

Symétries et Extraction de Motifs Ensemblistes

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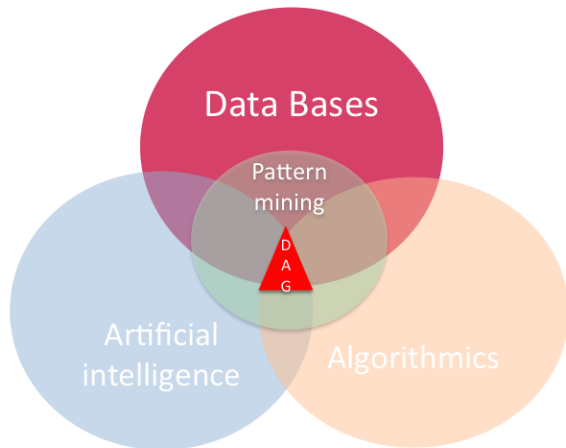
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Main challenges

- ▶ Output of huge size, difficulty to retrieve relevant information
- ▶ Computational issues

Symmetries

- ▶ A fundamental concept (structural knowledge) in Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and many other domains.
 - ▶ Many human artifacts (e.g. classrooms in a university, aircraft seats, circuit patterns) and entities in nature (e.g. plants, molecules, DNA sequences, atoms) exhibits symmetries.
 - ▶ \Rightarrow Useful for reasoning and understanding complex entities and systems.

Symmetries in CP and SAT

- ▶ Symmetry resolution proof system [[Krishnamurthy'85](#)]
- ▶ Dynamic symmetry detection and elimination in propositional calculus [[Benhamou et al. 92](#)]
- ▶ Interchangeability [[Freuder'91](#)]. Variable and value symmetries [[Puget'93](#)]
- ▶ Symmetry breaking predicates [[Crawford'92](#), [Puget'93](#)]
- ▶ Many other contributions (e.g. [[Walsh'2012](#), [Karem A. Sakallah'2011](#)] ...)

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Frequent Itemset Mining: Problem definition and notations

- ▶ Let \mathcal{I} be a set of *items*.
- ▶ A set $I \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ is called an **itemset**.
- ▶ A **transaction** is a couple (t_i, I) where t_i is the *transaction identifier* and I is an itemset.
- ▶ A **transaction database** is a finite set of transactions over \mathcal{I} where for each two different transactions, they do not have the same transaction identifier.
- ▶ **Cover**: $\mathcal{C}(I, \mathcal{D}) = \{t_i \mid (t_i, J) \in \mathcal{D} \text{ and } I \subseteq J\}$.
- ▶ **Support**: $\mathcal{S}(I, \mathcal{D}) = |\mathcal{C}(I, \mathcal{D})|$.
- ▶ **Frequency**: $\mathcal{F}(I, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{\mathcal{S}(I, \mathcal{D})}{|\mathcal{D}|}$.

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Proposition (Anti-Monotonicity)

Let I_1 and I_2 be two itemsets such that $I_1 \subseteq I_2$.

If $S(I_2, \mathcal{D}) \geq \lambda$ then $S(I_1, \mathcal{D}) \geq \lambda$.

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Proposition

Let σ a symmetry of \mathcal{D} , λ a minimal support threshold and l an itemset. $l \in \mathcal{FLM}(\mathcal{D}, \lambda)$ iff $\sigma(l) \in \mathcal{FLM}(\mathcal{D}, \lambda)$.

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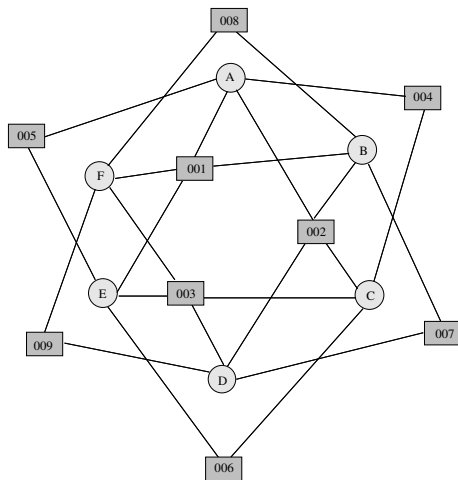
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Symmetry Detection in Transaction Databases

- ▶ Convert the original problem \mathcal{D} into a colored undirected graph \mathcal{G} , where vertices are labeled with colors.
- ▶ Look for the automorphism group of \mathcal{G} .
- ▶ Symmetries of \mathcal{D} are equivalent to the automorphisms of the colored undirected graph \mathcal{G} ([Jabbour et al, ECAI'12]);
- ▶ Employ a general-purpose graph symmetry tool to uncover the symmetries [Mckay'81, Aloul'03].

Symmetry Detection in Transaction Databases: Example



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How to exploit symmetries in itemset mining?

1. By rewriting the transaction databases in a preprocessing step (items elimination). [Jabbour et al, ECAI'12]
 - ▶ → New transaction database D' + symmetry group S .
 - ▶ → Condensed representation of the output.
2. By dynamic integration in Apriori-like algorithms for search space pruning.

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Apriori algorithm [Agrawal, 93]

→ Input: \mathcal{D} Transaction dataset, λ : minimal support threshold

→ Proceeds by a level-wise search of the elements of $\mathcal{FIM}(\mathcal{D}, \lambda)$.

1. Starts by computing the elements of $\mathcal{FIM}(\mathcal{D}, \lambda)$ of size 1.
2. Assuming $\mathcal{FIM}(\mathcal{D}, \lambda)$ of size n known, computes a set of candidates of size $n + 1$ so that l is a candidate if and only if all its subsets are in $\mathcal{FIM}(\mathcal{D}, \lambda)$.
3. This procedure is iterated until no more candidate is found.

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Data: D : Transaction dataset, λ : minimal support threshold

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        if ( $\text{supp}(c) \geq \lambda$ ) then  
             $F_k \leftarrow F_k \cup \{c\};$   
return ( $\bigcup_k F_k$ );
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if ($\text{supp}(c) \geq \lambda$) **then**

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$C_k = C_k \setminus S;$

return ($\bigcup_k F_k$);

Symmetry-Based Pruning in Apriori-like algos: Example 2

- ▶ Let \mathcal{D} be a transaction database such that $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{D}) = \{A, B, C, D\}$ and σ is a symmetry such that $\sigma = (A, D)(B, C)$.
- ▶ Assume that the itemsets $\{A\}$, $\{B\}$, $\{C\}$ and $\{D\}$ are frequent. We also assume that in iteration 2, we find that the itemset $\{A, B\}$ is not frequent.

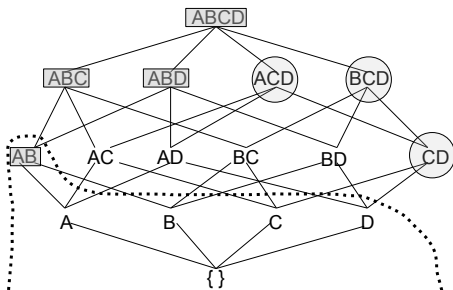


Figure : Symmetry Pruning

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dataset	#sym	time (s)
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Mushroom	10	0.94
Australian	2	0.06
Solar flare	2	0.05
Letter-recognition	0	2.12
BMS-WebView-2	10	4.31

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Australian	1%	--	479 402	24%	426 763	--	--	23%
		✓	364 822			100 961	13 613	
	5%	--	28 535	22%	20 386	--	--	22%
		✓	22 288			4.461	1 886	
Solar-Flare	1%	--	147 270	9%	145 893	--	--	8%
		✓	133 056			14 128	1 291	
	15%	--	5 684	8%	5 495	--	--	9%
		✓	5 203			448	33	
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		✓	79 492			23 776	50	
Letter-recognition	5%	--	32 680	0%	15 719	--	--	0%
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Futur works

- ▶ Extend the symmetry-based framework to other data mining algorithms and problems : sequence, tree or graph mining, etc.
- ▶ Investigate other forms of symmetries such as approximate symmetries.