construct the tree?  
Which attribute to start with?



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## Building a decision tree

### Simple binary partitioning

$D$  = Data set,  $n$  = node (root),  $a$  attribute

Prediction attribute  $x$

$\text{BuildTree}(n, D, a)$

split  $D$  according to  $a$  into  $D_1, D_2$  -- binary!

for each child  $D_i$  {

if ( $x == \text{const}$  for all records in  $D_i$   
OR no attribute can split  $D_i$ ) make leaf node

else

{ Chose "good" attribute  $b$

create children  $n_1$  and  $n_2$

Partition  $D_i$  into  $D_{i1}$  und  $D_{i2}$

$\text{BuildTree}(n_1, D_{i1}, b)$

$\text{BuildTree}(n_2, D_{i2}, b)$  }

What is a "good"  
discriminating attribute?

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## 5.2.1 Data mining and Information Theory

A short introduction to [Information Theory](#)  
by Andrew W. Moore

Information theory:

- originally a "[Theory of Communication](#)"  
(C. Shannon)
- useful for data mining

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## Information Theory

- Huffman – Code

Given an alphabet  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and probabilities of occurrence  $p_i = p(a_i)$  in a text for each  $a_i$ .

Find a binary code for  $A$  which minimizes

$$H'(A) = \sum p_i * \text{length}(cw_i), \quad cw_i = \text{binary codeword of } a_i$$

$$H'(A) \text{ is minimized for } \text{length}(cw_i) = \lceil \log_2 1/p_i \rceil$$

well known how to construct it...  $\Rightarrow$  intro to algorithms

$H(A) = - \sum p_i * \log_2 p_i$  : important characterization of  $A$   
what does it mean?

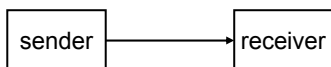
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## Entropy: interpretations

- Entropy

$$H(A) = - \sum p_i * \log_2 p_i$$

– minimal number of bits to encode A



– amount of uncertainty of receiver before seeing an event (a character transmitted)

– amount of surprise when seeing the event

– the amount of information gained after receiving the event.

## Information Theory and alphabets

- Example

$$L = \{A,C,T,G\}, p(A) = p(C) = p(T) = p(G) = \frac{1}{4},$$

Boring: seeing a "T" in a sequence is as interesting as seeing a "G" or seeing an "A".

$$H(L) = - \frac{1}{4} * \sum \log 1 - \log 4 = 2$$

But:

$$L' = \{A,C,T,G\}, p(A) = 0.7, p(C) = 0.2, p(T) = p(G) = 0.05$$

Seeing a "T" or a "G" is exciting as opposed to "A"

$$H(L') = -(-0.7*0.514 - 0.2*2.31 - 2* 0.05*4.32) \\ = 0.36 + 0.464 + 0.432 = 1.256$$

Low entropy more interesting

# Histograms and entropy

```
SELECT Count(*), education
FROM Census_2d_apply_unbinned
GROUP BY education;
```

```
29 10th
36 11th
15 12th
7 1st-4th
13 5th-6th
17 7th-8th
21 9th
241 < Bach.
44 Assoc-A
40 Assoc-V
202 Bach.
433 HS-grad
88 Masters
6 PhD
3 Presch.
31 Profsc
```

$H(\text{education}) = 2.872$

```
SELECT Count(*), Marital_status
FROM Census_2d_apply_unbinned
GROUP BY Marital_status;
```

```
161 Divorc.
20 Mabsent
3 Mar-AF
587 Married
380 NeverM
43 Separ.
32 Widowed
```

$H(\text{status}) = 1.842$

$0.916$

COUNT(\*) SEX

```
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406 Female
820 Male
```

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taken from Oracle DM data set / census data

	X	Y
14	9th	Male
7	9th	Female
6	PhD	Male
19	10th	Male
10	10th	Female
23	11th	Male
13	11th	Female
9	12th	Male
6	12th	Female
137	Bach.	Male
65	Bach.	Female
26	Profsc	Male
5	Profsc	Female
3	1st-4th	Male
4	1st-4th	Female
9	5th-6th	Male
4	5th-6th	Female
13	7th-8th	Male
4	7th-8th	Female
158	< Bach.	Male
83	< Bach.	Female
27	Assoc-A	Male
17	Assoc-A	Female
33	Assoc-V	Male
7	Assoc-V	Female
287	HS-grad	Male
146	HS-grad	Female
55	Masters	Male
33	Masters	Female
1	Presch.	Male
2	Presch.	Female

What can we say about Y if we know X?

Special conditional entropy:

$H(Y | X = \text{val})$  is entropy for those records having  $X = \text{val}$

e.g.  $H(Y | X = \text{'Profsc'}) = 26/31 * \log 31/26 + 5/31 * \log 31/5 = 0.637$   
(31 records)

Conditional entropy:

$\sum \text{Prob}(X=x_i) * H(Y | X=x_i)$  is the average conditional entropy of Y

e.g.  $H(Y | X) = H(\text{education}|\text{sex}) = 0.909$



## Information gain

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- What does the knowledge of X tell us about the value of Y?
- Or: Given the value of X, how much does the surprise of seeing an Y event decrease?
- Or: If sender and receiver know value of X, how much bits are required to encode Y?

$$IG(Y | X) = H(Y) - H(Y|X)$$

e.g.  $IG(\text{education} | \text{sex}) = H(\text{education}) - H(\text{education}|\text{sex}) = 2.872 - 0.909 = 1.86$

e.g.  $IG(\text{maritalStatus} | \text{sex}) = H(\text{status}) - H(\text{status}|\text{sex}) = 1.842 - 0.717 = 1.125$

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## Information gain: what for?

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- Suppose you are trying to predict whether someone is going live past 80 years. From historical data you might find...
  - $IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{HairColor}) = 0.01$
  - $IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{Smoker}) = 0.2$
  - $IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{Gender}) = 0.25$
  - $IG(\text{LongLife} | \text{LastDigitOfSSN}) = 0.00001$
- IG tells you how interesting a 2-d contingency table is going to be.

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## Contingency tables

For each **pair of values** for attributes (status, sex) we can see how many records match (2-dimensional)

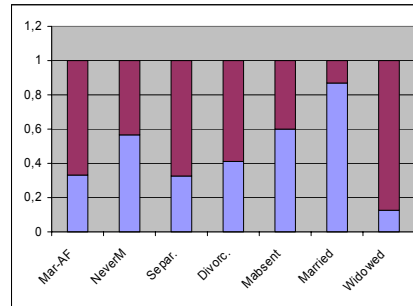
What is a k-dim contingency table? Any difference to data cube?

COUNT(*)	MARITAL_STAT	SEX
1	Mar-AF	Male
2	Mar-AF	Female
214	NeverM	Male
166	NeverM	Female
14	Separ.	Male
29	Separ.	Female
66	Divorc.	Male
95	Divorc.	Female
12	Mabsent	Male
8	Mabsent	Female
509	Married	Male
78	Married	Female
4	Widowed	Male
28	Widowed	Female

SQL groups

normalized visualization

Normalized contingency table for census data



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## 5.2.2 Building a decision tree

Remember

Decision tree is a **plan to test attribute values** in a particular sequence in order to predict the binary target value

Example: predict miles per gallon (low, high) depending on horse power, number of cylinders, make, ...

Constructing the tree from training set

In each step:

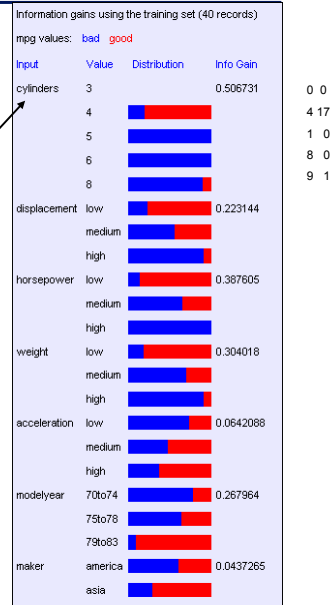
- chose attribute which has **highest information gain**

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## Construction of DT: choosing the right attribute

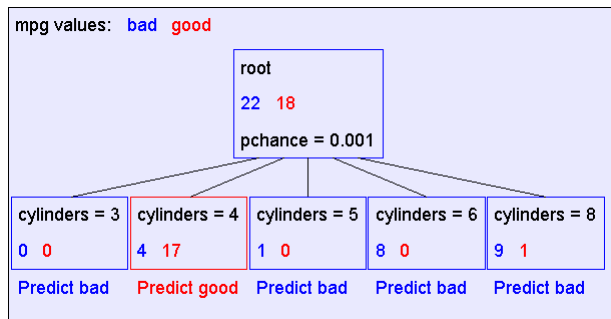
Contingency tables and information gain for mpg and a second attribute

The winner is:  
 $IG(cyl) = H(mpg) - H(mpg | cyl)$

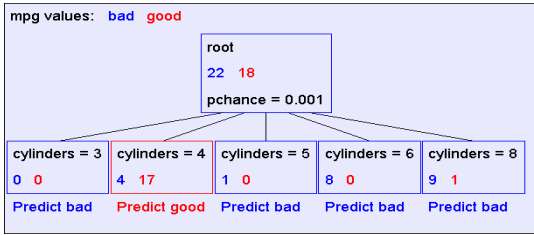


example and graphics by A. Moore

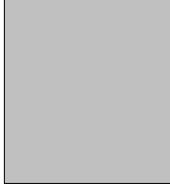
## Building the tree



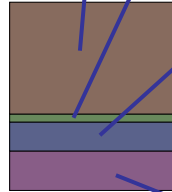
# Recursion Step



Take the Original Dataset..



And partition it according to the value of the attribute we split on



Records in which cylinders = 4

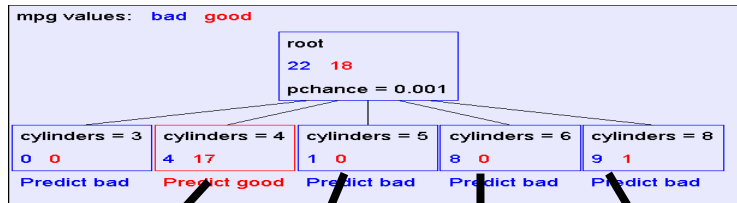
Records in which cylinders = 5

Records in which cylinders = 6

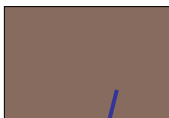
Records in which cylinders = 8

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# Recursion Step

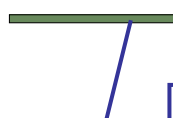


Build tree from These records..



Records in which cylinders = 4

Build tree from These records..



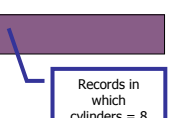
Records in which cylinders = 5

Build tree from These records..



Records in which cylinders = 6

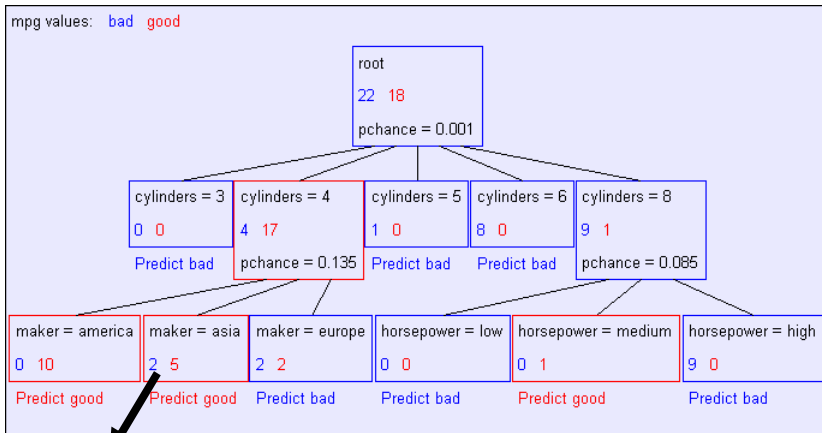
Build tree from These records..



Records in which cylinders = 8

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## Second level of tree

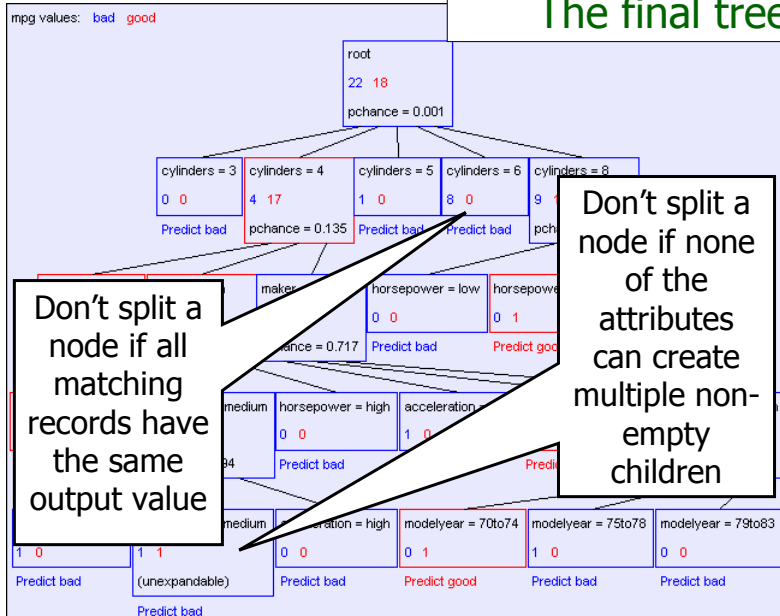


Recursively build a tree from the seven records in which there are four cylinders and the maker was based in Asia

(Similar recursion in the other cases)

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## The final tree



Don't split a node if all matching records have the same output value

Don't split a node if none of the attributes can create multiple non-empty children

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## DT construction algorithm

BuildTree(*DataSet*, *Output*)

- If all **output values are the same** in *DataSet*, return a **leaf node** that says “predict this unique output”
- If **all input values are the same**, return a leaf node that says “predict the majority output”
- Else **find attribute X with highest Info Gain**
- Suppose X has  $n_X$  distinct values (i.e. X has arity  $n_X$ ).
  - Create and return a **non-leaf node with  $n_X$  children**.
  - The  $i$ 'th child should be built by calling  
BuildTree( $DS_i$ , *Output*)

Where  $DS_i$  built consists of all those records in *DataSet* for which  $X = i$ th distinct value of X.

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## Errors

### Training set error

- Check with records of training set if predicted value equals known value in record

### Test set error

- use only subset of training set for tree construction
  - Predict output value ("mpg") and compare with the known value
  - Check attribute to be predicted in training set
- If prediction wrong: test set error

- For detailed analysis of errors etc see [tutorial](#) of A. Moore

Training set error much smaller than test set error – why?

	Num Errors	Set Size	Percent Wrong
Training Set	1	40	2.50
Test Set	74	352	21.02

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## Decision trees: conclusion

- Simple, important data mining tool
- Easy to understand, construct, use
- no prior assumptions on data
- predicts categorical data from categorical and / or numerical data
- applied to real life problems
- produce rules which can be easily interpreted

But:

- only categorical output value
- overfitting: paying too much attention to irrelevant attributes ... but not known in advance, which data are "noise"
  - ⇒ statistical tests

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## 5.3 Association rules: a short introduction

- Goal: discover co-occurrence of items in large volumes of data ("market basket analysis")

Example: how many customers by a printer together with their PC

- Non supervised learning
- Measures:

– support (  $A \Rightarrow B$  ) =  $P(A,B)$

how often co-occur A and B in the data set

e.g. 0.05 if 5 % of all customers bought a printer and a PC

– confidence (  $A \Rightarrow B$  ) =  $P(B | A)$

fraction of customers, who bought a PC and also bought a printer , e.g. 0.8: 4 of 5 bought also printer

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## A Priori algorithm for finding associations

Transaktionen	
TransID	Product
111	printer
111	paper
111	PC
111	toner
222	PC
222	scanner
333	printer
333	paper
333	toner
444	printer
444	PC
555	printer
555	paper
555	PC
555	scanner
555	toner

Goal: Find all rules  $A \Rightarrow B$  with  
support  $\geq \text{minSupport}$   
and  
confidence  $\geq \text{minConfidence}$

Algorithm first finds all frequent  
items :

$FI = \{ p \mid p \text{ occurs in at least } \text{minSupport} \text{ transactions} \}$

All subsets of FI are also frequent item sets.

example adapted from Kemper

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## A Priori Algorithm

```
for all products p {
  if p occurs more than minSupport make
  frequent item set with one element:  $F_1^p = \{p\}$  }
k = 1
repeat {
  for each  $F_k$  with k products generate candidates  $F_{k+1}$ 
  with k+1 products and  $F_k \subseteq F_{k+1}$ .
  check in database, which candidates occur at least
  minSupport times; (sequential scan of DB)
  k = k+1 }
until no new frequent item set found
```

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Transactionen		minSupport =3	Temporary results	
TransID	Product		FI-candidate	#
111	printer	example adapted from Kemper	{printer}	4
111	paper		{paper }	3
111	PC		{PC}	4
111	toner		{scanner}	2
222	PC		{toner}	3
222	scanner		{printer, paper}	3
333	printer		{printer, PC}	3
333	paper		{printer, Scanner}	
333	toner		{printer, Toner}	3
444	printer		{paper, PC}	2
444	PC		{paper, Scanner}	
555	printer		{paper, toner}	3
555	paper		{PC, scanner}	
555	PC		{PC, toner}	2
555	scanner		{scanner, toner}	
555	toner			

## A Priori-Algorithmus

Transactionen		Zwischenergebnisse
TransID	Product	
111	printer	example adapted from Kemper
111	paper	
111	PC	
111	toner	
222	PC	
222	scanner	
333	printer	
333	paper	
333	toner	
444	printer	
444	PC	
555	printer	
555	paper	
555	PC	
555	scanner	
555	toner	

FI-Kandidat	Anzahl
{printer, paper}	3
{printer, PC}	3
{printer, scanner}	
{printer, toner}	3
{paper, PC}	2
{paper, scanner}	
{paper, toner}	3
{PC, scanner}	
{PC, toner}	2
{scanner, toner}	
{printer, paper, PC}	2
{printer, paper, toner}	3
{printer, PC, toner}	2
{paper, PC, toner}	2

## Generate association rules

Given: set of FI of frequent items

for each FI with support  $\geq$  minSupport:

```
{ for each subset  $L \subset FI$ 
  define rule  $R : L \Rightarrow FI \setminus L$ 
  confidence (R) = support FI / support L
  if confidence(R)  $\geq$  minConfidence: keep L
}
```

Example:

FI = {printer, paper, toner}

Support = 3

Rule: {printer}  $\Rightarrow$  {paper, toner},

Confidence = Support({printer, paper, toner}) / Support({printer})

$$= (3/5) / (4/5)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} = 75\%$$

example adapted  
from Kemper

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## Increase of confidence

- Increase of Left hand side ( i.e. decrease of right hand side) of a rule increases confidence

$$L \subset L^+, R \subset R^- \Rightarrow \text{Confidence}(L \Rightarrow R) \leq \text{C}(L^+ \Rightarrow R^-)$$

- Rule: {printer}  $\Rightarrow$  {paper, toner}

confidence = support({printer, paper, toner}) / support({printer})

$$= (3/5) / (4/5)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} = 75\%$$

- Rule: {printer,paper}  $\Rightarrow$  {toner}

confidence = S({printer, paper, Toner}) / S({printer,paper})

$$= (3/5) / (3/5)$$

$$= 1 = 100\%$$

example adapted  
from Kemper

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## Summary data mining

- important statistical technique
- basis algorithms from machine learning
- many different methods and algorithms
- distinction supervised versus unsupervised learning
- efficient implementation on very large data sets essential
- Enormous commercial interest (business transactions, web logs, ....)