

# SAT-Based Data Mining

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# Data Mining

- ▶ Discovering interesting knowledge from large amounts of data.
  - ▶ **Frequent itemsets**
  - ▶ Sequential patterns
  - ▶ Association rules
  - ▶ Emerging patterns
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Frequent itemset mining is an important part of data mining.
- ▶ Different variety of applications : **Healthcare, Business, Education, Disaster prevention, etc.**

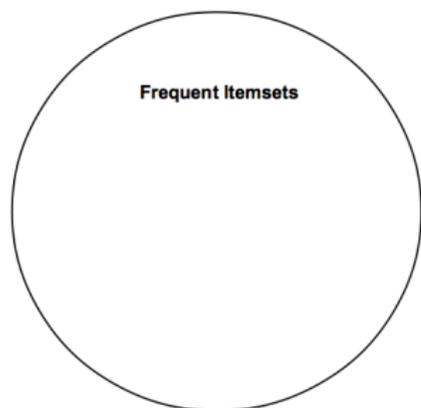
# Frequent Itemset Mining

- ▶ A set of **items** :  $\Omega = \{a, b, c, \dots\}$ .
- ▶ An **itemset**  $I$  over  $\Omega$  : is a subset of  $\Omega$ , i.e.,  $I \subseteq \Omega$ .
- ▶ **A transaction** : couple  $(tid, I)$   
 $tid$  is the *transaction identifier* and  $I$  is an *itemset*, i.e.,  $I \subseteq \Omega$ .
- ▶ **Transaction database**  $\mathcal{D}$  : set of transactions.

| TID   | Transactions |
|-------|--------------|
| $T_1$ | a b c d      |
| $T_2$ | a b c e      |
| $T_3$ | a e          |
| $T_4$ | a d e        |
| $T_5$ | a b          |
| $T_6$ | b d          |
| $T_7$ | b e          |

- ▶ A transaction  $(tid, I)$  **supports** an itemset  $J$  if  $J \subseteq I$ .
- ▶ The **cover** of an itemset  $I$  :  
**Cover(I,  $\mathcal{D}$ ) = {tid | (tid, J)  $\in$   $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $I \subseteq J$ }.**
  - ▶  $Cover(\{ab\}, \mathcal{D}) = \{T_1, T_2, T_5\}$
- ▶ The **support** of an itemset  $I$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  : **Supp(I,  $\mathcal{D}$ ) = | Cover(I,  $\mathcal{D}$ ) |.**
  - ▶  $Supp(\{ab\}, \mathcal{D}) = 3$

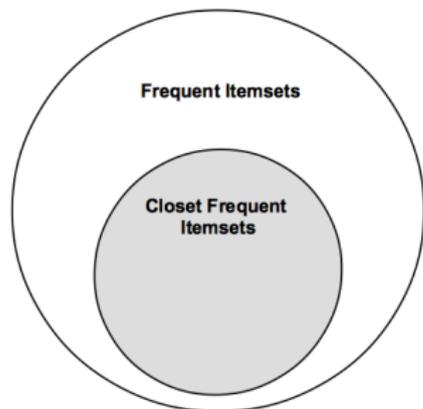
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► **FIM**( $\mathcal{D}, \theta$ ) =  $\{I \subseteq \Omega \mid \text{Supp}(I, \mathcal{D}) \geq \theta\}$

- An itemset  $I$  is frequent if its support is greater than or equal to a minsup threshold.

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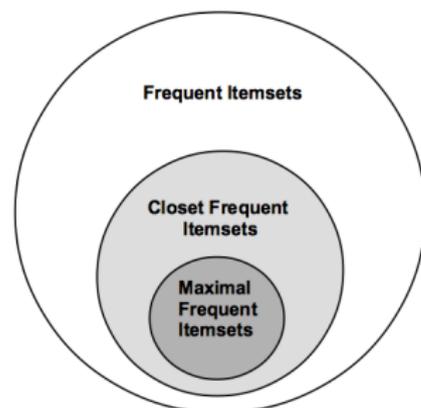


►  $FIM(\mathcal{D}, \theta) = \{I \subseteq \Omega \mid Supp(I, \mathcal{D}) \geq \theta\}$

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- An itemset  $I$  is closed if  $I$  is frequent and there exists no super-pattern  $J \supset I$ , with the same support as  $I$ .

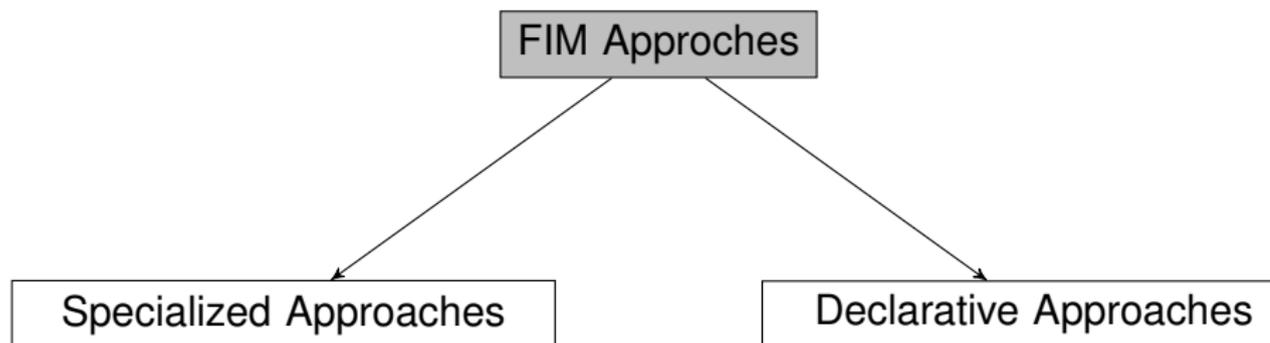
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- ▶ **MFIM** $(\mathcal{D}, \theta) = \{I \in \text{FIM}(\mathcal{D}, \theta) \mid \forall J \supset I, \text{Supp}(J, \mathcal{D}) < \theta\}$

An itemset  $I$  is a max-pattern if  $I$  is frequent and there exists no frequent super-pattern  $J \supset I$ .

# Frequent Itemset Mining



- ▶ **Apriori** [Agrawal'93]
- ▶ **FP-growth** [Han'00]
- ▶ **ECLAT** [Zaki'00]
- ▶ **LCM** [Un'04], ...

- ▶ **CP** [De Raedt'08]
- ▶ **SAT** [Jabbour'13]
- ▶ **ASP** [Gebser'16]
- ▶ ...

# Propositional Logic

Formal Language of propositional formulas :  $\mathcal{Prop}$

## Syntax

- ▶ Logical constant :  $\perp, \top$
- ▶ Propositional symbols :  $a, b, c, \dots$  (atomic sentences)
- ▶ Wrapping parentheses :  $(\dots)$
- ▶ Sentences are combined by connectives :  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$ .

If  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \mathcal{Prop}$ , then the following formulas are in  $\mathcal{Prop}$  :

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg\Phi_1 \quad (\Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2) \quad (\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2) \\ \quad \quad (\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Phi_2) \quad (\Phi_1 \Leftrightarrow \Phi_2) \end{array}$$

# Propositional Logic : SAT

**Semantic** : an interpretation is a function from  $\mathcal{Prop}$  to  $\{0, 1\}$   
(0 : false ; 1 : true).

Defined inductively as :

$$\mathcal{B} : \begin{cases} \mathcal{Prop} & \rightarrow & \{0, 1\} \\ \perp & & 0 \\ \top & & 1 \\ F \wedge G & & \min(\mathcal{B}(F), \mathcal{B}(G)) \\ \neg F & & 1 - \mathcal{B}(F) \\ F \vee G & & \max(\mathcal{B}(F), \mathcal{B}(G)) \end{cases}$$

- ▶ A **model** of  $\Phi$  is an interpretation  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfying  $\Phi$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{B}(\Phi) = 1$ .
- ▶ A formula  $\Phi$  is **satisfiable** if there exists a model of  $\Phi$ .

# Propositional logic : SAT

**SAT problem** : decide if a formula in CNF is satisfiable or not?  
[NP-Complete'71]

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|                  |                            |                               |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>CNF</b> :     | conjunction of clauses     | $C_1 \wedge \dots \wedge C_n$ |
| <b>Clause</b> :  | disjunction of literals    | $(l_1 \dots \vee l_k)$        |
| <b>Literal</b> : | a variable or its negation | $\{l_i, \neg l_i\}$           |

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$$\Phi = \overbrace{(a \vee b \vee c)}^{C_1} \wedge \overbrace{(\neg a \vee b)}^{C_2} \wedge \overbrace{(b \vee c)}^{C_3} \wedge \overbrace{(\neg c \vee a)}^{C_4}$$

**Various Applications** : Model Checking, Planning, Data Mining, etc.

- easier formulation
- efficient solving

# SAT Problem

## ► Models enumeration problem

- Variant of the propositional satisfiability problem (SAT)

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$$\mathcal{M}(\Phi) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \{a = 1, b = 1, c = 1\} & \{a = 0, b = 1, c = 0\} \\ \{a = 1, b = 1, c = 0\} & \{a = 0, b = 1, c = 0\} \end{array} \right\}$$

- Different application domains :
  - Data mining
  - Bounded model checking
  - Knowledge compilation
  - ...

- Models enumeration problem received little attention compared to other SAT issues.

# Itemsets Mining

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| $\Omega$         | items (finite set of symbols)  |
| $I$              | Itemset (subset of $\Omega$ )  |
| $T_i = (i, I_i)$ | Transaction with $i \in \mathbb{N}$ the transaction identifier, $I_i$ an itemset |
| $D$              | Transactional database (set of transactions)                                     |

| <i>id</i> | <i>transactions</i> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1         |                     |          | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |
| 2         |                     |          | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |
| 3         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |          |          |          |
| 4         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |          | <i>f</i> |          |
| 5         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |          |          |          |
| 6         |                     |          | <i>c</i> |          | <i>e</i> |          |          |

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|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1         | 0                   | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        |
| 2         | 0                   | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 1        |
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| 5         | 1                   | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| 6         | 0                   | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
|           | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |

# Symbolic approach [ECML/PKDD'13]

Find  $\{I \subseteq \Omega \mid |\text{Supp}(I, D)| \geq \theta\}$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{N}$

Make frequent itemsets extraction as the models enumeration of a CNF formula ((anti-)monotonicity)

$$\underbrace{\bigwedge_{i=1}^m (\neg q_i \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in \Omega \setminus T_i} p_a)}_{\text{cover: } \Phi^{\text{cov}}} \quad \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m q_i \geq \theta}_{\text{frequency: } \Phi^{\text{freq}}} \quad \underbrace{\bigwedge_{a \in \Omega} (p_a \vee \bigvee_{T_i \in D \mid a \notin T_i} q_i)}_{\text{closeness: } \Phi^{\text{clos}}}$$

|                            |       |       |     |       |       |       |       |                                    |          |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------------|----------|
| $\neg q_1 \leftrightarrow$ | $p_a$ | $p_b$ | $c$ | $d$   | $e$   | $f$   | $g$   | $(q_3 \vee q_4 \vee q_5 \vee p_a)$ | $\wedge$ |
| $\neg q_2 \leftrightarrow$ | $p_a$ | $p_b$ | $c$ | $d$   | $e$   | $f$   | $g$   | $(q_3 \vee q_4 \vee q_5 \vee p_b)$ | $\wedge$ |
| $\neg q_3 \leftrightarrow$ | $a$   | $b$   | $c$ | $d$   | $p_e$ | $p_f$ | $p_g$ | $(p_c)$                            | $\wedge$ |
| $\neg q_4 \leftrightarrow$ | $a$   | $b$   | $c$ | $d$   | $p_e$ | $f$   | $p_g$ | $(q_6 \vee p_d)$                   | $\wedge$ |
| $\neg q_5 \leftrightarrow$ | $a$   | $b$   | $c$ | $d$   | $p_e$ | $p_f$ | $p_g$ | $(q_1 \vee q_2 \vee q_6 \vee p_e)$ | $\wedge$ |
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|                            |       |       |     |       |       |       |       | $(q_1 \vee q_2 \vee p_e)$          |          |

$$q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + q_4 + q_5 + q_6 \geq \theta$$

# Symbolic approach

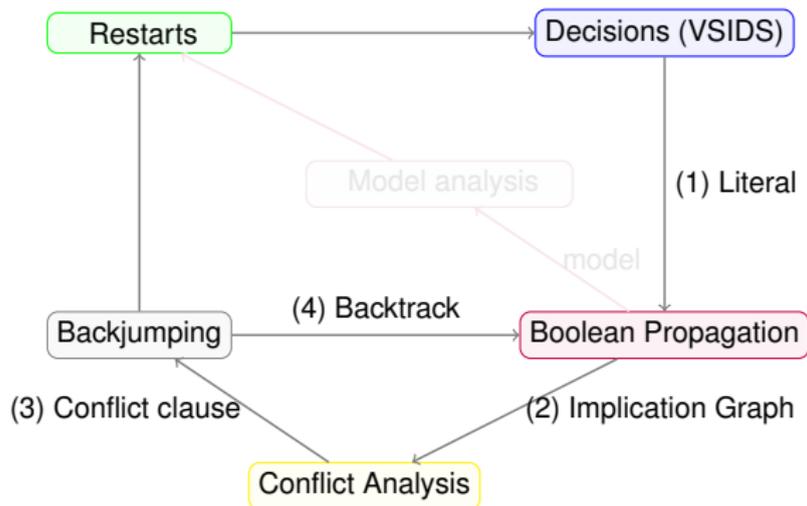
**Declarativity** : easy extension to mine particular patterns (add new constraints)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^{cov} &= \bigwedge_{i=1}^m (\neg q_i \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in \Omega \setminus T_i} p_a) & \sum_{T \in D} (|\Omega| - |T| + 1) \approx |D| \times |\Omega| \\ \phi^{freq} &= \sum_{i=1}^m q_i \geq \theta & O(m \log^2(\min\_supp)) \\ \phi^{clos} &= \bigwedge_{a \in \Omega} (p_a \vee \bigvee_{T_i \in D \mid a \notin T_i} q_i) & |D| - |Supp(\{a\})| \\ \phi^{len} &= \sum_{a \in \Omega} p_a \geq \min\_length\end{aligned}$$

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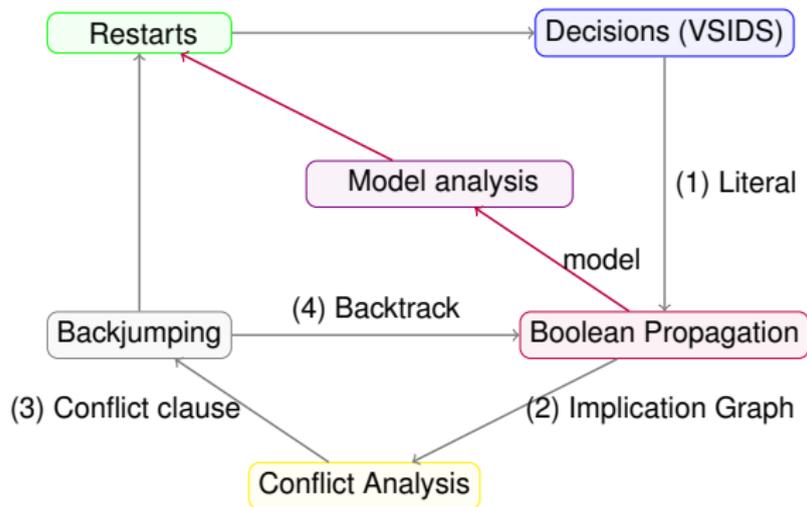
► The number of closed frequent itemsets is often significant.

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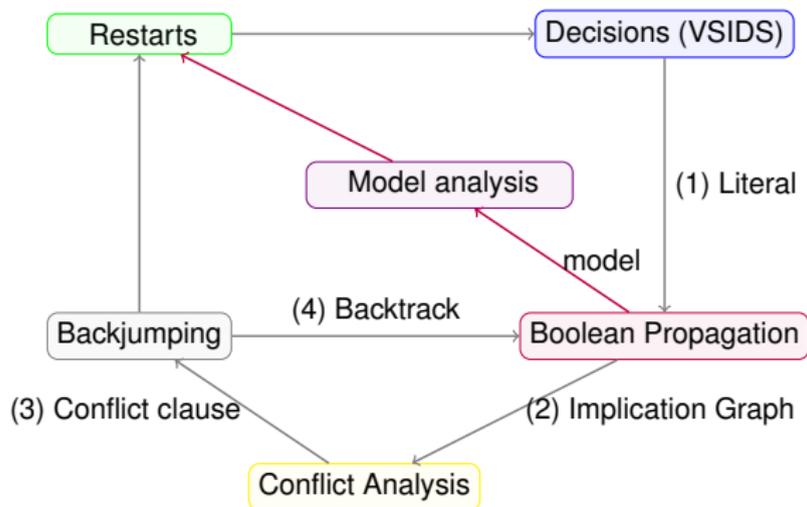
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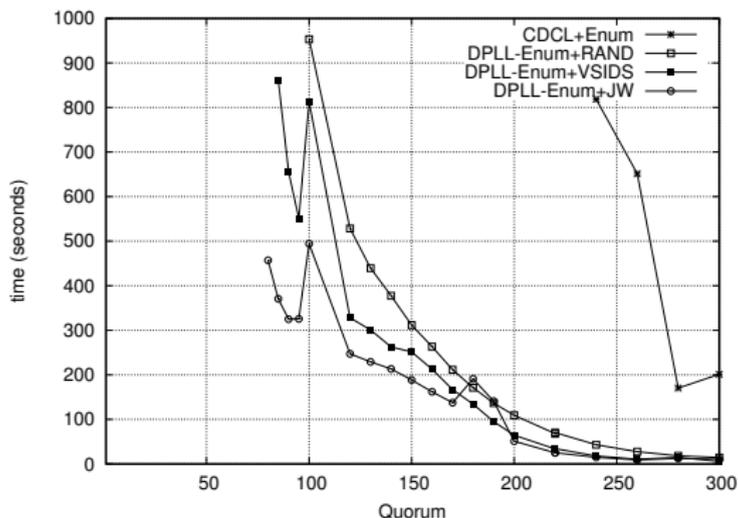
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# DPLL-based procedure for CFIM [SGAI'16]

- ▶ **DPLL-Enum+VSIDS** : Variable State Independent, Decaying Sum branching heuristic
- ▶ **DPLL-Enum+JW** : branching heuristic based on the maximum number of occurrences of the variables
- ▶ **DPLL-Enum+RAND** : random variable selection



# Limitations

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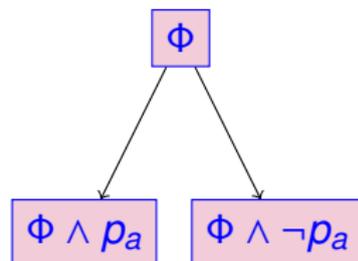
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# Decomposition-based SAT Approach for CFIM

$\Phi = \Phi^{cov} \wedge \Phi^{freq} \wedge \Phi^{clos}$ ,  $a$ : an item

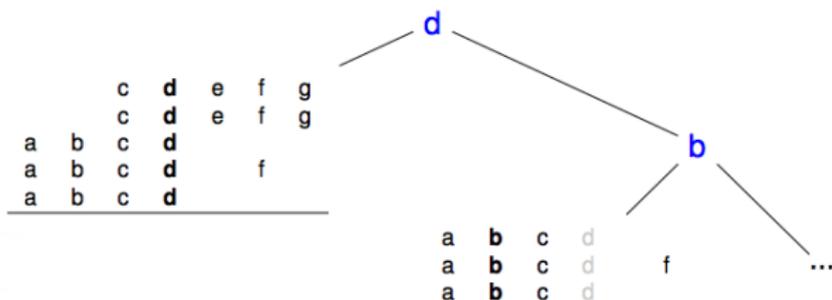
$\text{mod}(\Phi \wedge p_a)$ : itemsets with  $a$

$\text{mod}(\Phi \wedge \neg p_a)$ : itemsets without  $a$



|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | c | d | e | f | g |
|   |   | c | d | e | f | g |
| a | b | c | d |   |   |   |
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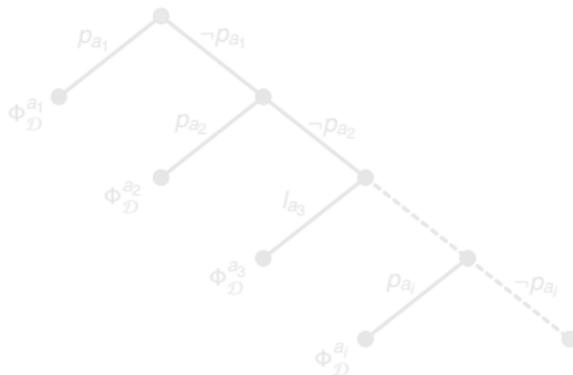


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Items-based Guiding Paths Tree



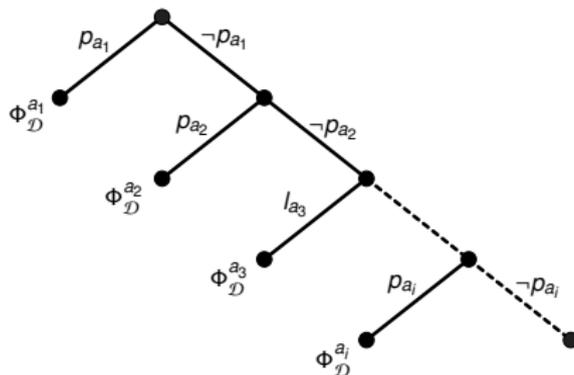
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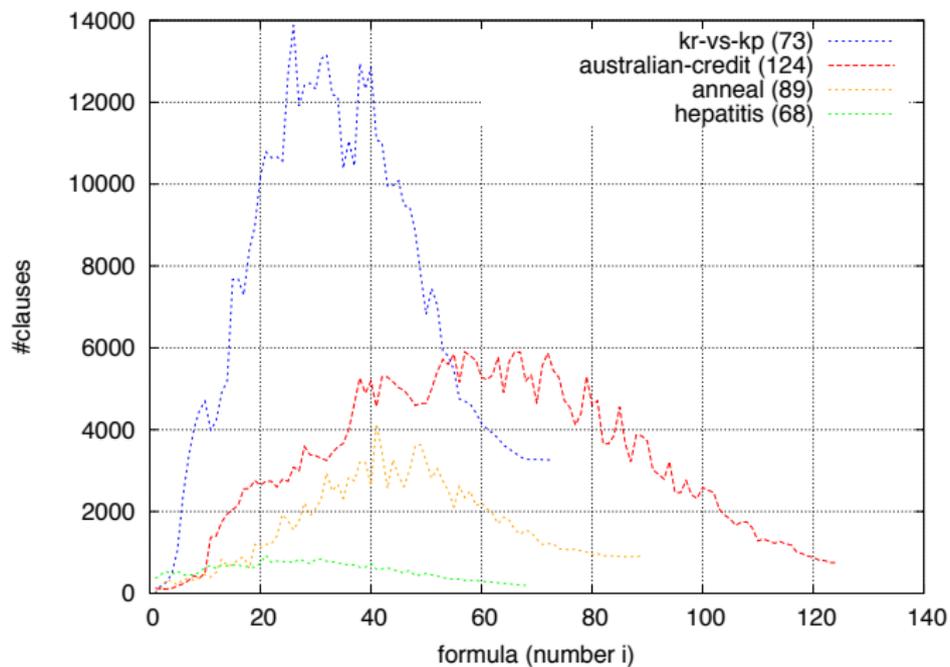
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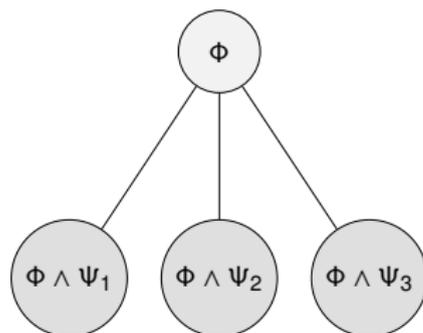
## Evolution of the number of clauses



# Main Parallel approaches

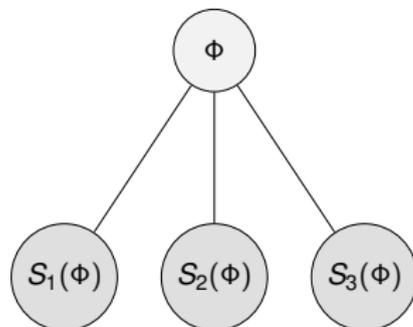
## 1. Divide and conquer approach

- ▶ Divide the search space into sub-formulas, which are successively allocated to different SAT workers.



## 2. Portfolio-based approach

- ▶ Let several differentiated engines compete and cooperate to be the first to solve a given instance.



# paraSatMiner : A Parallel SAT Algorithm for CFIM

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## Algorithm 1: paraSatMiner

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**Input:**  $\mathcal{D}, \Omega = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}, \sigma, \theta, nb$

**Output:**  $S$  : the set of Closed Frequent Itemsets

```
1 foreach  $i \in \{1, \dots, nb\}$  do
2   |    $initEnumSatSolver(i)$ ;
3   |    $\mathcal{M}_i = \emptyset$ ;
4 end
5  $S = \emptyset, k = 0$ ;
6 # in parallel;
7 if  $((i + k \times nb) \leq |\Omega|)$  then
8   |    $\mathcal{M}_i \leftarrow \mathcal{M}_i \cup enumModels(enumSatSolver_i, \Phi_{\mathcal{D}}^{\sigma(a_{i+k \times nb})})$ ;
9   |    $k++$ ;
10 end
11 foreach  $i \in \{1, \dots, nb\}$  do
12   |    $S = S \cup \mathcal{M}_i^{\theta}$ ;
13 end
14 return  $S$ ;
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# Experimental Evaluation

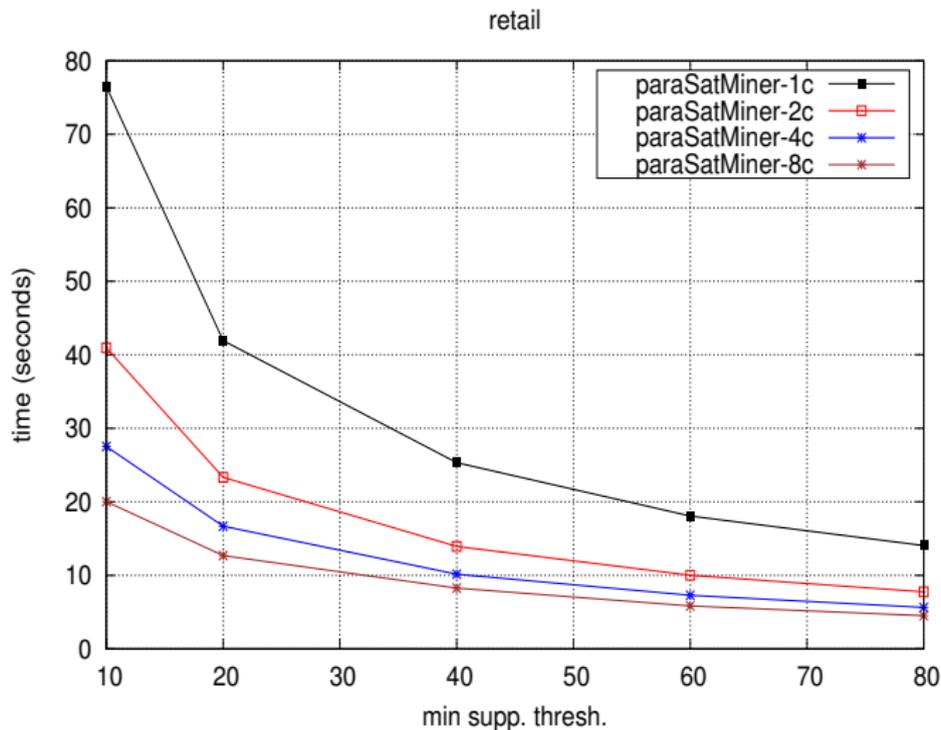
- ▶ OpenMP as an API that supports multi-platform shared memory multiprocessing
- ▶ Model enumeration solver based on MiniSAT
- ▶ Heuristic for Variable Selection : JW
- ▶ Intel Xeon quad-core machines with 32GB of RAM running at 2.66 Ghz
- ▶ Dense and sparse datasets (FIMI, CP4IM repositories)
- ▶ Timeout : 1000 seconds of CPU time

# Sequential Evaluation

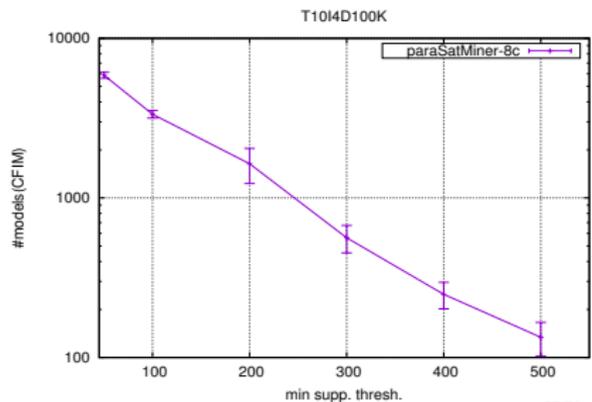
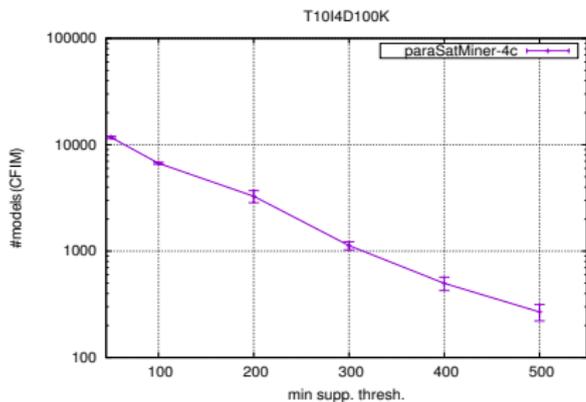
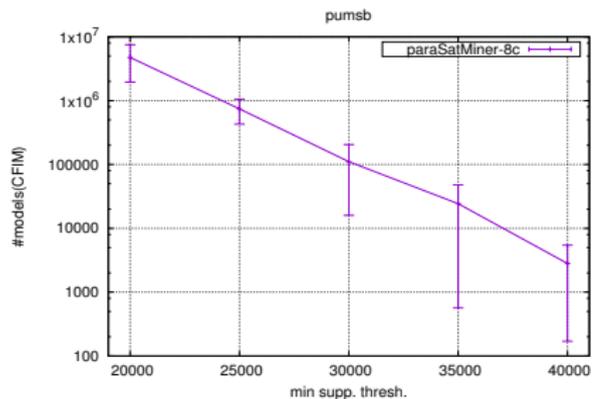
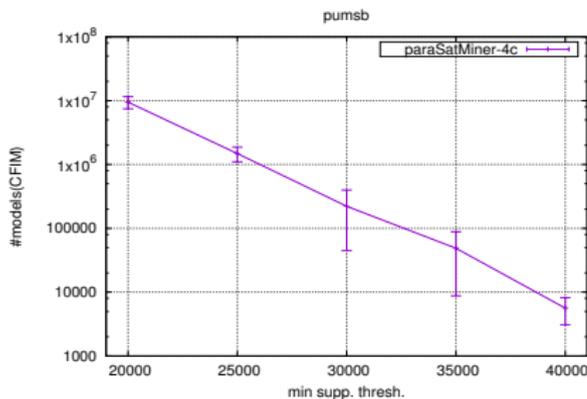
paraSatMiner vs (ClosedPattern, CoverSize, LCM)

| Instance | $\theta$ | Closed Pattern | Cover size | paraSat Miner-1c | LCM    | Models           |
|----------|----------|----------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| Retail   | 80       | –              | 265.10     | 14.06            | 0.21   | $> 8.10^3$       |
|          | 60       | –              | 295.47     | 18.07            | 0.24   | $> 1.10^4$       |
|          | 40       | –              | 334.23     | 25.33            | 0.28   | $> 2.10^4$       |
|          | 20       | –              | 439.94     | 41.93            | 0.35   | $> 5.10^4$       |
|          | 10       | –              | 586.16     | 76.49            | 0.56   | $> 1.10^5$       |
| Chess    | 2000     | 1.51           | 1.22       | 0.25             | 0.04   | $\approx 7.10^4$ |
|          | 1500     | 6.30           | 4.09       | 0.8              | 0.20   | $> 5.10^5$       |
|          | 1000     | 51.35          | 28.62      | 5.52             | 1.75   | $> 4.10^6$       |
|          | 500      | 577.29         | 311.47     | 49.50            | 18.25  | $> 45.10^6$      |
|          | 250      | –              | –          | 186.11           | 72.96  | $\approx 2.10^8$ |
|          | 100      | –              | –          | 484.41           | 215.30 | $> 5.10^8$       |

# Parallel Evaluation



# Load balancing analysis



# SAT-based encodings for MFIM

## ► Maximality constraint :

$$\phi^{max} = \left( \sum_{i=1 \dots m, a \in T_i} q_i \geq \theta \right) \rightarrow p_a, \quad \text{for all } a \in \Omega$$

## ► Maximal Itemsets Mining :

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$$\phi^{max} \wedge \phi^{cov} \wedge \phi^{freq} \wedge \phi^{clos}$$

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**Problem :** The translation of the maximality constraint into CNF can lead to formula of huge size.

# SAT-based encoding for MFIM

► To avoid encoding the maximality constraint :

1. Consider a DPLL-like procedure that selects the variables associated to items ( $p_a$ ) first, and assign the value *true* first.
2. Add the following blocking clause to  $\Phi$ , each time a model  $\mathcal{B}$  is found :

$$C = \left( \bigvee_{a \in \Omega \setminus P(\mathcal{B})} p_a \right)$$

$\implies$  The size of  $C$  can be considerably reduced as :

$$C = \left( \bigvee_{a \in T_i \setminus P(\mathcal{B})} p_a \vee \neg q_i \right)$$



# Experimental Evaluation

SATMax (+decomposition) vs (ECLAT, DMCP)

| Instance      | $\theta$ | ECLAT  | DMCP    | SATMax |
|---------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|
| Kosarak       | 3000     | 2.52   | –       | 30.00  |
|               | 2500     | 3.08   | –       | 32.96  |
|               | 2000     | 7.97   | –       | 42.94  |
|               | 1500     | 31.52  | –       | 59.03  |
|               | 1000     | 67.96  | –       | 100.31 |
| BMS-WebView-1 | 48       | 0.07   | 20.51   | 2.94   |
|               | 36       | 0.22   | 195.68  | 5.56   |
|               | 34       | 0.28   | 335.13  | 7.05   |
|               | 32       | 0.36   | 553.39  | 7.43   |
|               | 30       | 0.49   | 1049.28 | 7.14   |
| Pumsb         | 40000    | 0.30   | 2.92    | 5.51   |
|               | 35000    | 1.05   | 11.43   | 6.44   |
|               | 30000    | 3.48   | 32.71   | 11.23  |
|               | 25000    | 89.29  | 473     | 49.66  |
|               | 20000    | 878.02 | –       | 202.71 |

# Association Rules Mining

**Association Rule** : A pattern  $X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.  $X$  (antecedent) and  $Y$  (consequence) are two disjoint itemsets.

**Support** :  $Supp(X \rightarrow Y, D) = Supp(X \cup Y, D)$

**Confidence** :  $Conf(X \rightarrow Y, D) = \frac{Supp(X \cup Y, D)}{Supp(X, D)}$

$X \rightarrow Y$  is **closed** iff  $X \cup Y$  is closed

**Association Rules Mining problem** : find the set  
 $\{X \rightarrow Y \mid X, Y \subseteq \Omega, Supp(X \rightarrow Y) \geq \theta, Conf(X \rightarrow Y) \geq \lambda\}$

# Association Rules Mining [IJCAI 2016]

$$\underbrace{\bigwedge_{a \in \Omega} (\neg x_a \vee \neg y_a)}_{X \cap Y = \emptyset} \quad \underbrace{\bigwedge_{i=1}^m (\neg p_i \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in \Omega \setminus T_i} x_a)}_{\text{Supp}(X)} \quad \underbrace{\bigwedge_{i=1}^m (\neg q_i \leftrightarrow \neg p_i \vee (\bigvee_{a \in \Omega \setminus T_i} y_a))}_{\text{Supp}(X \cup Y)}$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m q_i \geq \theta}_{\text{Frequency}}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m q_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m p_i} \geq \lambda}_{\text{Confidence}}$$

$$\underbrace{\bigwedge_{a \in \Omega} (\bigwedge_{a \notin T_i} q_i \rightarrow x_a \vee y_a)}_{\text{Closeness}}$$

# Association Rules Mining : experiments

|                                   | SFAR_Pure |              | ZART_Pure   |               | SFAR_Closed |               | ZART_Closed |              |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| data (#items, #trans, density)    | #S        | avg. time(s) | #S          | avg. time(s)  | #S          | avg. time(s)  | #S          | avg. time(s) |
| Audiology (148, 216, 45%)         | 20        | 855.00       | 20          | 855.01        | 20          | 855.00        | 20          | 855.01       |
| Zoo-1 (36, 101, 44%)              | 400       | 19.12        | 400         | 6.37          | 400         | 0.52          | 400         | 11.28        |
| Tic-tac-toe (27, 958, 33%)        | 400       | 0.09         | 400         | 0.24          | 400         | 0.09          | 400         | 0.23         |
| Anneal (93, 812, 45%)             | 101       | 709.50       | 101         | 678.41        | 147         | 604.09        | 103         | 679.31       |
| Australian-credit (125, 653, 41%) | 245       | 370.17       | 264         | 321.62        | 268         | 323.29        | 226         | 403.72       |
| German-credit (112, 1000, 34%)    | 306       | 246.88       | 322         | 192.52        | 329         | 198.02        | 304         | 238.79       |
| Heart-cleveland (95, 296, 47%)    | 284       | 286.38       | 301         | 252.27        | 304         | 251.05        | 262         | 340.15       |
| Hepatitis (68, 137, 50)           | 305       | 241.41       | 304         | 228.00        | 324         | 206.02        | 266         | 312.26       |
| Hypothyroid (88, 3247, 49%)       | 85        | 732.12       | 121         | 665.41        | 107         | 686.95        | 64          | 761.59       |
| Kr-vs-kp (73, 3196, 49%)          | 172       | 552.92       | 203         | 487.73        | 192         | 523.66        | 146         | 590.89       |
| Lymph (68, 148, 40%)              | 336       | 181.64       | 338         | 170.37        | 387         | 63.22         | 291         | 281.35       |
| Mushroom (119, 8124, 18%)         | 366       | 109.12       | 387         | 46.00         | 400         | 30.32         | 390         | 42.84        |
| Primary-tumor (31, 336, 48%)      | 400       | 3.68         | 400         | 1.17          | 400         | 2.03          | 400         | 18.82        |
| Soybean (50, 650, 32%)            | 400       | 2.90         | 400         | 1.50          | 400         | 0.17          | 400         | 7.94         |
| SplICE-1 (287, 3190, 21%)         | 380       | 53.44        | 400         | 3.52          | 380         | 54.04         | 400         | 3.25         |
| Vote (48, 435, 33%)               | 380       | 66.74        | 400         | 1.46          | 400         | 32.40         | 398         | 30.22        |
| Total                             | 4560      | 279.76       | <b>4741</b> | <b>247.29</b> | <b>4838</b> | <b>242.24</b> | 4470        | 286.10       |

## Non-redundant association rules [PAKDD'17]

**Non redundant rule** : if there is no  $X' \rightarrow Y'$  different from  $X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Supp}(X \rightarrow Y) = \text{Supp}(X' \rightarrow Y'), \\ \text{Conf}(X \rightarrow Y) = \text{Conf}(X' \rightarrow Y'), \\ X' \subseteq X \text{ and } Y \subseteq Y' \end{array} \right.$$

**Minimal Generator** :  $X' \subseteq X$  is a minimal generator of a **closed itemset**  $X$  iff

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Supp}(X') = \text{Supp}(X); \\ \text{There is no } X'' \subseteq X \text{ s.t. } X'' \subset X' \text{ and } \text{Supp}(X'') = \text{Supp}(X) \end{array} \right.$$

| <i>id</i> | <i>transactions</i> |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> |          | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> |
| 2         |                     | <b>b</b> | <b>c</b> | <b>d</b> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> |
| 3         | <i>a</i>            | <b>b</b> | <b>c</b> | <b>d</b> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> |
| 4         | <i>a</i>            | <b>b</b> | <b>c</b> | <b>d</b> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> |
| 5         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |          | <i>e</i> |          |
| 6         |                     |          | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |          |          |
| 7         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> |          |          |          |          |

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$$x_a \rightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{b \in \Omega} x_b = 1}_{z_0} \quad \vee \quad \bigvee_{(i \in 1 \dots m, a \notin T_i)} \left( \underbrace{\sum_{b \notin T_i} x_b \leq 1}_{z_i} \right)$$

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# Non-redundant association rules : experiments

|                                   | SAT4MNR-D   |                 | SAT4MNR     |                 | CORON |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
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| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>4790</b> | <b>215.31</b>   | <b>4622</b> | <b>235.15</b>   | 4302  | 270.58          |

# FIM on Uncertain Transaction Databases

- ▶ Real-world data are often **uncertain** and **imprecise**
- ▶ An increasing application needs of handling a large amount of uncertain data
- ▶ Various applications : **sensor network monitoring, moving object search, object identification, etc.**
- ▶ Solutions for mining FIM over exact data cannot be directly applied to uncertain data
- ▶ Approximate methods have been proposed in the context of specialized approaches

# FIM on Uncertain Transaction Databases

| TID   | Transactions |          |          |          |                   |
|-------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| $T_1$ | $a(0.6)$     | $b(0.3)$ | $c(0.3)$ | $d(0.5)$ |                   |
| $T_2$ | $a(0.6)$     | $b(0.3)$ | $c(0.8)$ |          | $e(0.2)$          |
| $T_3$ | $a(0.3)$     | $b(0.8)$ |          |          | $e(0.4)$          |
| $T_4$ |              | $b(0.7)$ |          | $d(0.3)$ |                   |
| $T_5$ |              |          |          |          | $f(0.2)$ $g(0.5)$ |

- **Uncertain transaction databases  $\mathcal{UD}$**  : the probability of an item  $a_j$ , ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ) in a transaction  $T_i$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) is defined as :

$$p(a_j, T_i) = p_{ji}$$

# FIM on Uncertain Transaction Databases

- ▶ The **existential probability** of an itemset  $I$  in  $T_i$  is defined :

$$p(I, T_i) = \prod_{a_j \in I, I \subseteq T_i} p_{ji}$$

- ▶ The **Expected Support Number** of an itemset  $I$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  is defined :

$$ExpSN(I) = \sum_{T_i \in \mathcal{UD}} p(I, T_i)$$

The problem of **mining frequent itemset** over  $\mathcal{UD}$  and a minimum support threshold  $\theta$  is defined as :

$$FIM(\mathcal{UD}, \theta) = \{I \subseteq \Omega \mid ExpSN(I, \mathcal{UD}) \geq \theta\}$$

# SAT Encoding of FIM over Uncertain Databases

- ▶ **Cover constraint :**

$$\Phi^{cov} = \bigwedge_{i=1}^n (\neg q_i \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in \Omega \setminus T_i} p_a)$$

- ▶ **Frequency constraint :**

$$\Phi^{freq} = \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{a \in T_i} (p(a, T_i) \times p_a \wedge q_i + \neg p_a \wedge q_i) \geq \theta$$

- ▶  $FIM(\mathcal{UD}) : \Phi^{fim} = \Phi^{cov} \wedge \Phi^{freq}$

The translation of the frequency constraint into a linear one is intractable.

# Relaxation-based Computation of FIM

- ▶ The **maximum** existential probability :

$$\rho_{\max}(I, T_i) = \rho_{\max}(k, T_i) = \max_{|J|=k} \prod_{a \in J, \mathcal{J} \subseteq T_i} p(a, T_i)$$

- ▶ The **relaxed** expected support number of  $\mathcal{I}$  :

$$R\_ExpSN(I, \mathcal{UD}) = \sum_{T_i \in \mathcal{UD}} \rho_{\max}(I, T_i)$$

$$R\_ExpSN(I, \mathcal{UD}) \geq ExpSN(I, \mathcal{UD})$$

# Relaxation based computation of FIM

$$\Phi^k = \left( \sum_{a \in \Omega} p_a = k \right) \wedge \left( \sum_{T_i \in \mathcal{UD}} p_{\max}(k, T_i) \times q_i \geq \theta \right)$$

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## Algorithm 2: Iterative SAT-based Itemsets Enumeration

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**Input:** An Uncertain Transaction Database  $\mathcal{UD}$

**Output:** The set of all frequent itemsets  $\mathcal{S}$

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1  $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \text{SATEncodingTable}(\mathcal{D});$ 
2  $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \emptyset; \mathcal{S}' \leftarrow \emptyset;$ 
3  $k \leftarrow 0;$ 
4 repeat
5    $k \leftarrow k + 1;$ 
6    $\mathcal{S}' \leftarrow \text{enumModels}(\Phi^k \wedge \mathcal{G});$ 
7    $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{S}';$ 
8 until  $(\mathcal{S}' = \emptyset);$ 
9 return  $\mathcal{S};$ 
```

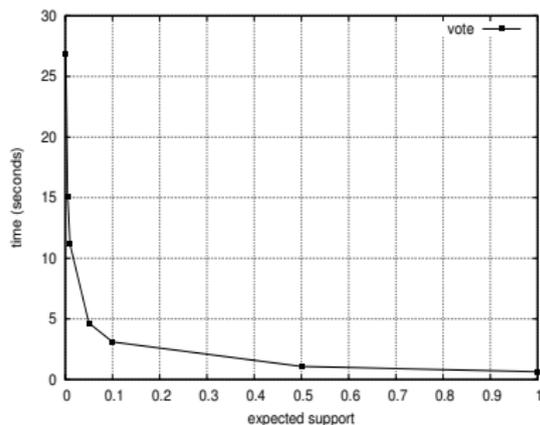
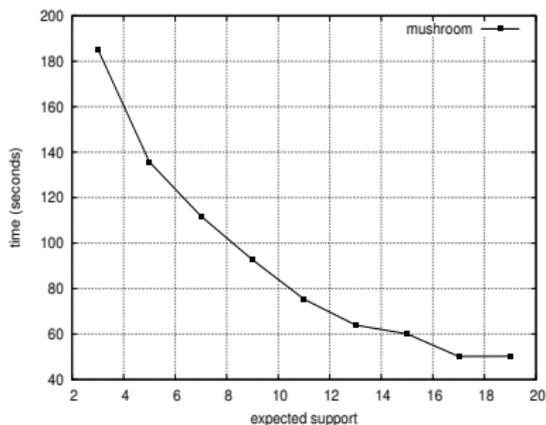
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# Performance Evaluation

The average of false positives

| Dataset       | $\theta$ | % False Positives |
|---------------|----------|-------------------|
| zoo_1         | 0.1      | 30.29             |
| tic-tac-toe   | 0.1      | 4.84              |
| vote          | 0.1      | 31.50             |
| soybean       | 0.1      | 30.52             |
| primary_tumor | 0.1      | 25.08             |

Results by varying the support value



# Gradual Itemsets Mining

# Graduality

- ▶ Represents variation between elements
- ▶ **"the more X is A, the more Y is B"**
- ▶ Initially used in the fuzzy domain
  - ▶ expert systems

## Example

- ▶ **The more experience, the higher salary**
- ▶ **The older a subject, the less his memory**

## Various applications :

- ▶ **Medecine**: correlations between memory and feeling points
- ▶ **Biology**: correlations between genomic expressions

# Gradual patterns

| Object | (P) | (S) | (R) |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| $t_1$  | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| $t_2$  | 31  | 7   | 3   |
| $t_3$  | 62  | 8   | 9   |
| $t_4$  | 18  | 1   | 0   |
| $t_5$  | 13  | 1   | 4   |
| $t_6$  | 17  | 2   | 1   |
| $t_7$  | 36  | 3   | 6   |

**Gradual item** is denoted  $i^*$  with  $* \in \{+, -\}$

- ▶  $* = +$  means the value of  $i$  is increasing and  $* = -$  means the value of  $i$  is decreasing

## What is the variation ?

- ▶  $+$  corresponds to  $\geq$  and  $-$  corresponds to  $\leq$
- ▶ As we are **comparing objects**, order is expressed as :
  - ▶  $t_1[i] \leq t_2[i]$ , then we write  $i^+$
  - ▶  $t_1[i] \geq t_2[i]$ , then we write  $i^-$

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Example:  $P^+$

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| $t_3$  | 62  |

# Gradual item, Gradual pattern

## Gradual pattern (itemset)

$g = (i_1^{*1}, \dots, i_k^{*k})$  is a non empty set of gradual items.

**Example:**  $(P^+, R^-)$

| Object | (P) | (R) |
|--------|-----|-----|
| $t_1$  | 0   | 5   |
| $t_5$  | 13  | 4   |
| $t_6$  | 17  | 1   |
| $t_4$  | 18  | 0   |

## Complementary gradual itemset

- ▶  $g = (i_1^{*1}, \dots, i_k^{*k})$  and  $c$  such that " $c(\geq) = \leq$ " and " $c(\leq) = \geq$ "
- ▶  $c(g)$  denotes the complementary gradual itemset of  $g$
- ▶ Example :  $c(P^+ S^+ R^-) = P^- S^- R^+$

# Gradual Pattern Extension

## Gradual Pattern Extension

- ▶ Let  $g = (i_1^{*1}, \dots, i_k^{*k})$  be a gradual itemset
- ▶ Let  $s = \langle t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_n \rangle$  be a sequence of tuples

$s$  is an extension of  $g$  if,  $\forall 1 \leq p \leq k$  and  $\forall 1 \leq j < n$ , the following constraint is satisfied :

$$t_j[i_p] *_{\rho} t_{j+1}[i_p]$$

## Cover

- ▶ Let  $g = (i_1^{*1}, \dots, i_k^{*k})$  be a gradual itemset of a database  $\Delta$ .

Then,  $Cover(g, \Delta)$  is the set of the longest extensions of  $g$  in  $\Delta$  with respect to set inclusion.

# Gradual Itemset Support

- ▶ Let  $\Delta$  be a numerical database and  $g$  be a gradual itemset of  $\Delta$ .

$$Supp(g, \Delta) = \frac{\max\{|s|, s \in Cover(g, \Delta)\}}{|\Delta|}$$

| Object | (P) | (S) | (R) |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| $t_1$  | 0   | 0   | 5   |
| $t_2$  | 31  | 7   | 3   |
| $t_3$  | 62  | 8   | 9   |
| $t_4$  | 18  | 1   | 0   |
| $t_5$  | 13  | 1   | 4   |
| $t_6$  | 17  | 2   | 1   |
| $t_7$  | 36  | 3   | 6   |

- ▶  $g = (P^+, R^-)$
- ▶  $Cover(g, \Delta) = \{\langle t_1, t_5, t_2 \rangle, \langle t_1, t_5, t_6, t_4 \rangle\}$
- ▶  $Supp(s) = \frac{4}{7} = 0.57$  (57%)
- ▶  $Supp(i^*) = 100\%$
- ▶  $g$  is frequent if its support is higher than a given support threshold

# Frequent Gradual Itemsets Mining Problem

## Definition

- ▶ Let  $\Delta$  be a numerical database
- ▶ Let  $\theta$  be a minimum support threshold

The problem of mining gradual itemsets is to find the set of all frequent gradual itemsets of  $\Delta$  with respect to  $\theta$ .

# Motivation

## Limits of the state-of-the-art approaches

- ▶ Generate a unique extension for each frequent gradual itemset
  - ▶ **all the extensions might be required to explain the gradualness of patterns or to derive additional knowledge**
- ▶ Do not take into account equality between attribute values
  - ▶ let  $g = (a^{\geq}, b^{\geq})$  be a gradual itemset and  $\langle t_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_m \rangle$  its associated extension
  - ▶  $g$  is valid even if :  $t_1[a] < \dots < t_m[a]$ , and  $t_1[b] = \dots = t_{i+1}[b]$

## Our aim

- ▶ Enumerate all extensions associated to each gradual pattern
- ▶ Take into account the equality case
- ▶ **Exploit existing sequence mining algorithms**

# Motivation

## Valid Gradual Pattern Extension

- ▶ Let  $g = (i_1^{*1}, \dots, i_k^{*k})$  be a gradual itemset
- ▶ An extension  $s = \langle t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_n \rangle$  of  $g$  is valid if  $\forall 1 \leq j < n$ , and  $\forall 1 \leq p < q \leq k$ ,

$$t_j[i_p] = t_{j+1}[i_p] \text{ iff } t_j[i_q] = t_{j+1}[i_q] \quad (1)$$

## Numerical Database

| Object | age | salary | cars |
|--------|-----|--------|------|
| $t_1$  | 22  | 1200   | 2    |
| $t_2$  | 28  | 1850   | 3    |
| $t_3$  | 24  | 1200   | 4    |
| $t_4$  | 35  | 2200   | 4    |
| $t_5$  | 38  | 2000   | 1    |
| $t_6$  | 44  | 3400   | 1    |
| $t_7$  | 52  | 3400   | 3    |
| $t_8$  | 41  | 5000   | 2    |

$$g = (\text{age}^{\geq}, \text{salary}^{\geq})$$

- ▶  $\langle t_3 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_6 \rangle$  is a valid extension associated to  $g$
- ▶  $\langle t_1 \rightarrow t_3 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_6 \rightarrow t_7 \rangle$  is not a valid extension associated to  $g$

# Gradual Patterns Mining as Sequence Mining

## [FUZZ-IEEE'2019]

Let  $\Delta$  be a numerical database over a set of numerical attributes  $\mathcal{A} = \{i_1, \dots, i_m\}$  and objects  $\mathcal{T} = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ . Given a gradual item  $i^*$  with  $i \in \mathcal{A}$ , we define  $G_i^*$  as the sequence of objects  $\langle t_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_n \rangle$  satisfying  $i^*$

| Object | age | salary | cars |
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- ▶  $G_{salary}^{\geq} = \langle t_1 t_3 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_5 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_6 t_7 \rightarrow t_8 \rangle$
- ▶ A given  $i^*$  corresponds to a unique sequence  $G_i^*$  of itemsets

# Gradual Patterns Mining as Sequence Mining

Let  $\Delta$  be a numerical database. We define  $\delta(\Delta)$  as

$$\delta(\Delta) = \{(i_1^{\geq}, G_{i_1}^{\geq}), (i_1^{\leq}, G_{i_1}^{\leq}), \dots, (i_m^{\geq}, G_{i_m}^{\geq}), (i_m^{\leq}, G_{i_m}^{\leq})\}$$

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| Gradual Items   | Sequences   |
|-----------------|---|
| $age^{\geq}$    | $\langle t_1 \rightarrow t_3 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_5 \rightarrow t_8 \rightarrow t_6 \rightarrow t_7 \rangle$ |
| $age^{\leq}$    | $\langle t_7 \rightarrow t_6 \rightarrow t_8 \rightarrow t_5 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_3 \rightarrow t_1 \rangle$ |
| $salary^{\geq}$ | $\langle t_1 t_3 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_5 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_6 t_7 \rightarrow t_8 \rangle$                         |
| $salary^{\leq}$ | $\langle t_8 \rightarrow t_6 t_7 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_5 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_1 t_3 \rangle$                         |
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# A Sequence Mining Approach for Mining Gradual Patterns

| Gradual Items   | Sequences   |
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| $age^{\leq}$    | $\langle t_7 \rightarrow t_6 \rightarrow t_8 \rightarrow t_5 \rightarrow t_4 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_3 \rightarrow t_1 \rangle$ |
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| $cars^{\geq}$   | $\langle t_5 t_6 \rightarrow t_8 t_1 \rightarrow t_2 t_7 \rightarrow t_4 t_3 \rangle$   |
| $cars^{\leq}$   | $\langle t_4 t_3 \rightarrow t_2 t_7 \rightarrow t_8 t_1 \rightarrow t_5 t_6 \rangle$   |

## Lemma

if  $\langle t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \dots \rightarrow t_n \rangle$  is frequent sequence in  $\delta(\Delta)$ , then  $\langle t_n \rightarrow t_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_1 \rangle$  is also a frequent sequence.

# Experiments

- ▶ A real world database about paleoecological data containing 111 objects and 40 attributes

| $\theta$ | #Grad_cl   | #Grad. (#Ext.)             | time (s) |
|----------|------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 0.20     | 21 941 457 | <b>598 655 (2 067 533)</b> | 23875.90 |
| 0.25     | 10 186 219 | <b>252 441 (876 39)</b>    | 12834.10 |
| 0.30     | 4 747 460  | <b>121 864 (531 978)</b>   | 7267.12  |
| 0.40     | 1 098 143  | <b>76 532 (267 861)</b>    | 1761.27  |
| 0.45     | 407 625    | <b>49 234 (94 591)</b>     | 629.78   |
| 0.50     | 130 172    | <b>21 563 (61 793)</b>     | 216.86   |
| 0.60     | 12 218     | <b>5 099 (3 768)</b>       | 22.26    |
| 0.70     | 778        | 1 078 (879)                | 1.95     |
| 0.80     | 130        | <b>99 (80)</b>             | 0.47     |
| 0.90     | 51         | 53 (43)                    | 0.23     |

- ▶ Reduce considerably the number of gradual itemsets
- ▶ Computation time increases when the support threshold decreases

# A SAT-Based Model for Mining Gradual Patterns

- ▶  $\mathcal{A} = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$  : a set of attributes
  - ▶  $\mathcal{T} = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  : a set of objects
  - ▶  $\mathcal{A}^* = \{a_1^+, a_1^-, \dots, a_m^+, a_m^-\}$  : the set of attribute variations
  - ▶  $k$  : the minimum support threshold
- 
- ▶ Associate to each attribute  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  two boolean variables respectively  $x_{a^+}$  and  $x_{a^-}$ 
    - ▶ Such boolean variables encode the candidate itemset  $g$ , i.e.  $x_{a^*} = \text{true}$  **iff**  $a^* \in g$
  - ▶ Let  $\langle t_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_k \rangle$  be the longest sequence of objects required for a frequent gradual itemset
    - ▶ Associate boolean variable  $y_{ij}$  to express that object  $t_i$  is putted in the position  $j$

# A SAT-Based Model for Mining Gradual Patterns

- ▶ A constraint to capture consistency of the candidate gradual itemset (does not contain both  $a^+$  and  $a^-$ ):

$$\bigwedge_{a \in a_1 \dots a_m} (\neg x_{a^+} \vee \neg x_{a^-})$$

- ▶ A constraint to place uniquely one object  $t_i$  in the  $j$ th position of the gradual itemset extension:

$$\bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq k} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_{ij} = 1 \right)$$

- ▶ A constraint to prevent an object to be placed in more than one position of the gradual itemset extension:

$$\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left( \sum_{j=1}^k y_{ij} \leq 1 \right)$$

# SAT-based Encoding for Mining Frequent Gradual Patterns

- ▶ A constraint that expresses for a given gradual item  $a^\diamond$ , the set of objects that can be set in position  $j + 1$  :

$$\bigwedge_{a^\diamond \in \mathcal{A}^*} \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq k} (x_{a^\diamond} \wedge y_{ij} \rightarrow \bigvee_{t_k[a] \diamond t_i[a]} y_{k(j+1)})$$

- ▶ Can be expressed differently:

$$\bigwedge_{a^\diamond \in \mathcal{A}^*} \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq k} (x_{a^\diamond} \wedge y_{ij} \rightarrow \bigwedge_{t_k[a] \bar{\diamond} t_i[a]} \neg y_{k(j+1)})$$

- ▶ Eliminate symmetrical gradual itemsets

# SAT Based Gradual Patterns Enumeration

## Experiments

- ▶ Implemented in *Minisat2.2* without **learning clause**
- ▶ Dataset: 100 objects and 10 attributes

| #minSupp (%) | #Vars  | #Clauses  | #Gradual model | Time (seconds) |
|--------------|--------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| 5            | 1 419  | 337 516   | 24 468         | 97.19          |
| 10           | 2 914  | 759 151   | 4 362          | 391.43         |
| 15           | 4 409  | 1 180 786 | 2 404          | 3518.47        |
| 20           | 5 904  | 1 602 421 | 459            | 11637.5        |
| 25           | 7 399  | 2 024 056 | 214            | 29578.36       |
| 30           | 8 894  | 2 445 691 | 144            | 38210.58       |
| 35           | 10 389 | 2 867 326 | 82             | 55480.58       |
| 40           | 11 884 | 3 288 961 | 58             | 60480.58       |
| 45           | 13 379 | 3 710 596 | 46             | -              |
| 50           | 14 874 | 4 132 231 | 20             | -              |

**TABLE** – Characteristics of instances & Enumeration Time

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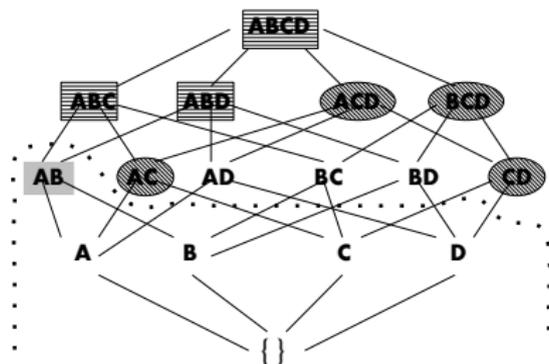
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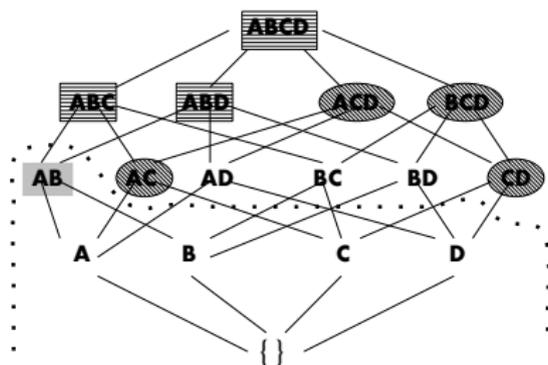
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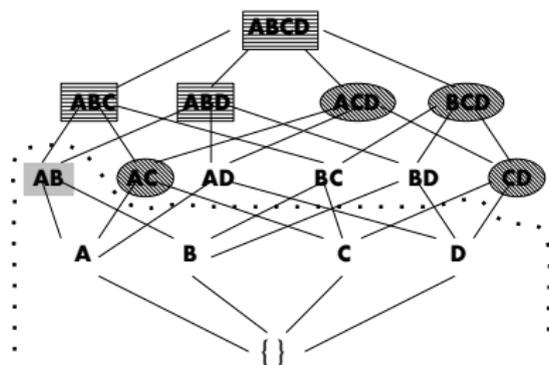
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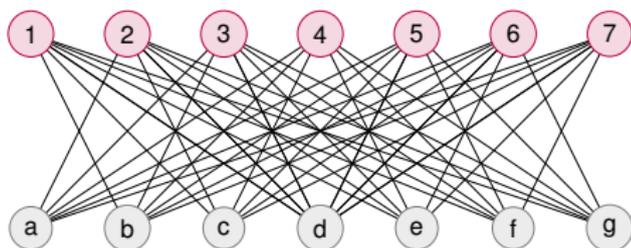
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# Itemsets Mining & Symmetries [ECAI'12]

## Symmetry Breaking as a preprocessing step

| <i>id</i> | <i>transactions</i> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1         | <i>b</i>            | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |          |
| 2         | <i>a</i>            |          | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |
| 3         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> |          | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |
| 4         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> |          | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |
| 5         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> |          | <i>f</i> | <i>g</i> |
| 6         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> |          | <i>g</i> |
| 7         | <i>a</i>            | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | <i>e</i> | <i>f</i> |          |



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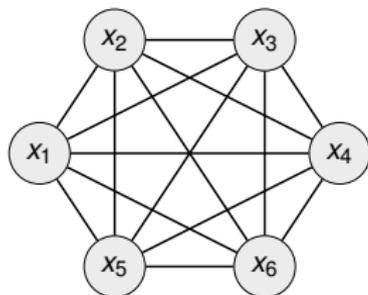
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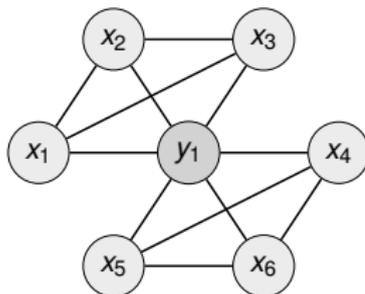
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} x_1 \vee x_6 \wedge x_5 \wedge x_4 \wedge x_3 \wedge x_2 \\ x_2 \vee x_6 \wedge x_5 \wedge x_4 \wedge x_3 \\ x_3 \vee x_6 \wedge x_5 \wedge x_4 \\ x_4 \vee x_6 \wedge x_5 \\ x_5 \vee x_6 \end{array} \right]$$



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$$\Phi_{\leq 1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \Phi_{\leq 1}(x_1, \dots, x_{\frac{n}{2}}, b) \wedge \Phi_{\leq 1}(\neg b, x_{\frac{n}{2}+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

# Graphs summarization

## Interests :

- ▶ Store large graphs in memory
- ▶ Visualize graphs to more understand their structures
- ▶ Make efficiently computations on graphs

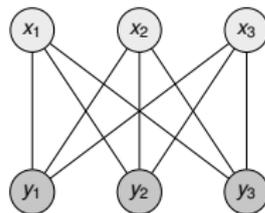
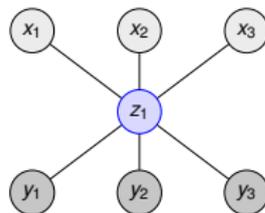
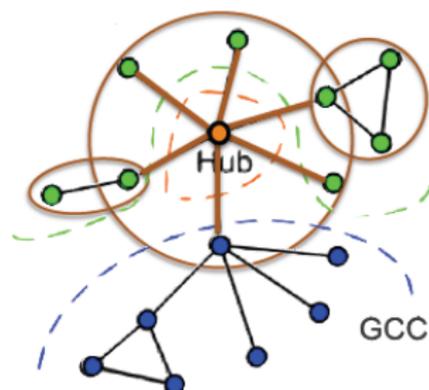
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- ▶ Important structural properties
- ▶ High complexity
- ▶ Scalability

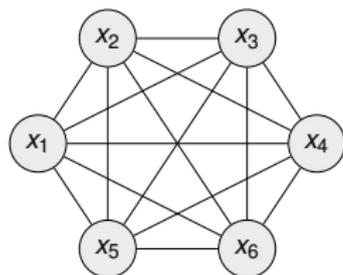
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## existing approaches :

- ▶ Node-based [Zhou et al .10]
- ▶ Edge-based [Francisco et al .07]
- ▶ Structure-based [Koutra et al .14]

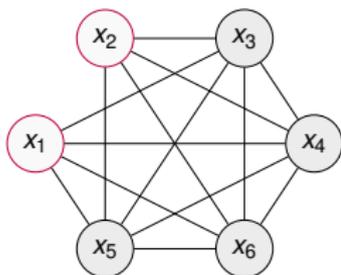


# Graphs summarization [BigData'16]



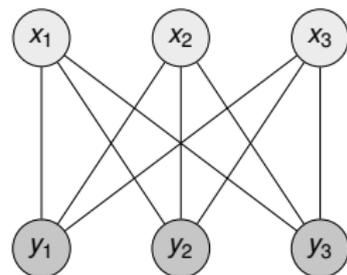
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Quasi-Clique

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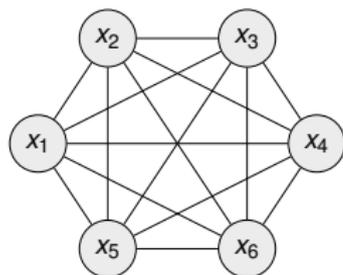
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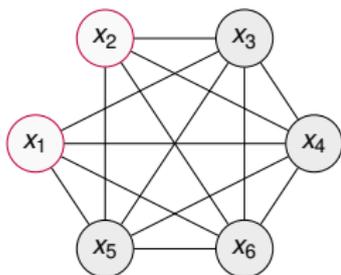
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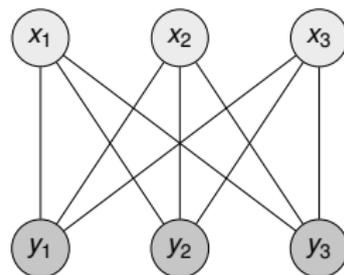
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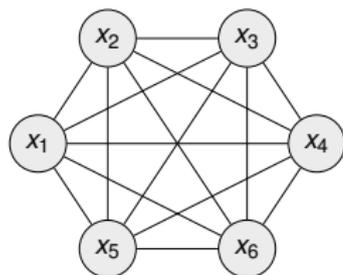
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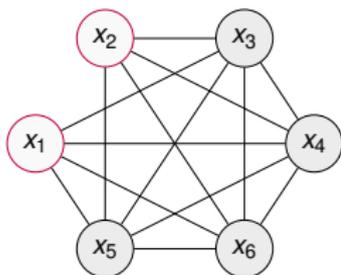
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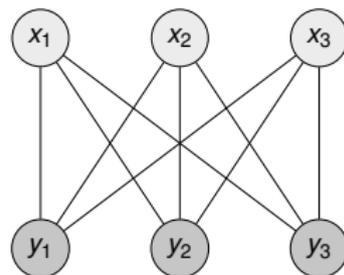
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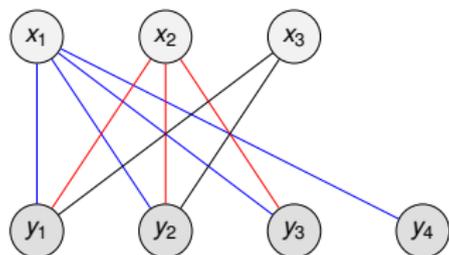
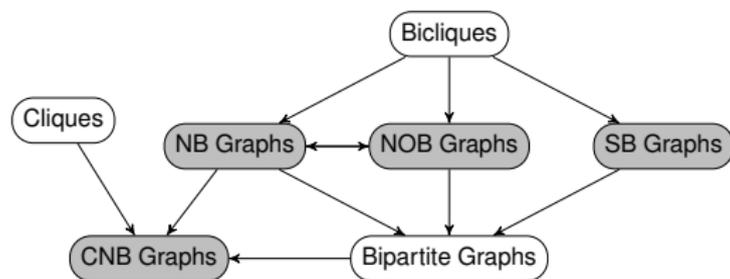
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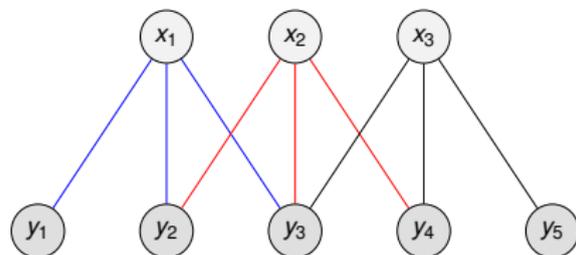
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# Graphs summarization [BigData'16]

- Nested Bipartite Graphs (NB), Clique Nested Bipartite Graphs (CNB), Sequence Bipartite graphs (SB)



$$0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (m + m_i) x_i - \sum_{j=1}^m (m + j) y_j \leq m$$



$$1 \leq \sum_{j=1}^m (k + j) y_j - \sum_{i=1}^n (k + k_i) x_i \leq k$$

# Experimental Evaluation

Compression performance (VOG vs SuLI) :

| Graph       | #nodes/#edges        | size    | #NB    | time (s) | Compression Rate |          |
|-------------|----------------------|---------|--------|----------|------------------|----------|
|             |                      |         |        |          | VOG (%)          | SuLI (%) |
| Chocolate   | 4 039/87 885         | 940.3KB | 57     | 9 654    | 39.14            | 64.14    |
| Facebook    | 473 315/3 505 519    | 47MB    | 12 800 | 501.94   | 68.08            | 62.97    |
| Ca-AstroPh  | 18 772/198 110       | 207.7KB | 3 119  | 340      | 25               | 27.78    |
| Twitter     | 18 772/198 050       | 4MB     | 3 119  | 309.6    | 65               | 75.14    |
| Enron       | 36 691/186 936       | 4MB     | 718    | 8 754    | 32.5             | 47.5     |
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| cnr-2000    | 325 557/3 216 152    | 41.5MB  | 487    | 417      | 39.03            | 40.24    |
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# Conclusion & Perspectives

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1. Efficient encodings (declarative) for many data mining tasks
2. Decomposition and Parallel approaches to tackle large data
3. Cross-fertilization between AI and Data mining (Symmetries, Compression)