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**Description**

Provides the generic function `addComplement` and the S4 methods for transactions. This function adds for given items complement items. That is it adds an artificial item to each transactions which does not contain the original item.

**Usage**

```r
addComplement(x, labels, complementLabels=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: an object of class `transactions`.
- `labels`: character strings; item labels for which complements should be created.
- `complementLabels`: character strings; labels for the artificial complement-items. If omitted then the original label is prepended by "!" to form the complement-item label.

**Value**

Returns an object of class `transactions` with complement-items added.

**See Also**

`transactions-class`, `merge`

**Examples**

```r
data("Groceries")

## add a complement-items for "whole milk" and "other vegetables"
g2 <- addComplement(Groceries, c("whole milk", "other vegetables"))
inspect(head(g2, 3))

## use a custom label for the complement-item
g2 <- addComplement(g2, "coffee", "NO coffee")
inspect(head(g2, 3))
```
Adult Data Set

Description

The AdultUCI data set contains the questionnaire data of the “Adult” database (originally called the “Census Income” Database) formatted as a data frame. The Adult data set contains the data already prepared and coerced to transactions for use with arules.

Usage

data("Adult")
data("AdultUCI")

Format

The AdultUCI data set contains a data frame with 48842 observations on the following 15 variables.

- **age** a numeric vector.
- **education** an ordered factor with levels Preschool < 1st-4th < 5th-6th < 7th-8th < 9th < 10th < 11th < 12th < HS-grad < Prof-school < Assoc-acdm < Assoc-voc < Some-college < Bachelors < Masters < Doctorate.
- **education-num** a numeric vector.
- **marital-status** a factor with levels Divorced, Married-AF-spouse, Married-civ-spouse, Married-spouse-absent, Never-married, Separated, and Widowed.
- **relationship** a factor with levels Husband, Not-in-family, Other-relative, Own-child, Unmarried, and Wife.
- **race** a factor with levels Amer-Indian-Eskimo, Asian-Pac-Islander, Black, Other, and White.
- **sex** a factor with levels Female and Male.
- **capital-gain** a numeric vector.
- **capital-loss** a numeric vector.
- **fnlwgt** a numeric vector.
- **hours-per-week** a numeric vector.
- **native-country** a factor with levels Cambodia, Canada, China, Columbia, Cuba, Dominican-Republic, Ecuador, El-Salvador, England, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Holand-Netherlands, Honduras, Hong, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Laos, Mexico, Nicaragua, Outlying-US(Guam-USVI-etc), Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto-Rico, Scotland, South, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad&Tobago, United-States, Vietnam, and Yugoslavia.
- **income** an ordered factor with levels small < large.
Details

The “Adult” database was extracted from the census bureau database found at http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/DES/www/welcome.html in 1994 by Ronny Kohavi and Barry Becker, Data Mining and Visualization, Silicon Graphics. It was originally used to predict whether income exceeds USD 50K/yr based on census data. We added the attribute income with levels small and large (>50K).

We prepared the data set for association mining as shown in the section Examples. We removed the continuous attribute fnlwgt (final weight). We also eliminated education-num because it is just a numeric representation of the attribute education. The other 4 continuous attributes we mapped to ordinal attributes as follows:

- **age** cut into levels Young (0-25), Middle-aged (26-45), Senior (46-65) and Old (66+).
- **hours-per-week** cut into levels Part-time (0-25), Full-time (25-40), Over-time (40-60) and Too-much (60+).
- **capital-gain and capital-loss** each cut into levels None (0), Low (0 < median of the values greater zero < max) and High (>=max).

Source

http://www.ics.uci.edu/~mlearn/MLRepository.html

References


Examples

data("AdultUCI")
dim(AdultUCI)
AdultUCI[1:2,]

## remove attributes
AdultUCI["fnlwgt"] <- NULL
AdultUCI["education-num"] <- NULL

## map metric attributes
AdultUCI["age"] <- ordered(cut(AdultUCI["age"], c(15,25,45,65,100)),
labels = c("Young", "Middle-aged", "Senior", "Old"))

AdultUCI["hours-per-week"] <- ordered(cut(AdultUCI["hours-per-week"],
c(0,25,40,60,168)),
labels = c("Part-time", "Full-time", "Over-time", "Workaholic"))

AdultUCI["capital-gain"] <- ordered(cut(AdultUCI["capital-gain"],
c(-Inf,0,median(AdultUCI["capital-gain"])[AdultUCI["capital-gain"]>0]),
Inf)), labels = c("None", "Low", "High"))
affinity

Computing Affinity Between Items

Description

Provides the generic function `affinity` and the S4 methods to compute and return a similarity matrix with the affinities between items for a set of transactions.

Usage

`affinity(x)`

Arguments

- `x` a matrix or an object of class `itemMatrix` or `transactions`.

Details

Affinity between the two items `i` and `j` is defined by Aggarwal et al. (2002) as

\[
    A(i,j) = \frac{\text{sup}(\{i,j\})}{\text{sup}(\{i\}) + \text{sup}(\{j\}) - \text{sup}(\{i,j\})},
\]

where \(\text{sup}(.)\) is the support measure. This means that affinity is the Jaccard similarity between items.

Value

returns an object of class `ar_similarity` which represents the affinities between items in `x`.

References


See Also

dissimilarity, ar_similarity-class, itemMatrix-class
aggregate

Examples

data("Adult")

## choose a sample, calculate affinities
s <- sample(Adult, 500)

s

a <- affinity(s)
summary(as.vector(a))

aggregate

Aggregate Items Into Item Groups

Description

Provides the generic functions and the S4 methods for aggregating items in rules and itemsets.

Often an item hierarchy is available for datasets used for association rule mining. For example in a supermarket dataset items like "bread" and "beagle" might belong to the item group (category) "baked goods". The aggregate methods replaces items in transactions, itemsets or rules with item groups as specified by the user.

Usage

## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
aggregate(x, itemLabels)

## S4 method for signature 'itemsets'
aggregate(x, itemLabels)

## S4 method for signature 'rules'
aggregate(x, itemLabels)

Arguments

x             an transactions, itemsets or rules object.
itemLabels    a vector of character strings (factor) of the same length as items in x. Items receiving the same item label will be aggregated.

Value

This method returns an object of the same class as x encoded with a number of items equal to the number of unique values in itemLabels. Note that for associations (itemsets and rules) the number of associations in the returned set will most likely be reduced since several associations might map to the same aggregated association and aggregate returns a unique set. If several associations map to a single aggregated association then the quality measures of one of the original associations is randomly chosen.
Examples

```r
data("Groceries")

## Groceries contains a hierarchy stored in itemInfo
head(itemInfo(Groceries))
level1 <- itemInfo(Groceries)[["level1"]]
levels(level1)

## Aggregate transactions
aggregate(Groceries, level1)

## Aggregate rules
rules <- apriori(Groceries, parameter=list(supp=0.005, conf=0.5))
rules
aggregate(rules, level1)
```

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**APappearance-class**

Class “APappearance” — Specifying the ‘appearance’ Argument of `apriori()`

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**Description**

Specifies the restrictions on the associations mined by `apriori`. Note that appearance is not supported by the implementation of `eclat`.

**Objects from the Class**

If appearance restrictions are used, an appearance object will be created automatically within the `apriori` function using the information in the named list of the function’s appearance argument. In this case, the item labels used in the list will be automatically matched against the items in the used transaction database. The list can contain the following elements:

- `default`: one of "both", "lhs", "rhs", "none" (the default is "both"). This element specified the default appearance for all items not explicitly mentioned in the other elements of the list.
- `lhs, rhs, both, none, items`: character vectors giving the labels of the items which may only appear in the corresponding place of the rules/itemsets.

Objects can also be created by calls of the form `new("APappearance", ...)`. In this case, item IDs (column numbers of the transactions incidence matrix) have to be used instead of labels.

**Slots**

- `set`: an integer scalar indicating how many items are specified for each of `lhs, rhs, items, both` and `none`
- `items`: an integer vector of item IDs (column numbers)
- `labels`: a character vector of item labels
- `default`: a character scalar indicating the value for default appearance
apriori

References


See Also

apriori

Examples

```r
data("Adult")
## Mine only rules with small or large income in the right-hand-side.
rules <- apriori(Adult, parameter = list(confidence = 0.5),
    appearance = list(rhs = c("income=small", "income=large"),
    default="lhs"))
```

apriori  

Mining Associations with Apriori

Description

Mine frequent itemsets, association rules or association hyperedges using the Apriori algorithm. The Apriori algorithm employs level-wise search for frequent itemsets. The implementation of Apriori used includes some improvements (e.g., a prefix tree and item sorting).

Usage

```r
apriori(data, parameter = NULL, appearance = NULL, control = NULL)
```

Arguments

- **data**: object of class `transactions` or any data structure which can be coerced into `transactions` (e.g., a binary matrix or data.frame).
- **parameter**: object of class `APparameter` or named list. The default behavior is to mine rules with support 0.1, confidence 0.8, and maxlen 10.
- **appearance**: object of class `APappearance` or named list. With this argument item appearance can be restricted. By default all items can appear unrestricted.
- **control**: object of class `APcontrol` or named list. Controls the performance of the mining algorithm (item sorting, etc.)
Details

Calls the C implementation of the Apriori algorithm by Christian Borgelt for mining frequent itemsets, rules or hyperedges.

Note: Apriori only creates rules with one item in the RHS (Consequent)!

Note: The default value in `APparameter` for `minlen` is 1. This means that rules with only one item (i.e., an empty antecedent/LHS) like 

\[
\{\} \Rightarrow \{\text{beer}\}
\]

will be created. These rules mean that no matter what other items are involved the item in the RHS will appear with the probability given by the rule’s confidence (which equals the support). If you want to avoid these rules then use the argument `parameter=list(minlen=2)`.

Value

Returns an object of class `rules` or `itemsets`.

References


See Also

`APparameter-class`, `APcontrol-class`, `APappearance-class`, `transactions-class`, `itemsets-class`, `rules-class`

Examples

data("Adult")

## Mine association rules.

rules <- apriori(Adult,
    parameter = list(supp = 0.5, conf = 0.9,
                     target = "rules"))

summary(rules)
AScontrol-classes

Classes “AScontrol”, “APcontrol”, “ECcontrol” — Specifying the ‘control’ Argument of apriori() and eclat()

Description
The AScontrol class holds the algorithmic parameters for the used mining algorithms. APcontrol and ECcontrol directly extend AScontrol with additional slots for parameters only suitable for the algorithms Apriori (APcontrol) and Eclat (ECcontrol).

Objects from the Class
A suitable default control object will be automatically created by the apriori or the eclat function. By specifying a named list (names equal to slots) as control argument for the apriori or the eclat function, default values can be replaced by the values in the list. Objects can also be created by calls of the form new("APcontrol", ...) or new("ECcontrol", ...).

Slots
Common slots defined in AScontrol:

- sort: an integer scalar indicating how to sort items with respect to their frequency: (default: 2)
  - 1: ascending
  - -1: descending
  - 0: do not sort
  - 2: ascending
  - -2: descending with respect to transaction size sum

- verbose: a logical indicating whether to report progress

Additional slots for Apriori in APcontrol:

- filter: a numeric scalar indicating how to filter unused items from transactions (default: 0.1)
  - = 0: do not filter items with respect to. usage in sets
  - < 0: fraction of removed items for filtering
  - > 0: take execution times ratio into account

- tree: a logical indicating whether to organize transactions as a prefix tree (default: TRUE)

- heap: a logical indicating whether to use heapsort instead of quicksort to sort the transactions (default: TRUE)

- memopt: a logical indicating whether to minimize memory usage instead of maximize speed (default: FALSE)

- load: a logical indicating whether to load transactions into memory (default: TRUE)

Additional slots for Eclat in ECcontrol:

- sparse: a numeric value for the threshold for sparse representation (default: 7)
Methods

```r
coerce signature(from = "NULL", to = "APcontrol")
coerce signature(from = "list", to = "APcontrol")
coerce signature(from = "NULL", to = "ECcontrol")
coerce signature(from = "list", to = "ECcontrol")
```

References


See Also

`apriori`, `eclat`

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**ASParameter-classes**

Classes “ASparameter”, “APparameter”, “ECparameter” — Specifying the ‘parameter’ Argument of `apriori()` and `eclat()`

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**Description**

The ASParameter class holds the mining parameters (e.g., minimum support) for the used mining algorithms. APparameter and ECparameter directly extend ASParameter with additional slots for parameters only suitable for the Apriori (APparameter) or the Eclat algorithms (ECparameter).

**Objects from the Class**

A suitable default parameter object will be automatically created by the `apriori` or the `eclat` function. By specifying a named list (names equal to slots) as parameter argument for the `apriori` or the `eclat` function, default values can be replaced by the values in the list. Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("APparameter", ...)` or `new("ECparameter", ...)`.  

**Slots**

Common slots defined in ASParameter:

- `support`: a numeric value for the minimal support of an item set (default: 0.1)
- `minlen`: an integer value for the minimal number of items per item set (default: 1)
- `maxlen`: an integer value for the maximal number of items per item set (default: 10)
- `target`: a character string indicating the type of association mined. One of
  - "frequent itemsets"
  - "maximally frequent itemsets"
  - "closed frequent itemsets"
  - "rules" (only available for Apriori)
ASParameter-classes

- "hyperedgesets" (only available for Apriori; see references for the definition of association hyperedgesets)

ext: a logical indicating whether to produce extended information on quality measures (e.g., lhs.support)
(default: FALSE)

Additional slots for Apriori in APparameter:

confidence: a numeric value for the minimal confidence of rules/association hyperedges (default: 0.8)
smax: a numeric value for the maximal support of itemsets/rules/hyperedgesets (default: 1)
arem: a character string indicating the used additional rule evaluation measure (default: "none")
given by one of
  "none": no additional evaluation measure
  "diff": absolute confidence difference
  "quot": difference of confidence quotient to 1
  "aimp": absolute difference of improvement to 1
  "info": information difference to prior
  "chi2": normalized $\chi^2$ measure

aval: a logical indicating whether to return the additional rule evaluation measure selected with arem.

minval: a numeric value for the minimal value of additional evaluation measure selected with arem
(default: 0.1)

originalSupport: a logical indicating whether to use for minimum support the original definition
of the support of a rule (lhs and rhs) instead of lhs support. Make sure to use ext = TRUE if
originalSupport is set to FALSE (default: TRUE)

Additional slots for Eclat in ECparameter:

tidLists: a logical indicating whether to return also a list of supporting transactions (transaction
IDs) (default: FALSE)

Methods

coerce signature(from = "NULL", to = "APparameter")
coerce signature(from = "list", to = "APparameter")
coerce signature(from = "NULL", to = "ECparameter")
coerce signature(from = "list", to = "ECparameter")
show signature(object = "ASparameter")

References


See Also

apriori, eclat
associations-class  

Class “associations” - A Set of Associations

Description

The associations class is a virtual class which is extended to represent mining result (e.g., sets of itemsets or rules). The class provides accessors for the quality slot and a method for sorting the associations.

Objects from the Class

A virtual class: No objects may be created from it.

Slots

quality: a data.frame for quality measures (e.g., interest measures as support or confidence). Each quality measure is a named vector with the same length as the number of elements in the set of associations and each vector element belongs to the association with the same index.

info: a list which is used to store algorithm specific mining information. Typically it contains at least the elements "data" (name of the transaction data set), "ntransactions" (length of the data set), "support" (the minimum support used for mining).

Methods

info<-
signature(x = "associations"); replaces the info list.
info
signature(x = "associations"); returns the info list.
items
signature(x = "associations"); dummy method. This method has to be implemented by all subclasses of associations and return the items which make up each association as an object of class itemMatrix.
labels
signature(object = "associations"); dummy method. This method has to be implemented by all subclasses of associations and return a vector of length(object) of labels for the elements in the association.
length
signature(x = "associations"); dummy method. This method has to be implemented by all subclasses of associations and return the number of elements in the association.
quality<-
signature(x = "associations"); replaces the quality data.frame. The lengths of the vectors in the data.frame have to equal the number of associations in the set.
quality
signature(x = "associations"); returns the quality data.frame.
show
signature(object = "associations")

Subclasses

itemsets-class, rules-class

See Also

sort, write, length, is.subset, is.superset, sets, unique, itemMatrix-class
**Description**

Provides the S4 methods to combine several objects based on `itemMatrix` into a single object. Note, use `union` rather than `c` to combine several mined `itemsets` (or `rules`) into a single set.

**Usage**

```r
## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
c(x, ..., recursive = FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'transactions'
c(x, ..., recursive = FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'rules'
c(x, ..., recursive = FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'itemsets'
c(x, ..., recursive = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` first object.
- `...` further objects of the same class as `x` to be combined.
- `recursive` a logical. If `recursive=TRUE`, the function recursively descends through lists combining all their elements into a vector.

**Value**

An object of the same class as `x`.

**See Also**

`itemMatrix-class, transactions-class, rules-class, itemsets-class`

**Examples**

```r
data("Adult")

## combine transactions
a1 <- Adult[1:10]
a2 <- Adult[101:110]
aComb <- c(a1, a2)
```
coverage summary(aComb)

## combine rules
r1 <- apriori(Adult[1:1000])
r2 <- apriori(Adult[1001:2000])
rComb <- unique(c(r1, r2))
rComb

coverage Calculate coverage for rules

Description

Provides the generic function and the needed S4 method to calculate the coverage (support of the
left-hand-side) of rules.

Usage

coverage(x, transactions = NULL, reuse = TRUE)

Arguments

x the set of rules.
transactions the data set used to generate 'x'. Only needed if the quality slot of 'x' does not
contain support and confidence.
reuse reuse support and confidence stored in 'x' or recompute from transactions?

Details

Coverage is calculated from the rules quality measures (support and confidence) stored in the quality
slot or, if these values are not present, as the support of the LHS.

Value

A numeric vector of the same length as x containing the coverage values for the sets in x.

See Also

rules-class

Examples

data("Income")

## find and some rules (we only use 5 rules here) and calculate coverage
rules <- apriori(Income)[1:5]
quality(rules) <- cbind(quality(rules), coverage = coverage(rules))

inspect(rules)
CrossTable

Cross-tabulate joint occurrences across pairs of items

Description

Provides the generic function `crossTable` and the S4 method to cross-tabulate joint occurrences across pairs of items.

Usage

crossTable(x, ...)

Arguments

x  
object to be cross-tabulated (transactions or itemMatrix).

...  
further arguments (currently unused).

Value

A symmetric matrix of n time n, where n is the number of items times in x. The matrix contains the co-occurrence counts between pairs of items.

See Also

transactions-class, itemMatrix-class.

Examples

data("Groceries")

c <- crossTable(Groceries)
c[1:5, 1:5]

discretize

Convert a Continuous Variable into a Categorical Variable

Description

This function converts a continuous variable into a categorical variable (factor) suitable for association rule mining.

Usage

discretize(x, method="interval", categories = 3, labels = NULL, onlycuts=FALSE, ...)

Arguments

x a numeric vector (continuous variable).
method discretization method. Available are: "interval" (equal interval width), "frequency" (equal frequency), "cluster" (k-means clustering) and "fixed" (categories specifies interval boundaries).
categories number of categories or a vector with boundaries (all values outside the boundaries will be set to NA).
labels character vector; names for categories.
onlycuts logical; return only computed interval boundaries.
... further arguments are ignored.

Value

A factor representing the categorized continuous variable or a vector with the interval boundaries.

Examples

data(iris)
x <- iris[,4]
hist(x, breaks=20, main="Data")

def.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE) # save default
layout(mat=rbind(1:2,3:4))

### convert continuous variables into categories
### default is equal interval width
table(discretize(x, categories=4))
hist(x, breaks=20, main="Equal Interval length")
abline(v=discretize(x, categories=4, onlycuts=TRUE), col="red")

### equal frequency
table(discretize(x, "frequency", categories=4))
hist(x, breaks=20, main="Equal Frequency")
abline(v=discretize(x, method="frequency", categories=4, onlycuts=TRUE), col="red")

### k-means clustering
table(discretize(x, "cluster", categories=4))
hist(x, breaks=20, main="K-Means")
abline(v=discretize(x, method="cluster", categories=4, onlycuts=TRUE), col="red")

### user-specified
table(discretize(x, "fixed", categories = c(-Inf,.8,Inf)))
table(discretize(x, "fixed", categories = c(-Inf,.8, Inf),
           labels=c("small", "large")))
hist(x, breaks=20, main="Fixed")
abline(v=discretize(x, method="fixed", categories = c(-Inf,.8,Inf),
...
```R
onlycuts=TRUE), col="red")
par(def.par) # reset to default
### prepare the iris data set
for(i in 1:4) iris[,i] <- discretize(iris[,i], "frequency", categories=3)
trans <- as(iris, "transactions")
inspect(trans[1,])
as(trans,"matrix")[1:3,]
```

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**dissimilarity**

**Dissimilarity Computation**

### Description

Provides the generic function `dissimilarity` and the S4 methods to compute and returns distances for binary data in a matrix, transactions or associations.

### Usage

```R
dissimilarity(x, y = NULL, method = NULL, args = NULL, ...)
dissimilarity(x, y = NULL, method = NULL, args = NULL, which = "transactions")
dissimilarity(x, y = NULL, method = NULL, args = NULL, which = "transactions")
dissimilarity(x, y = NULL, method = NULL, args = NULL)
```

### Arguments

- **x**: the set of elements (e.g., matrix, itemMatrix, transactions, itemsets, rules).
- **y**: NULL or a second set to calculate cross dissimilarities.
- **method**: the distance measure to be used. Implemented measures are (defaults to "jaccard"):
  - "affinity": measure based on the affinity, a similarity measure between items. It is defined as the average affinity between the items in two transactions (see Aggarwal et al. (2002)). If x is not the full transaction set args needs to contain either precalculated affinities as element "affinities" or the transaction set as "transactions".
  - "cosine": the cosine distance.
  - "dice": the Dice’s coefficient defined by Dice (1945). Similar to Jaccard but gives double the weight to agreeing items.
  - "euclidean": the euclidean distance.
"jaccard": the number of items which occur in both elements divided by the total number of items in the elements (Sneath, 1957). This measure is often also called: binary, asymmetric binary, etc.

"matching": the Matching coefficient defined by Sokal and Michener (1958). This coefficient gives the same weight to presents and absence of items.

"pearson": the 1 - Pearson correlation coefficient.

For associations the following additional measures are available:

"toivonen": Method described in Toivonen et al. (1995). For rules this measure is only defined between rules with the same consequent. The distance between two rules is defined as the number of transactions which is covered by only one of the two rules. The transactions used to mine the associations has to be passed on via args as element "transactions".

"gupta": Method described in Gupta et al. (1999). The distance between two rules is defined as 1 minus the proportion of transactions which are covered by both rules in the transactions covered by each rule individually. The transactions used to mine the associations has to be passed on via args as element "transactions".

args a list of additional arguments for the methods.

which a character string indicating if the dissimilarity should be calculated between transactions (default) or items (use "items").

... further arguments.

Value

returns an object of class dist.

References


See Also

affinity, dist-class, itemMatrix-class, associations-class.
Examples

```r
## cluster items in Groceries with support > 5%
data("Groceries")
s <- Groceries[,itemFrequency(Groceries)>0.05]
d_jaccard <- dissimilarity(s, which = "items")
plot(hclust(d_jaccard, method = "ward"))

## cluster transactions for a sample of Adult
data("Adult")
s <- sample(Adult, 200)

## calculate Jaccard distances and do hclust
d_jaccard <- dissimilarity(s)
plot(hclust(d_jaccard))

## calculate affinity-based distances and do hclust
d_affinity <- dissimilarity(s, method = "affinity")
plot(hclust(d_affinity))

## cluster rules
rules <- apriori(Adult, parameter=list(support = 0.3))
rules <- subset(rules, subset = lift > 2)

## use affinity
## we need to supply the item affinities from the dataset (sample)
d_affinity <- dissimilarity(rules, method = "affinity",
   args = list(affinity = affinity(s)))
plot(hclust(d_affinity))

## use gupta
d_gupta <- dissimilarity(rules, method = "gupta", args=list(trans=Adult))
plot(hclust(d_gupta))
```

Find Duplicated Elements

Description

Provides the generic function duplicated and the S4 methods for itemMatrix and associations. duplicated finds duplicated elements in an itemMatrix. It returns a logical vector indicating which elements are duplicates.

Note that duplicated can also be used to find transactions with identical items and identical rules and itemsets stored in rules and itemsets.
Usage

duplicated(x, incomparables = FALSE, ...)

Arguments

x       an object of class itemMatrix or associations.
...      further arguments (currently unused).
incomparables argument currently unused.

Value

A logical vector indicating duplicated elements.

See Also

unique, rules-class, itemsets-class, itemMatrix-class

Examples

data("Adult")

r1 <- apriori(Adult[1:1000], parameter = list(support = 0.5))
r2 <- apriori(Adult[1001:2000], parameter = list(support = 0.5))

## Note this creates a collection of rules from two sets of rules
r_comb <- c(r1, r2)
duplicated(r_comb)

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eclat                Mining Associations with Eclat

Description

Mine frequent itemsets with the Eclat algorithm. This algorithm uses simple intersection operations
for equivalence class clustering along with bottom-up lattice traversal.

Usage

eclat(data, parameter = NULL, control = NULL)
Arguments

- **data** object of class `transactions` or any data structure which can be coerced into `transactions` (e.g., binary matrix, data.frame).
- **parameter** object of class `ECparameter` or named list (default values are: support 0.1 and maxlen 5)
- **control** object of class `ECcontrol` or named list for algorithmic controls.

Details

Calls the C implementation of the Eclat algorithm by Christian Borgelt for mining frequent itemsets.

Note for control parameter `tidLists=TRUE`: Since storing transaction ID lists is very memory intensive, creating transaction ID lists only works for minimum support values which create a relatively small number of itemsets. See also `supportingTransactions()`.

Value

Returns an object of class `itemsets`.

References


See Also

`ECparameter-class`, `ECcontrol-class`, `transactions-class`, `itemsets-class`, `apriori`, `supportingTransactions`

Examples

```r
data("Adult")
## Mine itemsets with minimum support of 0.1.
itemsets <- eclat(Adult,
    parameter = list(supp = 0.1, maxlen = 15))
```

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**Epub**

**Epub Data Set**

Description

The Epub data set contains the download history of documents from the electronic publication platform of the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. The data was recorded between Jan 2003 and Dec 2008.
Groceries

Usage
data(Groceries)

Format
Object of class transactions with 15729 transactions and 936 items. Item labels are document IDs of the from "doc_11d". Session IDs and time stamps for transactions are also provided.

Source
Provided by Michael Hahsler from ePub-WU at http://epub.wu-wien.ac.at.

Description
The Groceries data set contains 1 month (30 days) of real-world point-of-sale transaction data from a typical local grocery outlet. The data set contains 9835 transactions and the items are aggregated to 169 categories.

If you use this data set in your paper, please refer to the paper in the references section.

Usage
data(Groceries)

Format
Object of class transactions.

Source
The data set is provided for arules by Michael Hahsler, Kurt Hornik and Thomas Reutterer.

References
Visual Inspection of Binary Incidence Matrices

Description

Provides the S4 methods image to generate level plots to visually inspect binary incidence matrices, i.e., objects based on itemMatrix (e.g., transactions, tidLists, items in itemsets or rhs/lhs in rules). These plots can be used to identify problems in a data set (e.g., recording problems with some transactions containing all items).

Usage

## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
image(x, 
   xlab = "Items (Columns)",
   ylab = "Elements (Rows)", ...)

## S4 method for signature 'transactions'
image(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'tidLists'
image(x,
   xlab="Transactions (Columns)",
   ylab="Items/itemsets (Rows)", ...)

Arguments

x the object (itemMatrix, transactions or tidLists).

xlab, ylab labels for the plot.

... further arguments passed on to image in package Matrix which in turn are passed on to levelplot in lattice.

See Also

image (for dgTMatrix in Matrix), levelplot (in lattice), itemMatrix-class, transactions-class, tidLists-class

Examples

data("Epub")

## in this data set we can see that not all
## items were available from the beginning.
image(Epub[1:1000])
Description

The IncomeESL data set originates from an example in the book ‘The Elements of Statistical Learning’ (see Section source). The data set is an extract from this survey. It consists of 8993 instances (obtained from the original data set with 9409 instances, by removing those observations with the annual income missing) with 14 demographic attributes. The data set is a good mixture of categorical and continuous variables with a lot of missing data. This is characteristic of data mining applications. The Income data set contains the data already prepared and coerced to transactions.

Usage

data("Income")
data("IncomeESL")

Format

IncomeESL is a data frame with 8993 observations on the following 14 variables.

- income an ordered factor with levels [0,10) < (10,15) < (15,20) < (20,25) < (25,30) < (30,40) < (40,50) < (50,75) < 75+
- sex a factor with levels male female
- marital status a factor with levels married cohabitation divorced widowed single
- age an ordered factor with levels 14-17 < 18-24 < 25-34 < 35-44 < 45-54 < 55-64 < 65+
- education an ordered factor with levels grade <9 < grades 9-11 < high school graduate < college (1-3 years) < college graduate < graduate study
- occupation a factor with levels professional/managerial sales laborer clerical/service homemaker student military retired unemployed
- years in bay area an ordered factor with levels <1 < 1-3 < 4-6 < 7-10 < >10
- dual incomes a factor with levels not married yes no
- number in household an ordered factor with levels 1 < 2 < 3 < 4 < 5 < 6 < 7 < 8 < 9+
- number of children an ordered factor with levels 0 < 1 < 2 < 3 < 4 < 5 < 6 < 7 < 8 < 9+
- householder status a factor with levels own rent live with parents/family
- type of home a factor with levels house condominium apartment mobile Home other
- ethnic classification a factor with levels american indian asian black east indian hispanic pacific islander white other
- language in home a factor with levels english spanish other

Details

To create Income (the transactions object), the original data frame in IncomeESL is prepared in a similar way as described in ‘The Elements of Statistical Learning.’ We removed cases with missing values and cut each ordinal variable (age, education, income, years in bay area, number in household, and number of children) at its median into two values (see Section examples).
Source


Examples

data("IncomeESL")
IncomeESL[1:3, ]

## remove incomplete cases
IncomeESL <- IncomeESL[complete.cases(IncomeESL), ]

## preparing the data set
IncomeESL["income"] <- factor((as.numeric(IncomeESL["income"] > 6) +1,
  levels = 1 : 2 , labels = c("$0-$49,000", "$40,000+"))
IncomeESL["age"] <- factor((as.numeric(IncomeESL["age"] > 3) +1,
  levels = 1 : 2 , labels = c("14-34", "35+"))
IncomeESL["education"] <- factor((as.numeric(IncomeESL["education"] > 4) +1,
  levels = 1 : 2 , labels = c("no college graduate", "college graduate"))
IncomeESL["years in bay area"] <- factor((as.numeric(IncomeESL["years in bay area"] > 4) +1,
  levels = 1 : 2 , labels = c("1-9", "10+"))
IncomeESL["number in household"] <- factor((as.numeric(IncomeESL["number in household"] > 3) +1,
  levels = 1 : 2 , labels = c("1", "2+"))
IncomeESL["number of children"] <- factor((as.numeric(IncomeESL["number of children"] > 1) +0,
  levels = 0 : 1 , labels = c("0", "1+"))

## creating transactions
Income <- as(IncomeESL, "transactions")
Income

inspect

Display Associations and Transactions in Readable Form

Description

Provides the generic function inspect and S4 methods to display associations and transactions plus additional information formatted for online inspection.
interestMeasure

Usage

inspect(x, ...)

Arguments

x             a set of associations or transactions or an itemMatrix.
...           additional arguments (currently unused)

See Also

itemMatrix-class, itemsets-class, rules-class, transactions-class

Examples

data("Adult")
rules <- apriori(Adult)
inspect(rules[1000])

interestMeasure Calculating various additional interest measures

Description

Provides the generic function interestMeasure and the needed S4 method to calculate various additional interest measures for existing sets of itemsets or rules.

Usage

interestMeasure(x, method, transactions = NULL, reuse = TRUE, ...)

Arguments

x             a set of itemsets or rules.
method        name or vector of names of the desired interest measures (see details for available measures).
transactions  the transaction data set used to mine the associations or a set of different transactions to calculate interest measures from (Note: you need to set reuse=FALSE in the later case).
reuse         logical indicating if information in quality slot should be reuse for calculating the measures. This speeds up the process significantly since only very little (or no) transaction counting is necessary if support, confidence and lift are already available. Use reuse=FALSE to force counting (might be very slow but is necessary if you use a different set of transactions than was used for mining).
...           further arguments for the measure calculation.
Details

For itemsets the following measures are implemented:

"allConfidence" (see, Omiecinski, 2003) is defined on itemsets as the minimum confidence of all possible rule generated from the itemset.

"crossSupportRatio" (see, Xiong et al., 2003) is defined on itemsets as the ratio of the support of the least frequent item to the support of the most frequent item. Cross-support patterns have a ratio smaller than a set threshold. Normally many found patterns are cross-support patterns which contain frequent as well as rare items. Such patterns often tend to be spurious.

"lift" probability (support) of the itemset over the product of the probabilities of all items in the itemset. This is a measure of dependence similar to lift for rules.

"support" calculate itemset support.

For rules the following measures are implemented:

"chiSquare" (see Liu et al. 1999). The chi-square statistic to test for independence between the lhs and rhs of the rule. The critical value of the chi-square distribution with 1 degree of freedom (2x2 contingency table) at \( \alpha = 0.05 \) is 3.84; higher chi-square values indicate that the lhs and the rhs are not independent.

Note that the contingency table is likely to have cells with low expected values and that thus Fisher’s Exact Test might be more appropriate (see below).

"confidence" calculate rule confidence. Range 0 . . . 1.

"conviction" (see Brin et al. 1997) defined as \( P(X)P(Y)/P(X \land Y) \). Range: 0.5 . . . 1 . . . \( \infty \) (1 indicates unrelated items).

"cosine" (see Tan et al. 2004) equivalent to the IS measure. Range: 0 . . . 1.

"coverage" calculate rule coverage (support of LHS). Range: 0 . . . 1.

"doc" calculate difference of confidence, which is defined by Hofmann and Wilhelm (2001) as conf(\( X \Rightarrow Y \)) – conf(\( \overline{X} \Rightarrow Y \)). Range: -1 . . . 1.

"gini" gini index (see Tan et al. 2004). Range: 0 . . . 1.

"hyperLift" (see, Hahsler and Hornik, 2007) is an adaptation of the lift measure which is more robust for low counts. It is based on the idea that under independence the count \( c_{XY} \) of the transactions which contain all items in a rule \( X \Rightarrow Y \) follows a hypergeometric distribution (represented by the random variable \( C_{XY} \)) with the parameters given by the counts \( c_X \) and \( c_Y \).

Lift is defined for the rule \( X \Rightarrow Y \) as:

\[
\text{lift}(X \Rightarrow Y) = \frac{P(X \cup Y)}{P(X)P(Y)} = \frac{c_{XY}}{E[C_{XY}]},
\]

where \( E[C_{XY}] = c_X c_Y / m \) with \( m \) being the number of transactions in the database.

Hyper-lift is defined as:

\[
\text{hyperlift}(X \Rightarrow Y) = \frac{c_{XY}}{Q_\delta[C_{XY}]},
\]

where \( Q_\delta[C_{XY}] \) is the quantile of the hypergeometric distribution given by \( \delta \). The quantile can be given as parameter \( d \) (default: \( d=0.99 \)). Range: 0 . . . \( \infty \).
"hyperConfidence" (Hahsler and Hornik, 2007) calculates the confidence level that we observe too high/low counts for rules \( X \Rightarrow Y \) using the hypergeometric model. Since the counts are drawn from a hypergeometric distribution (represented by the random variable \( C_{XY} \)) with known parameters given by the counts \( c_X \) and \( c_Y \), we can calculate a confidence interval for the observed counts \( c_{XY} \) stemming from the distribution. Hyper-confidence reports the confidence level (significance level if \( \text{significance}=\text{TRUE} \) is used) for

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{complements} & - 1 - P[C_{XY} > c_{XY}|c_X, c_Y] \\
\text{substitutes} & - 1 - P[C_{XY} < c_{XY}|c_X, c_Y].
\end{align*}
\]

A confidence level of, e.g., > 0.95 indicates that there is only a 5% chance that the count for the rule was generated randomly.

Per default complementary effects are mined, substitutes can be found by using the parameter \( \text{complements} = \text{FALSE} \). Range: 0 . . . 1.

"fishersExactTest" Fisher’s Exact Test is a statistical significance test used in the analysis of contingency tables where sample sizes are small. Returns the p-value. Note that it is equal to hyper-confidence with \( \text{significance} = \text{TRUE} \).

"improvement" (see Bayardo et al. 2000) the improvement of a rule is the minimum difference between its confidence and the confidence of any proper sub-rule with the same consequent. Range: 0 . . . 1.

"leverage" (see Piatetsky-Shapiro 1991) defined as \( P(X \Rightarrow Y) - (P(X)P(Y)) \). It measures the difference of \( X \) and \( Y \) appearing together in the data set and what would be expected if \( X \) and \( Y \) where statistically dependent. Range: -1 . . . 1.

"lift" calculate rule lift. Range: 0 . . . \( \infty \).

"oddsRatio" (see Tan et al. 2004). The odds of finding \( X \) in transactions which contain \( Y \) divided by the odds of finding \( X \) in transactions which do not contain \( Y \). Range: 0 . . . 1 . . . \( \infty \) ( 1 indicates that \( Y \) is not associated to \( X \)).

"phi" the correlation coefficient \( \phi \) (see Tan et al. 2004) Range: -1 (perfect neg. correlation) to +1 (perfect pos. correlation).

"RLD" (Relative Linkage Disequilibrium; see Kenett and Salini 2008). RLD evaluates the deviation of the support of the whole rule from the support expected under in-dependence given the supports of the LHS and the RHS. The code was contributed by Silvia Salini. Range: 0 . . . 1.

"support" calculate rule support. Range: 0 . . . 1.

Value

If only one method is used, the function returns a numeric vector containing the values of the interest measure for each association in the set of associations \( x \).

If more than one methods are specified, the result is a data.frame containing the different measures for each association.

References


interestMeasure


See Also

`itemsets-class`, `rules-class`

Examples

data("Income")
rules <- apriori(Income)

## calculate a single measure and add it to the quality slot
quality(rules) <- cbind(quality(rules),
hyperConfidence = interestMeasure(rules, method = "hyperConfidence",
transactions = Income))

inspect(head(sort(rules, by = "hyperConfidence")))

## calculate several measures
m <- interestMeasure(rules, c("confidence", "oddsRatio", "leverage"),
transactions = Income)
inspect(head(rules))
head(m)

## calculate measures on a different set of transactions (I use a sample here)
## Note: reuse = TRUE (default) would just return the stored support on the
## data set used for mining
newTrans <- sample(Income, 100)
m2 <- interestMeasure(rules, "support", transactions = newTrans, reuse = FALSE)
head(m2)
is.closed  

**Find Closed Itemsets**

**Description**

Provides the generic function and the S4 method `is.closed` for finding closed itemsets. The closure of an itemset is its largest proper superset which has the same support (is contained in exactly the same transactions). An itemset is closed, if it is its own closure (Passquer et al. 1999).

**Usage**

```r
is.closed(x)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` a set of itemsets.

**Value**

A logical vector with the same length as `x` indicating for each element in `x` if it is a closed itemset.

**References**


**See Also**

`itemsets-class`

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is.maximal  

**Find Maximal Itemsets**

**Description**

Provides the generic function and the S4 method `is.maximal` for finding maximal itemsets. An itemset is maximal in a set if no proper superset of the itemset is contained in the set (Zaki et al., 1997).

**Usage**

```r
is.maximal(x,...)
```

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```r
## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'

is.maximal(x)
```
Arguments

- \( x \) the set of itemsets or an itemMatrix object.
- \( \ldots \) further arguments.

Value

a logical vector with the same length as \( x \) indicating for each element in \( x \) if it is a maximal itemset.

References


See Also

- `is.superset`
- `itemMatrix-class`
- `itemsets-class`

is.superset

Find Super and Subsets

Description

Provides the generic functions and the S4 methods `is.subset` and `is.superset` for finding super or subsets in associations and itemMatrix objects.

Usage

```r
is.subset(x, y = NULL, proper = FALSE, sparse = FALSE, ...)  
is.superset(x, y = NULL, proper = FALSE, sparse = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

- \( x, y \) associations or itemMatrix objects. If \( y = \text{NULL} \), the super or subset structure within set \( x \) is calculated.
- \( \text{proper} \) a logical indicating if all or just proper super or subsets.
- \( \text{sparse} \) a logical indicating if a sparse (ngCMat) rather than a dense logical matrix should be returned. This preserves a significant amount of memory for large sets of \( x \) and \( y \).
- \( \ldots \) currently unused.

Details

looks for each element in \( x \) which elements in \( y \) are supersets or subsets. Note that the method can be very slow and memory intensive if \( x \) and/or \( y \) contain many elements.
Value
returns a logical matrix or a sparse ngCMatrix (for parse=TRUE) with length(x) rows and length(y) columns. Each logical row vector represents which elements in y are supersets (subsets) of the corresponding element in x. If either x or y have length zero, NULL is returned instead of a matrix.

See Also
associations-class, itemMatrix-class

Examples
data("Adult")
set <- eclat(Adult, parameter = list(supp = 0.8))

### find the supersets of each itemset in set
is.superset(set, set)
is.superset(set, set, sparse = TRUE)

---

itemCoding

Description
Provides the generic functions and the S4 methods for converting item labels into column IDs used in the binary matrix representation and vice versa.

decode converts from the numeric (column IDs) representation to readable item labels. decode is used by LIST.
encode converts from readable item labels to an itemMatrix using a given coding. With this method it is possible to create several compatible itemMatrix objects (i.e., use the same binary representation for items) from data.
recode recodes an itemMatrix object so its coding is compatible with another object or the matrix follows a certain order of items.

Usage
decode(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
decode(x, itemLabels)
## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
decode(x, itemLabels)

encode(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
encode(x, itemLabels, itemMatrix = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'character'
encode(x, itemLabels, itemMatrix = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
encode(x, itemLabels, itemMatrix = TRUE)

recode(\ldots)
## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
recode(x, itemLabels = NULL, match = NULL)

Arguments

x     a vector or a list of vectors of character strings (for encode) or of numeric (for decode), or an object of class itemMatrix (for recode).

itemLabels a vector of character strings used for coding where the position of an item label in the vector gives the item's column ID. The used itemLabels vector can be obtained from itemMatrix, transactions and associations by the method itemLabels.

itemMatrix return an object of class itemMatrix otherwise an object of the same class as x is returned.

match an itemMatrix object whose item coding x should match.

... further arguments.

Value

recode always returns an object of class itemMatrix.

For encode with itemMatrix = TRUE an object of class itemMatrix is returned. Otherwise the result is of the same type as x, e.g., a list or a vector.

See Also

LIST, associations-class, itemMatrix-class

Examples

data("Adult")

## Example 1: Manual decoding
## get code
iLabels <- itemLabels(Adult)
head(iLabels)

## get undecoded list and decode in a second step
list <- LIST(Adult[1:5], decode = FALSE)
list

decode(list, itemLabels = iLabels)

## Example 2: Manually create an itemMatrix
data <- list(
  c("income=small", "age=Young"),
  c("income=large", "age=Middle-aged")
)
itemFrequency

Description

Provides the generic function itemFrequency and S4 methods to get the frequency/support for all single items in an objects based on itemMatrix. For example, it is used to get the single item support from an object of class transactions without mining.

Usage

itemFrequency(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
itemFrequency(x, type)

Arguments

- `x`: an object.
- `...`: further arguments are passed on.
- `type`: a character string specifying if "relative" frequency/support or "absolute" frequency/support (item counts) is returned. (default: "relative").

Value

itemFrequency returns a named numeric vector. Each element is the frequency/support of the corresponding item in object x. The items appear in the vector in the same order as in the binary matrix in x.
See Also

itemFrequencyPlot, itemMatrix-class, transactions-class

Examples

data("Adult")
itemFrequency(Adult, type = "relative")

Description

Provides the generic function itemFrequencyPlot and the S4 method to create an item frequency bar plot for inspecting the item frequency distribution for objects based on itemMatrix (e.g., transactions, or items in itemsets and rules).

Usage

itemFrequencyPlot(x, ...)  
## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
itemFrequencyPlot(x, type = c("relative", "absolute"),  
support = NULL, topN = NULL,  
population = NULL, popCol = "black", popLwd = 1,  
lift = FALSE, horiz = FALSE,  
names = TRUE, cex.names = par("cex.axis"),  
xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, mai = NULL, ...)

Arguments

x
the object to be plotted.

...  
further arguments are passed on (see barplot from possible arguments).

type
a character string indicating whether item frequencies should be displayed relative of absolute.

support
a numeric value. Only display items which have a support of at least support. If no population is given, support is calculated from x otherwise from the population. Support is interpreted relative or absolute according to the setting of type.

topN
a integer value. Only plot the topN items with the highest item frequency or lift (if lift = TRUE). The items are plotted ordered by descending support.

population
object of same class as x; if x is a segment of a population, the population mean frequency for each item can be shown as a line in the plot.

popCol
plotting color for population.

popLwd
line width for population.
lift

A logical indicating whether to plot the lift ratio between instead of frequencies. The lift ratio is given how many times an item is more frequent in \( x \) than in population.

horiz

A logical. If \( \text{horiz} = \text{FALSE} \) (default), the bars are drawn vertically. If \( \text{TRUE} \), the bars are drawn horizontally.

names

A logical indicating if the names (bar labels) should be displayed?

cex.names

A numeric value for the expansion factor for axis names (bar labels).

xlab

A character string with the label for the x axis (use an empty string to force no label).

ylab

A character string with the label for the y axis (see xlab).

mai

A numerical vector giving the plots margin sizes in inches (see ‘? par’).

Value

A numeric vector with the midpoints of the drawn bars; useful for adding to the graph.

See Also

\texttt{itemFrequency, itemMatrix-class}

Examples

data(Adult)

## the following example compares the item frequencies
## of people with a large income (boxes) with the average in the data set
Adult.largeIncome <- Adult[, Adult %in% "income=large"]

## simple plot
itemFrequencyPlot(Adult.largeIncome)

## plot with the averages of the population plotted as a line
## (for first 72 variables/items)
itemFrequencyPlot(Adult.largeIncome[, 1:72],
population = Adult[, 1:72])

## plot lift ratio (frequency in x / frequency in population)
## for items with a support of 2/zero.noslash% in the population
itemFrequencyPlot(Adult.largeIncome,
population = Adult, support = 0.2,
    lift = TRUE, horiz = TRUE)
The `itemMatrix` class is the basic building block for transactions, itemsets and rules in package `arules`. The class contains a sparse Matrix representation of items (a set of itemsets or transactions) and the corresponding item labels.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("itemMatrix", ...)`. However, most of the time objects will be created by coercion from a matrix, list or data.frame.

Slots

data: Object of class `ngCMatrix` (from package `Matrix`) which stores item occurrences in sparse representation. Note that the `ngCMatrix` is column-oriented and `itemMatrix` is row-oriented with each row representing an element (an itemset, a transaction, etc.). As a result, the `ngCMatrix` in this slot is always a transposed version of the binary incidence matrix in `itemMatrix`.

itemInfo: a data.frame which contains named vectors of the length equal to the number of elements in the set. If the slot is not empty (contains no item labels), the first element in the data.frame must have the name "labels" and contain a character vector with the item labels used for representing an item. In addition to the item labels, the data.frame can contain arbitrary named vectors (of the same length) to represent, e.g., variable names and values which were used to create the binary items or hierarchical category information associated with each item label.

itemsetInfo: a data.frame which may contain additional information for the rows (mostly representing itemsets) in the matrix.

Methods

coerce signature(from = "matrix", to = "itemMatrix"); expects from to be a binary matrix only containing 0s and 1s.

coerce signature(from = "list", to = "itemMatrix"); from is a list of vectors. Each vector contains one set/transaction/....

coerce signature(from = "itemMatrix", to = "ngCMatrix"); access the sparse matrix representation. Note, the `ngCMatrix` contains a transposed from of the `itemMatrix`.

coerce signature(from = "itemMatrix", to = "dgCMatrix"); access the sparse matrix representation. Note, the `dgCMatrix` contains a transposed from of the `itemMatrix`.

coerce signature(from = "itemMatrix", to = "matrix"); coerces to a dense 0-1 matrix of storage.mode "integer" instead of "double" to save memory.

coerce signature(from = "itemMatrix", to = "list"); see also the methods for `LIST`.

dim signature(x = "itemMatrix"); returns the dimensions of the `itemMatrix`.
dimnames signature(x = "itemMatrix"); returns dimnames.

dimnames<- signature(x = "itemMatrix", value = "list"); replace dimnames.

%in% signature(x = "itemMatrix", table = "character"); matches the strings in table against the item labels in x and returns a logical vector indicating if a row (itemset) in x contains any of the items specified in table. Note that there is a %in% method with signature(x = "itemMatrix", table = "list"). This method is described in together with match.

%ain% signature(x = "itemMatrix", table = "character"); matches the strings in table against the item labels in x and returns a logical vector indicating if a row (itemset) in x contains all of the items specified in table.

%pin% signature(x = "itemMatrix", table = "character"); matches the strings in table against the item labels in x (using partial matching) and returns a logical vector indicating if a row (itemset) in x contains any of the items specified in table.

itemLabels signature(object = "itemMatrix"); returns the item labels used for encoding as a character vector.

itemLabels<- signature(object = "itemMatrix"); replaces the item labels used for encoding.

itemInfo signature(object = "itemMatrix"); returns the whole item/column information data.frame including labels.

itemInfo<- signature(object = "itemMatrix"); replaces the item/column info by a data.frame.

itemsetInfo signature(object = "itemMatrix"); returns the item set/row information data.frame.

itemsetInfo<- signature(object = "itemMatrix"); replaces the item set/row info by a data.frame.

labels signature(x = "transactions"); returns the labels (item labels and element names) for the matrix as a list of two vectors named items and elements. The following arguments can be used to customize the representation of the elements: itemSep, setStart and setEnd.

nitems signature(x = "itemMatrix"); returns the number of items (number in columns) in the itemMatrix.

show signature(object = "itemMatrix")

summary signature(object = "itemMatrix")

See Also
LIST, c, duplicated, inspect, is.subset, is.superset, itemFrequency, itemFrequencyPlot, match, length, sets, subset, unique, [-methods, image, ngCMatrix-class (from Matrix), transactions-class, itemsets-class, rules-class

Examples

## Generate random data and coerce data to itemMatrix.
m <- matrix(as.integer(runif(100000) > 0.8), ncol=20)
dimnames(m) <- list(NULL, paste("item", c(1:20), sep=""))
i <- as(m, "itemMatrix")

## Get the number of elements (rows) in the itemMatrix.
length(i)

## Get first 5 elements (rows) of the itemMatrix as list.
as(i[1:5], "list")

## Get first 5 elements (rows) of the itemMatrix as matrix.
as(i[1:5], "matrix")

## Get first 5 elements (rows) of the itemMatrix as sparse ngCMatrix.
## Warning: for efficiency reasons, the ngCMatrix you get is transposed!
as(i[1:5], "ngCMatrix")

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itemsets-class | Class “itemsets” — A Set of Itemsets

### Description

The itemsets class represents a set of itemsets and the associated quality measures. Note that the class can also represent a multiset of itemsets with duplicated elements. Duplicated elements can be removed with `unique`.

### Objects from the Class

Objects are the result of calling the functions `apriori` (e.g., with `target="frequent itemsets"` in the parameter list) or `eclat`. Objects can also be created by calls of the form `new("itemsets", ...)`.

### Slots

- `items`: object of class `itemMatrix` containing the items in the set of itemsets
- `quality`: a data.frame containing the quality measures for the itemsets
- `tidLists`: object of class `tidLists` containing the IDs of the transactions which support each itemset. The slot contains NULL if no transactions ID list is available (transactions ID lists are only available for `eclat`).

### Extends

Class `associations`, directly.

### Methods

- `coerce` signature(from = "itemsets", to = "data.frame"); represent the itemsets in readable form
- `items` signature(x = "itemsets"); returns the `itemMatrix` representing the set of itemsets
- `items<-` signature(x = "itemsets"); replaces the `itemMatrix` representing the set of itemsets
- `itemInfo` signature(object = "itemsets"); returns the whole item information data frame including item labels
- `labels` signature(object = "itemsets"); returns labels for the itemsets as a character vector. The labels have the following format: "item1, item2,..., itemn"
**itemLabels** signature(object = "itemsets"): returns the item labels used to encode the itemsets as a character vector. The index for each label is the column index of the item in the binary matrix.

**summary** signature(object = "itemsets")

**tidLists** signature(object = "itemsets"): returns the transaction ID list

**See Also**

[-methods, apriori, c, duplicated, eclat, inspect, is.maximal, length, match, sets, size, subset, associations-class, tidLists-class

**Examples**

data("Adult")

## Mine frequent itemsets with Eclat.

fsets <- eclat(Adult, parameter = list(supp = 0.5))

## Display the 5 itemsets with the highest support.

fsets.top5 <- sort(fsets)[1:5]

inspect(fsets.top5)

## Get the itemsets as a list

as(items(fsets.top5), "list")

## Get the itemsets as a binary matrix

as(items(fsets.top5), "matrix")

## Get the itemsets as a sparse matrix, a ngCMatrix from package Matrix.

## Warning: for efficiency reasons, the ngCMatrix you get is transposed

as(items(fsets.top5), "ngCMatrix")

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**length**

*Getting the Number of Elements*

**Description**

S4 methods for length which return the number of elements of objects defined in the package arules.

**Usage**

## S4 method for signature 'rules'

length(x)
## S4 method for signature 'itemsets'
length(x)

## S4 method for signature 'tidLists'
length(x)

## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
length(x)

### Arguments

- **x**: an object of class `transactions, rules, itemsets, tidLists`, or `itemMatrix`.

### Details

For `itemMatrix` and `transactions` the length is defined as the number of rows (transactions) in the binary incidence matrix.

For sets of associations (`rules, itemsets` and `associations` in general) the length is defined as the number of elements in the set (i.e., the number of rules or itemsets).

For `tidLists` the length is the number of lists (one per item or itemset) in the object.

### Value

An integer scalar giving the “length” of `x`.

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**LIST**

*List Representation for Objects Based on "itemMatrix"*

### Description

Provides the generic function `LIST` and the S4 methods to create a list representation from objects based on `itemMatrix` (e.g., `transactions, tidLists, or itemsets`). These methods can be used for the coercion to a list.

### Usage

- `LIST(from, ...)`

  ```r
  # S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
  LIST(from, decode = TRUE)
  ```

- `LIST(from, decode = TRUE)`

  ```r
  # S4 method for signature 'transactions'
  LIST(from, decode = TRUE)
  ```

- `LIST(from, decode = TRUE)`

  ```r
  # S4 method for signature 'tidLists'
  LIST(from, decode = TRUE)
  ```
Arguments
from the object to be converted into a list.
... further arguments.
decode a logical controlling whether the items/transactions are decoded from the column numbers internally used by \texttt{itemMatrix} to the names stored in the object from. The default behavior is to decode.

Details
Using \texttt{LIST} with \texttt{decode = TRUE} is equivalent to the standard coercion \texttt{as(x, "list"). LIST returns the object from as a list of vectors. Each vector represents one row of the \texttt{itemMatrix} (e.g., items in a transaction or itemset).

Value
a list primitive.

See Also
\texttt{decode, coerce, itemMatrix, list-method, itemMatrix-class}

Examples
```r
data(Adult)
LIST(Adult[1:5])
LIST(Adult[1:5], decode = FALSE)
```

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\textbf{match} \hspace{1cm} \textit{Value Matching}

\textbf{Description}
Provides the generic function \texttt{match} and the S4 methods for associations and transactions. \texttt{match} returns a vector of the positions of (first) matches of its first argument in its second.

\%in\% is a more intuitive interface as a binary operator, which returns a logical vector indicating if there is a match or not for its left operand.

\textbf{Usage}
```r
match(x, table, nomatch = NA_integer_, incomparables = NULL)
```

```r
x %in% table
```
Arguments

- **x**: an object of class `itemMatrix`, `transactions` or `associations`.
- **table**: a set of associations or transactions to be matched against.
- **nomatch**: the value to be returned in the case when no match is found.
- **incomparables**: not implemented.

Value

- **match**: An integer vector of the same length as `x` giving the position in `table` of the first match if there is a match, otherwise `nomatch`.
- **%in%**: A logical vector, indicating if a match was located for each element of `x`.

See Also

- `rules-class`, `itemsets-class`, `itemMatrix-class`

Examples

```r
data("Adult")

## get unique transactions, count frequency of unique transactions
## and plot frequency of unique transactions
vals <- unique(Adult)
cnts <- tabulate(match(Adult, vals))
plot(sort(cnts, decreasing=TRUE))

## find all transactions which are equal to transaction 1/zero.noslash in Adult
which(Adult %in% Adult[1/zero.noslash])
```

Description

Provides the generic function `merge` and the S4 methods for `itemMatrix` and `transactions`. The methods are used to add new items to existing data.

Usage

```r
merge(x, y, ...)
```

Arguments

- **x**: an object of class `itemMatrix` or `transactions`.
- **y**: an object of the same class as `x` (or something which can be coerced to that class).
- **...**: further arguments; unused.
predict

Model Predictions

Description

Provides the S4 method predict for itemMatrix (e.g., transactions). Predicts the membership (nearest neighbor) of new data to clusters represented by medoids or labeled examples.

Usage

```r
## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
predict(object, newdata, labels = NULL, blocksize = 200, ...)
```

Arguments

- **object**: medoids (no labels needed) or examples (labels needed).
- **newdata**: objects to predict labels for.
- **labels**: an integer vector containing the labels for the examples in object.
- **blocksize**: a numeric scalar indicating how much memory predict can use for big x and/or y (approx. in MB). This is only a crude approximation for 32-bit machines (64-bit architectures need double the blocksize in memory) and using the default Jaccard method for dissimilarity calculation. In general, reducing blocksize will decrease the memory usage but will increase the run-time.
- **...**: further arguments passed on to dissimilarity. E.g., method.
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Value

An integer vector of the same length as newdata containing the predicted labels for each element.

See Also
dissimilarity, itemMatrix-class

Examples

data("Adult")

## sample
small <- sample(Adult, 500)
large <- sample(Adult, 5000)

## cluster a small sample
d_jaccard <- dissimilarity(small)
hc <- hclust(d_jaccard)
l <- cutree(hc, k=4)

## predict labels for a larger sample
labels <- predict(small, large, l)

## plot the profile of the 1. cluster
itemFrequencyPlot(large[labels==1, itemFrequency(large) > 0.1])

proximity-classes

Classes “dist”, “ar\_cross\_dissimilarity” and “ar\_similarity” — Proximity Matrices

Description

Simple classes to represent proximity matrices. For compatibility with clustering functions in R, we represent dissimilarities as the S3 class dist. For cross-dissimilarities and similarities, we provide the S4 classes ar_cross_dissimilarities and ar_similarities.

Objects from the Class

dist objects are the result of calling the method dissimilarity with one argument or any R function returning a S3 dist object.

ar_cross_dissimilarity objects are the result of calling the method dissimilarity with two arguments, by calls of the form new("similarity", ...), or by coercion from matrix.

ar_similarity objects are the result of calling the method affinity, by calls of the form new("similarity", ...), or by coercion from matrix.
Slots

The S4 classes have a method slot which contains the type of measure used for calculation.

See Also

dist (in package stats), dissimilarity, affinity.

random.transactions

Simulate a Random Transaction Data Set

Description

Simulates a random transactions object using different methods.

Usage

random.transactions(nItems, nTrans, method = "independent", ..., verbose = FALSE)

Arguments

nItems    an integer. Number of items.
nTrans    an integer. Number of transactions.
method    name of the simulation method used (default: all items occur independently).
          further arguments used for the specific simulation method (see details).
verbose   report progress.

Details

The function generates a nitems times ntrans transaction database.

Currently two simulation methods are implemented:

method "independent" (see Hahsler et al., 2005) All items are treated as independent. Each
transaction is the result of nItems independent Bernoulli trials, one for each item with suc-
cess probabilities given by the numeric vector iProb of length nItems (default: 0.01 for each
item).

method "agrawal" (see Agrawal and Srikant, 1994) This method creates transactions with cor-
related items uses the following additional parameters:

  lTrans average length of transactions.
  nPats number of patterns (potential maximal frequent itemsets) used.
  lPats average length of patterns.
  corr correlation between consecutive patterns.
  cmean mean of the corruption level (normal distr.).
  cvar variance of the corruption level.
random.transactions

The simulation is a two-stage process. First, a set of nPats patterns (potential maximal frequent itemsets) is generated. The length of the patterns is Poisson distributed with mean lPats and consecutive patterns share some items controlled by the correlation parameter corr. For later use, for each pattern a pattern weight is generated by drawing from an exponential distribution with a mean of 1 and a corruption level is chosen from a normal distribution with mean cmean and variance cvar.

The patterns are created using the following function:

random.patterns(nItems, nPats = 2, method = "agrawal", lPats = 4, corr = 0.5, cmean = 0.5, cvar = 1)

The function returns the patterns as an itemsets objects which can be supplied to random.transactions as the argument patterns. If no argument patterns is supplied, the default values given above are used.

In the second step, the transactions are generated using the patterns. The length the transactions follows a Poisson distribution with mean lPats. For each transaction, patterns are randomly chosen using the pattern weights till the transaction length is reached. For each chosen pattern, the associated corruption level is used to drop some items before adding the pattern to the transaction.

Value

Returns an object of class transactions.

References


See Also

transactions-class.

Examples

# generate random 1000 transactions for 200 items with
# a success probability decreasing from 0.2 to 0.0001
# using the method described in Hahsler et al. (2006).
trans <- random.transactions(nItems = 200, nTrans = 1000,
  pProb = seq(0.2, 0.0001, length=200))

# display random data set
image(trans)

# use the method by Agrawal and Srikant (1994) to simulate transactions
# which contains correlated items. This should create data similar to
# T10I4D100K (just only 1000 transactions)
patterns <- random.patterns(nItems = 1000)
summary(patterns)

trans2 <- random.transactions(nItems = 1000, nTrans = 1000,
method = "agrawal", patterns = patterns)
image(trans2)

## plot data with items ordered by item frequency
image(trans2[,order(itemFrequency(trans2), decreasing=TRUE)])

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### read.PMML

**Read and Write PMML**

**Description**

This function reads and writes PMML representations (version 4.1) of associations (itemsets and rules).

**Usage**

```r
write.PMML(x, file)
read.PMML(file)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` a rules or itemsets object.
- `file` name of the PMML file (for read.PMML also a XML root node can be supplied).

**Details**

Write delegates to package pmml.

**References**

PMML home page: [http://www.dmg.org](http://www.dmg.org)

**See Also**

- `pmml`

**Examples**

```r
library("arules")
data("Groceries")

rules <- apriori(Groceries, parameter=list(support=0.001))
rules <- head(sort(rules, by="lift"))
rules
```
### save rules as PMML
write.PMML(rules, file = "rules.xml")

### read rules back
rules2 <- read.PMML("rules.xml")

### compare rules
inspect(rules[1])
inspect(rules2[1])

### clean up
unlink("rules.xml")

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**read.transactions**  
*Read Transaction Data*

**Description**

Reads a transaction data file from disk and creates a `transactions` object.

**Usage**

```r
read.transactions(file, format = c("basket", "single"), sep = NULL,
cols = NULL, rm.duplicates = FALSE, encoding = "unknown")
```

**Arguments**

- **file**  
  the file name.

- **format**  
  a character string indicating the format of the data set. One of "basket" or "single", can be abbreviated.

- **sep**  
  a character string specifying how fields are separated in the data file, or NULL (default). For basket format, this can be a regular expression; otherwise, a single character must be given. The default corresponds to white space separators.

- **cols**  
  For the ‘single’ format, `cols` is a numeric or character vector of length two giving the numbers or names of the columns (fields) with the transaction and item ids, respectively. If character, the first line of file is assumed to be a header with column names. For the ‘basket’ format, `cols` can be a numeric scalar giving the number of the column (field) with the transaction ids. If `cols = NULL`, the data do not contain transaction ids.

- **rm.duplicates**  
  a logical value specifying if duplicate items should be removed from the transactions.

- **encoding**  
  character string indicating the encoding which is passed to `readlines` (see `Encoding`).
Details

For ‘basket’ format, each line in the transaction data file represents a transaction where the items (item labels) are separated by the characters specified by sep. For ‘single’ format, each line corresponds to a single item, containing at least ids for the transaction and the item.

Value

Returns an object of class transactions.

See Also

transactions-class

Examples

```r
## create a demo file using basket format for the example
data <- paste("item1,item2", "item1", "item2,item3", sep="\n")
cat(data)
write(data, file = "demo_basket")

## read demo data
tr <- read.transactions("demo_basket", format = "basket", sep="",")
inspect(tr)

## create a demo file using single format for the example
## column 1 contains the transaction ID and column 2 contains one item
data <- paste("trans1 item1", "trans2 item1", "trans2 item2", sep="\n")
cat(data)
write(data, file = "demo_single")

## read demo data
tr <- read.transactions("demo_single", format = "single", cols = c(1,2))
inspect(tr)

## tidy up
unlink("demo_basket")
unlink("demo_single")
```

ruleInduction  
Rule Induction for a Set of Itemsets

Description

Provides the generic function and the needed S4 method to induce all rules which can be generated by the given itemsets from a transactions data set.
ruleInduction

Usage

ruleInduction(x, ...)  
## S4 method for signature 'itemsets'
ruleInduction(x, transactions, confidence = 0.8,
           control = NULL)

Arguments

x          the set of itemsets from which rules will be induced.
...        further arguments.
transactions the transaction data set used to mine the itemsets.
confidence  a numeric value giving the minimum confidence for the rules.
control     a named list with elements method indicating the method ("apriori" or "ptree"),
             and the logical arguments reduce and verbose to indicate if unused items are
             removed and if the output should be verbose. Currently, "ptree" is the default
             method.

Details

If in control method = "apriori" is used, a very simple rule induction method is used. All rules
are mined from the transactions data set using Apriori with the minimal support found in itemsets.
And in a second step all rules which do not stem from one of the itemsets are removed. This
procedure will be in many cases very slow (e.g., for itemsets with many elements or very low
support).

If in control method = "ptree" is used, the transactions are counted into a prefix tree and then the
rules are selectively generated using the counts in the tree. This is usually faster than the above
approach.

If in control reduce = TRUE is used, unused items are removed from the data before creating rules.
This might be slower for large transaction data sets. However, if method = "ptree" this is highly
recommended as the items are further reordered to reduce the counting time.

If argument transactions is missing it is assumed that x contains a lattice (complete set) of fre-
quent itemsets together with their support counts. Then rules can be induced directly without sup-
port counting. This approach is very fast.

Value

An object of class rules.

References

Michael Hahsler, Christian Buchta, and Kurt Hornik. Selective association rule generation. *Computa-

See Also

itemsets-class, rules-class transactions-class
Examples

```r
data("Adult")

## find all closed frequent itemsets
closed <- apriori(Adult,
parameter = list(target = "closed", support = 0.4))

## rule induction
rules <- ruleInduction(closed, Adult, control = list(verbose = TRUE))
summary(rules)

## inspect the resulting rules
inspect(sort(rules, by = "lift")[1:5])

## use lattice of frequent itemsets
ec <- eclat(Adult, parameter = list(support = 0.4))
rec <- ruleInduction(ec)
inspect(rec[1:5])
```

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**rules-class**

Class “rules” — A Set of Rules

### Description

The **rules** class represents a set of rules.

Note that the class can also represent a multiset of rules with duplicated elements. Duplicated elements can be removed with `unique`.

### Objects from the Class

Objects are the result of calling the function `apriori`. Objects can also be created by calls of the form `new("rules", ...)`.  

### Slots

- **lhs**: Object of class `itemMatrix`; the left-hand-sides of the rules (antecedents)
- **rhs**: Object of class `itemMatrix`; the right-hand-sides of the rules (consequents)
- **quality**: a data.frame

### Extends

Class **associations**, directly.
Methods

coerce signature(from = "rules", to = "data.frame"): represents the set of rules as a data.frame

classInfo signature(object = "rules"); returns the whole item information data frame including item labels

itemLabels signature(object = "rules"); returns the item labels used to encode the rules

class signature(x = "rules"); returns for each rule the union of the items in the lhs and rhs (i.e., the itemsets which generated the rule) as an itemMatrix

generatingItemsets signature(x = "rules"); returns a collection of the itemsets which generated the rules (one itemset for each rule). Note that the collection can be a multiset and contain duplicated elements. Use unique to remove duplicates and obtain a proper set.

labels signature(object = "rules"); returns labels for the rules ("lhs => rhs") as a character vector. The representation can be customized using the additional parameter ruleSep and parameters for label defined in itemMatrix

itemLabels signature(object = "rules"); returns the item labels as a character vector. The index for each label is the column index of the item in the binary matrix.

lhs signature(x = "rules"); returns the itemMatrix representing the left-hand-side of the rules (antecedents)

lhs< signature(x = "rules"); replaces the itemMatrix representing the left-hand-side of the rules (antecedents)

rhs signature(x = "rules"); returns the itemMatrix representing the right-hand-side of the rules (consequents)

rhs< signature(x = "rules"); replaces the itemMatrix representing the right-hand-side of the rules (consequents)

summary signature(object = "rules")

See Also

[-methods, apriori, c, duplicated, inspect, length, match, sets, size, subset, associations-class, itemMatrix-class,]

Examples

data("Adult")

## Mine rules.
rules <- apriori(Adult, parameter = list(support = 0.4))

## Select a subset of rules using partial matching on the items
## in the right-hand-side and a quality measure
rules.sub <- subset(rules, subset = rhs %pin% "sex" & lift > 1.3)

## Display rules.
inspect(sort(rules.sub)[1:3])
**Random Samples and Permutations**

**Description**

Provides the generic function `sample` and the S4 method to take a sample of the specified size from the elements of `x` using either with or without replacement. `sample` can be used to sample from a set of transactions or associations.

**Usage**

```r
sample(x, size, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL, ...)  
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: object to be sampled from (a set of associations or transactions).
- `size`: sample size.
- `replace`: a logical. Sample with replacement?
- `prob`: a numeric vector of probability weights.
- `...`: further arguments.

**Value**

An object of the same class as `x`.

**See Also**

`associations-class`, `transactions-class`, `itemMatrix-class`.

**Examples**

```r
data("Adult")

## sample with replacement
s <- sample(Adult, 500, replace = TRUE)
s  
```
Description

Provides the generic functions and the S4 methods for the set operations `union`, `intersect`, `setequal`, `setdiff` and `is.element` on sets of associations (e.g., rules, itemsets) and `itemMatrix`.

Usage

```r
union(x, y)
intersect(x, y)
setequal(x, y)
setdiff(x, y)
is.element(el, set)
```

Arguments

`x, y, el, set` sets of associations or `itemMatrix` objects.

Details

All S4 methods for set operations are defined for the class name "ANY" in the signature, so they should work for all S4 classes for which the following methods are available: `match`, `length` and `unique`.

Value

`union`, `intersect`, `setequal` and `setdiff` return an object of the same class as `x` and `y`.
`is.element` returns a logic vector of length `el` indicating for each element if it is included in `set`.

See Also

`associations-class`, `itemMatrix-class`

Examples

```r
data("Adult")

## mine some rules
r <- apriori(Adult)

## take 2 subsets
r1 <- r[1:10]
r2 <- r[6:15]

union(r1,r2)
intersect(r1,r2)
setequal(r1,r2)
```
Getting the Size of Each Element

Description

Provides the generic function `size` and S4 methods to get the size of each element from objects based on `itemMatrix`. For example, it is used to get a vector of transaction sizes (i.e., the number of present items (ones) per element (row) of the binary incidence matrix) from an object of class `transactions`.

Usage

```r
size(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` an object.
- `...` further (unused) arguments.

Value

`size` returns a numeric vector of length `length(x)`. Each element is the size of the corresponding element (row in the matrix) in object `x`. For rules, `size` returns the sum of the number of elements in the LHS and the RHS.

See Also

`itemMatrix-class, transactions-class`

Examples

```r
data("Adult")
summary(size(Adult))
```
**Description**

Provides the method `sort` to sort elements in class `associations` (e.g., itemsets or rules) according to the value of measures stored in the association’s slot `quality` (e.g., support).

**Usage**

```r
## S4 method for signature 'associations'
sort(x, decreasing = TRUE, na.last = NA,
     by = "support", ...)
## deprecated since arules version 0.5-1
## S4 method for signature 'associations'
SORT(x, by = "support", na.last = NA,
     decreasing = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: an object to be sorted.
- `decreasing`: a logical. Should the sort be increasing or decreasing? (default is decreasing)
- `na.last`: for controlling the treatment of NAs. If TRUE, missing values in the data are put last; if FALSE, they are put first; if NA, they are removed.
- `by`: a character string specifying the quality measure stored in `x` to be used to sort `x`.
- `...`: Further arguments passed on to `order`.

**Value**

An object of the same class as `x`.

**See Also**

`associations-class`

**Examples**

```r
data("Adult")

## Mine frequent itemsets with Eclat.
fsets <- eclat(Adult, parameter = list(supp = 0.5))

## Print the 5 itemsets with the highest support as a data.frame.
as(sort(fsets)[1:5], "data.frame")
```
Description

Provides the generic function `subset` and S4 methods to subset associations or transactions (item-Matrix) which meet certain conditions (e.g., contains certain items or satisfies a minimum lift).

Usage

```r
subset(x, ...)  
## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
subset(x, subset, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'itemsets'
subset(x, subset, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'rules'
subset(x, subset, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
subset(x, subset, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` object to be subsetted.
- `subset` logical expression indicating elements to keep.
- `...` further arguments to be passed to or from other methods.

Details

`subset` works on the rows/itemsets/rules of `x`. The expression given in `subset` will be evaluated using `x`, so the items (lhs/rhs/items) and the columns in the quality data.frame can be directly referred to by their names.

Important operators to select itemsets containing items specified by their labels are `%in%` (select itemsets matching any given item), `%ain%` (select only itemsets matching all given item) and `%pin%` (%in% with partial matching).

Value

An object of the same class as `x` containing only the elements which satisfy the conditions.

See Also

`itemMatrix-class, itemsets-class, rules-class, transactions-class`
Examples

data("Adult")
rules <- apriori(Adult)

## select all rules with item "marital-status=Never-married" in
## the right-hand-side and lift > 2
rules.sub <- subset(rules, subset = rhs %in% "marital-status=Never-married"
& lift > 2)

## use partial matching for all items corresponding to the variable
## "marital-status"
rules.sub <- subset(rules, subset = rhs %pin% "marital-status=")

## select only rules with items "age=Young" and "workclass=Private" in
## the left-hand-side
rules.sub <- subset(rules, subset = lhs %ain%
  c("age=Young", "workclass=Private"))

Description

Provides the generic function and the needed S4 method to count support for given itemsets (and
other types of associations) in a given transaction database.

Usage

support(x, transactions, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'itemMatrix'
support(x, transactions,
  type= c("relative", "absolute"), control = NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'associations'
support(x, transactions,
  type= c("relative", "absolute"), control = NULL)

Arguments

x
... transactions type
the set of itemsets for which support should be counted.
further arguments are passed on.
the transaction data set used for mining.
a character string specifying if "relative" support or "absolute" support
(counts) are returned for the itemsets in x. (default: "relative")
a named list with elements method indicating the method ("tidlists" or "ptree"),
and the logical arguments reduce and verbose to indicate if unused items are
removed and if the output should be verbose.

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Details

Normally, itemset support is counted during mining the database with a set minimum support. However, if only the support information for a single or a few itemsets is needed, one might not want to mine the database for all frequent itemsets.

If in control method = "ptree" is used, the counters for the itemsets are organized in a prefix tree. The transactions are sequentially processed and the corresponding counters in the prefix tree are incremented (see Hahsler et al, 2008). This method is used by default since it is typically significantly faster than tid list intersection.

If in control method = "tidlists" is used, support is counted using transaction ID list intersection which is used by several fast mining algorithms (e.g., by Eclat). However, Support is determined for each itemset individually which is slow for a large number of long itemsets in dense data.

If in control reduce = TRUE is used, unused items are removed from the data before creating rules. This might be slower for large transaction data sets.

Value

A numeric vector of the same length as x containing the support values for the sets in x.

References


See Also

itemMatrix-class, associations-class, transactions-class

Examples

data("Income")

## find and some frequent itemsets
itemsets <- eclat(Income)[1:5]

## inspect the support returned by eclat
inspect(itemsets)

## count support in the database
support(items(itemsets), Income)

supportingTransactions

Supporting Transactions

Description

Find transactions which support each of a set of associations and return this information as a transaction ID list.
Usage

supportingTransactions(x, transactions, ...)

Arguments

x a set of associations (itemsets, rules, etc.)
transactions an object of class transactions used to mine the associations in x.
... currently unused.

Details

The supporting transactions are all transactions of which the itemset representing the association is a subset of.

Value

An object of class tidLists containing one transaction ID list per association in x.

See Also

tidLists-class

Examples

data <- list(
  c("a","b","c"),
  c("a","b"),
  c("a","b","d"),
  c("b","e"),
  c("b","c","e"),
  c("a","d","e"),
  c("a","c"),
  c("a","b","d"),
  c("c","e"),
  c("a","b","d","e")
)
data <- as(data, "transactions")

## mine itemsets
f <- eclat(data, parameter = list(support = .2, minlen=3))
ispect(f)

## find supporting Transactions
st <- supportingTransactions(f, data)
st

as(st, "list")
tidLists-class

Class “tidLists” — Transaction ID Lists for Items/Itemsets

Description

Transaction ID lists contains a set of lists. Each list is associated with an item/itemset and stores the IDs of the transactions which support the item/itemset. tidLists uses the class ngCMatrix to efficiently store the transaction ID lists as a sparse matrix. Each column in the matrix represents one transaction ID list.

tidLists can be used for different purposes. For some operations (e.g., support counting) it is efficient to coerce a transactions database into tidLists where each list contains the transaction IDs for an item (and the support is given by the length of the list).

The implementation of the Eclat mining algorithm (which uses transaction ID list intersection) can also produce transaction ID lists for the found itemsets as part of the returned itemsets object. These lists can then be used for further computation.

Objects from the Class

Objects are created by Eclat if the eclat function is called with tidLists = TRUE in the ECparameter object, and returned as part of the mined itemsets. Objects can also be created by coercion from an object of class transactions or by calls of the form new("tidLists", ...).

Slots

data: object of class ngCMatrix.
itemInfo: a data.frame to store item/itemset labels (see itemMatrix class).
transactionInfo: a data.frame with vectors of the same length as the number of transactions. Each vector can hold additional information e.g., store transaction IDs or user IDs for each transaction.

Methods

coerce signature(from = "tidLists", to = "ngCMatrix"): access the sparse matrix representation. In the ngCMatrix each column represents the transaction IDs for one item/itemset.

coerce signature(from = "tidLists", to = "dgCMatrix")
coerce signature(from = "tidLists", to = "list")
coerce signature(from = "tidLists", to = "matrix")
coerce signature(from = "tidLists", to = "itemMatrix")
coerce signature(from = "tidLists", to = "transactions")
coerce signature(from = "itemMatrix", to = "tidLists")
coerce signature(from = "transactions", to = "tidLists")
dim signature(x = "tidLists"): returns the dimensions of the sparse Matrix representing the tidLists.
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itemInfo returns the slot itemInfo.

itemLabels signature(object = "tidLists"); returns the item labels as a character vector.

labels signature(x = "transactions"); returns the labels (item labels and transaction IDs) for the incidence matrix as a list of two vectors named items and transactionID.

show signature(object = "tidLists")

summary signature(object = "tidLists")

transactionInfo signature(x = "transactions"); returns the slot transactionInfo.

See Also

[-methods, LIST, eclat, image, length, size, ngCMatrix(in Matrix), itemMatrix-class, itemsets-class, transactions-class

Examples

```r
## Create transaction data set.
data <- list(
  c("a","b","c"),
  c("a","b"),
  c("a","b","d"),
  c("b","e"),
  c("b","c","e"),
  c("a","d","e"),
  c("a","c"),
  c("a","b","d"),
  c("c","e"),
  c("a","b","d","e")
)
data <- as(data, "transactions")

## Mine itemsets with tidLists.
f <- eclat(data, parameter = list(support = 0, tidLists = TRUE))

tl <- tidLists(f)

## Get dimensions of the tidLists.
dim(tl)
dimnames(tl)

## Coerce tidLists to list.
as(tl, "list")

## Inspect visually.
image(tl)
```
The `transactions` class represents transaction data used for mining itemsets or rules. It is a direct extension of class `itemMatrix` to store a binary incidence matrix, item labels, and optionally transaction IDs and user IDs.

### Objects from the Class

Objects are created by coercion from objects of other classes (see Examples section) or by calls of the form `new("transactions", ...)`.  

### Slots

- `transactionInfo`: a data.frame with vectors of the same length as the number of transactions. Each vector can hold additional information, e.g., store transaction IDs or user IDs for each transaction.
- `data`: object of class `ngCMatrix` to store the binary incidence matrix (see `itemMatrix` class)
- `itemInfo`: a data.frame to store item labels (see `itemMatrix` class)

### Extends

Class `itemMatrix`, directly.

### Methods

- **coerce** signature(from = "matrix", to = "transactions"); produces a transactions data set from a binary incidence matrix. The row names are used as item labels and the column names are stores as transaction IDs.
- **coerce** signature(from = "list", to = "transactions"); produces a transactions data set from a list. The names of the items in the list are used as item labels and the item IDs and the incidence matrix is produced automatically.
- **coerce** signature(from = "transactions", to = "matrix"); coerces the transactions data set into a binary incidence matrix.
- **coerce** signature(from = "transactions", to = "list"); coerces the transactions data set into a list of transactions. Each transaction is a vector of character strings (names of the contained items).
- **coerce** signature(from = "data.frame", to = "transactions"); recodes the data frame containing only categorical variables (all have to be factors) into a binary transaction data set. The needed number of dummy items are automatically generated. The item labels are generated by concatenating variable names and levels with a "=". The variable names and levels are stored in the labels data frame as the components variables and levels. Note that NA in one of the levels is replaced by the string "NA", i.e. the special meaning is lost.
coerce signature(from = "transactions", to = "data.frame"); represents the set of transactions in a printable form as a data.frame. Note that this does not reverse coercion from data.frame to transactions.

labels signature(x = "transactions"); returns the labels (item labels and transaction IDs) for the incidence matrix as a list of two vectors named items and transactionID.

transactionInfo<- signature(x = "transactions"); replaces the transactionInfo data frame

transactionInfo signature(x = "transactions"); returns transactionInfo

show signature(object = "transactions")

summary signature(object = "transactions")

See Also
[-methods,discretize,LIST,write,c,image,inspect,read.transactions,random.transactions,sets,itemMatrix-class

Examples

### example 1: creating transactions form a list
a_list <- list(
  c("a","b","c"),
  c("a","b"),
  c("a","b","d"),
  c("c","e"),
  c("a","b","d","e")
)

### set transaction names
names(a_list) <- paste("Tr",c(1:5), sep = "")
a_list

### coerce into transactions
trans <- as(a_list, "transactions")

### analyze transactions
summary(trans)
image(trans)

### example 2: creating transactions from a matrix
a_matrix <- matrix(
  c(1,1,1,0,0,
  1,1,0,1,0,
  1,1,0,1,0,
  0,0,1,0,1,
  1,1,0,1,1), ncol = 5)

### set dim names
dimnames(a_matrix) <- list(
  c("a","b","c","d","e"),
paste("Tr",c(1:5), sep = ":")
)
a_matrix

## coerce
trans2 <- as(a_matrix, "transactions")
trans2
inspect(trans2)

## example 3: creating transactions from data.frame
a_df <- data.frame(
age = as.factor(c(6,8,7,6,9,5)),
grade = as.factor(c(1,3,1,1,4,1)))
## note: all attributes have to be factors
a_df

## coerce
trans3 <- as(a_df, "transactions")
image(trans3)

## example 4: Creating from data.frame with NA
a_df2 <- sample(c(LETTERS[1:5], NA),10,TRUE)
a_df2 <- data.frame(X = a_df2, Y = sample(a_df2))
a_df2

trans3 <- as(a_df2, "transactions")
trans3
as(trans3, "data.frame")

## example 5: creating transactions from a data.frame with
## transaction IDs and items
a_df3 <- data.frame(TID = c(1,1,2,2,2,3), item=c("a","b","a","b","c", "b"))
a_df3
trans4 <- as(split(a_df3[,"item"], a_df3[,"TID"]), "transactions")
trans4
LIST(trans4)

---

**unique**

*Remove Duplicated Elements from a Collection*

**Description**

Provides the generic function `unique` and the S4 methods for `itemMatrix`. `unique` uses `duplicated` to return an `itemMatrix` with the duplicate elements removed.

Note that `unique` can also be used on collections of associations.

**Usage**

```r
unique(x, incomparables = FALSE, ...)
```
Arguments

- **x**: an object of class `itemMatrix` or associations.
- **...**: further arguments (currently unused).
- **incomparables**: currently unused.

Value

An object of the same class as `x` with duplicated elements removed.

See Also

- `duplicated`
- `associations-class`
- `itemMatrix-class`

Examples

```r
data("Adult")

r1 <- apriori(Adult[1:1000], parameter = list(support = 0.5))
r2 <- apriori(Adult[1001:2000], parameter = list(support = 0.5))

## Note that this produces a collection of rules from two sets
r_comb <- c(r1, r2)
r_comb <- unique(r_comb)
r_comb
```

Description

Provides the generic function `write` and the S4 methods to write transactions or associations (item-sets, rules) to disk.

Usage

```r
write(x, file = "", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'transactions'
write(x, file="", format = c("basket", "single"),
       sep=" ", quote=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'associations'
write(x, file="", sep=" " , quote=FALSE, ...)
## deprecated since arules version 1.0-12
WRITE(x, file = "", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'transactions'
WRITE(x, file="", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'associations'
WRITE(x, file="", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'transactions'
WRITE(x, file="", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'associations'
WRITE(x, file="", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'transactions'
WRITE(x, file="", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'associations'
WRITE(x, file="", ...)
Arguments

- **x**: the transactions or associations (rules, itemsets, etc.) object.
- **file**: either a character string naming a file or a connection open for writing. """" indicates output to the console.
- **format**: format to write transactions.
- **sep**: the field separator string. Values within each row of x are separated by this string. Use quote=TRUE and sep="","" for saving data as in csv format.
- **quote**: a logical value. Quote fields?
- **...**: further arguments passed on to write.table or write. Use fileEncoding to set the encoding used for writing the file.

Details

For associations (rules and itemsets) write first uses coercion to data.frame to obtain a printable form of x and then uses write.table to write the data to disk.

Transactions can be saved in basket (one line per transaction) or in single (one line per item) format.

Note: To save and load associations in compact form, use save and load from the base package. Alternatively, association can be written to disk in PMML (Predictive Model Markup Language) via write.PMML. This requires packages pmml.

See Also

- read.transactions for reading transactions from a file, read.PMML and write.PMML for reading/writing associations in PMML format, write.table (in base), transactions-class, associations-class

Examples

```r
data("Epub")

## write the formatted transactions to screen (basket format)
write(head(Epub))

## write the formatted transactions to screen (single format)
write(head(Epub), format="single")

## write the formatted result to file in CSV format
write(Epub, file = "data.csv", format="single", quote=TRUE, sep = ",", col.names = NA)

## write rules in CSV format
rules <- apriori(Epub, parameter=list(support=0.0005, conf=0.8))
write(rules, file = "data.csv", quote=TRUE, sep = ",", col.names = NA)

unlink("data.csv") # tidy up
```
Methods for "[": Extraction or Subsetting in Package 'arules'

Description

Methods for "[", i.e., extraction or subsetting in package `arules`. Subsetting can be done by integers containing column/row numbers, vectors of logicals or strings containing parts of item labels.

Methods

- `signature(x = "itemMatrix", i = "ANY", j = "ANY", drop= "ANY")`: extracts parts of an `itemMatrix`. The first argument selects rows (e.g., transactions or rules) and the second argument selects columns (items). Either argument can be omitted to select all rows or columns.
- `signature(x = "itemsets", i = "ANY", j = "ANY", drop= "ANY")`: extracts a subset of itemsets and the associated quality measures. `j` has to be missing.
- `signature(x = "rules", i = "ANY", j = "ANY", drop= "ANY")`: extracts a subset of rules and the associated quality measures.
- `signature(x = "transactions", i = "ANY", j = "ANY", drop= "ANY")`: extracts a subset of transactions/items from a transactions object (a binary incidence matrix). `i` and `j` can be numeric where `i` selects transactions and `j` selects items.
- `signature(x = "tidLists", i = "ANY", j = "ANY", drop= "ANY")`: extracts parts (transaction ID vectors) from `tidLists`. `i` selects the items or itemsets and `j` selects transactions in the lists.

See Also

`itemMatrix-class, itemsets-class, rules-class, transactions-class, tidLists-class`

Examples

```r
data(Adult)
Adult

## select first 10 transactions
Adult[1:10]

## select first 10 items for first 100 transactions
Adult[1:100, 1:10]

## select the first 100 transactions for the items containing
## "income" or "age=Young" in their labels
Adult[1:100, c("income=small", "income=large","age=Young")]
```
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