

Solutions for Tutorial exercises Sequential Pattern Analysis

Exercise 1. AprioriAll

Apply the AprioriAll algorithm to the following customer sequence dataset using minimum support $s=33\%$. Identify the maximal sequence patterns.

S.ID	Sequence
1	$\langle\{1\}\{2\}\{3\}\{4\}\rangle$
2	$\langle\{1\}\{3\}\{4\}\{3\}\{5\}\rangle$
3	$\langle\{1\}\{2\}\{3\}\{4\}\rangle$
4	$\langle\{1\}\{3\}\{5\}\rangle$
5	$\langle\{4\}\{5\}\rangle$

Solution:

Find the large 1-sequences

Sequence	Support
$\langle 1 \rangle$	4
$\langle 2 \rangle$	2
$\langle 3 \rangle$	4
$\langle 4 \rangle$	4
$\langle 5 \rangle$	4

Find the large 2-sequences

Sequence	Support
$\langle 1,2 \rangle$	2
$\langle 1,3 \rangle$	4
$\langle 1,4 \rangle$	3
$\langle 1,5 \rangle$	2
$\langle 2,3 \rangle$	2
$\langle 2,4 \rangle$	2
$\langle 2,5 \rangle$	0
$\langle 3,4 \rangle$	3
$\langle 3,5 \rangle$	2
$\langle 4,5 \rangle$	2

Find the large 3-sequences

Sequence	Support
$\langle 1,2,3 \rangle$	2
$\langle 1,2,4 \rangle$	2
$\langle 1,3,4 \rangle$	3
$\langle 1,3,5 \rangle$	2
$\langle 1,4,5 \rangle$	1
$\langle 2,3,4 \rangle$	2
$\langle 2,3,5 \rangle$	0
$\langle 2,4,5 \rangle$	0
$\langle 3,4,5 \rangle$	1

Find the large 4-sequences

Sequence	Support
$\langle 1,2,3,4 \rangle$	2

The maximal sequences:

$\langle 1,2,3,4 \rangle$ is a maximal sequence. The only Large 3-sequence not contained in $\langle 1,2,3,4 \rangle$ is $\langle 1,3,5 \rangle$.

The only Large 2-sequence neither contained in $\langle 1,2,3,4 \rangle$ or $\langle 1,3,5 \rangle$ is $\langle 4,5 \rangle$.

Thus the maximal sequences are : $\langle 1,2,3,4 \rangle$, $\langle 1,3,5 \rangle$ and $\langle 4,5 \rangle$.

Exercise 2. GSP

Apply the GSP algorithm to the following dataset using minimum support $s=3$ transactions. Show the candidates and the resulting large sequential items.

SID	Sequence
10	<a(ac)(adc)>
20	<(ba)(fb)a>
30	<(ab)bfbae>
40	<a(af)d>
50	<d(fac) >
60	<(adf)(ae)>

Solution:

Scan 1:

Candidate	Support
a	6
b	2
e	2
d	4
e	2
f	5

<a> <d> <f>

Scan 2:

	<a>	<d>	<f>
<a>	<aa>:5	<ad>:2	<af>:3
<d>	<da>:2	<dd>:0	<df>:1
<f>	<fa>:3	<fd>:1	<ff>:0

	<a>	<d>	<f>
<a>		<(ad)>:2	<(af)>:3
<d>			<(df)>:1
<f>			

<aa> <af> <fa> <(af)>

Exercise 3. FreeSpan

Apply FreeSpan to the previous sequence database.

Solution:

Candidate	Support
a	6
b	2
e	2
d	4
e	2
f	5

F_list= <a>:6 <f>:5 <d>:4

Project over <a>, <f>, and <d>

<a> projected database:

SID	Sequence
10	<aaa>
20	<aa>
30	<aa>
40	<aa>
50	<a >
60	<aa>

Frequent 2-sequences wrt <a>:

<aa>:5

<f> projected database:

SID	Sequence
10	<aaa>
20	<afa>
30	<afa>
40	<a(af)>
50	<(af)>
60	<(af)a>

Frequent 2-sequences wrt <f>:

<af>:3

<fa>:3

(af):3

<d> projected databases:

SID	Sequence
10	<aa(ad)>
20	<afa>
30	<afa>
40	<a(af)d>
50	<d(af) >
60	<(adf)a>

Frequent 2-sequences wrt <d>:

<ad>:2 <fd>:1

<da>:2 <df>:1

(ad):2 (df):1

Exercise 4. PrefixSpan

Apply PrefixSpan to the previous sequence database.

Solution:

Candidate	Support
a	6
b	2
e	2
d	4
e	2
f	5

PrefixSpan(<>,0,S) outputs:

<a>:6 <d>:4 <f>:5

Remove all non frequent items

Call PrefixSpan(<a>,1, S|_{<a>})

PrefixSpan(<d>,1, S|_{<d>})

PrefixSpan(<f>,1, S|_{<f>})

S _{<a>}
<a(ad)>
<fa>
<fa>
<(af)d>
<(_f)>
<(_df)a>

Frequent elements:

<a>:5 → <aa>:5

~~(_d):1~~ <d>:2

<f>:3 → <af>:3

(_f):3 → (af):3

S _{<d>}
<>
<>
<>
<>
<(af) >
<(_f)a>

Frequent elements:

~~<a>:2~~ ~~(_f):1~~

(af):1 <f>:1

S _{<f>}
<>
<a>
<a>
<d>
<>
<a>

Frequent elements:

<a>:3 → <fa>:3

~~<d>:1~~