



CS 412 Intro. to Data Mining

Chapter 7 : Advanced Frequent Pattern Mining

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Mining Diverse Patterns

- ❑ Mining Multiple-Level Associations
- ❑ Mining Multi-Dimensional Associations
- ❑ Mining Quantitative Associations
- ❑ Mining Negative Correlations
- ❑ Mining Compressed and Redundancy-Aware Patterns

Mining Multiple-Level Frequent Patterns

- Items often form hierarchies

- E.g.: Dairyland 2% milk;
Wonder wheat bread

- How to set min-support thresholds?

- Uniform min-support across multiple levels (reasonable?)

- Level-reduced min-support: Items at the lower level are expected to have lower support

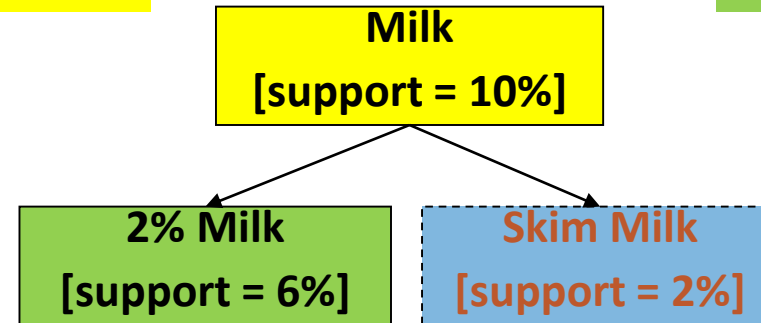
- Efficient mining: *Shared* multi-level mining

- Use the lowest min-support to pass down the set of candidates

Uniform support

Level 1
min_sup = 5%

Level 2
min_sup = 5%



Reduced support

Level 1
min_sup = 5%

Level 2
min_sup = 1%

Redundancy Filtering at Mining Multi-Level Associations

- ❑ Multi-level association mining may generate many redundant rules
- ❑ Redundancy filtering: Some rules may be redundant due to “ancestor” relationships between items
 - ❑ milk $\Rightarrow$ wheat bread [support = 8%, confidence = 70%] (1)
 - ❑ 2% milk $\Rightarrow$ wheat bread [support = 2%, confidence = 72%] (2)
 - ❑ Suppose the 2% milk sold is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of milk sold in gallons
 - ❑ (2) should be able to be “derived” from (1)

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- ❑ Rule (1) is an ancestor of rule (2), which one to prune?

Customized Min-Supports for Different Kinds of Items

- ❑ We have used the **same** min-support threshold **for all** the items or item sets to be mined in each association mining
- ❑ In reality, some items (e.g., diamond, watch, ...) are valuable but less frequent
- ❑ It is necessary to have customized min-support settings for different kinds of items
- ❑ One Method: Use **group-based “individualized” min-support**
 - ❑ E.g., {diamond, watch}: 0.05%; {bread, milk}: 5%; ...
 - ❑ How to mine such rules efficiently?
 - ❑ Existing scalable mining algorithms can be easily extended to cover such cases

Mining Multi-Dimensional Associations

- ❑ Single-dimensional rules (e.g., items are all in “product” dimension)
 - ❑ $\text{buys}(X, \text{“milk”}) \Rightarrow \text{buys}(X, \text{“bread”})$
- ❑ Multi-dimensional rules (i.e., items in ≥ 2 dimensions or predicates)
 - ❑ Inter-dimension association rules (*no repeated predicates*)
 - ❑ $\text{age}(X, \text{“18-25”}) \wedge \text{occupation}(X, \text{“student”}) \Rightarrow \text{buys}(X, \text{“coke”})$
 - ❑ Hybrid-dimension association rules (*repeated predicates*)
 - ❑ $\text{age}(X, \text{“18-25”}) \wedge \text{buys}(X, \text{“popcorn”}) \Rightarrow \text{buys}(X, \text{“coke”})$
- ❑ Attributes can be categorical or numerical
 - ❑ Categorical Attributes (e.g., *profession*, *product*: no ordering among values): Data cube for inter-dimension association
 - ❑ Quantitative Attributes: Numeric, implicit ordering among values—discretization, clustering, and gradient approaches

Mining Quantitative Associations

- ❑ Mining associations with numerical attributes
 - ❑ E.g.: Numerical attributes: **age** and **salary**
- ❑ Methods
 - ❑ Static discretization based on predefined concept hierarchies
 - ❑ Discretization on each dimension with hierarchy
 - ❑ age: {0-10, 10-20, ..., 90-100} → {young, mid-aged, old}
 - ❑ Dynamic discretization based on data distribution
 - ❑ Clustering: Distance-based association
 - ❑ First one-dimensional clustering, then association
 - ❑ Deviation analysis:
 - ❑ Gender = female $\Rightarrow$ Wage: mean=\$7/hr (overall mean = \$9)

Mining Extraordinary Phenomena in Quantitative Association Mining

- ❑ Mining extraordinary (i.e., interesting) phenomena
 - ❑ E.g.: Gender = female $\Rightarrow$ Wage: mean=\$7/hr (overall mean = \$9)
 - ❑ LHS: a subset of the population
 - ❑ RHS: an extraordinary behavior of this subset
- ❑ The rule is accepted only if a statistical test (e.g., Z-test) confirms the inference with high confidence
- ❑ Subrule: Highlights the extraordinary behavior of a subset of the population of the super rule
 - ❑ E.g.: (Gender = female) $\wedge$ (South = yes) $\Rightarrow$ mean wage = \$6.3/hr
- ❑ Rule condition can be categorical or numerical (quantitative rules)
 - ❑ E.g.: Education in [14-18] (yrs) $\Rightarrow$ mean wage = \$11.64/hr

Rare Patterns

- ❑ Rare patterns
 - ❑ Very low support but interesting (e.g., buying Rolex watches)
 - ❑ How to mine them? Setting individualized, group-based min-support thresholds for different groups of items

Negative Patterns

- ❑ Negative patterns
 - ❑ Negatively correlated: Unlikely to happen together
 - ❑ Ex.: Since it is unlikely that the same customer buys both a **Ford Expedition** (an SUV car) and a **Ford Fusion** (a hybrid car), buying a **Ford Expedition** and buying a **Ford Fusion** are likely negatively correlated patterns
 - ❑ How to define negative patterns?
- ❑ A support-based definition of negative correlated patterns
 - ❑ If itemsets A and B are both frequent but rarely occur together, i.e., $\text{sup}(A \cup B) \ll \text{sup}(A) \times \text{sup}(B)$

Does this remind you the definition of *lift*?

Defining Negative Correlated Patterns

- ❑ Is this a good definition for large transaction datasets?
- ❑ Ex.: Suppose a store sold two needle packages A and B 100 times each, but only one transaction contained both A and B
 - ❑ When there are in total 200 transactions, we have
 - ❑ $s(A \cup B) = 0.005, s(A) \times s(B) = 0.25, s(A \cup B) \ll s(A) \times s(B)$
 - ❑ But when there are 10^5 transactions, we have
 - ❑ $s(A \cup B) = 1/10^5, s(A) \times s(B) = 1/10^3 \times 1/10^3, s(A \cup B) > s(A) \times s(B)$
 - ❑ What is the problem?—Null transactions: The support-based definition is not null-invariant!

Defining Negative Correlation: Need Null-Invariance in Definition

- A good definition on negative correlation should take care of the null-invariance problem
 - Whether two itemsets A and B are negatively correlated should not be influenced by the number of null-transactions
- A Kulczynski measure-based definition
 - If itemsets A and B are frequent but
$$(s(A \cup B)/s(A) + s(A \cup B)/s(B))/2 < \epsilon,$$
where ϵ is a negative pattern threshold, then A and B are negatively correlated
- For the same needle package problem:
 - No matter there are in total 200 or 10^5 transactions
 - If $\epsilon = 0.01$, we have
$$(s(A \cup B)/s(A) + s(A \cup B)/s(B))/2 = (0.01 + 0.01)/2 < \epsilon$$

Mining Compressed Patterns

Pat-ID	Item-Sets	Support
P1	{38,16,18,12}	205227
P2	{38,16,18,12,17}	205211
P3	{39,38,16,18,12,17}	101758
P4	{39,16,18,12,17}	161563
P5	{39,16,18,12}	161576

- ❑ Closed patterns
 - ❑ P1, P2, P3, P4, P5
 - ❑ Emphasizes too much on support
- ❑ Max-patterns
 - ❑ P3: information loss
- ❑ Desired output (a good balance):
 - ❑ P2, P3, P4

- ❑ Why mining compressed patterns? Too many scattered patterns but not so meaningful

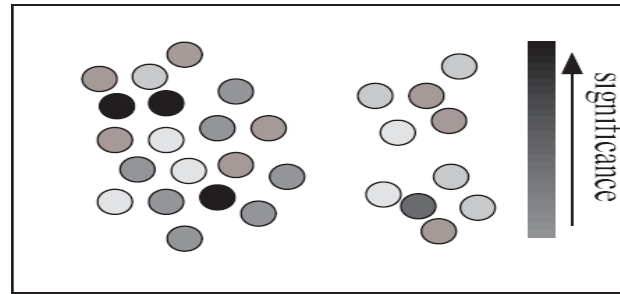
- ❑ Pattern distance measure

$$Dist(P_1, P_2) = 1 - \frac{|T(P_1) \cap T(P_2)|}{|T(P_1) \cup T(P_2)|}$$

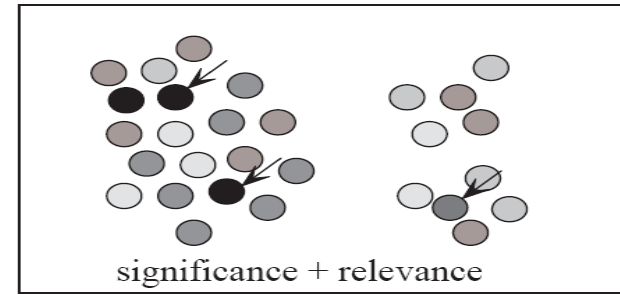
- ❑ δ -clustering: For each pattern P, find all patterns which can be expressed by P and whose distance to P is within δ (δ -cover)
- ❑ All patterns in the cluster can be represented by P

Redundancy-Aware Top-k Patterns

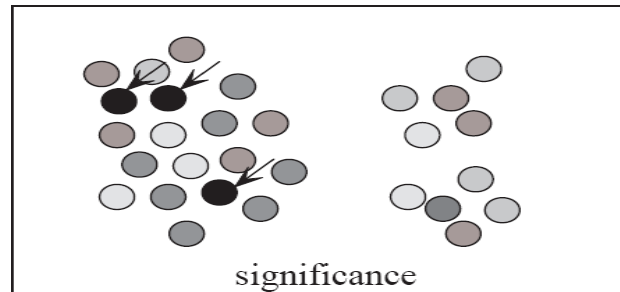
- Desired patterns: high significance & low redundancy



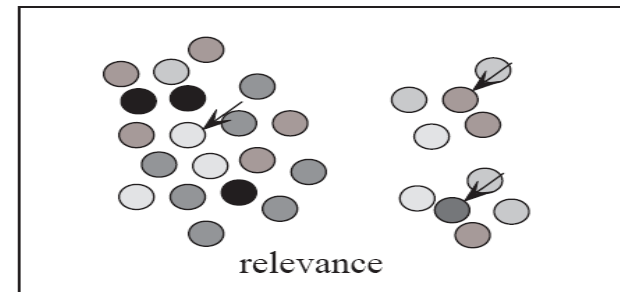
(a) a set of patterns



(b) redundancy-aware top- k



(c) traditional top- k



(d) summarization

- Method: Use MMS (Maximal Marginal Significance) for measuring the combined significance of a pattern set
- Xin et al., Extracting Redundancy-Aware Top-K Patterns, KDD'06

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Constraint-Based Pattern Mining

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- ❑ Different Kinds of Constraints: Different Pruning Strategies
- ❑ Constrained Mining with Pattern Anti-Monotonicity
- ❑ Constrained Mining with Pattern Monotonicity
- ❑ Constrained Mining with Convertible Constraints
- ❑ Constrained Mining with Data Anti-Monotonicity
- ❑ Constrained Mining with Succinct Constraints
- ❑ Handling Multiple Constraints

Why Constraint-Based Mining?

- ❑ Pattern mining in practice: Often a user-guided, **interactive** process
 - ❑ User directs what to be mined using a **data mining query language** (or a graphical user interface), **specifying various kinds of constraints**

- ❑ What is constraint-based mining?
 - ❑ Mine together with user-provided constraints

- ❑ Why constraint-based mining?
 - ❑ User flexibility: User provides **constraints** on what to be mined
 - ❑ Optimization: System explores such constraints for mining efficiency
 - ❑ E.g., Push constraints deeply into the mining process

Various Kinds of User-Specified Constraints in Data Mining

- ❑ **Knowledge type constraint**—Specifying what kinds of knowledge to mine
 - ❑ E.g.: Classification, association, clustering, outlier finding, ...
- ❑ **Data constraint**—using SQL-like queries
 - ❑ E.g.: Find products sold together in NY stores this year
- ❑ **Dimension/level constraint**—similar to projection in relational database
 - ❑ E.g.: In relevance to region, price, brand, customer category
- ❑ **Interestingness constraint**—various kinds of thresholds
 - ❑ E.g.: Strong rules: $\text{min_sup} \geq 0.02$, $\text{min_conf} \geq 0.6$, $\text{min_correlation} \geq 0.7$
- ❑ **Rule (or pattern) constraint**  **The focus of this study**
 - ❑ E.g.: Small sales (price < \$10) triggers big sales (sum > \$200)

Pattern Space Pruning with Pattern Anti-Monotonicity

Item	Price	Profit
a	100	40
b	40	0
c	150	-20
d	35	-15
e	55	-30
f	45	-10
g	80	20
h	10	5

Note: item.price > 0
Profit can be negative

- A constraint c is **anti-monotone**
 - If an itemset S **violates** constraint c , so does any of its superset
 - That is, mining on itemset S can be terminated
- E.g. 1: $c_1: \text{sum}(S.\text{price}) \leq v$ is **anti-monotone**
- E.g. 2: $c_2: \text{range}(S.\text{profit}) \leq 15$ is **anti-monotone**
 - Itemset ab violates c_2 ($\text{range}(ab) = 40$)
 - So does every superset of ab

Pattern Space Pruning with Pattern Anti-Monotonicity

TID	Transaction
10	a, b, c, d, f, h
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min_sup = 2

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■ E.g. 3. $c_3: \text{sum}(S.\text{Price}) \geq v$ is **not anti-monotone**

■ E.g. 4. Is $c_4: \text{support}(S) \geq \sigma$ anti-monotone?

■ Yes! Apriori pruning is essentially pruning with an anti-monotonic constraint!

Pattern Monotonicity and Its Roles

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- A constraint c is *monotone*: If an itemset S satisfies the constraint c , so does any of its superset
 - That is, we do not need to check c in subsequent mining
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- E.g. 2: $c_2: \text{min}(S.\text{Price}) \leq v$ is **monotone**
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Apriori for Pattern Anti-Monotone Constraint

Item	Price
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

Database D

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Scan D

itemset	sup.
{1}	2
{2}	3
{3}	3
{4}	1
{5}	3

F_1

itemset	sup.
{1}	2
{2}	3
{3}	3
{5}	3

Can be
chopped
early

F_2

itemset	sup
{1 3}	2
{2 3}	2
{2 5}	3
{3 5}	2

C_2

itemset	sup
{1 2}	1
{1 3}	2
{1 5}	1
{2 3}	2
{2 5}	3
{3 5}	2

C_2

itemset	sup
{1 2}	1
{1 3}	2
{1 5}	1
{2 3}	2
{2 5}	3
{3 5}	2

C_3

itemset	sup
{2 3 5}	2

Scan D

itemset	sup
{2 3 5}	2

Min_sup=2
Constraint:
Sum{S.price} < 5

Convertible Constraints: Ordering Data in Transactions

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- Convert tough constraints into (anti-)monotone by proper ordering of items in transactions
- Examine c_1 : $\text{avg}(S.\text{profit}) > 20$
 - Order items in (profit) value-descending order
 - $\langle a, g, f, b, h, d, c, e \rangle$
 - An itemset ab violates c_1 ($\text{avg}(ab) = 20$)
 - So does ab^* (i.e., ab -projected DB)
 - C_1 : **anti-monotone if patterns grow in the right order!**

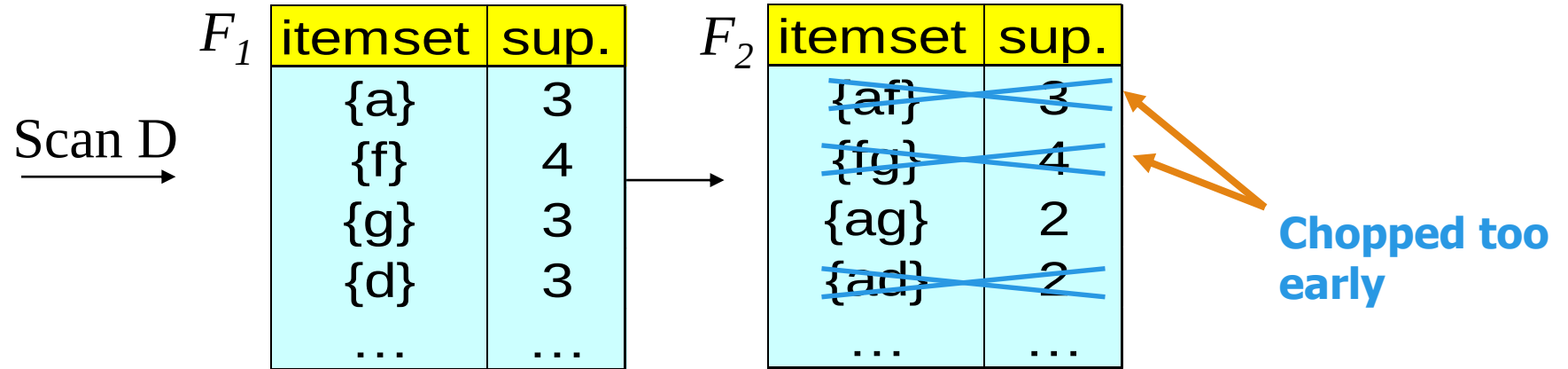
Can item-reordering work for Apriori?

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constraint: $\text{avg}(\text{S.profit}) > 20$



- $\text{avg}(gf) = 12.5 < 20$, $\text{avg}(af) = 17.5 < 20$, $\text{avg}(ag) = 35 > 20$
- But $\text{avg}(agf) = 21.7 > 20$
- Apriori will not generate “agf” as a candidate

Data Space Pruning with Data Anti-Monotonicity

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- A constraint c is **data anti-monotone**: In the mining process, if a data entry t cannot contribute to a pattern p satisfying c , t cannot contribute to p 's superset either
 - Data space pruning: Data entry t can be pruned
- E.g. 1: $c_1: \text{sum}(S.\text{Profit}) \geq v$ is **data anti-monotone**
 - Let constraint c_1 be: $\text{sum}(S.\text{Profit}) \geq 25$
 - $T_{30}: \{b, c, d, f, g\}$ can be removed since none of their combinations can make an S whose sum of the profit is ≥ 25

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 - Data space pruning: Data entry t can be pruned
- E.g. 2: $c_2: \min(S.Price) \leq v$ is **data anti-monotone**
 - Consider $v = 5$ but every item in a transaction, say T_{50} , has a price higher than 10
- E.g. 3: $c_3: \text{range}(S.Profit) > 25$ is **data anti-monotone**

Data Space Pruning Should Be Explored Recursively

TID	Transaction	Item	Profit
10	a, b, c, d, f, h	a	40
20	b, c, d, f, g, h	b	0
30	b, c, d, f, g	c	-20
40	a, c, e, f, g	d	-15
min_sup = 2		e	-30
		f	-10
		g	20
		h	5

- ❑ Example. $c_3: \text{range}(S.\text{Profit}) > 25$
 - ❑ We check b's projected database
 - ❑ But item "a" is infrequent (sup = 1)
 - ❑ After removing "a (40)" from T_{10}
 - ❑ T_{10} cannot satisfy c_3 any more
 - ❑ Since "b (0)" and "c (-20), d (-15), f (-10), h (5)"
 - ❑ By removing T_{10} , we can also prune "h" in T_{20}

b's-proj. DB

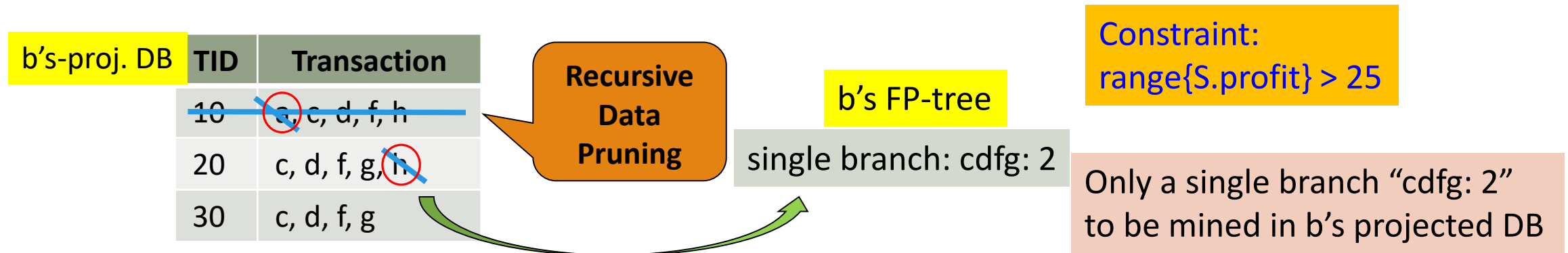


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b's-proj. DB

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- Note: c_3 prunes T_{10} effectively only after "a" is pruned (by min-sup) in b's projected DB

Succinctness: Pruning Both Data and Pattern Spaces

- Succinctness: If the constraint c can be enforced by directly manipulating the data
- E.g. 1: To find those patterns without item i
 - Remove i from DB and then mine (pattern space pruning)
- E.g. 2: To find those patterns containing item i
 - Mine only i -projected DB (data space pruning)
- E.g. 3: $c_3: \min(S.Price) \leq v$ is succinct
 - Start with only items whose price $\leq v$ and remove transactions with high-price items only (pattern + data space pruning)
- E.g. 4: $c_4: \sum(S.Price) \geq v$ is not succinct
 - It cannot be determined beforehand since sum of the price of itemset S keeps increasing

Apriori + Succinct Constraint

Item	Price
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

Database D

TID	Items
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20	2 3 5
30	1 2 3 5
40	2 5

Scan D

itemset	sup.
{1}	2
{2}	3
{3}	3
{4}	1
{5}	3

F_1

itemset	sup.
{1}	2
{2}	3
{3}	3
{5}	3

Min_sup=2
Constraint:
 $\min\{S.\text{price}\} \leq 2$

Chopped too early

Database D

TID	Items
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20	2 3 5
30	1 2 3 5
40	2 5

Scan D

itemset	sup.
{1}	2
{2}	1
{3}	2
{4}	1
{5}	1

F_1

itemset	sup.
{1}	2
{3}	2

Min_sup=2
Constraint:
 $\min\{S.\text{price}\} \leq 1$

Constrained FP-Growth: Push a Succinct Constraint Deep

Item	Price
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

TID	Items
10	1 3 4
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40	2 5

Remove
infrequent
length 1

TID	Items
10	1 3
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Min_sup=2

Constraint:

$\min\{S.\text{price}\} \leq 2$

No Need to project on 3 or 5

1-Projected DB

TID	Items
10	3 4
30	2 3 5

2-Projected DB

TID	Items
20	3 5
40	5

Different Kinds of Constraints Lead to Different Pruning Strategies

- In summary, constraints can be categorized as **Pattern space pruning** constraints vs. **data space pruning** constraints

Pattern space pruning constraints	Data space pruning constraints
■ Anti-monotonic: If constraint c is violated, its further mining can be terminated ■ Monotonic: If c is satisfied, no need to check c again ■ Convertible: c can be converted to monotonic or anti-monotonic if items can be properly ordered in processing ■ Succinct: If the constraint c can be enforced by directly manipulating the data	■ Data succinct: Data space can be pruned at the initial pattern mining process ■ Data anti-monotonic: If a transaction t does not satisfy c, then t can be pruned to reduce data processing effort

How to Handle Multiple Constraints?

- It is beneficial to use multiple constraints in pattern mining
- But different constraints may require potentially conflicting item-ordering
 - If there exists conflict ordering between c_1 and c_2
 - Try to sort data and enforce *one constraint* first (which one?)
 - Then enforce the other constraint when mining the projected databases
- E.g. c_1 : $\text{avg}(S.\text{profit}) > 20$, and c_2 : $\text{avg}(S.\text{price}) < 50$
 - Assume c_1 has more pruning power
 - Sort in profit descending order and use c_1 first
 - For each project DB, sort trans. in price ascending order and use c_2 at mining

Summary: Constraint-Based Pattern Mining

- ❑ Why Constraint-Based Mining?
- ❑ Different Kinds of Constraints: Different Pruning Strategies
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Sequential Pattern Mining

- ❑ Sequential Pattern and Sequential Pattern Mining
- ❑ GSP: Apriori-Based Sequential Pattern Mining
- ❑ SPADE: Sequential Pattern Mining in Vertical Data Format
- ❑ PrefixSpan: Sequential Pattern Mining by Pattern-Growth
- ❑ CloSpan: Mining Closed Sequential Patterns
- ❑ Constraint-Based Sequential-Pattern Mining

Sequence Databases & Sequential Patterns

- ❑ Sequential pattern mining has broad applications
 - ❑ Customer shopping sequences
 - ❑ Purchase a laptop first, then a digital camera, and then a smartphone, within 6 months
 - ❑ Medical treatments, natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes), science & engineering processes, stocks and markets, ...
 - ❑ Weblog click streams, calling patterns, ...
 - ❑ Software engineering: Program execution sequences, ...
 - ❑ Biological sequences: DNA, protein, ...
- ❑ Transaction DB, sequence DB vs. time-series DB
- ❑ Gapped vs. non-gapped sequential patterns
 - ❑ Shopping sequences, clicking streams vs. biological sequences

Sequential Pattern and Sequential Pattern Mining

- **Sequential pattern mining:** Given a set of sequences, find the **complete set of frequent subsequences** (i.e., satisfying the min_sup threshold)

A **sequence**: < (ef) (ab) (df) c b >

- An element may contain a set of items (also called events)

* Items within an element are unordered and we list them alphabetically

A **sequence database**

SID	Sequence
10	<a(<u>ab</u> c)(a <u>c</u>)d(cf)>
20	<(ad)c(bc)(ae)>
30	<(ef)(<u>ab</u>)(df) <u>c</u> b>
40	<eg(af)cbc>

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$\langle a(bc)dc \rangle$ is a **subsequence** of $\langle \underline{a}(a\underline{bc})(ac)\underline{d}(\underline{c}f) \rangle$

- Given support threshold $min_sup = 2$, $\langle (ab)c \rangle$ is a **sequential pattern**

A **sequence database**

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10	$\langle a(\underline{ab}c)(a\underline{c})d(cf) \rangle$
20	$\langle (ad)c(bc)(ae) \rangle$
30	$\langle (ef)(\underline{ab})(df)\underline{c}b \rangle$
40	$\langle eg(af)cbc \rangle$

Sequential Pattern Mining Algorithms

- ❑ Algorithm requirement: Efficient, scalable, finding complete set, incorporating various kinds of user-specific constraints
- ❑ The Apriori property still holds: If a subsequence s_1 is infrequent, none of s_1 's super-sequences can be frequent
- ❑ Representative algorithms
 - ❑ **GSP** (Generalized Sequential Patterns): Srikant & Agrawal @ EDBT'96)
 - ❑ Vertical format-based mining: **SPADE** (Zaki@Machine Learning'00)
 - ❑ Pattern-growth methods: **PrefixSpan** (Pei, et al. @TKDE'04)
- ❑ Mining closed sequential patterns: **CloSpan** (Yan, et al. @SDM'03)
- ❑ Constraint-based sequential pattern mining (to be covered in the constraint mining section)

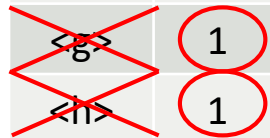
GSP: Apriori-Based Sequential Pattern Mining

- Initial candidates: All 8-singleton sequences
 - <a>, , <c>, <d>, <e>, <f>, <g>, <h>
- Scan DB once, count support for each candidate

SID	Sequence
10	<(bd)cb(ac)>
20	<(bf)(ce)b(fg)>
30	<(ah)(bf)abf>
40	<(be)(ce)d>
50	<a(bd)bcb(ade)>

$min_sup = 2$

Cand.	sup
<a>	3
	5
<c>	4
<d>	3
<e>	3
<f>	2
<g>	1
<h>	1



GSP: Apriori-Based Sequential Pattern Mining

- Generate length-2 candidate sequences

singleton x singleton

	<a>		<c>	<d>	<e>	<f>
<a>	<aa>	<ab>	<ac>	<ad>	<ae>	<af>
	<ba>	<bb>	<bc>	<bd>	<be>	<bf>
<c>	<ca>	<cb>	<cc>	<cd>	<ce>	<cf>
<d>	<da>	<db>	<dc>	<dd>	<de>	<df>
<e>	<ea>	<eb>	<ec>	<ed>	<ee>	<ef>
<f>	<fa>	<fb>	<fc>	<fd>	<fe>	<ff>

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<e>	3
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<h>	1



sets

	<a>		<c>	<d>	<e>	<f>
<a>		<(ab)>	<(ac)>	<(ad)>	<(ae)>	<(af)>
			<(bc)>	<(bd)>	<(be)>	<(bf)>
<c>				<(cd)>	<(ce)>	<(cf)>
<d>					<(de)>	<(df)>
<e>						<(ef)>
<f>						

Apriori Pruning

- w/o pruning:
 $8*8 + 8*7/2 = 92$
length-2 candidates
- w/ pruning:
 $6*6 + 6*5/2 = 51$
length-2 candidates

GSP Mining and Pruning

5th scan: 1 cand. 1 length-5 seq. pat.

<(bd)cba>

4th scan: 8 cand. 7 length-4 seq. pat.

<abba> <(bd)bc> ...

3rd scan: 46 cand. 20 length-3 seq. pat. 20
cand. not in DB at all

<abb> <aab> <aba> <baa> <bab> ...

2nd scan: 51 cand. 19 length-2 seq. pat.
10 cand. not in DB at all

<aa> <ab> ... <af> <ba> <bb> ... <ff> <(ab)> ... <(ef)>

1st scan: 8 cand. 6 length-1 seq. pat.

<a> <c> <d> <e> <f> <g> <h>

❑ Remove

❑ Candidates not in DB

❑ Candidates < min_{sup}

min_{sup} = 2

SID	Sequence
10	<(bd)cb(ac)>
20	<(bf)(ce)b(fg)>
30	<(ah)(bf)abf>
40	<(be)(ce)d>
50	<a(bd)bcb(ade)>

GSP Mining and Pruning

- ❑ Repeat (for each level (i.e., length- k))
 - ❑ Scan DB to find length- k frequent sequences
 - ❑ Generate length- $(k+1)$ candidate sequences from length- k frequent sequences using Apriori
 - ❑ set $k = k+1$
- ❑ Until no frequent sequence or no candidate can be found

GSP (Generalized Sequential Patterns): Srikant & Agrawal
@ EDBT'96)

Sequential Pattern Mining in Vertical Data Format: The SPADE Algorithm

- A sequence database is mapped to: <SID, EID>
- Grow the subsequences (patterns) one item at a time by Apriori candidate generation

SID	Sequence
1	<a(<u>abc</u>)(a <u>c</u>)d(cf)>
2	<(ad)c(bc)(ae)>
3	<(ef)(<u>ab</u>)(df) <u>cb</u> >
4	<eg(af)cbc>

min_sup = 2

Ref: SPADE (Sequential
Pattern Discovery
using Equivalent Class)
[M. Zaki 2001]

SID	EID	Items
1	1	a
1	2	abc
1	3	ac
1	4	d
1	5	cf
2	1	ad
2	2	c
2	3	bc
2	4	ae
3	1	ef
3	2	ab
3	3	df
3	4	c
3	5	b
4	1	e
4	2	g
4	3	af
4	4	c
4	5	b
4	6	c

a		b		...
SID	EID	SID	EID	...
1	1	1	2	
1	2	2	3	
1	3	3	2	
2	1	3	5	
2	4	4	5	
3	2			
4	3			

ab			ba			...
SID	EID (a)	EID(b)	SID	EID (b)	EID(a)	...
1	1	2	1	2	3	
2	1	3	2	3	4	
3	2	5				
4	3	5				

aba				...
SID	EID (a)	EID(b)	EID(a)	...
1	1	2	3	
2	1	3	4	

PrefixSpan: A Pattern-Growth Approach

SID	Sequence	<i>min_sup</i> = 2	
		Prefix	Suffix (Projection)
10	<a(<u>abc</u>)(ac)d(cf)>	<a>	<(abc)(ac)d(cf)>
20	<(ad)c(bc)(ae)>	<aa>	<(_bc)(ac)d(cf)>
30	<(ef)(<u>ab</u>)(df) <u>cb</u> >	<ab>	<(_c)(ac)d(cf)>
40	<eg(af)cbc>		

PrefixSpan Mining: Prefix Projections

- Step 1: Find length-1 sequential patterns
 - <a>, , <c>, <d>, <e>, <f>
- Step 2: Divide search space and mine each projected DB
 - <a>-projected DB,
 - -projected DB,
 - ...
 - <f>-projected DB, ...

Prefix and suffix

- Given <a(abc)(ac)d(cf)>
- Prefixes:** <a>, <aa>, <a(ab)>, <a(abc)>, ...
- Suffix: Prefixes-based projection**

PrefixSpan (Prefix-projected Sequential pattern mining)
Pei, et al. @TKDE'04

PrefixSpan: Mining Prefix-Projected DBs

SID	Sequence
10	<a(<u>abc</u>)(a <u>c</u>)d(cf)>
20	<(ad)c(bc)(ae)>
30	<(ef)(<u>ab</u>)(df) <u>cb</u> >
40	<eg(af)cbc>

$min_sup = 2$

Length-1 sequential patterns
<a>, , <c>, <d>, <e>, <f>

prefix <a>

<a>-projected DB

<(abc)(ac)d(cf)>

<(_d)c(bc)(ae)>

<(_b)(df)cb>

<(_f)cbc>

-projected DB

<(_c)(ac)d(cf)>

<(_c)(ae)>

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<c>

prefix

prefix <c>, ..., <f>

...

... ..

prefix <aa>

prefix <af>

<aa>-projected DB

..

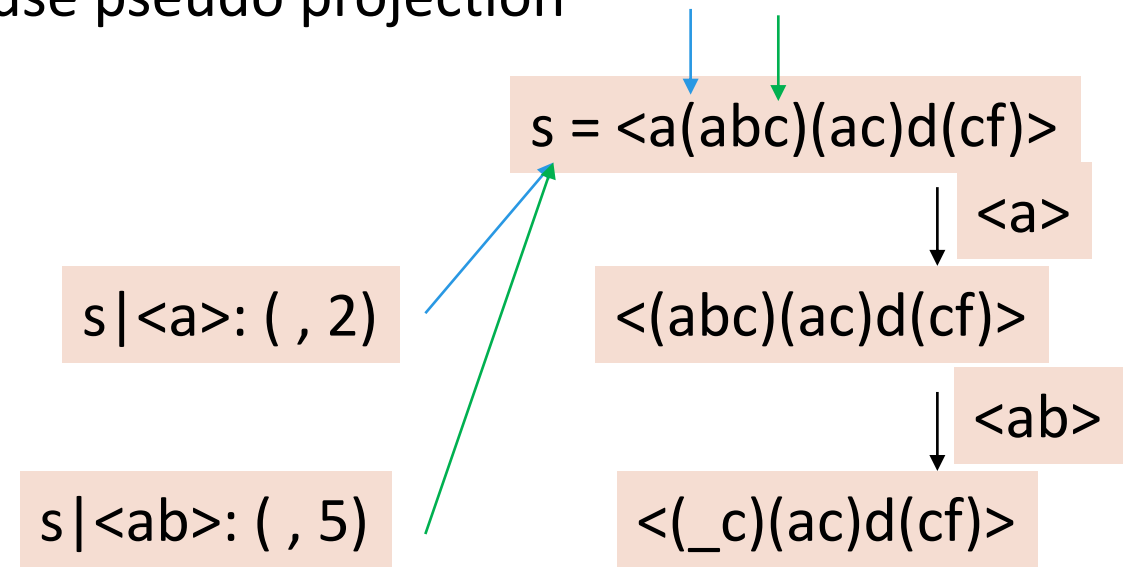
<af>-projected DB

Major strength of PrefixSpan:

- No candidate subseqs. to be generated
- Projected DBs keep shrinking

Implementation Consideration: Pseudo-Projection vs. Physical Projection

- ❑ Major cost of PrefixSpan: Constructing projected DBs
 - ❑ Suffixes largely repeating in recursive projected DBs
- ❑ When DB can be held in main memory, use pseudo projection
 - ❑ No physically copying suffixes
 - ❑ **Pointer to the sequence**
 - ❑ **Offset of the suffix**
- ❑ But if it does not fit in memory
 - ❑ Physical projection
- ❑ Suggested approach:
 - ❑ Integration of physical and pseudo-projection
 - ❑ Swapping to pseudo-projection when the data fits in memory

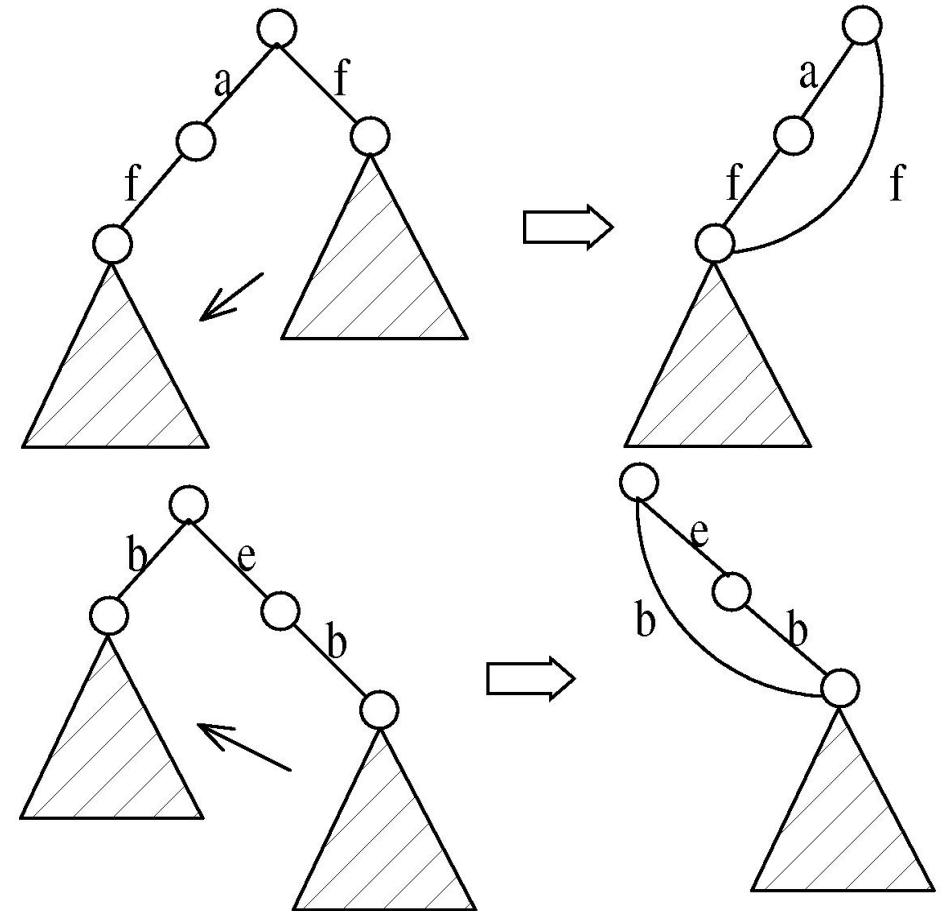


CloSpan: Mining Closed Sequential Patterns

- ❑ A **closed sequential pattern** s : There exists no superpattern s' such that $s' \supset s$, and s' and s have the same support
- ❑ Which ones are closed? $\langle abc \rangle: 20$, $\langle abcd \rangle: 20$, $\langle abcde \rangle: 15$

CloSpan: Mining Closed Sequential Patterns

- Why directly mine closed sequential patterns?
 - Reduce # of (redundant) patterns
 - Attain the same expressive power
- Property P_1 : If $s \supset s_1$, s is closed iff two project DBs have the same size
- Explore *Backward Subpattern* and *Backward Superpattern* pruning to prune redundant search space
- Greatly enhances efficiency (Yan, et al., SDM'03)

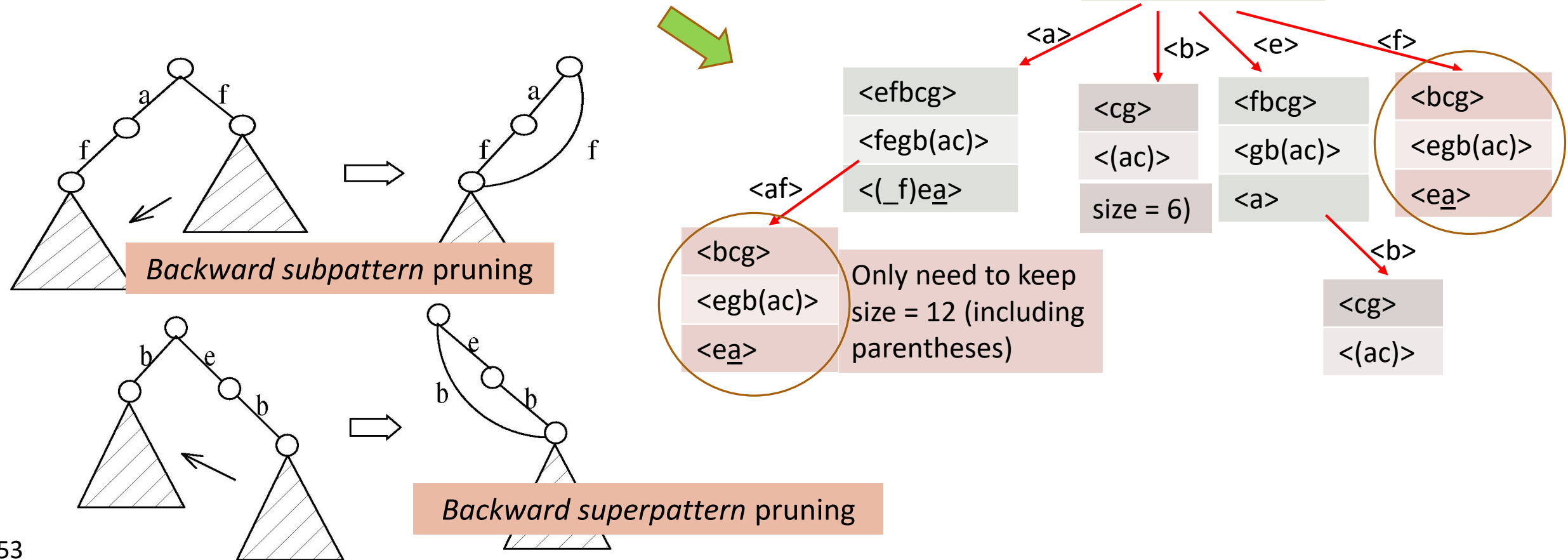


CloSpan: When Two Projected DBs Have the Same Size

- If $s \supset s_1$, s is closed iff two project DBs have the same size
- When two projected sequence DBs have the same size?
- Here is one example:

ID	Sequence
1	<ae f bcg>
2	<afeg b (ac)>
3	<(af)ea <u>b</u> >

$min_sup = 2$



Constraint-Based Sequential-Pattern Mining

- ❑ Share many similarities with constraint-based itemset mining
- ❑ **Anti-monotonic:** If S violates c , the super-sequences of S also violate c
 - ❑ $\text{sum}(S.\text{price}) < 150; \min(S.\text{value}) > 10$
- ❑ **Monotonic:** If S satisfies c , the super-sequences of S also do so
 - ❑ $\text{element_count}(S) > 5; S \supseteq \{\text{PC}, \text{digital_camera}\}$
- ❑ **Data anti-monotonic:** If a sequence s_1 with respect to S violates c_3 , s_1 can be removed
 - ❑ $c_3: \text{sum}(S.\text{price}) \geq v$
- ❑ **Succinct:** Enforce constraint c by explicitly manipulating data
 - ❑ $S \supseteq \{\text{i-phone}, \text{MacAir}\}$
- ❑ **Convertible:** Projection based on the sorted value not sequence order
 - ❑ $\text{value_avg}(S) < 25; \text{profit_sum}(S) > 160$
 - ❑ $\text{max}(S)/\text{avg}(S) < 2; \text{median}(S) - \text{min}(S) > 5$

Timing-Based Constraints in Seq.-Pattern Mining

- ❑ **Order constraint:** Some items must happen before the other
 - ❑ {algebra, geometry} $\rightarrow$ {calculus} (where “ $\rightarrow$ ” indicates ordering)
 - ❑ Anti-monotonic: Constraint-violating sub-patterns pruned
- ❑ **Min-gap/max-gap constraint:** Confines two elements in a pattern
 - ❑ E.g., mingap = 1, maxgap = 4
 - ❑ Succinct: Enforced directly during pattern growth
- ❑ **Max-span constraint:** Maximum allowed time difference between the 1st and the last elements in the pattern
 - ❑ E.g., maxspan (S) = 60 (days)
 - ❑ Succinct: Enforced directly when the 1st element is determined
- ❑ **Window size constraint:** Events in an element do not have to occur at the same time: Enforce max allowed time difference
 - ❑ E.g., window-size = 2: Various ways to merge events into elements

Episodes and Episode Pattern Mining

- Episodes and regular expressions: Alternative to seq. patterns
 - Serial episodes: AB ← a total order relationship: first A then B
 - Parallel episodes: $A|B$ ← a partial order relationship: A and B can be in any order
 - Regular expressions: $(A|B)C^*(DE)$ ← (DE) means D, E happen in the same time window
- E.g. Given a large shopping sequence database, one may like to find
 - Suppose the pattern order follows the template $(A|B)C^*(D E)$, and
 - Sum of the prices of A, B, C^* , D, and E is greater than \$100, where C^* means C appears *-times
 - How to efficiently mine such episode patterns?

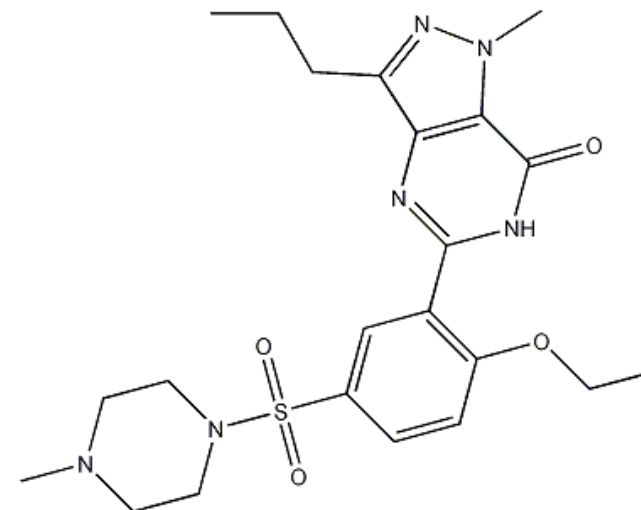
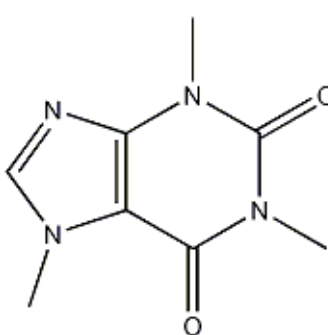
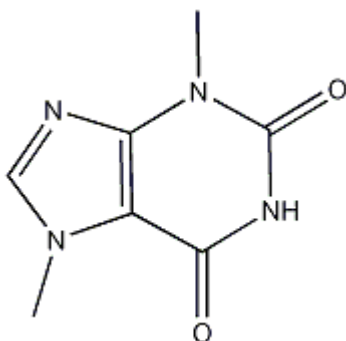
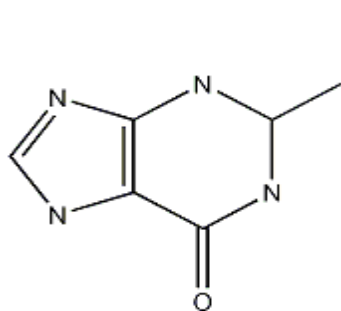
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What Is Graph Pattern Mining?

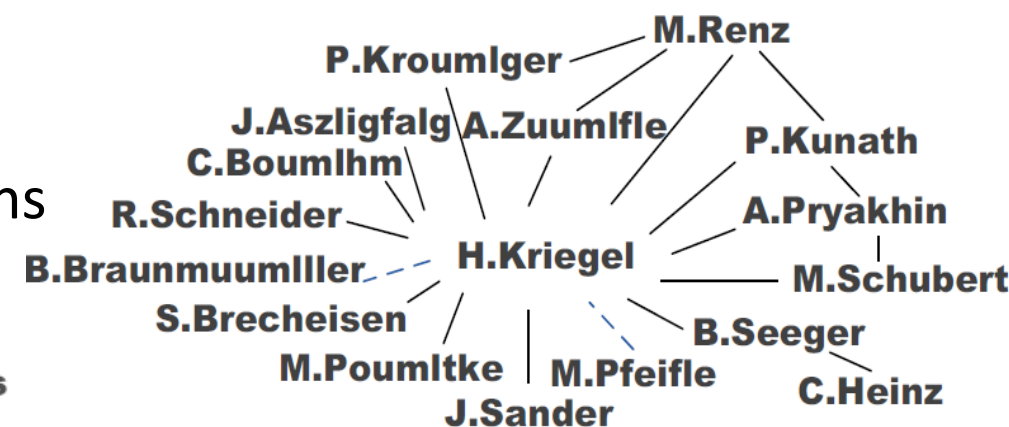
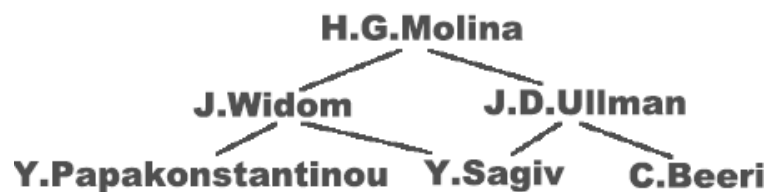
- Chem-informatics:

- Mining frequent chemical compound structures



- Social networks, web communities, tweets, ...

- Finding frequent research collaboration subgraphs



Frequent (Sub)Graph Patterns

- Given a labeled graph dataset $D = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n\}$, the supporting graph set of a subgraph g is $D_g = \{G_i \mid g \subseteq G_i, G_i \in D\}$

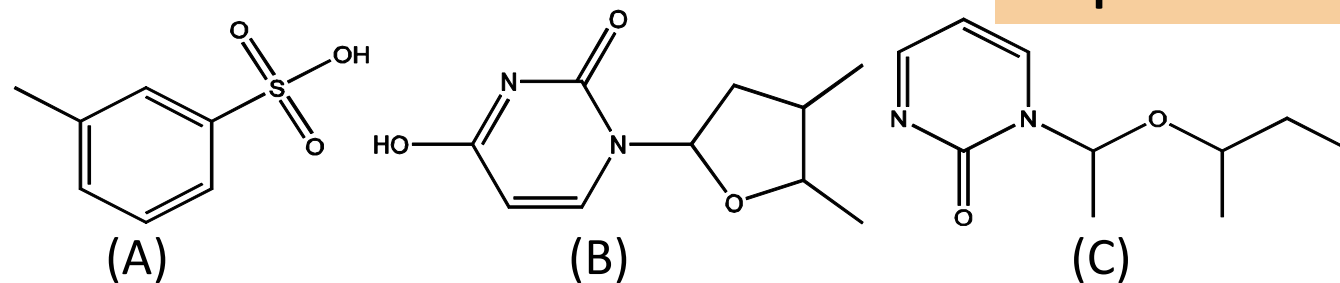
- $\text{support}(g) = |D_g| / |D|$

- A (sub)graph g is **frequent** if $\text{support}(g) \geq \text{min_sup}$

- Ex.: Chemical structures

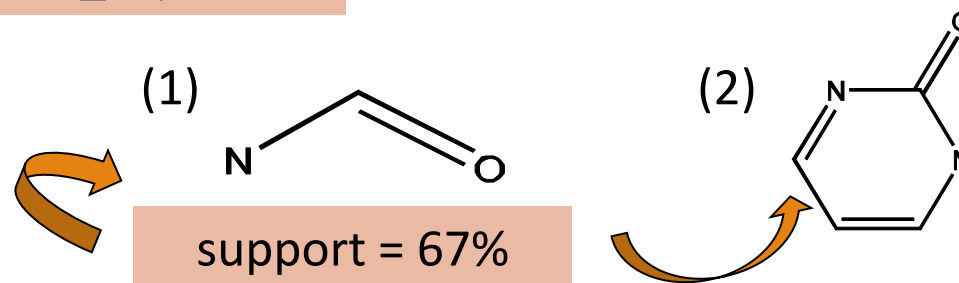
- Alternative:

- Mining frequent subgraph patterns from a single large graph or network



min_sup = 2

Frequent Graph Patterns



Applications of Graph Pattern Mining

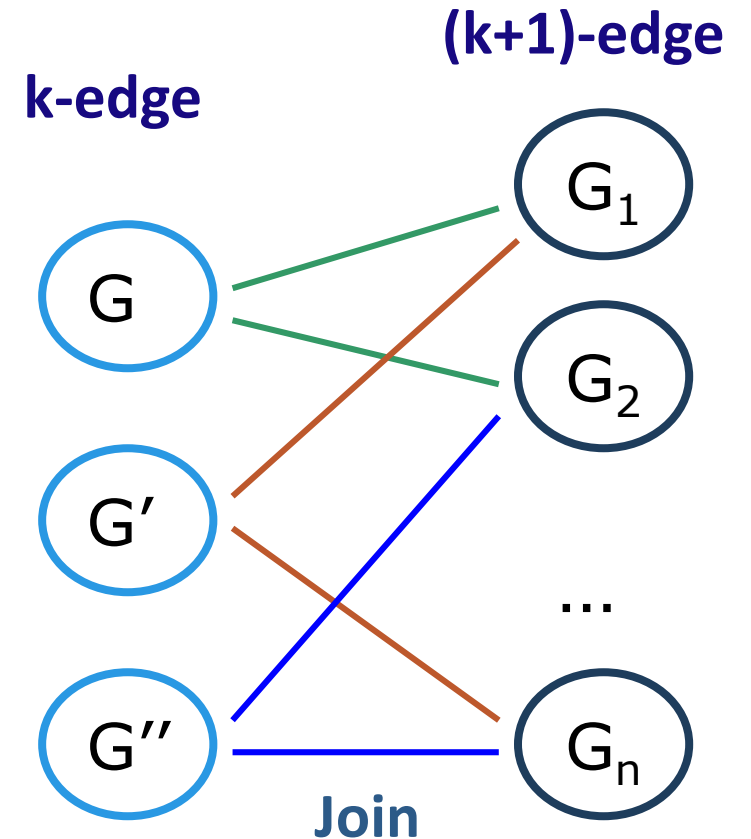
- ❑ Bioinformatics
 - ❑ Gene networks, protein interactions, metabolic pathways
- ❑ Chem-informatics: Mining chemical compound structures
- ❑ Social networks, web communities, tweets, ...
- ❑ Cell phone networks, computer networks, ...
- ❑ Web graphs, XML structures, Semantic Web, information networks
- ❑ Software engineering: Program execution flow analysis
- ❑ Building blocks for graph classification, clustering, compression, comparison, and correlation analysis
- ❑ Graph indexing and graph similarity search

Graph Pattern Mining Algorithms: Different Methodologies

- Generation of candidate subgraphs
 - Apriori vs. pattern growth (e.g., FSG vs. gSpan)
- Search order
 - Breadth vs. depth
- Elimination of duplicate subgraphs
 - Passive vs. active (e.g., gSpan [Yan & Han, 2002])
- Support calculation
 - Store embeddings (e.g., GASTON [Nijssen & Kok, 2004], FFISM [Huan, Wang, & Prins, 2003], MoFa [Borgelt & Berthold, ICDM'02])
- Order of pattern discovery
 - Path $\rightarrow$ tree $\rightarrow$ graph (e.g., GASTON [Nijssen & Kok, 2004])

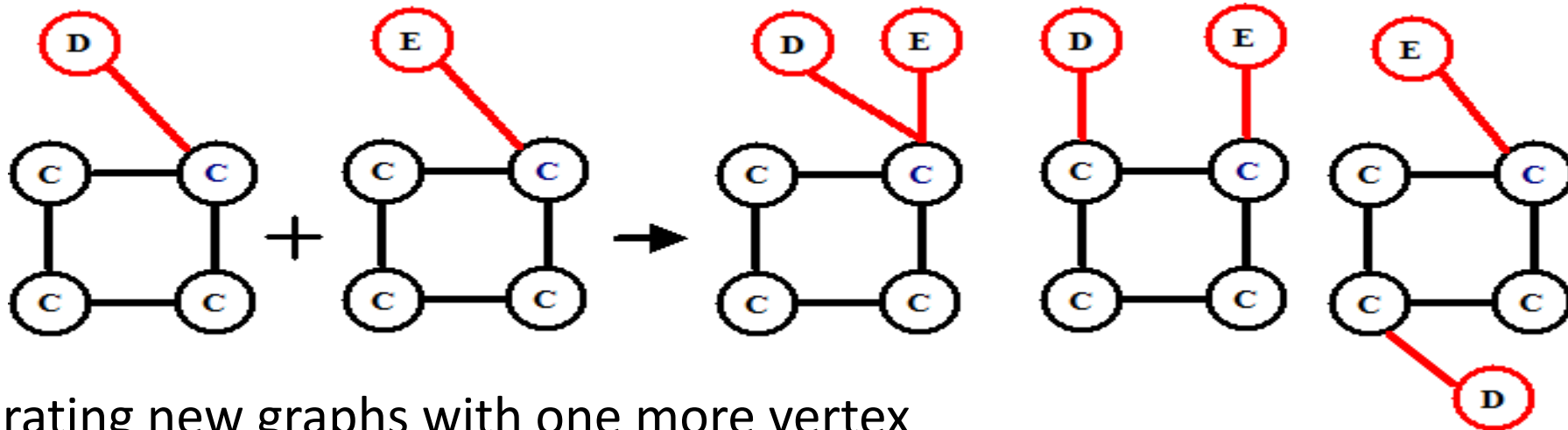
Apriori-Based Approach

- The Apriori property (anti-monotonicity): A size- k subgraph is frequent if and only if all of its subgraphs are frequent
- A candidate size- $(k+1)$ edge/vertex subgraph is generated if its corresponding two k -edge/vertex subgraphs are frequent
- Iterative mining process:
 - Candidate-generation $\rightarrow$ candidate pruning $\rightarrow$ support counting $\rightarrow$ candidate elimination



Candidate Generation: Vertex Growing vs. Edge Growing

- ❑ Methodology: Breadth-search, Apriori joining two size- k graphs
 - ❑ Many possibilities at generating size- $(k+1)$ candidate graphs



- ❑ Generating new graphs with one more vertex
 - ❑ AGM (Inokuchi, Washio, & Motoda, PKDD'00)
- ❑ Generating new graphs with one more edge
 - ❑ FSG (Kuramochi & Karypis, ICDM'01)
- ❑ Performance shows *via edge growing* is more efficient

Pattern-Growth Approach

- Depth-first growth of subgraphs from k -edge to $(k+1)$ -edge, then $(k+2)$ -edge subgraphs

- Major challenge

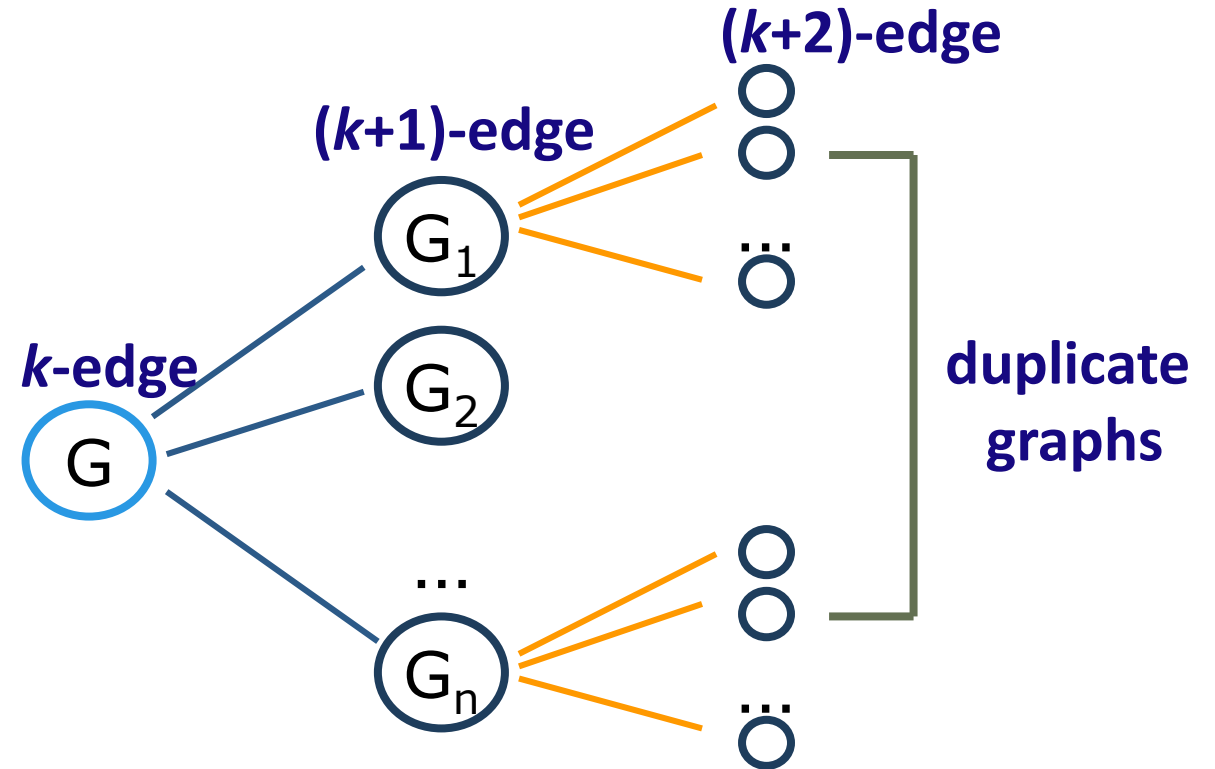
 - Generating many duplicate subgraphs

- Major idea to solve the problem

 - Define an order to generate subgraphs

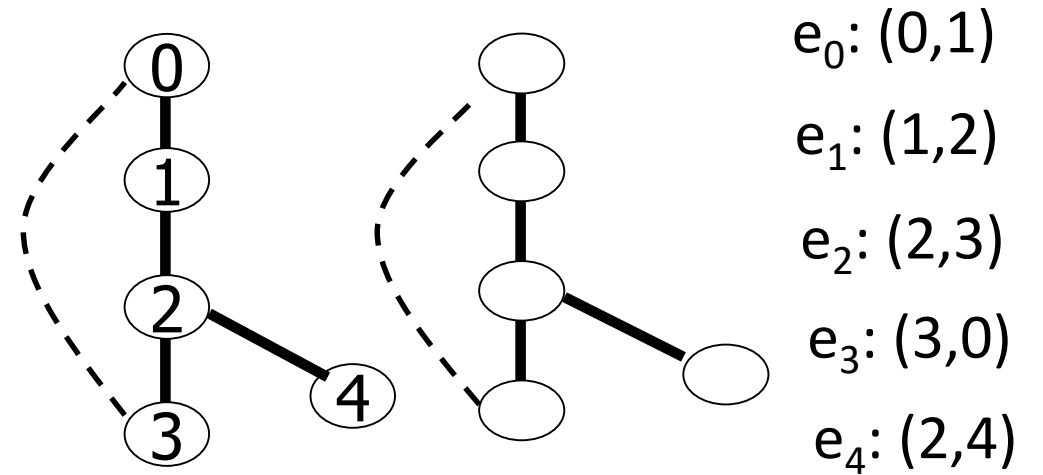
 - DFS spanning tree: Flatten a graph into a sequence using depth-first search

 - gSpan (Yan & Han, ICDM'02)



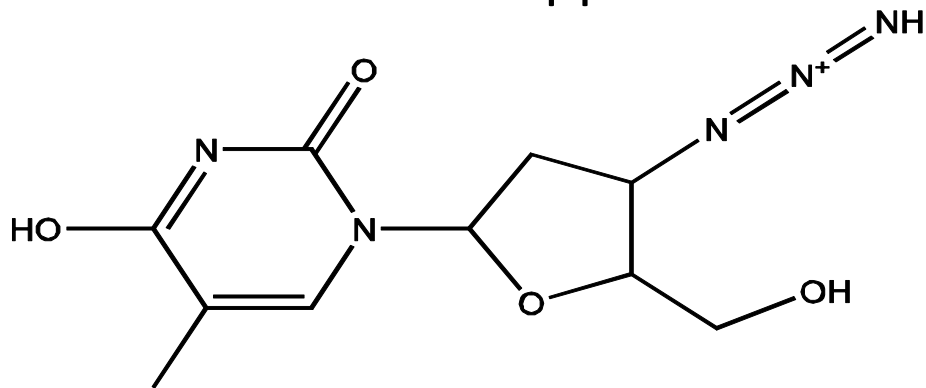
gSPAN: Graph Pattern Growth in Order

- ❑ **Right-most path extension** in subgraph pattern growth
 - ❑ Right-most path: The path from root to the right-most leaf (choose the vertex with the smallest index at each step)
 - ❑ Reduce generation of duplicate subgraphs
- ❑ **Completeness:** The enumeration of graphs using right-most path extension is complete
- ❑ DFS code: Flatten a graph into a sequence using depth-first search



Why Mine Closed Graph Patterns?

- ❑ Challenge: An n -edge frequent graph may have 2^n subgraphs
- ❑ Motivation: Explore *closed frequent subgraphs* to handle graph pattern explosion problem
- ❑ A frequent graph G is *closed* if there exists no supergraph of G that carries the same support as G

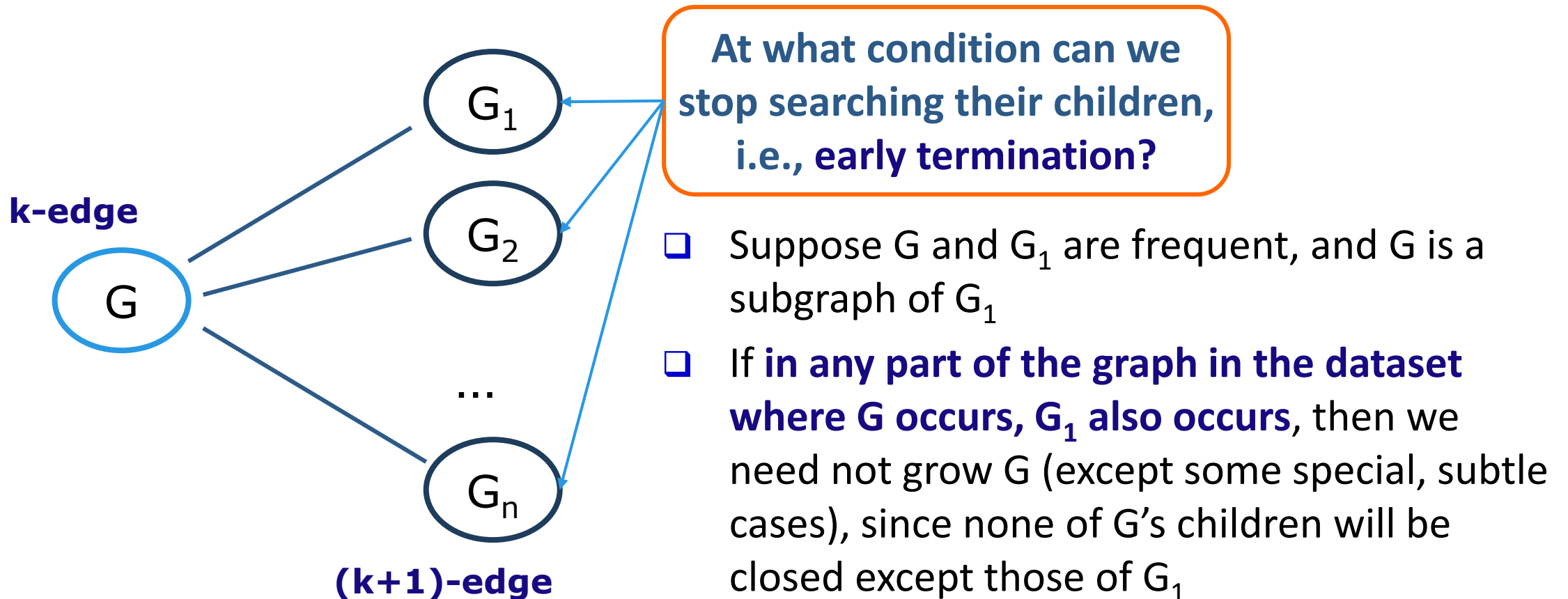


If this subgraph is *closed* in the graph dataset, it implies that none of its frequent super-graphs carries the same support

- ❑ *Lossless compression*: Does not contain non-closed graphs, but still ensures that the mining result is complete
- ❑ Algorithm CloseGraph: Mines closed graph patterns directly

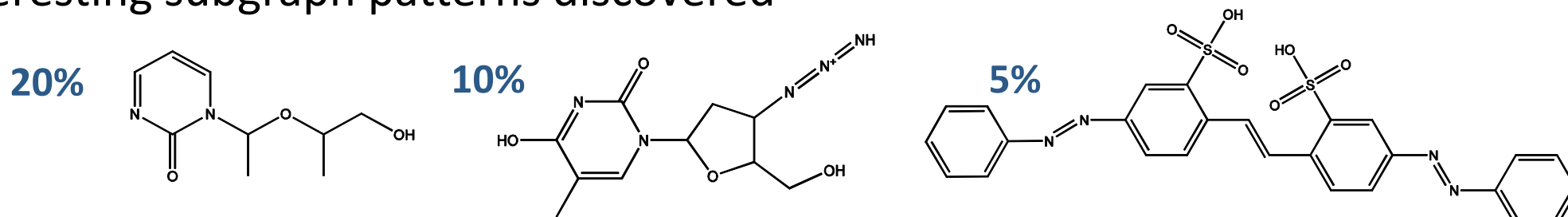
CloseGraph: Directly Mining Closed Graph Patterns

- CloseGraph: Mining closed graph patterns by extending gSpan (Yan & Han, KDD'03)

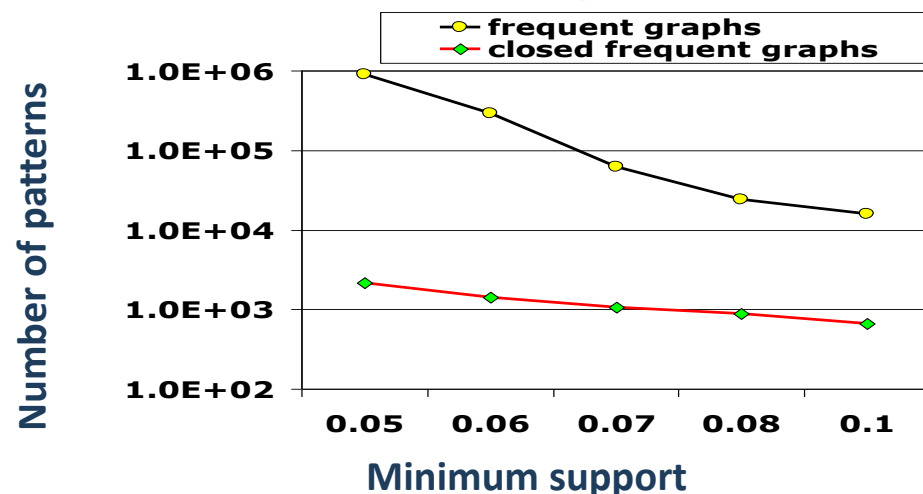


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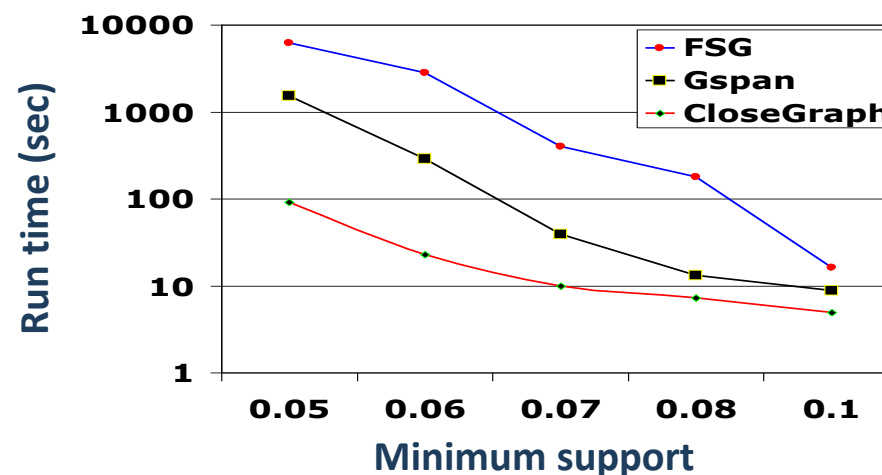
- ❑ The AIDS antiviral screen compound dataset from NCI/NIH
- ❑ The dataset contains 43,905 chemical compounds
- ❑ Discovered patterns: The smaller minimum support, the bigger and more interesting subgraph patterns discovered



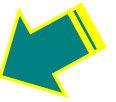
of Patterns: Frequent vs. Closed



Runtime: Frequent vs. Closed



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Pattern Mining Application: Software Bug Detection

❑ Mining rules from source code

- ❑ Bugs as deviant behavior (e.g., by statistical analysis)
- ❑ Mining programming rules (e.g., by frequent itemset mining)
- ❑ Mining function precedence protocols (e.g., by frequent subsequence mining)
- ❑ Revealing neglected conditions (e.g., by frequent itemset/subgraph mining)

❑ Mining rules from revision histories

- ❑ By frequent itemset mining

❑ Mining copy-paste patterns from source code

- ❑ Find copy-paste bugs (e.g., CP-Miner [Li et al., OSDI'04]) (to be discussed here)
 - ❑ **Reference:** Z. Li, S. Lu, S. Myagmar, Y. Zhou, "[CP-Miner](#): A Tool for Finding Copy-paste and Related Bugs in Operating System Code", OSDI'04

Application Example: Mining Copy-and-Paste Bugs

- ❑ Copy-pasting is common
 - ❑ 12% in Linux file system
 - ❑ 19% in X Window system
- ❑ Copy-pasted code is error-prone
- ❑ Mine “*forget-to-change*” bugs by sequential pattern mining
 - ❑ Build a sequence database from source code
 - ❑ Mining sequential patterns
 - ❑ Finding mismatched identifier names & bugs

```
void __init prom_meminit(void)
{
    .....
    for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
        total[i].adr = list[i].adr;
        total[i].bytes = list[i].size;
        total[i].more = &total[i+1];
    }
    .....
}
```

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
    taken[i].adr = list[i].adr;
    taken[i].bytes = list[i].size;
    taken[i].more = &total[i+1];
}
```

Code copy-and-pasted but **forget to change “id”!**

Courtesy of Yuanyuan Zhou@UCSD

(Simplified example from *linux-2.6.6/arch/sparc/prom/memory.c*)

Building Sequence Database from Source Code

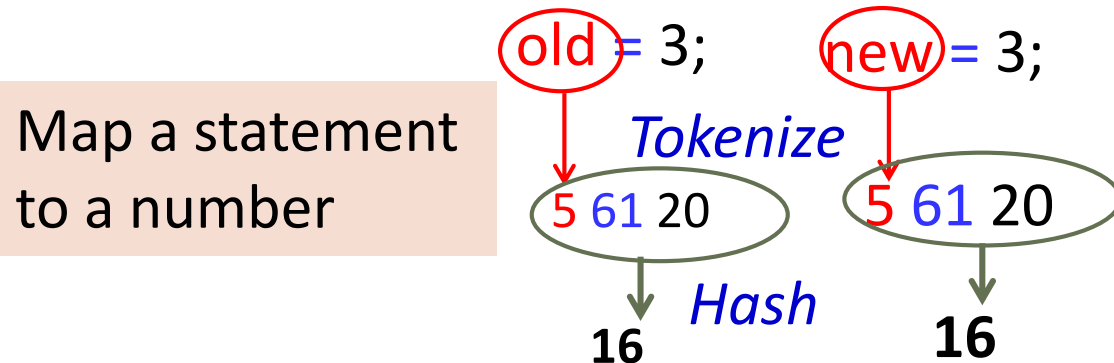
- Statement ^(mapped to) → number
- Tokenize each component
 - Different operators, constants, key words → different tokens
 - Same type of identifiers → same token
- Program → A long sequence
 - Cut the long sequence by blocks

Hash values

65	for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
16	total[i].adr = list[i].addr;
16	total[i].bytes = list[i].size;
71	total[i].more = &total[i+1];
	}
...	
65	for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
16	taken[i].adr = list[i].addr;
16	taken[i].bytes = list[i].size;
71	taken[i].more = &total[i+1];
	}

Final sequence DB:

(65)
(16, 16, 71)
...
(65)
(16, 16, 71)



Sequential Pattern Mining & Detecting “Forget-to-Change” Bugs

- Modification to the *sequence pattern mining algorithm*

- Constrain the max gap

(16, 16, 71)

.....

(16, 16, 10, 71)

Allow a maximal gap:
inserting statements
in copy-and-paste

- Composing Larger Copy-Pasted Segments

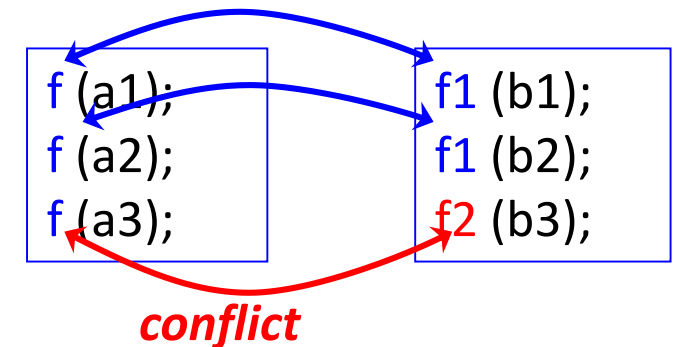
- Combine the neighboring copy-pasted segments repeatedly

- Find conflicts: Identify names that cannot be mapped to the corresponding ones

- E.g., 1 out of 4 “**total**” is unchanged, *unchanged ratio* = 0.25

- If $0 < \text{unchanged ratio} < \text{threshold}$, then report it as a bug

- CP-Miner reported many C-P bugs in Linux, Apache, ... out of millions of LOC (lines of code)



Chapter 7 : Advanced Frequent Pattern Mining

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Summary: Advanced Frequent Pattern Mining

❑ Mining Diverse Patterns

- ❑ Mining Multiple-Level Associations
- ❑ Mining Multi-Dimensional Associations
- ❑ Mining Quantitative Associations
- ❑ Mining Negative Correlations
- ❑ Mining Compressed and Redundancy-Aware Patterns

❑ Sequential Pattern Mining

- ❑ Sequential Pattern and Sequential Pattern Mining
- ❑ GSP: Apriori-Based Sequential Pattern Mining
- ❑ SPADE: Sequential Pattern Mining in Vertical Data Format
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❑ Constraint-Based Frequent Pattern Mining

- ❑ Why Constraint-Based Mining?
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❑ Graph Pattern Mining

- ❑ Graph Pattern and Graph Pattern Mining
- ❑ Apriori-Based Graph Pattern Mining Methods
- ❑ gSpan: A Pattern-Growth-Based Method
- ❑ CloseGraph: Mining Closed Graph Patterns

❑ Pattern Mining Application: Mining Software Copy-and-Paste Bugs

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