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**Unit-III**  
**DATA MINING – INTERESTINGNESS OF  
PATTERNS**

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# What makes pattern interesting?

- If pattern
  - Is easily understood by humans
  - Valid or new or test data with some degree of certainty
  - Potentially useful
  - Novel



# Objective Measures of pattern interestingness

- Confidence:
- Degree of certainty of detected association
- Conditional Probability  $P(Y|X)$ -> probability that transaction containing X also contains Y.
- $\text{Support}(X \Rightarrow Y) = P(X \cup Y)$
- $\text{Confidence}(X \Rightarrow Y) = P(Y | X)$



# Objective Measures of pattern interestingness

- Accuracy & Coverage for classification (IF.THEN rules)
- Accuracy -> % of data that are correctly classified by a rule
- Coverage-> % of data to which a rule applies



# Objective Measures of pattern interestingness

- Objective measure is incomplete without subjective measure.
- Subjective measure: reflects particular user's need & interests
- Based on user beliefs on data



# Can a DM system generate all of the interesting patterns?

- Refers completeness of DM algorithm
- Unrealistic and inefficient for DM systems to generate all possible patterns



# Can a DM system generate only interesting patterns?

- Refers optimization problem in DM
- For efficient discovery of patterns, measures of interestingness are essential.
- These measures are used after DM steps to rank discovered patterns according to their interestingness



Thank You