



## Parallel pattern mining

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### Introduction

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- **Data Mining:** *automatically discovering unknown, understandable and potentially interesting informations in data.* [Fayyad 96]
- **Frequent pattern mining:**
  - Major field of research in Data Mining
  - Frequency threshold  $\varepsilon$   $\rightarrow$  patterns appearing at least  $\varepsilon$  times in data

## Examples

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- Market basket analysis: itemset mining



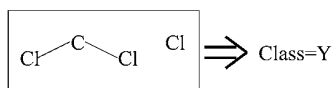
Supermarket transaction database



Products frequently bought together

Ex.: {beer, diapers}

- Carcinogenic molecules: graph mining



Dataset : 41 organic chlorides, 31 of which are carcinogenic

[Inokuchi et al., 2000]

- Log analysis, XML data, gene networks...

*Damocles project*  
(with TIMA lab)

*DigDag* (registered at APP)

## Fundamental challenges

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- Speedup the mining time of large and complex datasets
  - Algorithmic advances from enumeration theory
  - Exploit recent multi-core processors : parallel algorithms
- Make frequent pattern mining accessible to non-specialists
  - Domain Specific Language for frequent pattern mining

## Parallel Pattern Mining

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- Collaboration with J.-F. Méhaut of LIG-MESCAL
- Pattern mining : explore a huge lattice-shaped search space
- Irregular computation structure
  - data-driven
- → Parallelization is not trivial
  - Work-sharing
  - Work-stealing
- Our choice : simplified tuple spaces from Linda [Gelernter 89]
  - Put / Get tuples
  - EGC 2010

## Clogging the pipes

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- Good algorithms and parallelization strategies do not suffice
- Low-level problems:
  - Many processor cores requesting data
  - One memory to serve them all
  - → bus can get saturated and limit scale-up
  - Cache locality
- Solutions
  - Use compact data structures in memory
  - Revisit usual tradeoffs between computation time and memory usage
    - *Ongoing works on the LCM algorithm*
    - → Collaboration with T. Uno, NII, Japan
  - Mine more complex patterns...

## Domain Specific Language for parallel pattern mining

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- Nowadays:
  - One pattern mining algorithm per type of pattern to discover
  - Written by pattern mining researchers...
  
- Aimed:
  - A DSL/framework for parallel pattern mining embedding the knowledge of pattern mining researchers
  - Users just have to write the specifications of the patterns they want to discover
  - Advanced users can construct parallel pattern mining algorithms with an efficient high level language
  - [Starting collaboration with S. Marlow of Microsoft Research Cambridge, working on the Haskell language](#)

## Conclusion

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- Parallel pattern mining:
  - Exciting research topic
  - Many challenges
  - Lots of applications
  
- Necessity to bring it to as many users as possible
  
- We approach this research in a « fundamental » way
  - Improve the core mechanics of parallel pattern mining
    - → complete solutions rather than a fraction of them
  - Can then be applied to more specific tasks such as the mining of « interesting » patterns