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Machine Learning

Associative Pattern Mining

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Association Pattern Mining

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Mining?

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- Bread - 7/10

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Simple statistics:

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- Milk - 4/10

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How to continue?

Association Pattern Mining - Test all combinations?

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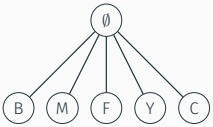

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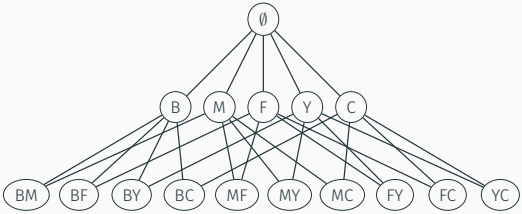

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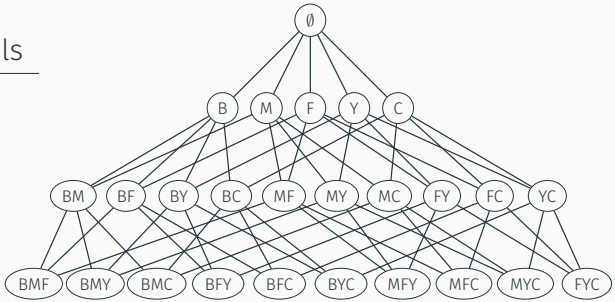

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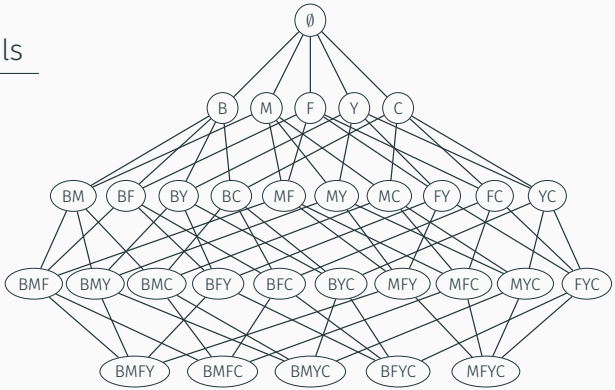

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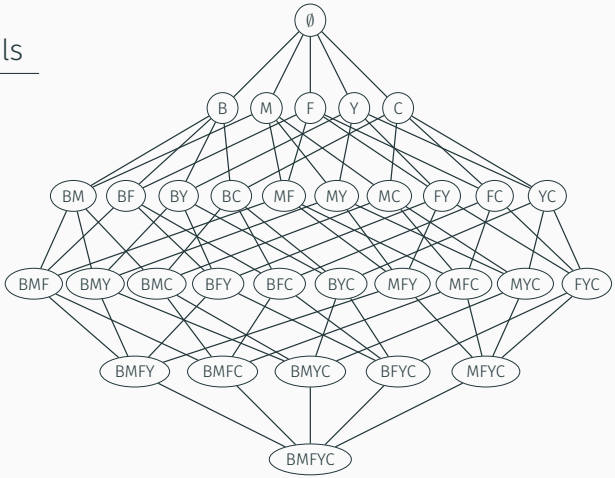

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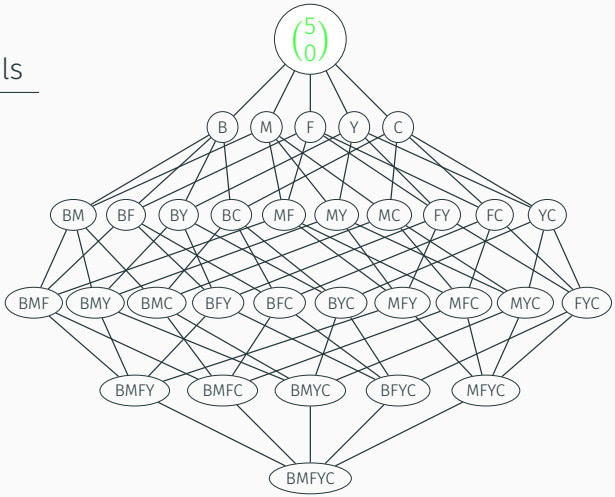

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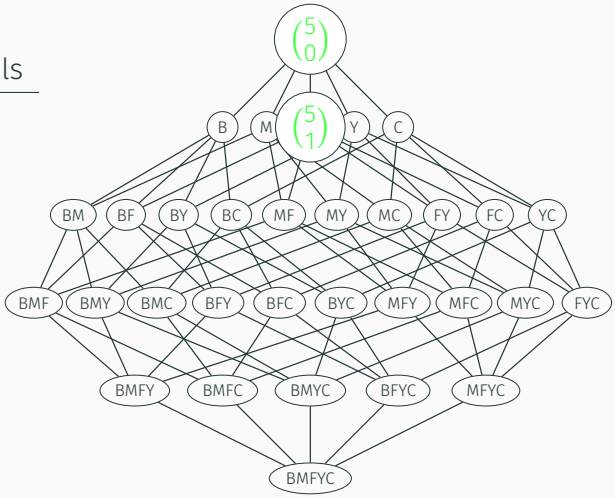

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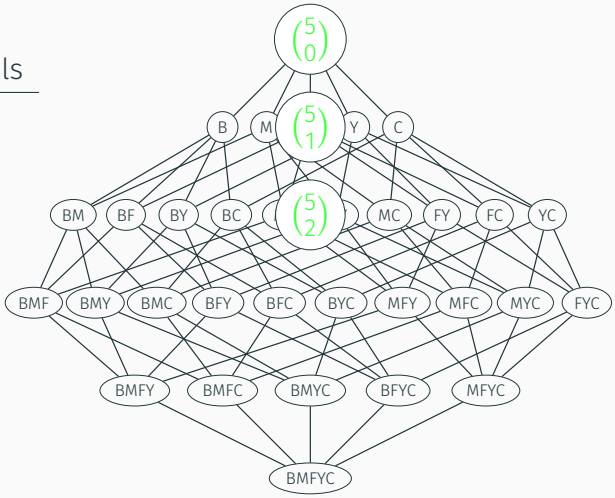

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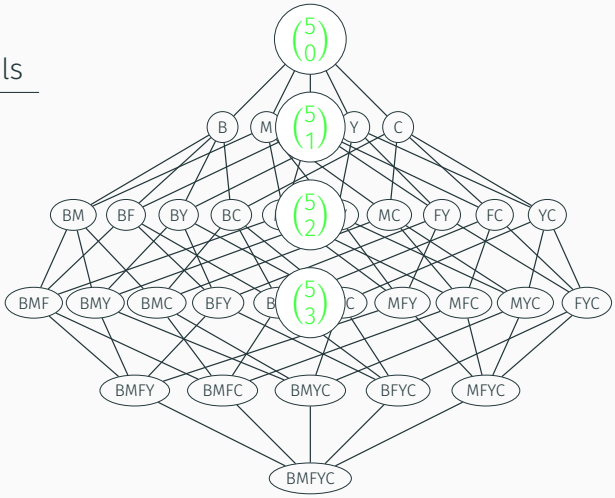

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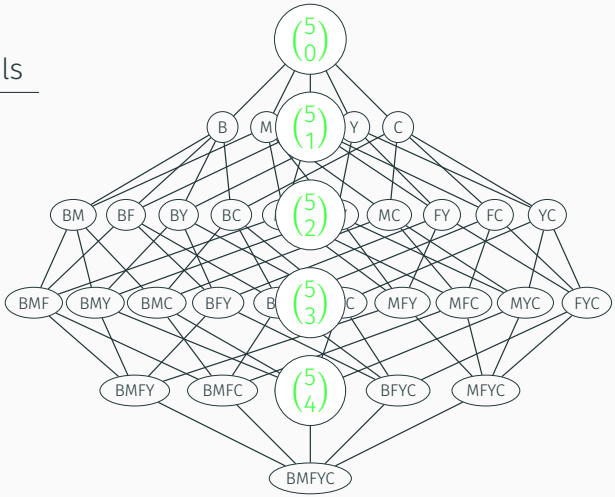

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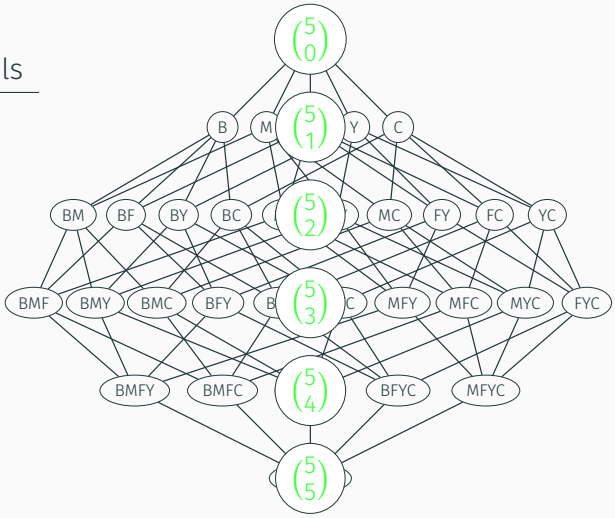

Association Pattern Mining - Test all combinations?

Example

- How many combination we have to test for 5 features?

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- How many combination we have to test for 5 features?

$$1 + 5$$

Association Pattern Mining - Test all combinations?

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- How many combination we have to test for n features?

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

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Example

- $n = 5 \rightarrow 2^5 = 32$

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Is there a better way to find the important itemsets?

Association Pattern Mining - A better way?

Is every itemset important?

- How to measure the importance of the itemset?
- How to utilize this information in the mining process?

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- How to measure the importance of the itemset?
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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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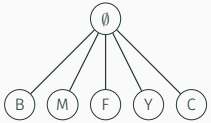

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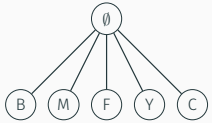

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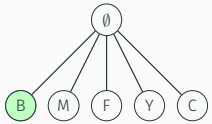

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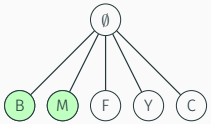

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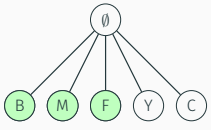

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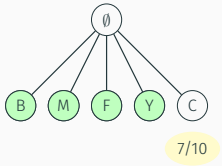

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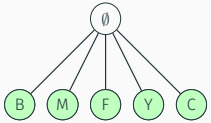

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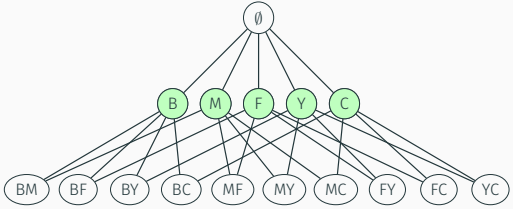

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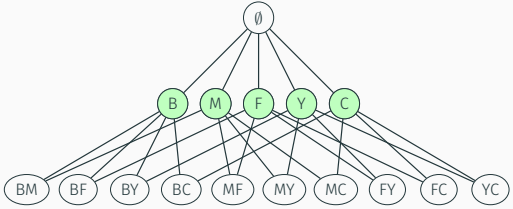

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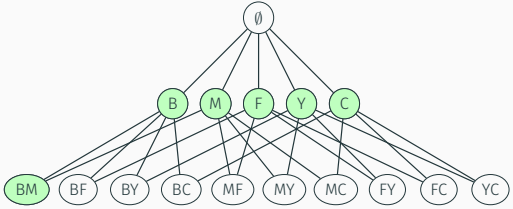

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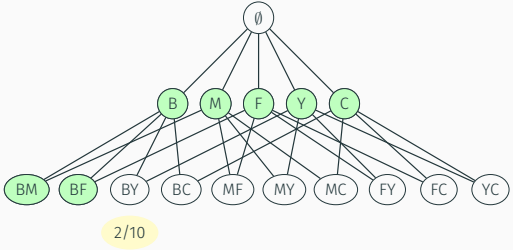

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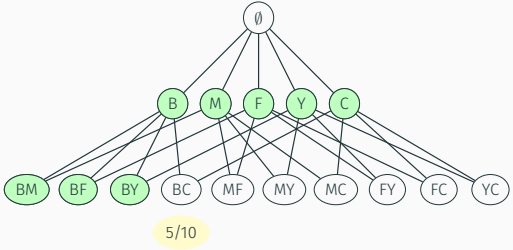

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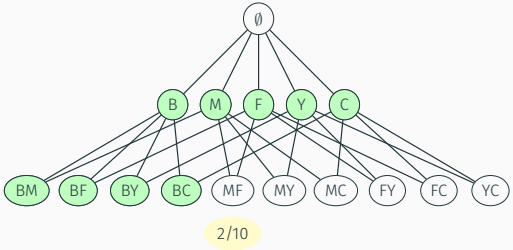

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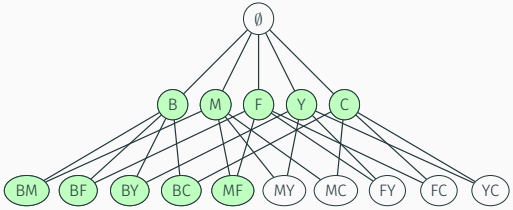

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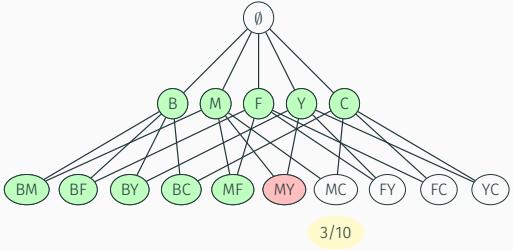

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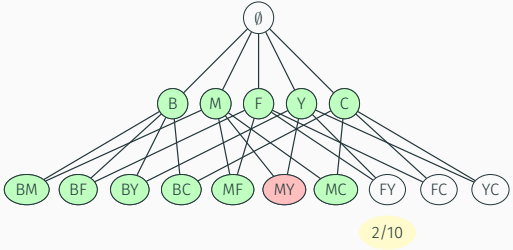

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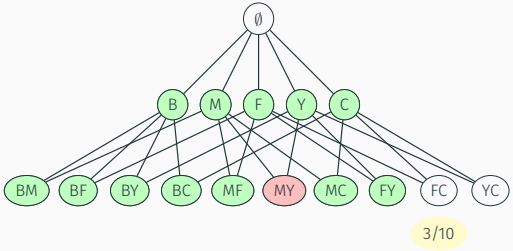

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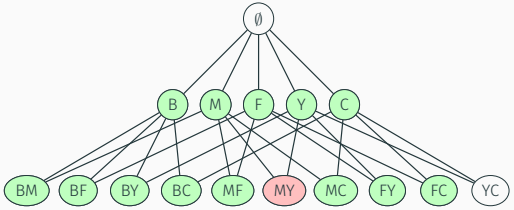

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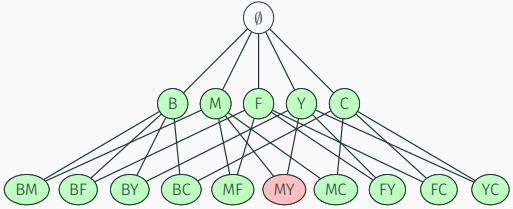

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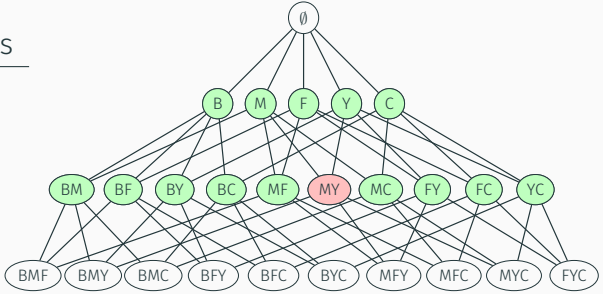

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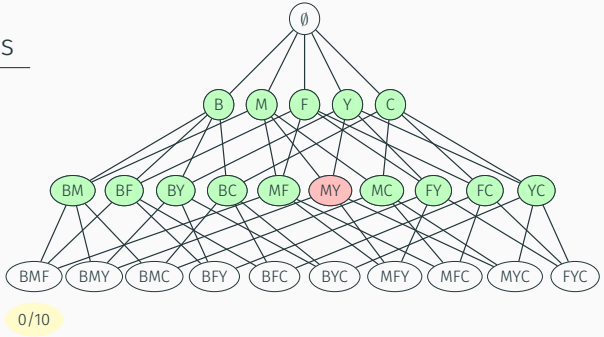

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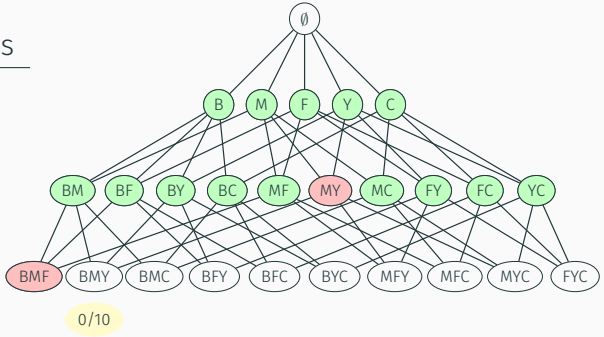

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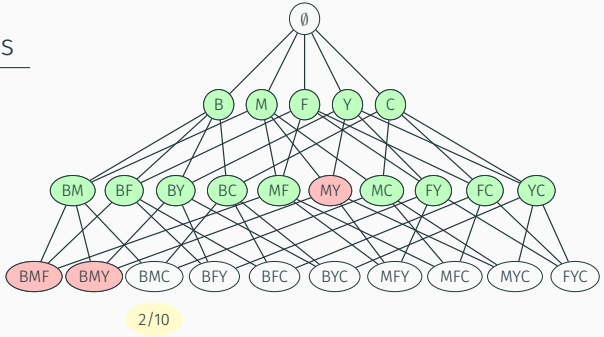

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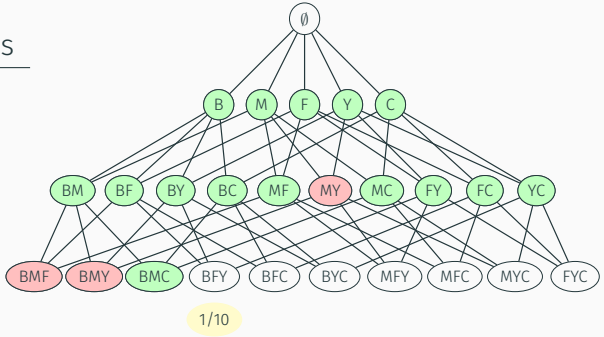

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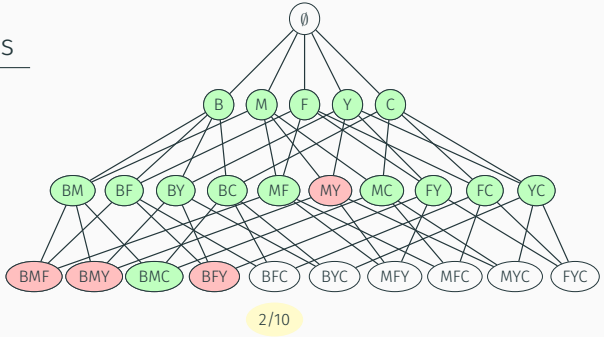

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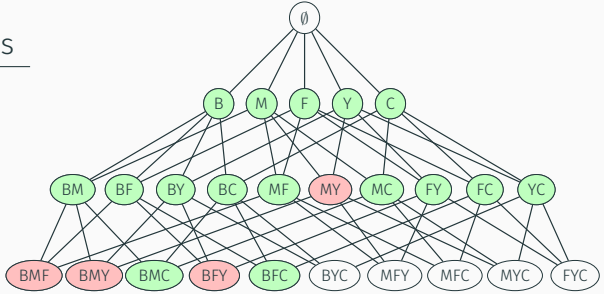

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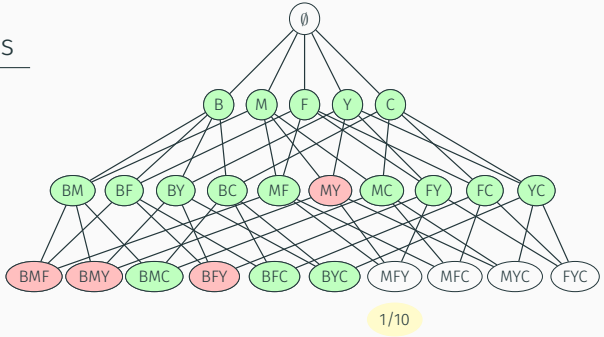

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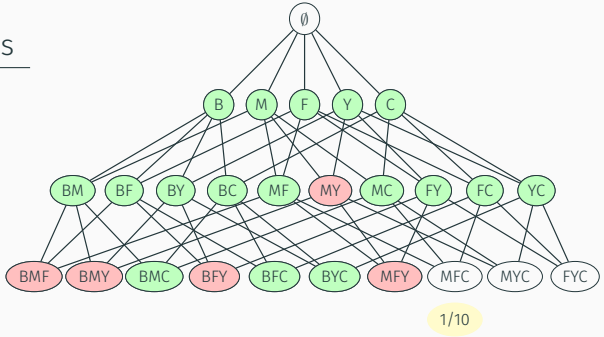

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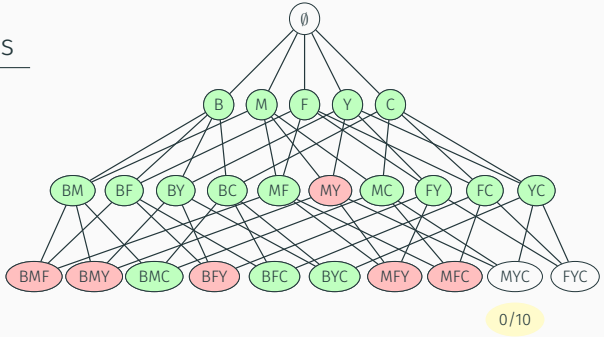

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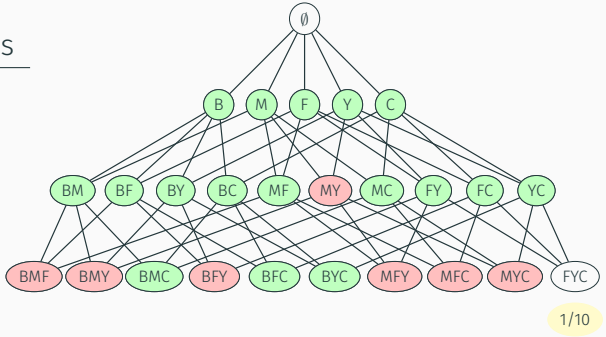

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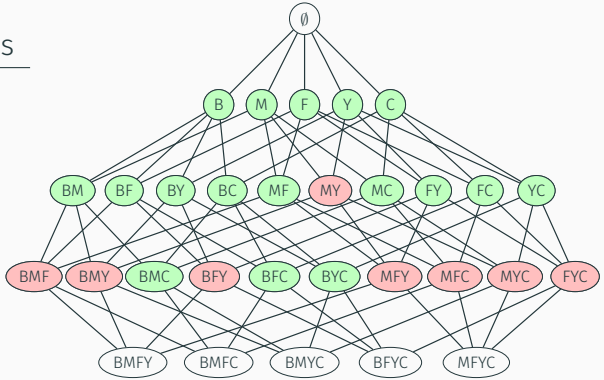

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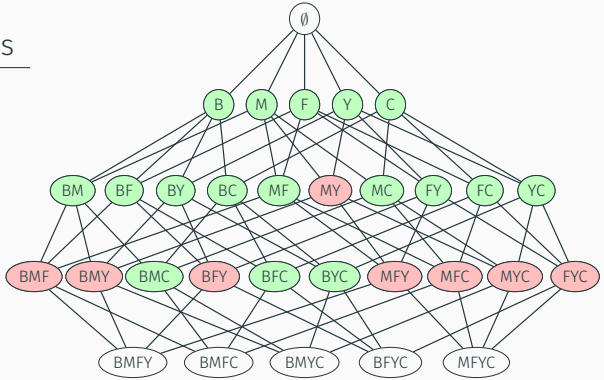

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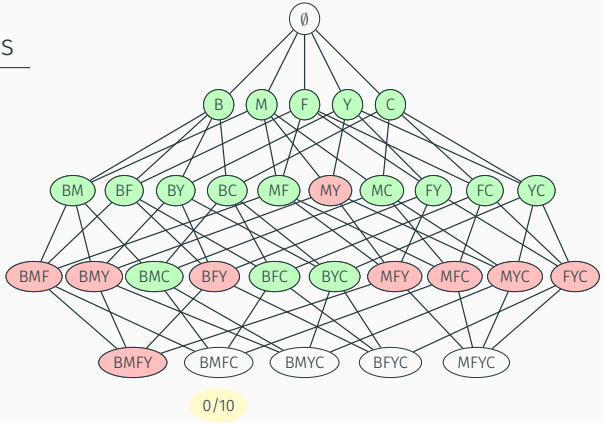

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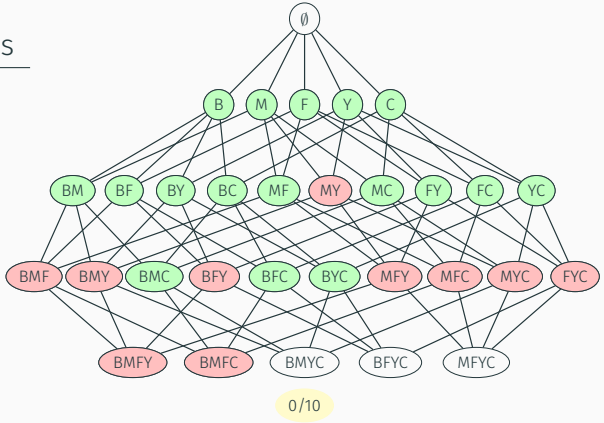

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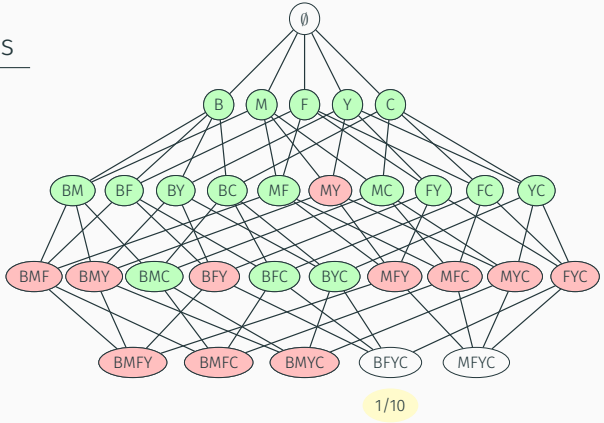

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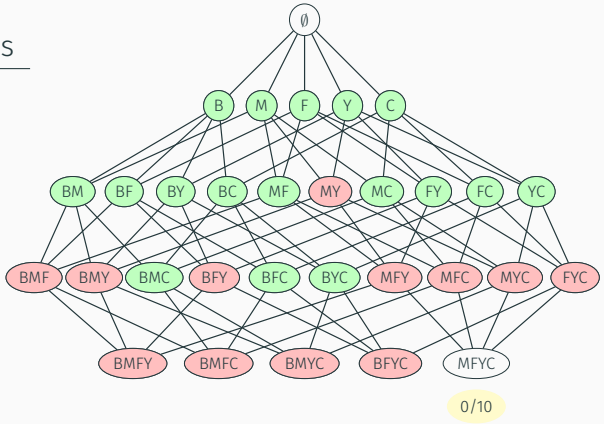

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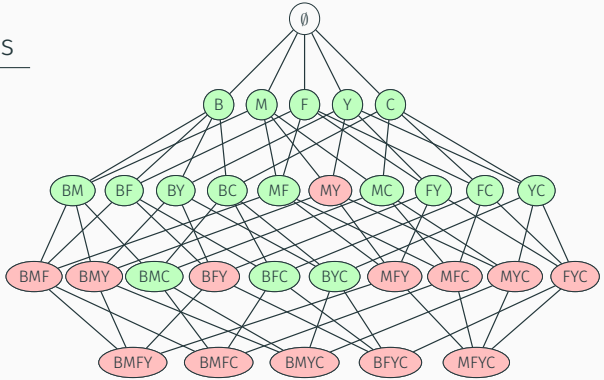

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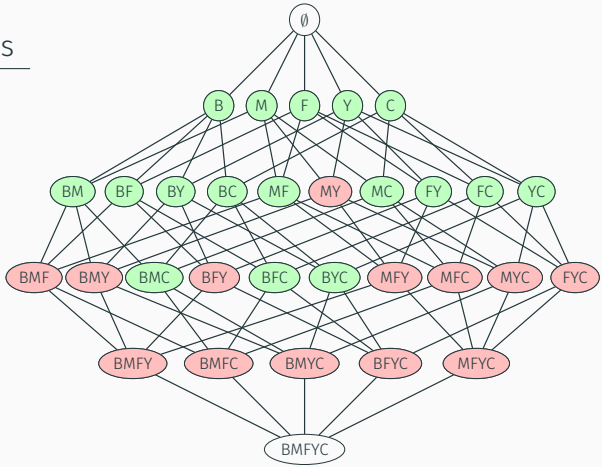

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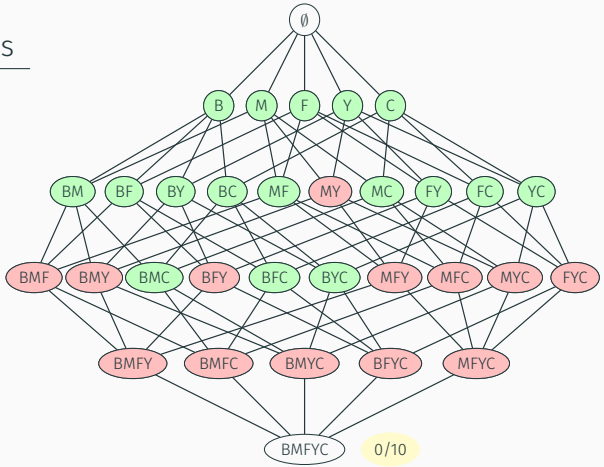

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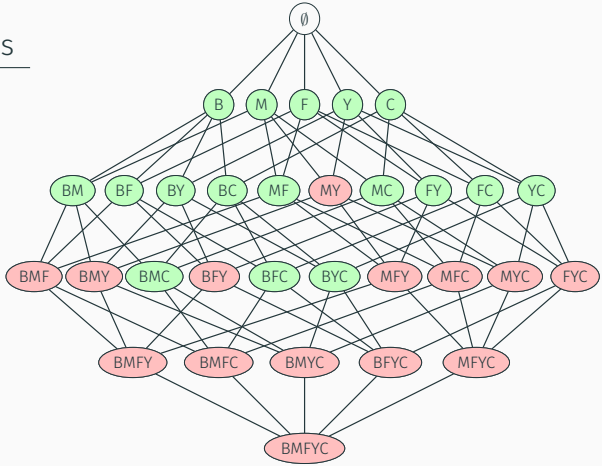

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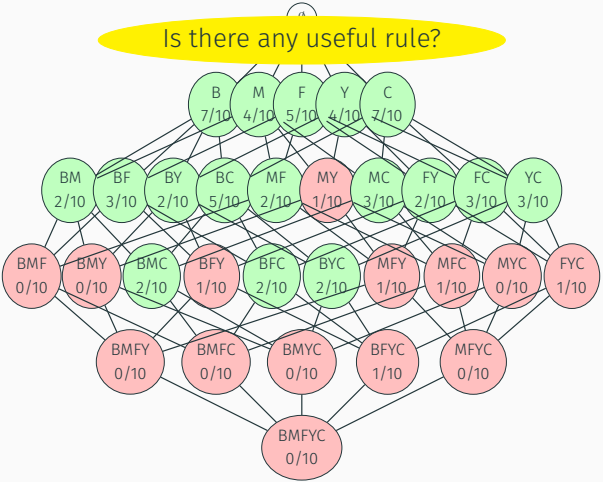

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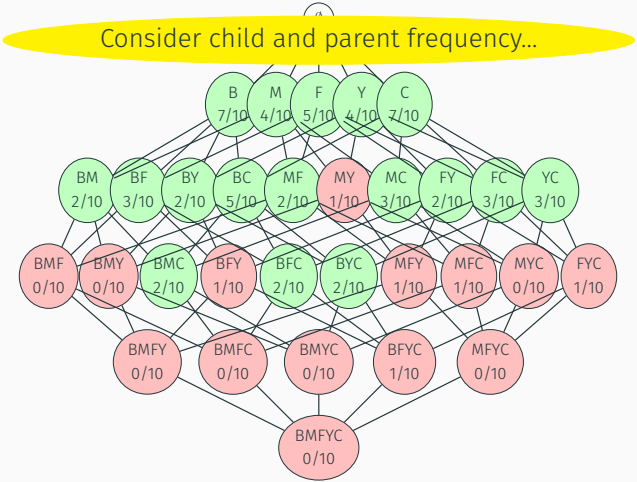

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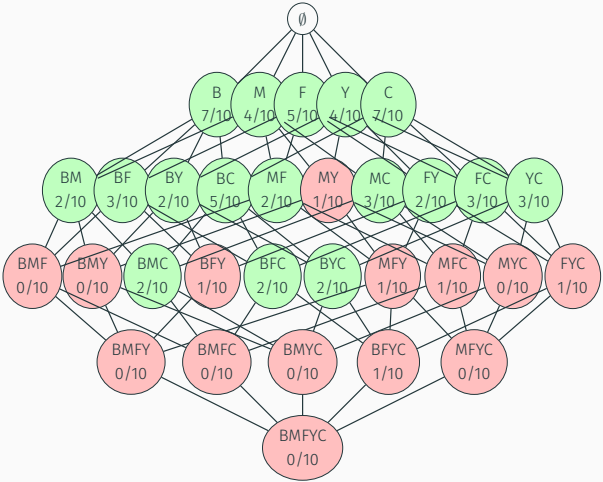

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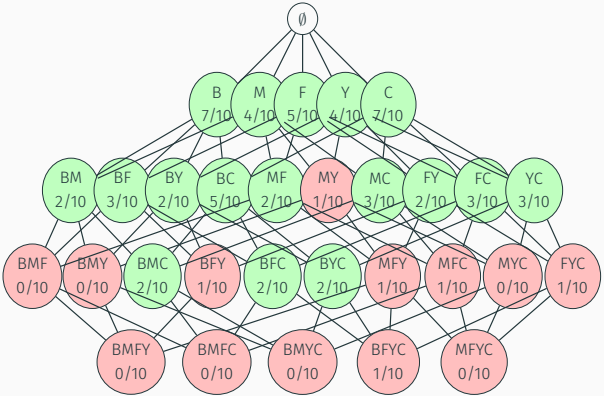

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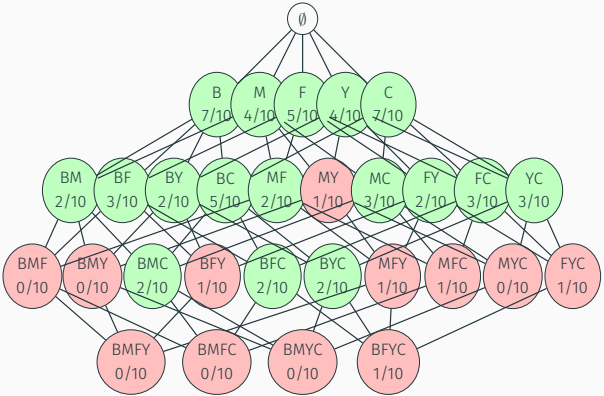

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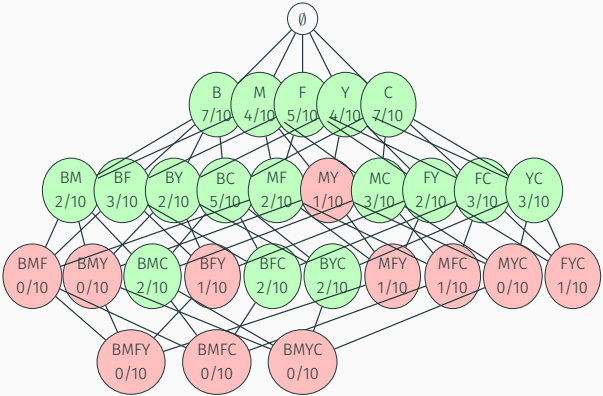

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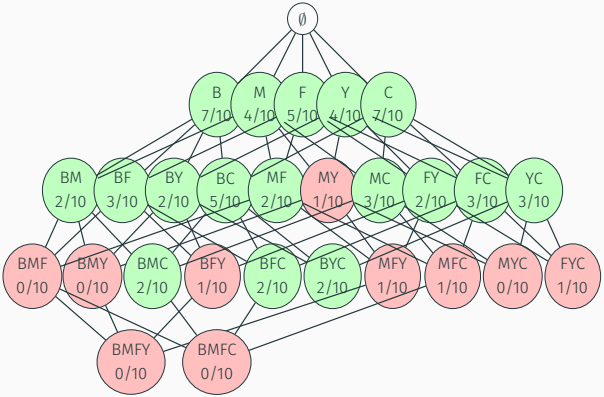

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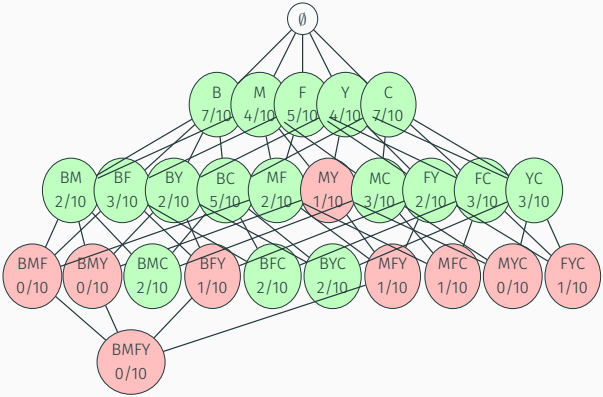

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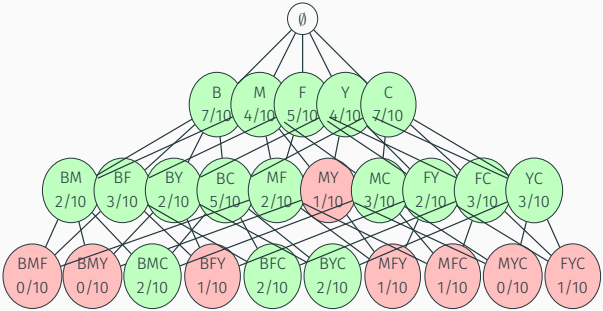

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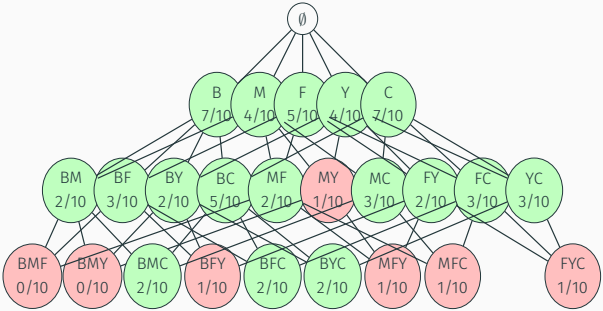

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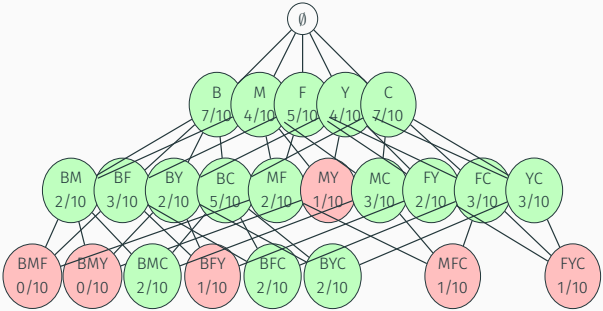

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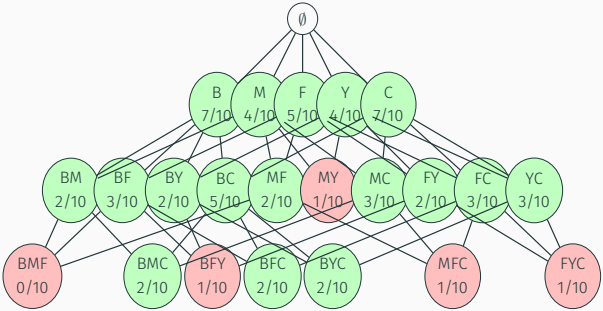

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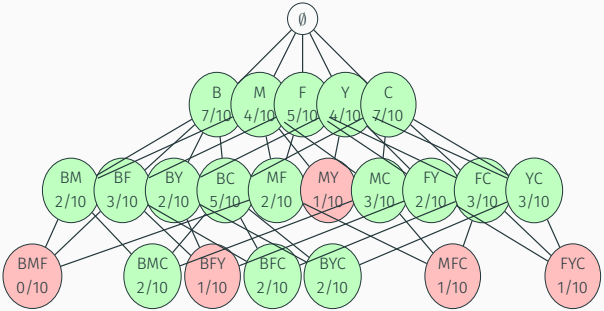

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Example (A array based version works universally ($k = 6$, $n = 8$))

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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.

Association Itemset Mining - The Frequent Itemset Mining Model

- Set of Transactions $T = T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n$.
- A transaction $T_i = u_{i1}, u_{i2}, \ldots, u_{in}$.
- A universe of items $U = u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_n$.
- 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 $T = T_1, \ldots T_n$ that contain I as a subset.

Frequent Itemset Mining
Given a set of transactions $T = T_1, \ldots T_n$, 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 $T = T_1, \ldots T_n$, 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.

$$\sup(J) \geq \sup(I) \qquad \forall J \subseteq I$$

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 *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.

Association Pattern Mining - Apriori Algorithm

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

```
1  begin
2      k = 1;
3      F_1 = {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 (⋃_{i=1}^{k} F_i)
12 end
```

Efficient support counting

- The detection of the presence of a an candidate itemset in a transaction is crucial for support counting.
- The *hash tree* data structure may be efficiently used.
- This structure organize the candidate itemsets in a way that each candidate is in exactly one leaf.
- Each internal node consist of a hash table.
- The interior nodes defines the path from the root the each leaf nodes.
- Required the transactions to be lexicographically sorted.
- Each level of the tree corresponds to the 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 $I = \{i_1, \ldots, i_k\}$ be a frequent itemset, where $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_k$ are listed in lexicographic order. The parent of the node I is the itemset $\{i_1, \ldots, i_{k1}\}$. 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

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

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

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

```
1  begin
2      Initialize enumeration tree ℰ𝒯 to single (Null, T) root node;
3      while any node in ℰ𝒯 has not been examined do
4          Select an not-examined nodes (P, T(P)) from ℰ𝒯 for examination;
5          Generate candidates extensions C(P) of each node (P, T(P));
6          Determine frequent extension F(P) ⊆ 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 ∈ F(P) do
9              Generate T(P ∪ {i}) from T(P);
10             Add (P ∪ {i}, T(P ∪ {i})) as child of P in 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

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

- 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.

χ^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 χ^2 close to zero means no dependence between items, and large χ^2 means high dependence but does not discover positive or negative.

Interest ratio

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

- 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

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

- 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

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

- 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 $E\left[v(i)\right]$ of $v(I)$ assumes the statistical independence.

$$E\left[v(i)\right] = 1 - \prod_{u \in I} p_i - \prod_{u \in I} (1 - p_i)$$

Association Pattern Mining - Generalization to other data types

- 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.

Association Pattern Mining - Applications

- 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

Association Pattern Mining - Applications

- 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 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 $X_1 \Rightarrow I - X_1$.

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

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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*.

Association Rule Generation Framework

Phase 1

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

Phase 2

- Generate all the association rules from the frequent itemsets at the minimim confidence of *minconf*.
  - A much simple 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?