**8.** The Apriori algorithm uses a generate-and-count strategy for deriving frequent

itemsets. Candidate itemsets of size k+1 are created by joining a pair

of frequent itemsets of size k (this is known as the candidate generation step).

A candidate is discarded if any one of its subsets is found to be infrequent

during the candidate pruning step. Suppose the Apriori algorithm is applied

to the data set shown in Table 6.3 with minsup = 30%, i.e., any itemset

occurring in less than 3 transactions is considered to be infrequent.

Table 6.24. Example of markel basket transactions.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Transaction ID | Items Bought |
| 1 | {a,b,d,e} |
| 2 | {b, c,d} |
| 3 | {a,b,d,e} |
| 4 | {a.c.d,e} |
| 5 | {b,c,d,e} |
| 6 | {b, d, e} |
| 7 | {c,d} |
| 8 | {a,b.c} |
| 9 | {a, d, e} |
| 10 | {b,d} |

(a) Draw an itemset lattice representing the data set given in Table 6.24.

Label each node in the lattice with the following letter(s):

• N: If the itemset is not considered to be a candidate itemset by

the A priori algorithm. There are two reasons for an itemset not to

he considered as a candidate itemset: (1) it is not generated at all

during the candidate generation step, or (2) it is generated during

the candidate generation step hut is subsequently removed during

the candidate pruning step because one of its subsets is found to be

infrequent.

• F: If the candidate itemset is found to be frequent by the A priori

algorithm.

• 1: If the candidate itemset is found to be infrequent. after support

Counting.

(b) What is the percentage of frequent itemsets (with respect to all itemsets

in the lattice)?

(c) What is the pruning ratio of the Apriori algorithm on this data set?

(Pruning ratio is defined as the percentage of itemsets not considered

to be a candidate because ( 1) they are not generated during candidate

generation or (2) they rule pruned during the candidate pruning step.)

(d) What is the false alarm rate (i.e, percentage of candidate itemsets that

are found to be infrequent after performing support counting)?