

# Machine Learning

## Associative Pattern Mining

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How to continue?

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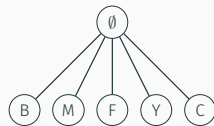
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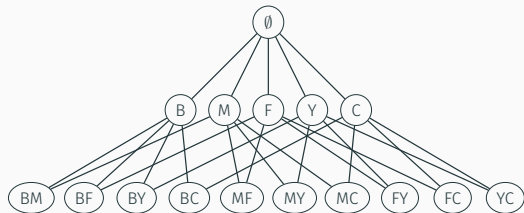
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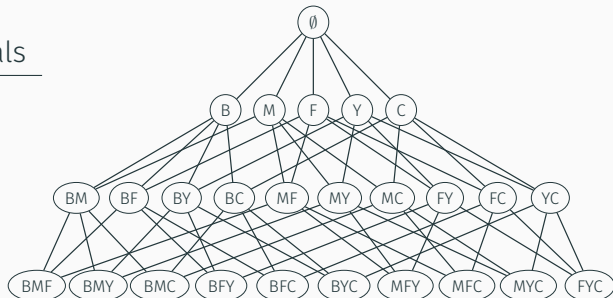
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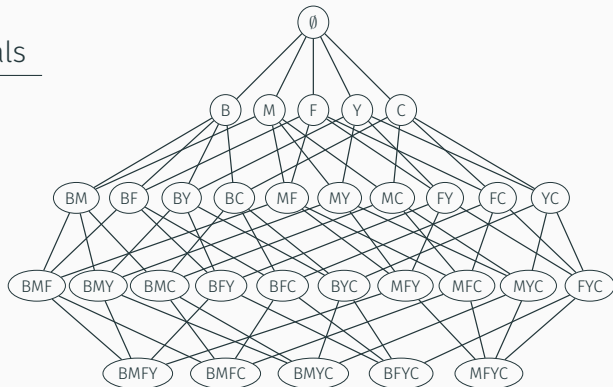
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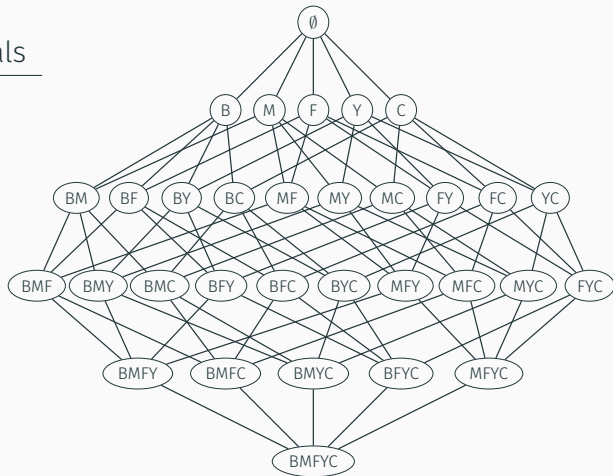
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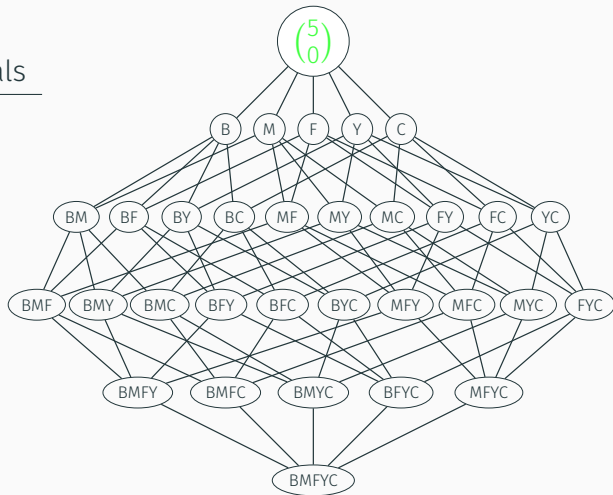
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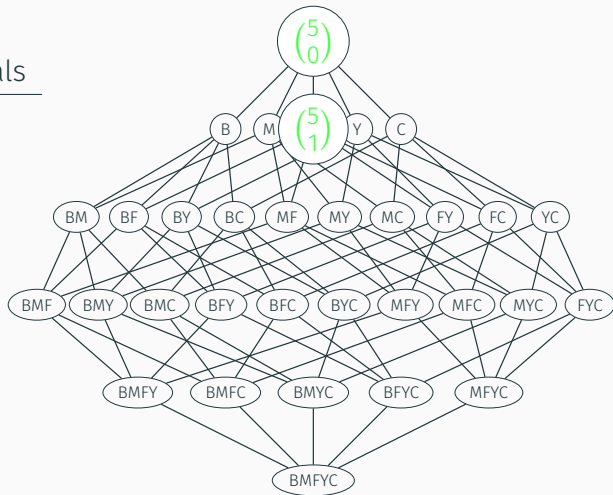
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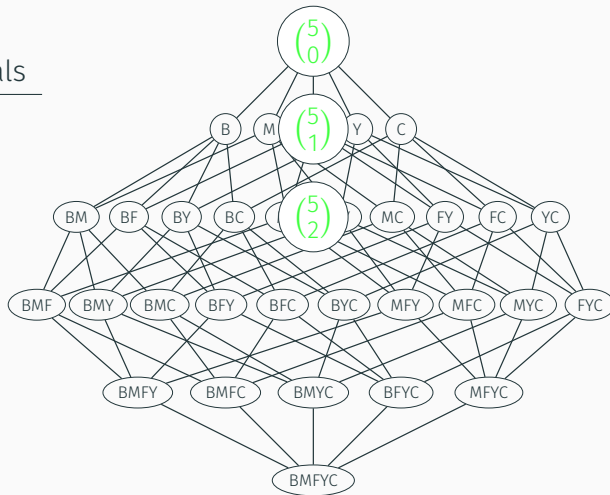
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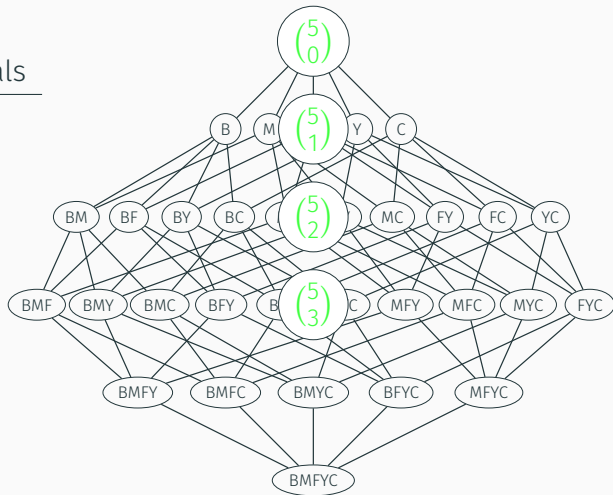
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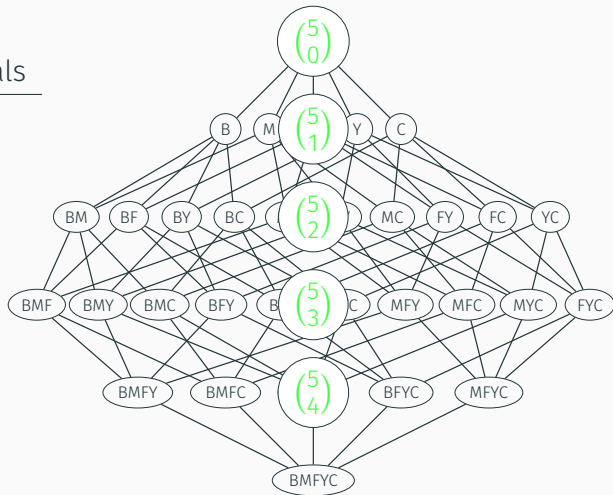
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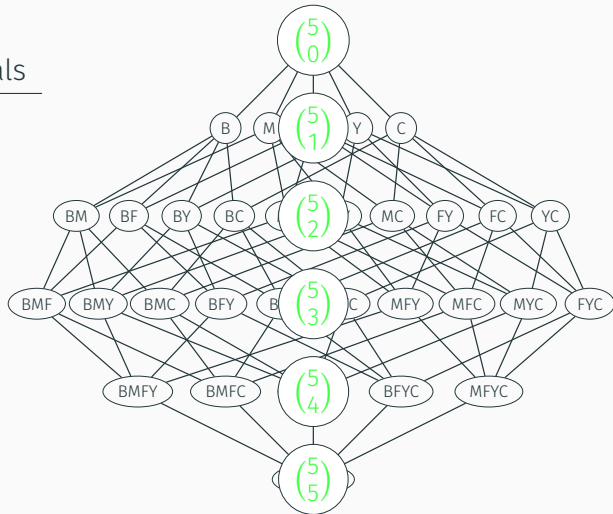
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$$1 + 5$$

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## Assumptions

- An itemset is important if it appears frequently.
- Let say that the "frequently" is when the itemset holds for 20% of rows.

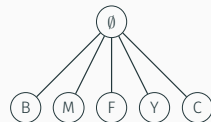
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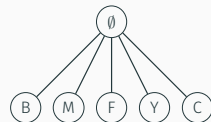
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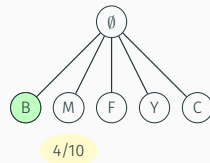
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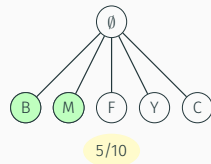
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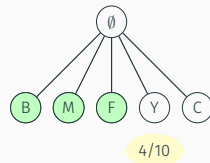
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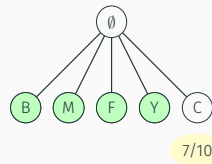
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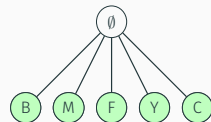
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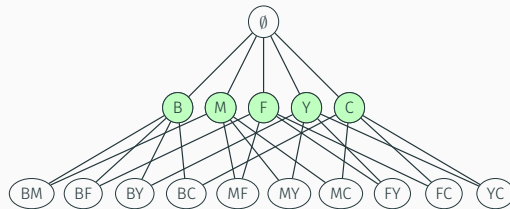
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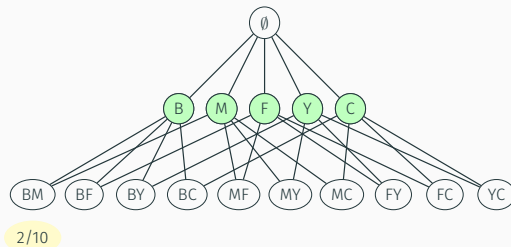
# Association Pattern Mining - A better way?

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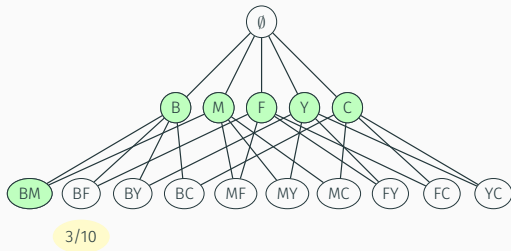
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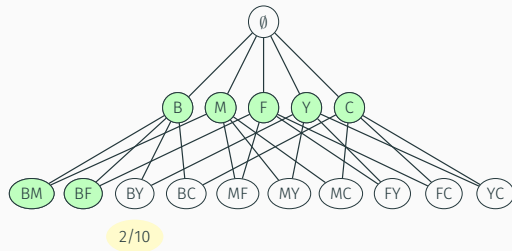
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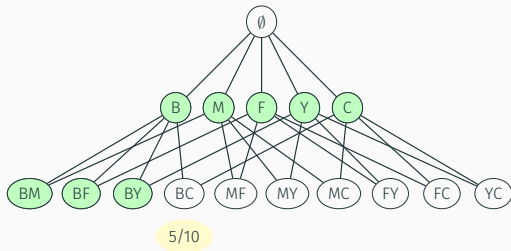
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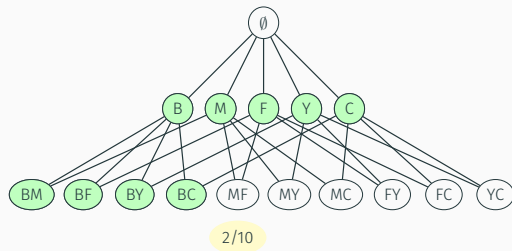
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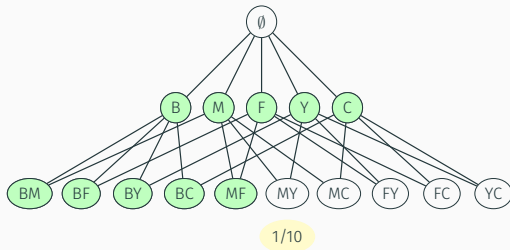
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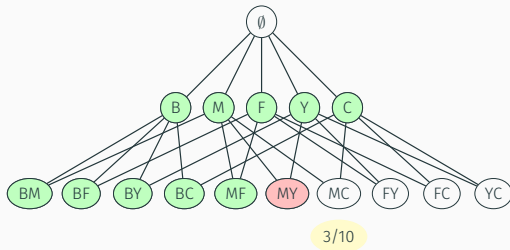
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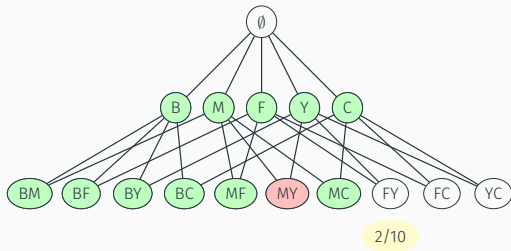
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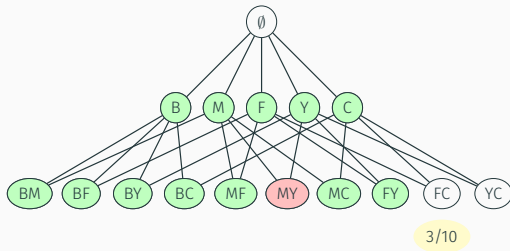
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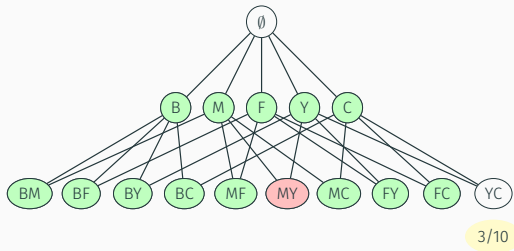
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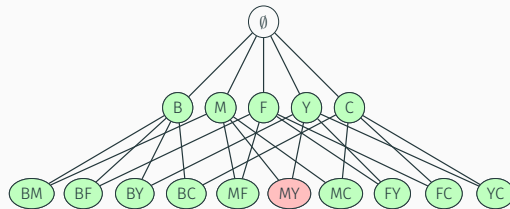
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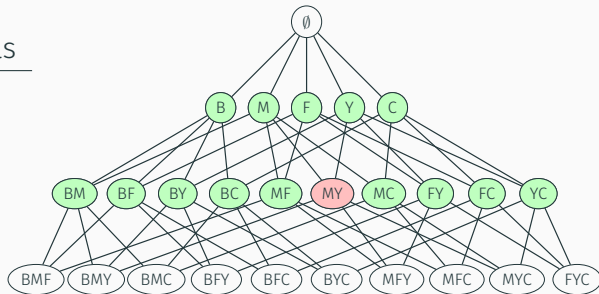
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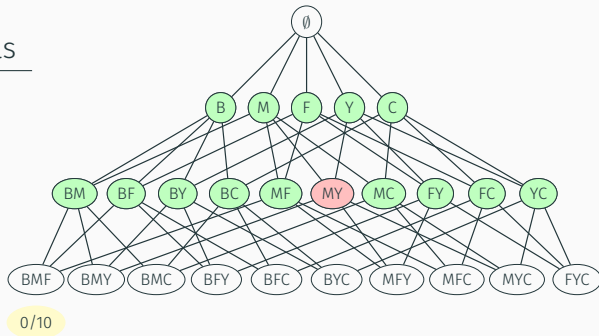
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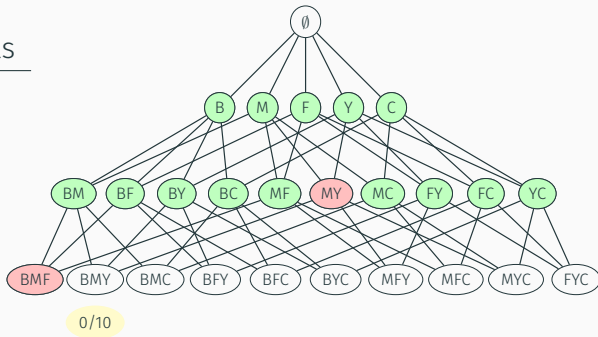
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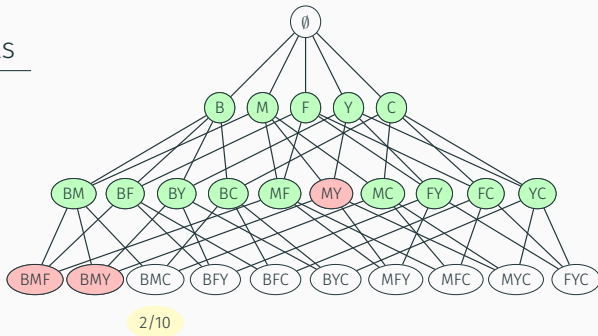
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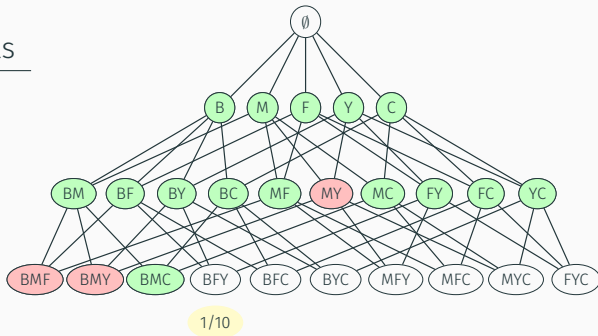
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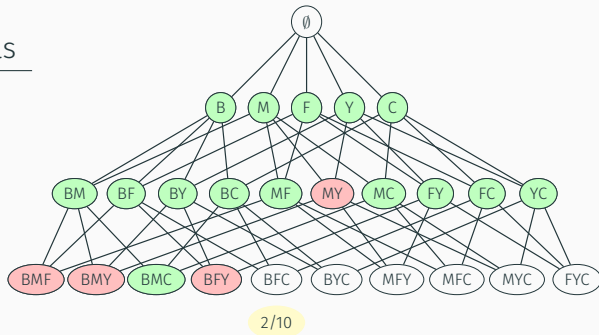
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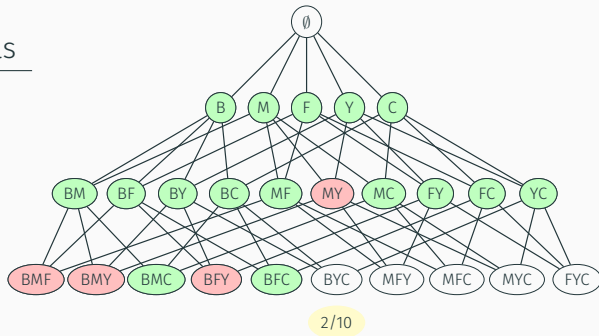
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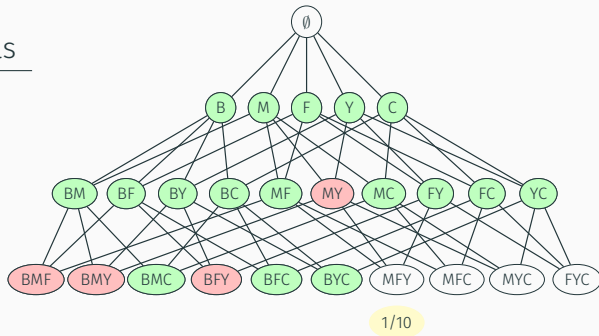
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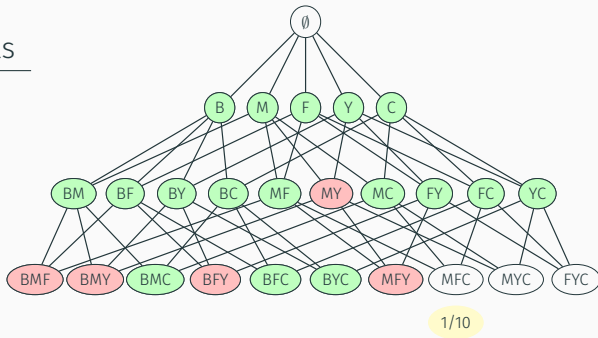
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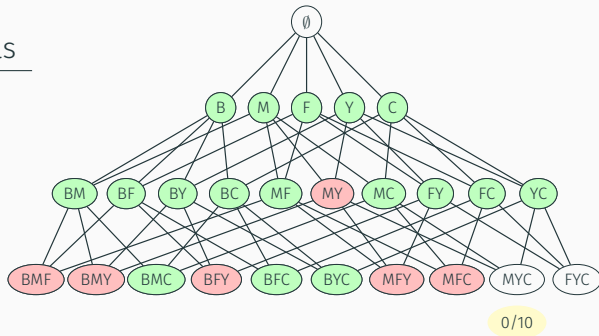
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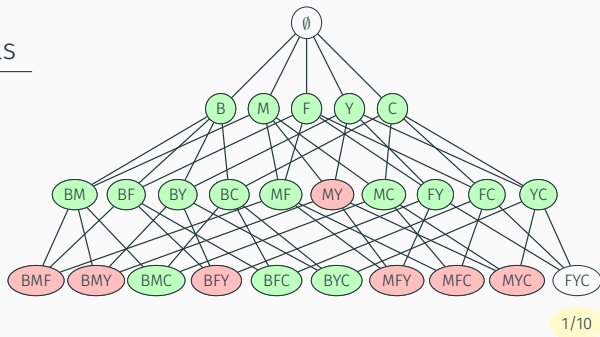
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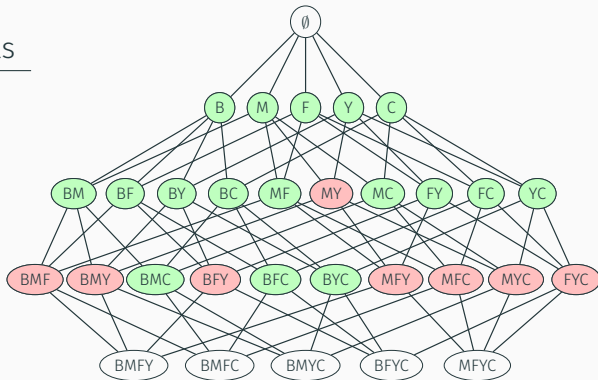
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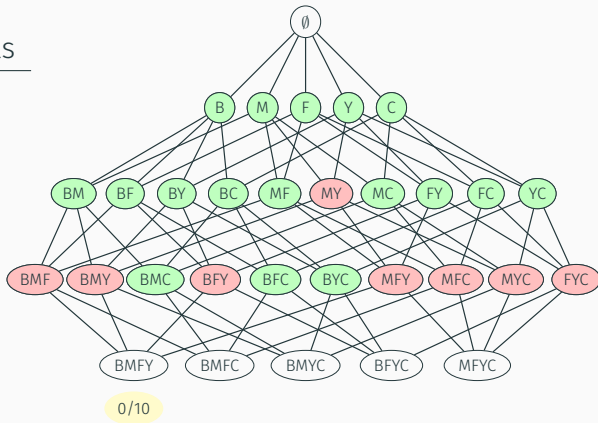
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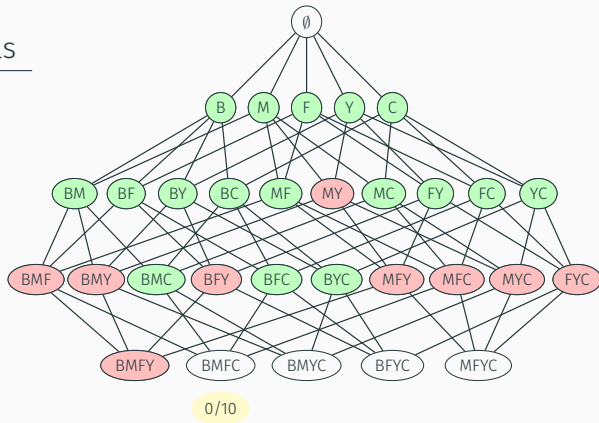
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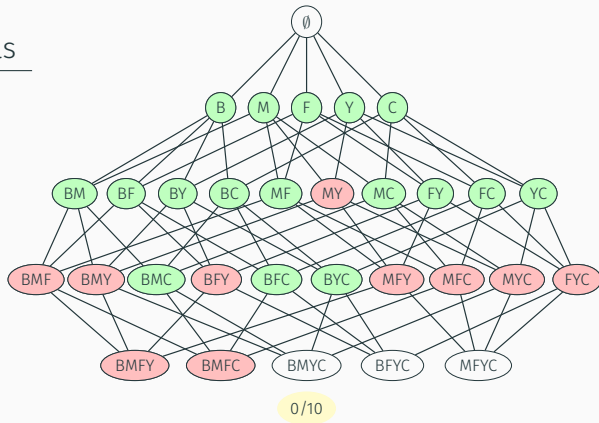
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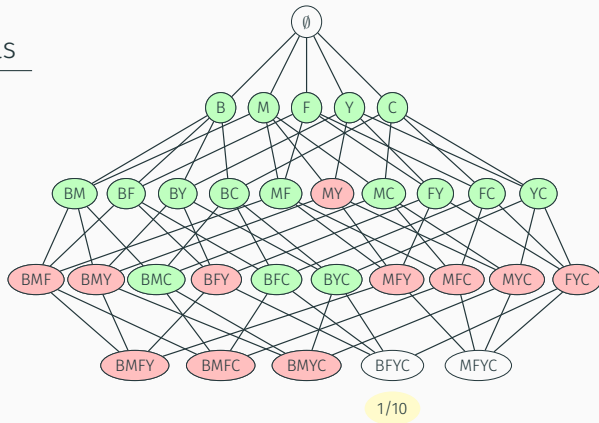
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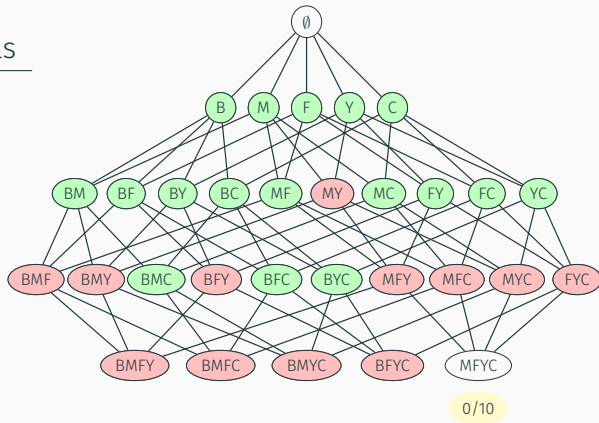
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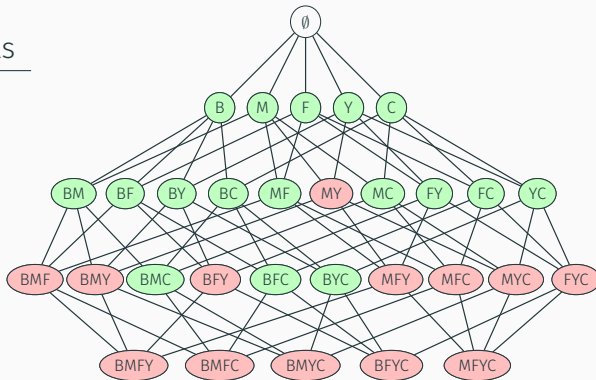
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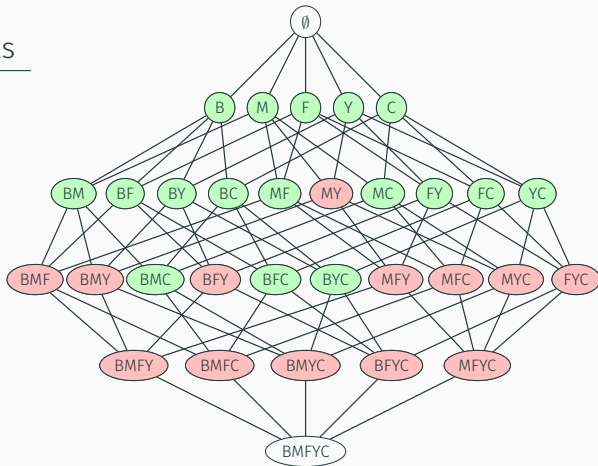
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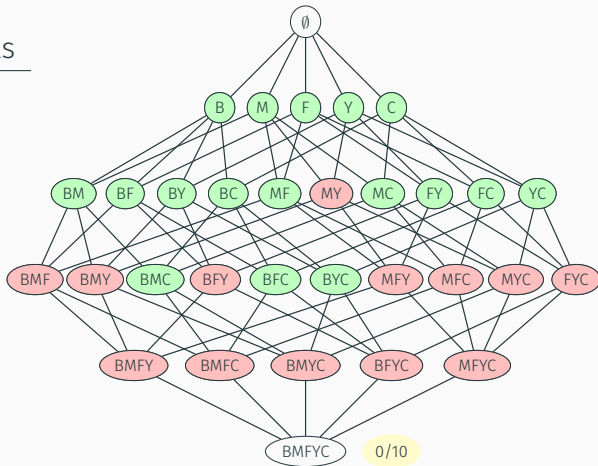
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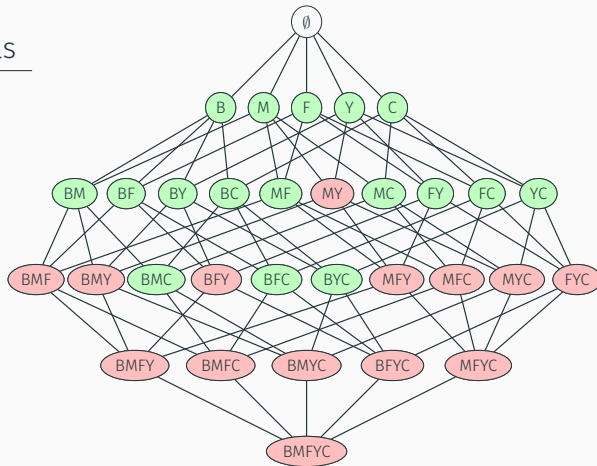
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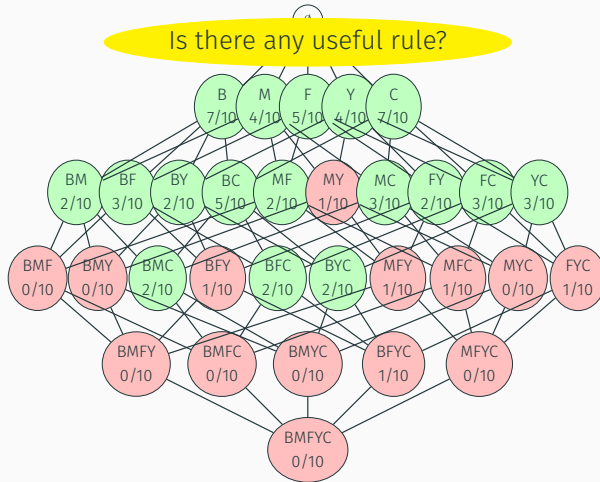


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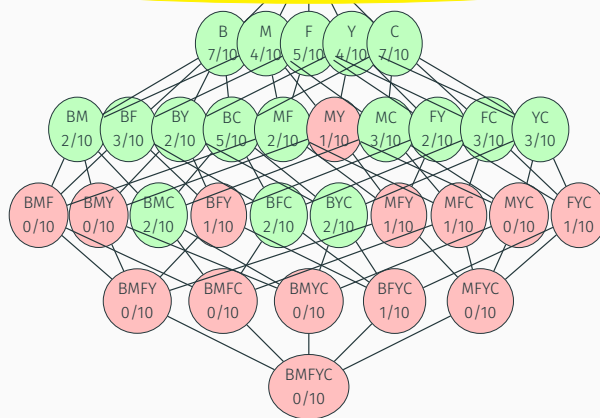


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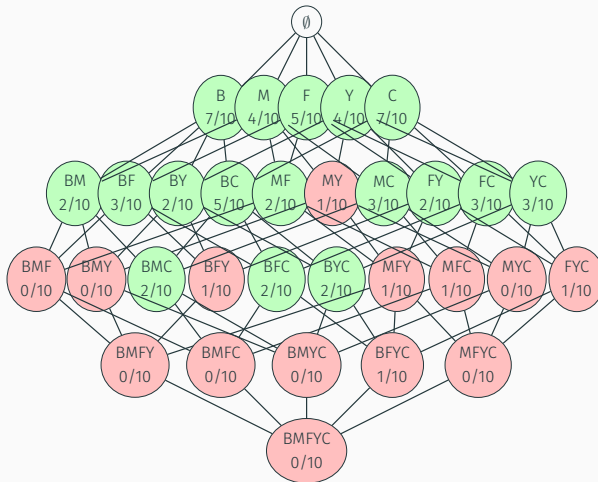


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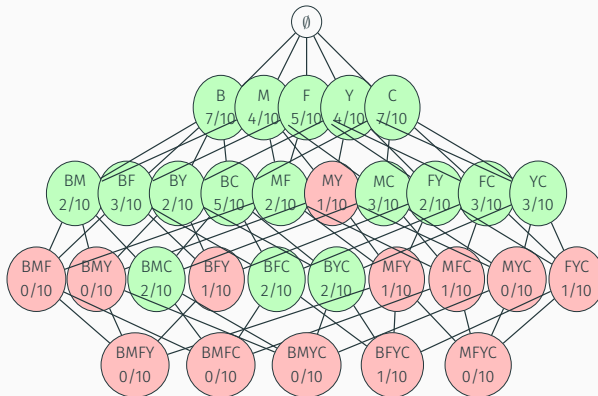
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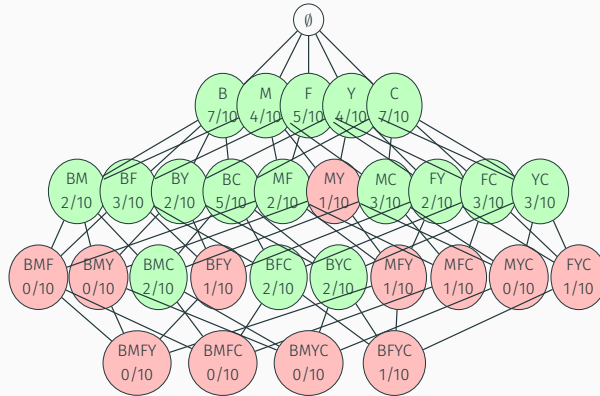
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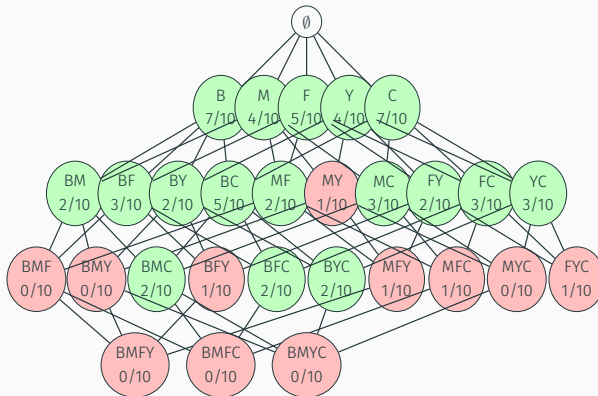


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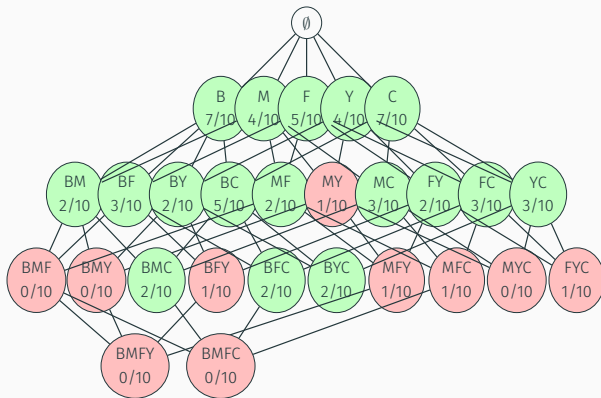




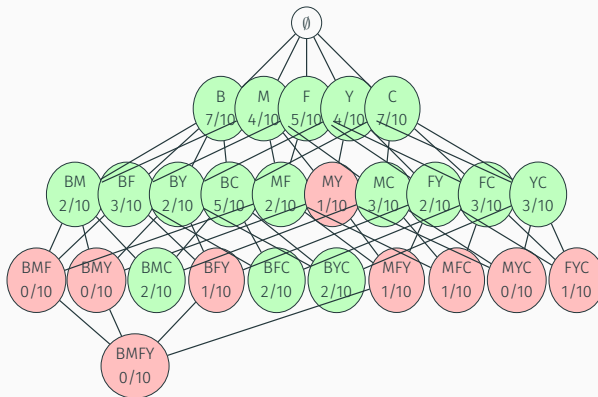
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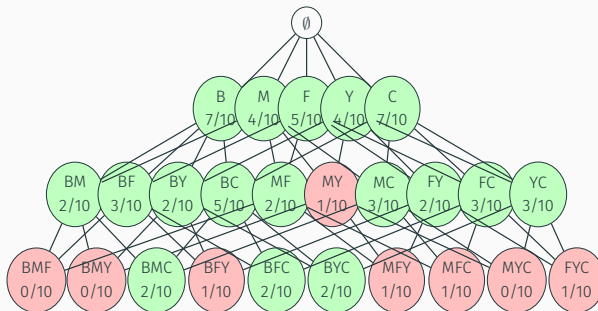
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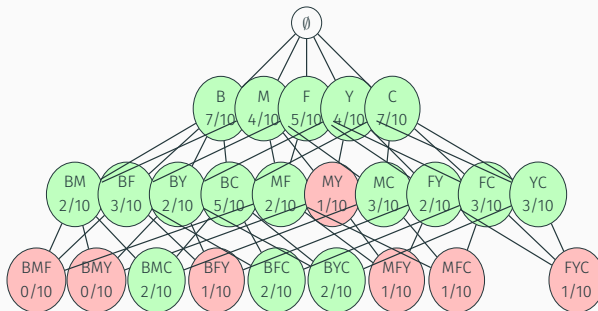
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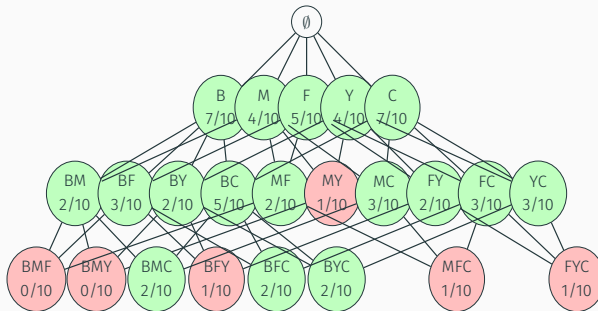
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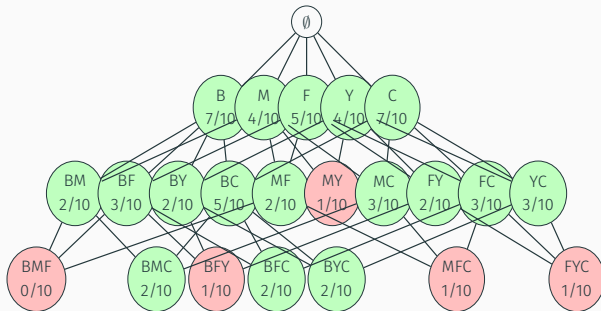
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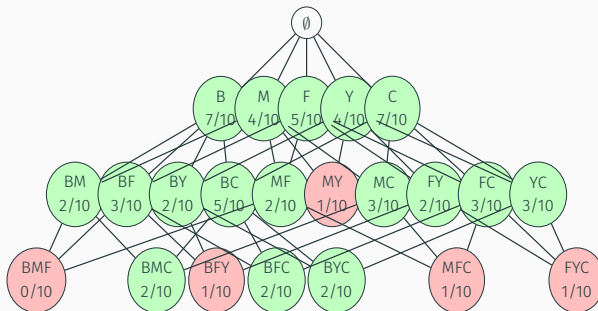
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- We need only the combination of a specified length  $k$  of all  $n$  items.

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## Association Pattern Mining - A notice about combinations

Example (A array based version works universally ( $k = 6, n = 8$ ))

	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]		[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	15	1	2	5	6	7	8
2	1	2	3	4	5	7	16	1	3	4	5	6	7
3	1	2	3	4	5	8	17	1	3	4	5	6	8
4	1	2	3	4	6	7	18	1	3	4	5	7	8
5	1	2	3	4	6	8	19	1	3	4	6	7	8
6	1	2	3	4	7	8	20	1	3	5	6	7	8
7	1	2	3	5	6	7	21	1	4	5	6	7	8
8	1	2	3	5	6	8	22	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	1	2	3	5	7	8	23	2	3	4	5	6	8
10	1	2	3	6	7	8	24	2	3	4	5	7	8
11	1	2	4	5	6	7	25	2	3	4	6	7	8
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## Association Pattern Mining - Formal definition

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- The goal is to determine associations between groups of items bought by customers, which can intuitively be viewed as k-way correlations between items.
- The most popular model for association pattern mining uses the frequencies of sets of items as the quantification of the level of association.
- The discovered sets of items are referred to as large itemsets, **frequent itemsets**, or frequent patterns.

- Set of Transactions  $T = T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$ .
- A transaction  $T_j = u_{j1}, u_{j2}, \dots, u_{jn}$ .
- A universe of items  $U = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ .
- An **itemset** is a set of items from  $U$ .
- An  **$k$ -itemset** is a set of exactly  $k$  items from  $U$ .
- Example:
  - A shopping cart from supermarket.
  - A contrast between  $|U|$  and average size of a transaction.

## Support

The support of an itemset  $I$ ,  $sup(I)$ , is defined as the fraction of the transactions in the database  $T = T_1, \dots, T_n$  that contain  $I$  as a subset.

## Frequent Itemset Mining

Given a set of transactions  $T = T_1, \dots, T_n$ , where each transaction  $T_i$  is a subset of items from  $U$ , determine all itemsets  $I$  that occur in a subset of at least a predefined fraction  $minsup$  of the transactions in  $T$ .

## Frequent Itemset Mining: Set-wise Definition

Given a set of sets  $T = T_1, \dots, T_n$ , where each element of the set  $T_i$  is drawn on the universe of elements  $U$ , determine all sets  $I$  that occur as a subset of at least a predefined fraction  $minsup$  of the sets in  $T$ .

## Support Monotonicity Property

The support of every subset  $J$  of  $I$  is at least equal to that of the support of itemset  $I$ .

$$\text{sup}(J) \geq \text{sup}(I) \quad \forall J \subseteq I$$

## Downward Closure Property

Every subset of a frequent itemset is also frequent.

## Maximal Frequent Itemset

A frequent itemset is maximal at a given minimum support level  $\text{minsup}$ , if it is frequent, and no superset of it is frequent.

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- Use compact data structures for candidate database as well as for transaction database.

## Apriori Algorithm

- The first and the basic algorithm for efficient itemset mining.
- Strict using of the downward closure property to prune candidates.
- Level-wise generation of candidates
  - Candidates with length  $k$  are generated.
  - A support of these candidates is computed.
  - Candidates with length  $k+1$  are generated.
- Uses lexicographic ordering on itemsets as a helper.
- Only itemsets with  $k - 1$  common items may be joined.
- A  $(k + 1)$ -itemsets are generated only when all subsets are frequent.

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**Algorithm 1:** Apriori(Transactions:  $T$ , Minimum support:  $minsup$ )

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```
1 begin
2   k = 1;
3    $F_1 = \{\text{All Frequent 1-itemsets}\}$ ;
4   while  $F_k$  is not empty do
5     Generate  $C_{k+1}$  by joining itemset-pairs in  $F_k$ ;
6     Prune itemsets from  $C_{k+1}$  that violate downward closure property;
7     Perform the support counting operation in  $(C_{k+1}, T)$ ;
8     Put all itemsets with support at least  $minsup$  into  $F_{k+1}$ ;
9     k = k+1;
10  end
11  return  $(\bigcup_{i=1}^k F_i)$ 
12 end
```

## Efficient support counting

- The detection of the presence of a candidate itemset in a transaction is crucial for support counting.
- The *hash tree* data structure may be efficiently used.
- This structure organizes the candidate itemsets in a way that each candidate is in exactly one leaf.
- Each internal node consists of a hash table.
- The interior nodes define the path from the root to each leaf node.
- Requires the transactions to be lexicographically sorted.
- Each level of the tree corresponds to one item in a candidate.



## Enumeration-Tree Algorithm

- A useful generalization/abstraction of the most of the frequent itemset mining algorithms.
- Allows systematic exploration of the candidates in a non-repetitive way.
- Enumeration-Tree is defined on the frequent itemsets:
  - A node exists in the tree corresponding to each frequent itemset. The root of the tree corresponds to the null itemset.
  - Let  $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}$  be a frequent itemset, where  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k$  are listed in lexicographic order. The parent of the node  $I$  is the itemset  $\{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}\}$ . Thus, the child of a node can only be extended with items occurring lexicographically after all items occurring in that node. The enumeration tree can also be viewed as a prefix tree on the lexicographically ordered string representation of the itemsets.

## Association Pattern Mining - Enumeration-Tree Algorithm

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**Algorithm 2:** GenericEnumerationTree(Transactions:  $T$ , Minimum support:  $minsup$ )

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```
1 begin
2   Initialize enumeration tree  $\mathcal{ET}$  to single Null root node;
3   while any node in  $\mathcal{ET}$  has not been examined do
4     Select one or more not-examined nodes  $\mathcal{P}$  from  $\mathcal{ET}$  for examination;
5     Generate candidates extensions  $C(P)$  of each node  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ ;
6     Determine frequent extension  $F(P) \subseteq C(P)$  for each  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  with support
       counting ;
7     Extend each node  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  in  $\mathcal{ET}$  with its frequent extension in  $F(P)$ ;
8   end
9   return enumeration tree  $\mathcal{ET}$ 
10 end
```

## TreeProjection

- A general framework for database projection (a mapping of a set of transaction to the itemset).
- Support many different strategies for construction of an enumeration tree.
- The main idea follows the same properties that are used in Apriori.

**If a transaction does not contain itemset that corresponds to the node in enumeration tree, it will not be relevant even for the child nodes of the node.**

- The proper selection of the node  $P$  for extension affect the memory consumption.
- Evaluate the Depth-first and Breath-first approach.
- The counting may be solved differently at deeper levels (such as bit maps).

# Association Pattern Mining - TreeProjection

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**Algorithm 3:** ProjectedEnumerationTree(Transactions:  $T$ , Minimum support:  $minsup$ )

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```
1 begin
2   Initialize enumeration tree  $\mathcal{ET}$  to single  $(Null, T)$  root node;
3   while any node in  $\mathcal{ET}$  has not been examined do
4     Select an not-examined nodes  $(P, T(P))$  from  $\mathcal{ET}$  for examination;
5     Generate candidates extensions  $C(P)$  of each node  $(P, T(P))$ ;
6     Determine frequent extension  $F(P) \subseteq C(P)$  by support counting of
       individual items in smaller projected database  $T(P)$ ;
7     Remove infrequent items in  $T(P)$ ;
8     foreach each frequent item extension  $i \in F(P)$  do
9       Generate  $T(P \cup \{i\})$  from  $T(P)$ ;
10      Add  $(P \cup \{i\}, T(P \cup \{i\}))$  as child of  $P$  in  $\mathcal{ET}$ ;
11    end
12  end
```

## Vertical Counting Methods

- A transposed transaction database.
- Higher memory consumption.
- Faster due to implicit transaction list.
- Support counting refers to the length of transaction list.
- Merging is a intersection of the list (linear time operation).
- Partitioning of transaction list into chunks reduces memory requirements.
- Algorithms: Partition, Monet, Eclat, VIPER.

## Interesting patterns

- Alternative definition to frequent itemset.
- Applies when support and confidence is not ideal measure.
- When we are investigating the relation between set of items, we are focused on the similarity more than on their frequency.
- The Negative pattern mining is also difficult to find and investigate (the downward closure property does not hold).
- New methods for two or more items to be compared have to be defined.
- **Bit symmetry property** hold when the presence and the absence of an item is evaluated in the exactly the same way.

Pearson coefficient of correlation between pair of items

$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{\text{sup}(\{i, j\}) - \text{sup}(i) \cdot \text{sup}(j)}{\sqrt{\text{sup}(i) \cdot \text{sup}(j) \cdot (1 - \text{sup}(i)) \cdot (1 - \text{sup}(j))}}$$

- Holds the *bit symmetry property*.
- Measures the correlation between items  $i$  and  $j$ .
- The results is in  $[-1, 1]$  where  $+1$  is a maximum positive correlation, and  $-1$  a maximum negative correlation. The values around 0 means weakly correlated data.
- The most robust way of measuring correlation.
- Hard to interpret when the support is low.

### $\chi^2$ Measure

$$\chi^2(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{i < 2^{|X|}} \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

- Holds the *bit symmetry property*.
- The  $X$  is a set of  $k$  binary items, the number of possible combination is  $2^{|X|}$ .
- The  $E_i$  is the expected fractional presence, when the items are non-dependent on each other.
- The  $O_i$  is the observed presence, i.e. the support of a combination  $X_i$  of items.
- The  $\chi^2$  close to zero means no dependence between items, and large  $\chi^2$  means high dependence but does not discover positive or negative.



### Interest ratio

$$I(\{i_1, \dots, i_k\}) = \frac{\text{sup}(\{i_1, \dots, i_k\})}{\prod_{j=1}^k \text{sup}(i_j)}$$

- Holds the *bit symmetry property*.
- Simple measure with easy interpretation.
- For the statistically independent items the joint support is equal to the product of the support of separate items.
- The value greater than 1 indicate positive correlation, the value less than 1 negative.
- The extremely rare items confuse the ratio (e.g. single occurrence in large database).

## Symmetric Confidence Measures

- The classic confidence measure is asymmetric between antecedent and consequent.
- The support measure is symmetric.
- The symmetric confidence may replace support-confidence with a single measure.
- The measures does not satisfy the downward closure property.

### Cosine Coefficient on Columns

$$\text{cosine}(i, j) = \frac{\text{sup}(\{i, j\})}{\sqrt{\text{sup}(\{i\})} \cdot \sqrt{\text{sup}(\{j\})}}$$

- Measures the similarity between columns instead of rows.
- It may be viewed as a geometric mean of the confidences of the rules  $\{i\} \Rightarrow \{j\}$  and  $\{j\} \Rightarrow \{i\}$ .

### Jaccard Coefficient

$$J(S_1, S_2) = \frac{|S_1 \cap S_2|}{|S_1 \cup S_2|}$$

- Defined over sets.
- The sets are the transactions Ids in single columns.
- Satisfies the downward closure property.

### Collective Strength

$$C(I) = \frac{1 - v(I)}{1 - E[v(I)]} \cdot \frac{E[v(I)]}{v(I)}$$

- The  $I$  is an itemset.
- The measure is defined in terms of its violation rate.
- An itemset  $I$  is said to be in violation of a transaction, if some of the items are present in the transaction and others are not.
- The violation rate  $v(I)$  is the fraction of violations of the itemset  $I$  over all transactions.
- The expected value  $E[v(I)]$  of  $v(I)$  assumes the statistical independence.

$$E[v(I)] = 1 - \prod_{u \in I} p_u - \prod_{u \in I} (1 - p_u)$$

- Numeric values
  - Division into subranges
  - The subranges may be uniform or based on the number probability density.
  - Adjacent ranges may be merged during mining to provide summarized knowledge.
- Categorical data
  - Binarization into separate columns.
  - Clusters of similar values are also possible.
  - A domain knowledge may be used to process the data.

- Classification
  - Rule-based classification.
  - For rules  $X \Rightarrow Y$ ,  $Y$  is a class variable.
  - Support and confidence not enough.
  - Rules have to discriminate between class variables.
- Outlier detection
  - Search for transactions that are not covered/violated by patterns.
  - Useful when distance based measures are not working

- Collaborative filtering and recommendation
  - Localized pattern mining
  - Grouping users according to their behavior.
- Web log analysis
  - Web logs similar to the baskets.
  - Temporal aspects.
- Bio-informatics
  - Gene-expression data.
  - Very high number of columns (thousands, hundred thousands).
  - Maximal and closed patterns.



# Association Rule Generation Framework

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## Association Rule Generation Framework

Association rules are if/then statements that help uncover relationships between seemingly unrelated data in a relational database or other information repository. An example of an association rule would be "If a customer buys a dozen eggs, he is 80% likely to also purchase milk."

$$X \Rightarrow Y$$

## Confidence

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two sets of items. The confidence  $conf(X \cup Y)$  of the rule  $X \cup Y$  is the conditional probability of  $X \cup Y$  occurring in a transaction, given that the transaction contains  $X$ . Therefore, the confidence  $conf(X \Rightarrow Y)$  is defined as follows:

$$conf(X \Rightarrow Y) = \frac{sup(X \cup Y)}{sup(X)}$$

## Confidence Monotonicity

Let  $X_1, X_2$  and  $I$  be itemsets such that  $X_1 \subset X_2 \subset I$ . Then the confidence of  $X_2 \Rightarrow I - X_2$  is at least that of  $X_1 \Rightarrow I - X_1$ .

$$conf(X_2 \Rightarrow I - X_2) \geq conf(X_1 \Rightarrow I - X_1)$$

## Association Rules

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two sets of items. Then, the rule  $X \Rightarrow Y$  is said to be an association rule at a minimum support of  $minsup$  and minimum confidence of  $minconf$ , if it satisfies both the following criteria:

1. The support of the itemset  $X \cup Y$  is at least  $minsup$ .
2. The confidence of the rule  $X \Rightarrow Y$  is at least  $minconf$ .

## Phase 1

- Generate all the frequent itemsets at the minimum support of *minsup*.
  - Very computationally expensive.
  - The Apriori or similar algorithm may be used.

## Phase 2

- Generate all the association rules from the frequent itemsets at the minimum confidence of *minconf*.
  - A much simpler phase when all frequent itemsets  $F$  are generated.
  - For each itemset  $I \in F$  generate all possible combinations  $X$  and  $Y$  and compute confidence.

Questions?