

A Review on Grocery Management System Using Machine Learning Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

Smartphones have become a crucial part of human life. As we know, most people face the problem of forgetting some of the groceries that they need to buy after visiting the grocery store. It might be a small bag of condiments, a tube of toothpaste, or even a packet of biscuits. Also, sometimes there is buying of unwanted items that we may never use that leads to wastage. So Digital Grocery lists are the best replacement for paper-based grocery systems. This paper discusses about the Machine Learning Algorithms in the development of a mobile application for creating and managing a grocery list collaboratively. This system will help us to generate, manage and maintain the required monthly grocery list that can be customized based on grocery requirements for any period of time. The evaluation suggested that this application is sufficiently usable in terms of ease of use, satisfaction, time-saving and the future development of the household needs. The main purpose of this review paper is to track the monthly consumption of grocery products, calculate the consumption pattern of customer and help us by giving a recommendation of essential groceries. Algorithms studied in this paper are Apriori Algorithm, Maxminer Algorithm, Support Vector Machine and Random Forest Algorithm.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, everyone tends to shop online. as it is time and energy saving. Online grocery systems are helping people, provides access to many items, and helps to purchase them from home. So retailers are entering the user environment. Most traditional Shopping Methods are time-consuming and don't provide the variety of choices in the product selection which has led to a lack of consumer satisfaction. Whenever I go with the family to the star bazaar we land up into buying extra grocery than the required Quantity. Due to Which Some part doesn't get consumed before the expiry date and which Leads to Wastage of the Product. So these things can be eliminated with help of the online grocery prediction system.

On an online platform, grocery items are in hundreds, and making a choice may not be easy for customers. This is where the grocery recommendation system helps the user. Most e-commerce websites use recommendation systems that are based on specific algorithms. Some personalization algorithms are the basis of these recommendations systems. These algorithms suggest items that are likely of interest to the customer. Collaborative filtering and content-based filtering algorithms are mostly used to develop such recommendations system. But these systems may have some disadvantages and limitations. To overcome such problems, a hybrid recommendation system can be used.

We aim to study different Machine learning algorithms and create a user-friendly system that

will provide customer satisfaction. Machine learning is a method of data analysis that automates analytical model building. It is a branch of Artificial Intelligence based on the idea that systems can learn from data, identify patterns and make decisions with minimal human intervention.

In this paper, we have compared some machine learning algorithms which are Random Forest Algorithm, Support Vector Machine, and Apriori Algorithm on various different parameters Like Area Under ROC Curve, Cross-Entropy Loss, Root Mean Square Error and Kernal Functions.

The proposed system will recommend items based on the user's previous purchase history, and by considering factors like previous buying quantity and period(item is bought once a week or once a month).

II. METHODOLOGY

2.1. APRIORI ALGORITHM

- Apriori Algorithm is given by R. Agrawal and R. Srikant in 1994. It is used for finding frequent itemsets in a dataset for the boolean association rule.

- Definition :

“ All subsets of a frequent itemset must be frequent (apriori property).”

- If an itemset is not frequent, all its supersets will be not frequent.”

- Limitation :

a) The algorithm scans the database too many times, which reduces the overall performance.

b) Due to this, the algorithm assumes that the database is permanently in the memory.

Time complexity: $O(2^D)$ where D is dataset size

Itemset	sup_count
I1	6
I2	7
I3	6
I4	2
I5	2

- Pseudocode: The pseudo-code for the algorithm is given below for a transaction database $\{T\}$, and a support threshold of ϵ . Usual set theoretic notation is employed, though note that T is a multiset. C_k is the candidate set for level k . at each step, the algorithm is assumed to generate the candidate sets from the large itemsets of the preceding level, heeding the downward closure lemma. $\text{count}[c]$ accesses a field of the data structure that represents

candidate set c , which is initially assumed to be zero. Many details are omitted below, usually, the most important part of the implementation is the data structure used for storing the

candidate sets, and counting their frequencies.

Code :

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Apriori(T, ε)
  L1 ← {large 1 - itemsets}
  k ← 2
  while Lk-1 is not empty
    Ck ← apriori_gen(Lk-1, k)
    for transactions t in T
      Dt ← {c in Ck : c ⊆ t}
      for candidates c in Dt
        count[c] ← count[c] + 1

    Lk ← {c in Ck : count[c] ≥ ε}
    k ← k + 1
    
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return Union(Lk)

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apriori_gen(L, k)
  result ← list()
  for all p ⊆ L, q ⊆ L where p1 = q1, p2 = q2, ...,
  pk-2 = qk-2 and pk-1 < qk-1
    c = p ∪ {qk-1}
    if u ⊆ c for all u in L
      result.add(c)
  return result
    
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- Working :

Given :

Min support = 2

(It means min frequency of the item to get selected is 2times)

TID = Transaction ID

Items = Products Purchased

TID	items
T1	I1, I2, I5
T2	I2, I4
T3	I2, I3
T4	I1, I2, I4
T5	I1, I3
T6	I2, I3
T7	I1, I3
T8	I1, I2, I3, I5
T9	I1, I2, I3

Step 1: It will count each item is repeated and will eliminate the item that's. The count is less than 2 (min frequency)

Itemset	sup_count
I1,I2	4
I1,I3	4
I1,I4	1
I1,I5	2
I2,I3	4
I2,I4	2
I2,I5	2
I3,I4	0
I3,I5	1
I4,I5	0

Step 2: a) It will form pair of items and will count each pair that is repeated.
 b) and will eliminate the pair whose count is less than 2 (min frequency)
 c) Here (I1,I4), (I3,I4), (I3,I5), (I4,I5) are eliminated as their count is less than 2

Itemset	sup_count
I1,I2,I3	2
I1,I2,I5	2

Step 3: a) It will form a group of 3 items and will count each group that is repeated.
 b) and will eliminate the pair whose count is less than 2 (min frequency)

Step 4: a) It will form a group of 4 items and will count each group that is repeated.
 b) and will eliminate the pair whose count is less than 2 (min frequency)
 c) Here only T8 has 4 items

Thus count is 1 ie < 2

So, it is excluded

Result :

- So (I1,I2,I3) & (I1,I2,I5) are the most frequent item sets.
- Thus we have successfully found the most frequent item bought by you.
- Limitation :
- Apriori Algorithm is slow when dealing with a large no. of sets.

To overcome the problem “Max-Miner “ Algorithm is used as it deals directly with existence of products in respective Transaction IDs rather than counting individually.

2.2.MAX-MINER ALGORITHM

- Max-Miner has a similar implementation to the Apriori with the difference being that Max Miner Algorithm but only concerns itself with finding the frequent maximal itemsets and not all frequent itemsets.

- Max-Miner provides reliable results even with a low Support by attempting to "look ahead" in order to quickly identify long frequent patterns.

- By doing this in the early stages, max-miner is able to prone all subsets of the long frequent pattern from further consideration.

- Definition :

GROUP OF 3	COMMON	COUNT
I1,I2,I3	T8,T9	2
I1,I2,I5	T1,T8	2
I1,I3,I5	T8	1 (Eliminated <2)
I2,I3,I4	0	0 (Eliminated <2)
I2,I3,I5	T8	1 (Eliminated <2)
I2,I4,I5	0	0 (Eliminated <2)

“It is a highly customizable mining algorithm that implicitly represents all frequent itemsets by extracting only the maximal frequent itemsets.”

- It applies techniques such as Superset frequency based pruning for reducing the number of itemsets considered.

- The result is orders of magnitude in performance improvements over apriori-like algorithms especially when frequent itemsets are long.

- Pseudocode:

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MAX-MINER(Data-set T)
;; Returns the set of maximal frequent itemsets present in T
Set of Candidate Groups C ← { }
Set of Itemsets F ← {GEN-INITIAL-GROUPS(T, C)}
while C is non-empty do
    scan T to count the support of all candidate groups in C
    for each g ∈ C such that h(g) ∪ l(g) is frequent do
        F ← F ∪ { h(g) ∪ l(g) }
    Set of Candidate Groups Cnew ← { }
    for each g ∈ C such that h(g) ∪ l(g) is infrequent do
        F ← F ∪ { GEN-SUB-NODES(g, Cnew) }
    C ← Cnew
    remove from F any itemset with a proper superset in F
    remove from C any group g such that h(g) ∪ l(g)
        has a superset in F
return F
    
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I1 T1,T4, T5,T7, T8,T9	I2 T1,T2,T 3,T4,T6 ,T8,T9	I3 T3,T5, T6,T7, T8,T9	I4 T2, T4	I5 T1,T8
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Step 1 :

PAIRS	COMMON	COUNT
I1,I2	T1,T4,T8,T9	4
I1,I3	T5,T7,T8,T9	4
I1,I4	T4	1 (Eliminate d < 2)
I1,I5	T1,T8	2
I2,I3	T3,T6,T8,T9	4
I2,I4	T2,T4	2
I2,I5	T1,T8	2
I3,I4	0	0 (Eliminate d < 2)
I3,I5	T8	1 (Eliminate d < 2)
I4,I5	0	0 (Eliminate d < 2)

Step 2 :

On Grouping 4 items (I1,I2,I3,I5) .Here T8 is only common element Thus count is 1 i.e.< 2 . So, it is excluded So (I1,I2,I3)&(I1, I2, I5) are the most frequent item sets.

The result is orders of magnitude in performance improvements over Apriori-like Algorithms, especially when frequent item sets are long.

2.3. RANDOM FOREST ALGORITHM

- Random forests is an Ensemble Learning Method for Classification, Regression, that creates multiple Decision trees during the training and results in the output in the form of Mean of the individual decision tree.
- Random forest uses Bagging Technique. It is Simple and Powerful Ensemble Learning.
- Technique Which reduces Over fitting And Variance.
- So, it creates multiple decision trees based on the previous purchased history of the customer and then calculates mean of individual tree and Based on the Final Result obtain it recommends the customer the particular product he/ she should purchase. The important part of Random Forest is that Instead of sticking to particular simple it selects multiple Random samples due to which it provides most accurate result than other Machine Learning algorithms.

- Result: By comparing Random Forest with different Machine Learning algorithms using different Datasets and parameters Like are Under ROC Curve, Cross-Entropy Loss, Root Mean Square Error Random Forest algorithm was found to be most accurate with an accuracy of 93.53%.

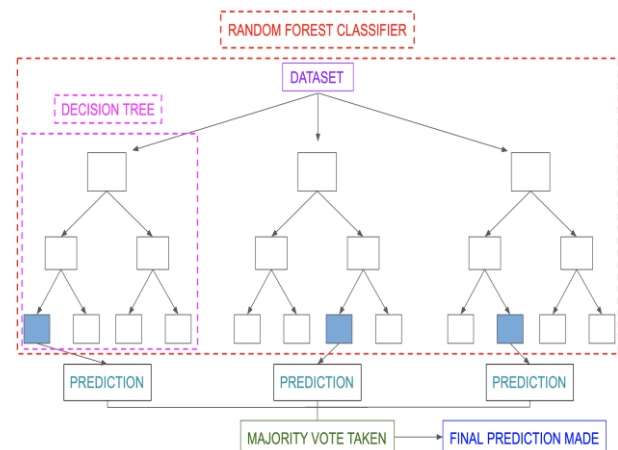


Fig : Working of Random Forest Algorithm

2.4. SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE

- SVM is Supervised Machine Learning Algorithm mainly used for Classification of problem.
- As in SVM, we shall be using Past 6-months dataset to predict the items which are purchased more or not purchased product. There will be three columns such as Name of grocery, months, purchased data of item. These purchased columns will be in binary format denoting whether the individual has bought the product (1) or not (0).
- This Algorithm Classified the data items into n-dimensional space and finding the best decision boundary which is called hyperplane that differentiate the classes. Different Kernel Functions can easily generate a set of decision functions (called as support vectors) which uses subsets of training datasets to give output. So it is memory efficient Algorithm. In SVM, the line that is used to separate the classes is referred as hyperplane. The data points on either side of the hyperplane that are closest to that hyperplane are called support vector which is used to plot the boundary line.
- This Kernel Functions converts low dimensional space i.e. not separable problem to high Dimensional spaces i.e. Separable problem. It separates the data based on the label or outputs that we will defined.
- We can use different kernels functions for the predicting the datasets. For training the model "rbf" kernel will be used, rbf means Radial Basis Function.

Based on the confusion matrix, it will show the number of correct and incorrect predictions on purchased or not purchased products.

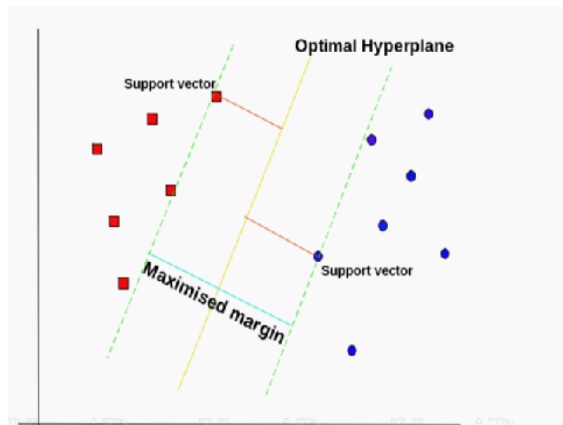


Fig: Working of Support Vector Machine Algorithm

III. CONCLUSION

Analysing the proper requirement of the consumer and suggesting him products accordingly is the main goal of the paper.

So to achieve it different machine learning algorithms have been considered. Apriori and Max-Miner algorithms that analyse the previous data and depict the frequency of product bought by the consumer. By comparing Apriori and Max-Miner Algorithm, Max-Miner Algorithm showed more accuracy than Apriori Algorithm. Random forest and support vector machine Algorithm can be used to classify the products based on purchased product and not purchased product in the grocery list. Comparing both the algorithm Support vector machine showed more accuracy than random forest algorithm. This algorithm is used to build a system where grocery purchasing and predicting and recommending the most visited grocery in the list. So it will be beneficial for consumer to save their valuable time.

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