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## **DEPARTMENT OF MCA**

**19CAT703 – MACHINE LEARNING**

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**UNIT IV – TREE AND RULE MODELS**

**TOPIC 38 – Association Rule Mining**



## ■ Association rule mining:

- Finding frequent patterns, associations, correlations, or causal structures among sets of items or objects in transaction databases, relational databases, and other information repositories.
- **Frequent pattern**: pattern (set of items, sequence, etc.) that occurs frequently in a database

## ■ Motivation: finding regularities in data

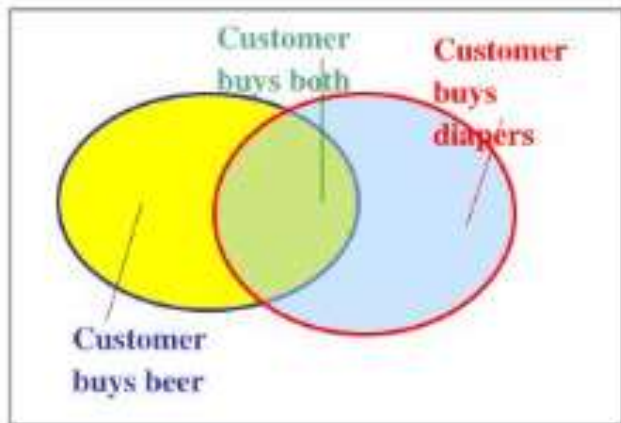
- What products were often purchased together? — Beer and diapers?!
- What are the subsequent purchases after buying a PC?
- What kinds of DNA are sensitive to this new drug?
- Can we automatically classify web documents?



# Association Rule Mining-Introduction

Transaction-id	Items bought
10	A, B, C
20	A, C
30	A, D
40	B, E, F

- Itemset  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$
- Find all the rules  $X \rightarrow Y$  with min confidence and support
  - **support**,  $s$ , probability that a transaction contains  $X \cup Y$
  - **confidence**,  $c$ , conditional probability that a transaction having  $X$  also contains  $Y$ .



Let  $\text{min\_support} = 50\%$ ,

$\text{min\_conf} = 50\%$ :

$A \rightarrow C$  (50%, 66.7%)

$C \rightarrow A$  (50%, 100%)



# Example

Transaction-id	Items bought
10	A, B, C
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Min. support 50%  
Min. confidence 50%

Frequent pattern	Support
{A}	75%
{B}	50%
{C}	50%
{A, C}	50%

For rule  $A \Rightarrow C$ :

$$\text{support} = \text{support}(\{A\} \cup \{C\}) = 50\%$$

$$\text{confidence} = \text{support}(\{A\} \cup \{C\}) / \text{support}(\{A\}) = 66.6\%$$

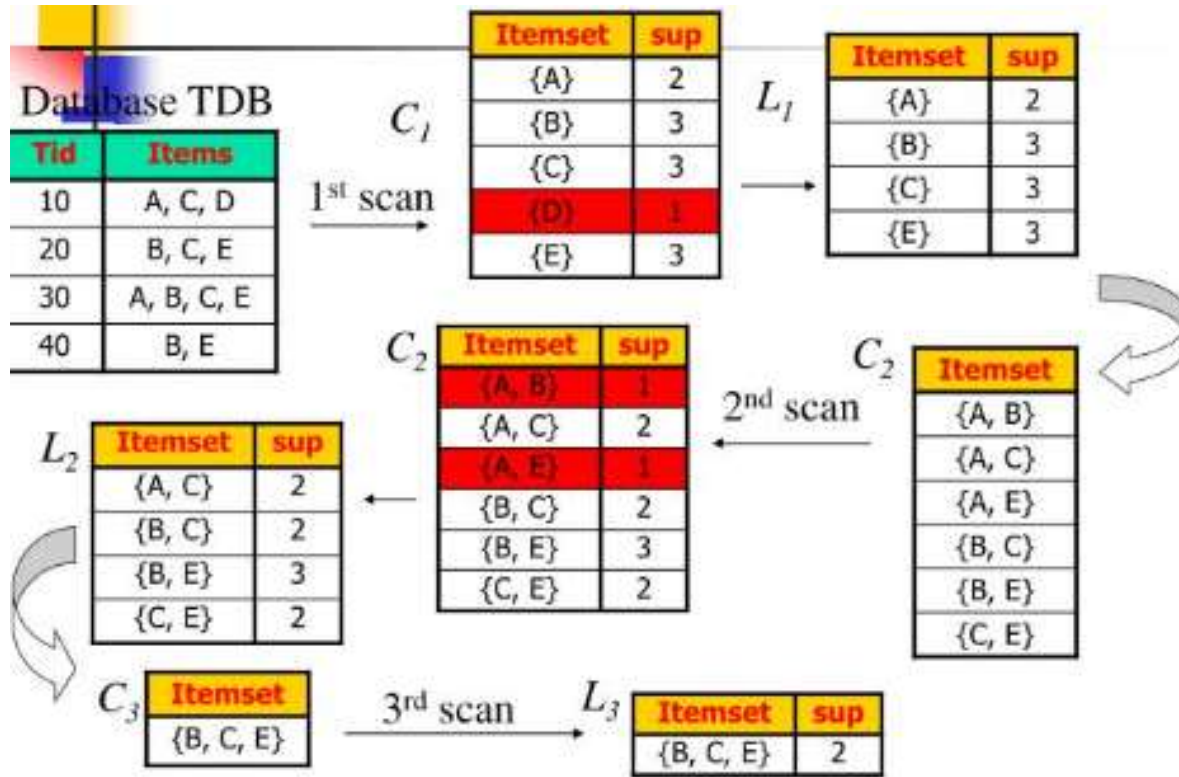


# Apriori algorithm

- Any subset of a frequent itemset must be frequent
  - if **{beer, diaper, nuts}** is frequent, so is **{beer, diaper}**
  - every transaction having {beer, diaper, nuts} also contains {beer, diaper}
- Apriori pruning principle: If there is **any** itemset which is infrequent, its superset should not be generated/tested!
- Method:
  - generate length (k+1) candidate itemsets from length k **frequent** itemsets, and
  - test the candidates against DB
- The performance studies show its efficiency and scalability



# Example: Market Basket Analysis





- Pseudo-code:

$C_k$ : Candidate itemset of size  $k$   
 $L_k$ : frequent itemset of size  $k$

$L_1 = \{\text{frequent items}\};$

**for** ( $k = 1; L_k \neq \emptyset; k++$ ) **do begin**

$C_{k+1}$  = candidates generated from  $L_k$

**for each** transaction  $t$  in database **do**

increment the count of all candidates in  $C_{k+1}$   
that are contained in  $t$

$L_{k+1}$  = candidates in  $C_{k+1}$  with min\_support

**end**

**return**  $\cup_k L_k$



## How to generate candidates?

- Step 1: self-joining  $L_k$
- Step 2: pruning

## Example of Candidate-generation

- $L_3 = \{abc, abd, acd, ace, bcd\}$
- Self-joining:  $L_3 * L_3$ 
  - $abcd$  from  $abc$  and  $abd$
  - $acde$  from  $acd$  and  $ace$
- Pruning:
  - $acde$  is removed because  $ade$  is not in  $L_3$
- $C_4 = \{abcd\}$

Suppose the items in  $L_{k-1}$  are listed in an order

## Step 1: self-joining $L_{k-1}$

insert into  $C_k$

select  $p.item_1, p.item_2, \dots, p.item_{k-1}, q.item_{k-1}$

from  $L_{k-1} p, L_{k-1} q$

where  $p.item_1 = q.item_1, \dots, p.item_{k-2} = q.item_{k-2}, p.item_{k-1} < q.item_{k-1}$

## Step 2: pruning

forall **itemsets  $c$  in  $C_k$**  do

forall  **$(k-1)$ -subsets  $s$  of  $c$**  do

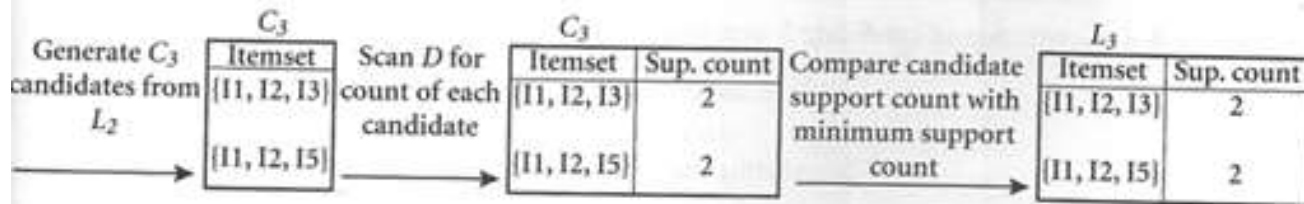
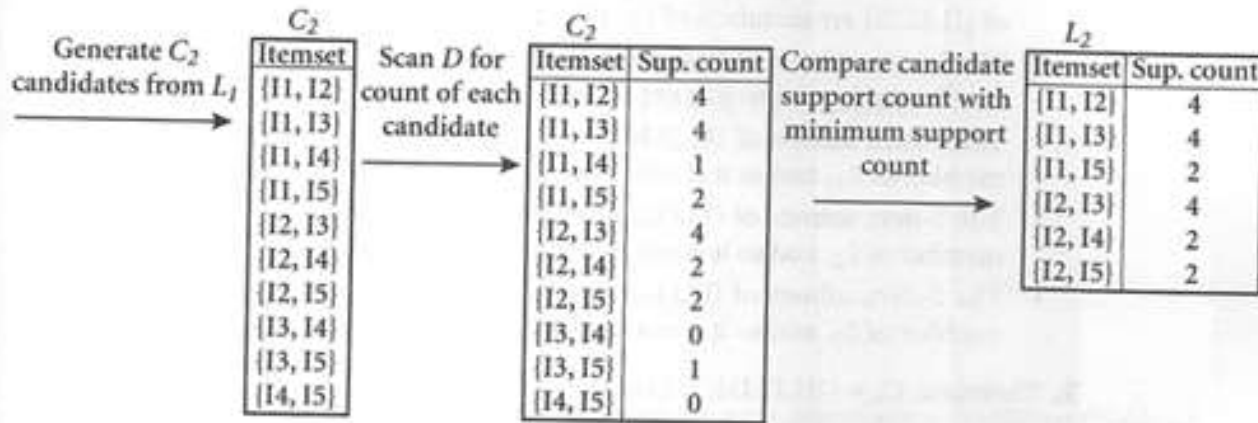
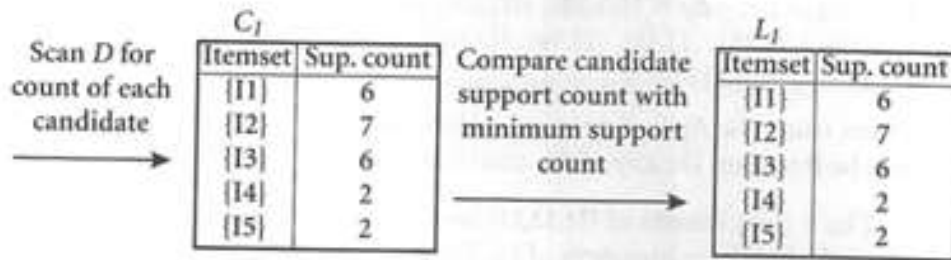
**if  $(s$  is not in  $L_{k-1})$  then delete  $c$  from  $C_k$**





## Example

TID	List of Items ID
T100	I1, I2, I5
T200	I2, I4
T300	I2, I3
T400	I1, I2, I4
T500	I1, I3
T600	I2, I3
T700	I1, I3
T800	I1, I2, I3, I5
T900	I1, I2, I3





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