

Association Rules

What is association mining?

- n Ex:
- n If A and B then C
- n If A and not B then C
- n If A and B and C then D etc.

Support & Confidence

Support is defined as the minimum percentage of transactions in the DB containing A and B.

Confidence is defined as the minimum percentage of those transactions containing A that also contain B.

Ex. Suppose the DB contains 1 million transactions and that 10'000 of those transactions contain both A and B.

We can then say that the support of the association if A then B is:
 $Supp = 10'000 / 1'000'000 = 1\%$.

Likewise, if 50'000 of the transactions contain A and 10'000 out of those 50'000 also contain B then the association rule if A then B has a confidence $10'000 / 50'000 = 20\%$.

Confidence is just the conditional probability of B given A.

R: LS ==> RS

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{Supp(R)} &= \text{supp}(LS \cup RS) \\
 &= \# \text{ Transaction verifying R} / (\text{Total } \# \text{ of Transaction}) \\
 \mathbf{Conf(R)} &= \text{supp}(LS \cup RS) / \text{supp}(LS)
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex:

R: Milk=> Eggs,

A support(R) of 0.8 means in 80% of transaction Milk and eggs are together.

The confidence means the correlation, the relation between the LS and the RS.

Exercise 1: Association Mining Based on the following data, find out the support and confidence of the rule : Farine => Sucre

Ticket 1	Ticket 2	Ticket 3	Ticket 4
Farine	Oeufs	Farine	Oeufs
Sucre	Sucre	Oeufs	Chocolat
Lait	Chocolat	Sucre	Thé

Solution:

Farine => Sucre has a **confidence** of 100%, this is the force of the association and a support of 2/3. <==> number of association farine => Sucre divided by number of ticket where sucre or farine exist.

