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### CRITICAL STUDY AND ANALYSIS FOR DECIDING SENSITIVE AND NON-SENSITIVE ATTRIBUTES OF MEDICAL HEALTHCARE DATASET THROUGH SURVEY AND USING ASSOCIATION RULE MINING

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#### ABSTRACT

Association rule mining technique is useful for extracting useful relation from the given dataset. In today's scenario data mining technique is performed on medical dataset to find out a pattern on relative attributes. In this this paper Apriory algorithm is used of association rule mining technique to find out patterns. List of probable medical attributes has been finalized through survey for creating dataset. Dataset created mainly for the age group of 20 to 45 years. Total 26 attributes finalized and 131 input was taken through google form for crating database to decide highly sensitive, average sensitive, low sensitive and not sensitive attribute. This approach was studied using weka [8] tool.

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## INTRODUCTION

In privacy preserving data mining before providing database for data mining specific attributes should be secure enough during PPDM. Means there are some medical data or personal data which should not bed is closed to third party during data mining. For the same apriori algorithm of association rule can be useful to decide sensitive data by generating frequent item set rule. Means which attribute may be sensitive with occurrence of the other attribute.

### Proposed Approach to Decide Sensitive Attribute

As per literature review and guidance taken from the researchers who are working in the field of privacy preserving data mining, only the individual who can decide the sensitive attribute of his/her medical or personal data. That is why for categorization of different kinds of sensitive attribute, online survey has been taken through google form. For the same different kinds of healthcare data has been studied and all possible common health care attributes and personal attribute which may be associated with it have been finalized for deciding the various sensitive attributes.

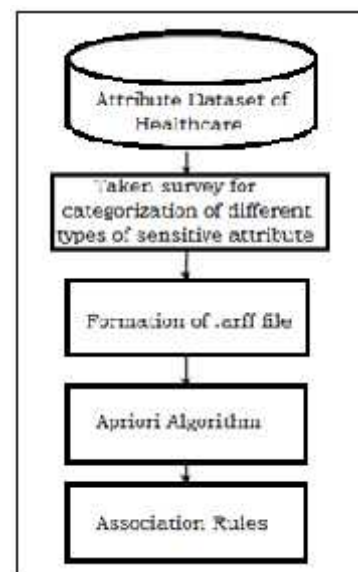


Figure 1 Flowchart of the Proposed Approach

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These sensitive attribute will be providing for application of privacy preserving data mining through cryptography technique. In the below proposed approach [9] the analysis of created dataset has been done using apriori algorithm of association rule mining using weka tool.

### Types of Sensitive Data

1. **Highly sensitive data:** In medical health care database, there are some attributes which are straightaway sensitive for patient if it reveals to society. Like if someone will come to know Email-id, mobile no, salary and PAN card of an individual then it may happen that their bank or social media account may hacked by unauthorized person.
2. **Average sensitive data:** Based on survey taken, there are some attribute like age, Date of birth, blood group, marital status and dieses name are may not be associated directly to reveal personal information of an individual but it by combining these attributes patient may be identifiable. Such kinds of attributes are to be considered as average sensitive.
3. **Low sensitive data:** Even by combining some quasi attributes these attributes may be located but still it may not me the problem for individual.
4. **Not sensitive data:** Even these attributes will reveal to third party it will not create any problem for individual like name, gender, education detail and nationality.

### Association Rule Mining

**Definition 1:** Let item set  $I = \{i_1, i_2, i_3 \dots i_n\}$  be a set of items.  $D$  is a database of transactions. Each transaction  $T$  is usually given a transaction id called TID. Each transaction  $T$  is a subset of  $I$ . [1][3] [22]

**Definition 2:** Association rules are kind of if then else statement which helps to find out relationship between unrelated data [17]. The major objective of association rule mining is to generate rule with minimum support [7][26] and confidence. The only problem of Association rule mining is it works nicely with categorized data not with numerical data.

Association rule has two parts: antecedent and consequent.

**Example:** prescriptions=Highly Sensitive and medical or blood Reports=Highly Sensitive 41 ==> Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 41, meaning of this rule is if the person believes that prescriptions and medical or blood Reports are highly sensitive than any Laboratory results is also highly sensitive form him and 41 instances of LHA and 41 instances of RHS has been found in the dataset.

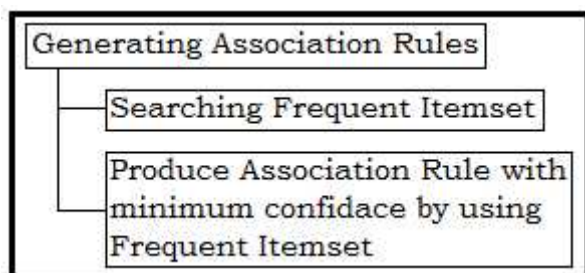


Figure 2 Association Rule Generation[15]

Association rules are basically to fulfill the minimum support and minimum confidence which defines by the user. Association rule is used to explore relations between various fields or variables in data mining. To compute correlation between them there are two key terms [13][19][20].

1. Minimum Support
2. Minimum Confidence

### Minimum Support

Support means how frequently the combinations of item (item set) noticeable in Transaction or Database.

### Minimum Confidence

Confidence is a relative or dependent support of the item.

### Example

Association Rule:  $X \implies Y$  means if customer buy then he will also buy item  $y$ . and we can compute the Support = (Frequency of transaction of  $X$  &  $Y$  together) /  $N$  Where  $N$  is the total no of transactions.

We can also compute the

Minimum Confidence = (Frequency of transaction of  $X$  &  $Y$  together) / Frequency of transaction of  $X$

### Classification of Association Rule [25]

1. Single Dimensional association rule: In single dimension association rule have one dimension or predicator that is items in the rule refers to only one dimension or predicate.  
Example: Pencil ==> Eraser  
Dimension is *shopping*
2. Multidimensional association rule: as the name indicates it has two or more dimension. In multidimensional association rule the dimension and predicates should not be the repeated.  
Example: prescriptions=Highly Sensitive diagnosis codes=Highly Sensitive 38 ==> Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 38
3. Hybrid Dimensional association rule: In dimensional association rule the dimension and predicates can be the repeated.  
Example: time (4 o'clock), buy (pencil) ==>buy (eraser)

### Why association rule mining technique is used for medical health care dataset?

Association Rule Mining Algorithm	Advantages	Disadvantages
Apriori	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requires less memory.</li> <li>2. Easy to implement.</li> <li>3. Because of pruning concept very less item sets left to check for further support checking.</li> <li>4. Work with distributed database</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scanning of database is more.</li> <li>2. Uses only one minimum support threshold.</li> <li>3. This algorithm is good for small database.</li> </ol>

**Apriori Algorithm:** This algorithm works only with categorical dasato if any dataset contains numerical values then we must convert it in to nominal values. Apriori algorithm calculate all

possible rule which satisfy with minimum support and be better than confidence.

**Steps to implement apriori algorithm**

- This algorithm is used to mine frequent [23] item set [6] from transactional database for a Boolean association rules.
- This algorithm is the based on the idea that “a subset of a frequent item set must also be a frequent item set[24]. Example: if {I1, I2} is a frequent item set, then {I1} and {I2} also should be a frequent item set”. It is an iterative approach to find a frequent item sets. And it uses the frequent item set to generate the association rules.
- The algorithm uses the level wise search, where *k-item sets* are used to explore *(k+1)-item sets*.
- Frequent subsets are extended one item at a time. This step is known as *candidate generation* step. Then groups of candidates are tested against the data. It identifies the frequent individual items in the database and extend them to a larger item sets as long as those item sets appear sufficiently often in the database. [27] [28]
- This algorithm determines frequent item sets that can be used to determine association rules which highlight general trends in the database.
- This algorithm takes an advantage of the fact that any subset of frequent item set is also a frequent item set. The algorithm can therefore, reduce the number of candidates being considered by only exploring the item sets whose support count is greater than the minimum support count. All infrequent item sets can be *pruned* if it has an infrequent subset

**How to do prune?**

Prune [21] those item sets candidates that have no hope to be large, consequently the unnecessary effort of counting those item sets can be avoided.

Figure 3 Example of Apriori algorithm [2] [4] [12]

**Dataset Used In Weka**

**Table 1** Dataset Description

Dataset	No of Attributes	No of Instances
Common List of Attributes of Healthcare	26	131

**Table 2** List of Attributes in Dataset[[14]

Age	Nationality	Salary	Laboratoryresults
Name	EducationDetails	Photos	Reports
Gender	MaritalStatus	PancardNumber	Diagnosiscodes
Age	AddressHome	Disease	DoctorName
Dateofbirth	AddressWork place	Medicationallergies	Date&Timeofvisit
BloodGroup	MobileNo	Treatments	
DisabilityDetails	Emailid	prescriptions	

**Sample Dataset**

Figure 3 Classification of Dataset [18]

**Summary and Analysis of Result Obtain**

In this approach following default settings for Apriori algorithm was set:

With a minimum support 0.1% to generate 10 rules or the support falls below 10%. And minimum confidence is 90%.

Minimum support: 0.1 (13 instances)

Minimum metric <confidence>: 0.9

Number of cycles performed: 2

Generated sets of large item sets:

Size of set of large item setsL (1): 87

Size of set of large item setsL (2): 1135

Size of set of large item setsL (3): 3769

Size of set of large item setsL (4): 6502

Size of set of large item setsL (5): 8928

Size of set of large item setsL (6): 9980

Size of set of large item setsL (7): 8334

Size of set of large item setsL (8): 4835

Size of set of large item setsL (9): 1804

Size of set of large item setsL (10): 397

Size of set of large item setsL (11): 50

Size of set of large item setsL (12): 4

**RESULT ANALYSIS**

In this study 10 best association rules were generated using apriori algorithm for the 100% confidence.

Best rules found [11]:

**Some Exception Found During Experiments**

While implementing of apriori algorithm on the attribute dataset following exceptions were found [10]:

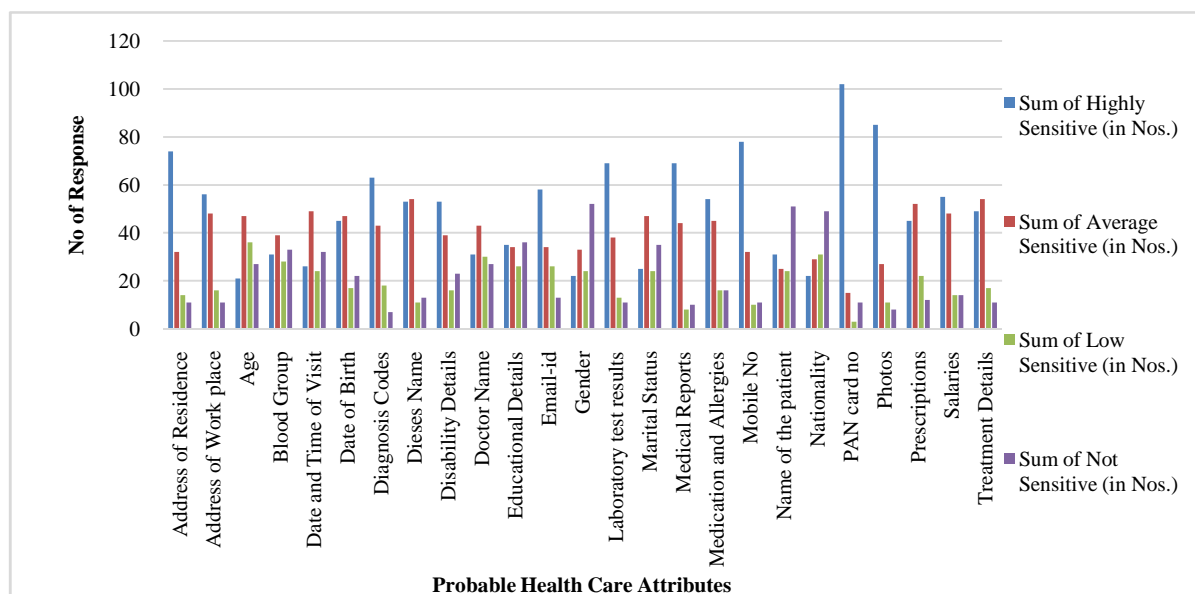
1. Sometimes not generating *useful* or interesting rules
2. Sometimes number of rules generated *more*

**Table 4** Best Rules found for sensitive attribute dataset

Rule No.	Defined rule as LHS ==> RHS [16]	Confidence
1	prescriptions=Highly Sensitive Reports=Highly Sensitive 41 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 41	conf:(1)
2	prescriptions=Highly Sensitive diagnosis codes=Highly Sensitive 38 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 38	conf:(1)
3	Age=20-29 prescriptions=Highly Sensitive Reports=Highly Sensitive 36 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 36	conf:(1)
4	prescriptions=Highly Sensitive Reports=Highly Sensitive diagnosis codes=Highly Sensitive 36 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 36	conf:(1)
5	Treatments=Highly Sensitive prescriptions=Highly Sensitive 35 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 35	conf:(1)
6	PancardNumber=Highly Sensitive prescriptions=Highly Sensitive Reports=Highly Sensitive 35 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 35	conf:(1)
7	PancardNumber=Highly Sensitive Treatments=Highly Sensitive Reports=Highly Sensitive 34 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 34	conf:(1)
8	Photos=Highly Sensitive prescriptions=Highly Sensitive 33 ==> PancardNumber=Highly Sensitive 33	conf:(1)
9	Photos=Highly Sensitive prescriptions=Highly Sensitive 33 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 33	conf:(1)
10	Age=20-29 prescriptions=Highly Sensitive diagnosis codes=Highly Sensitive 33 ==>Laboratory results=Highly Sensitive 33	conf:(1)

**Table 5** Summary of no of response from the age group: 20 years to 60 years

Name of Attribute	Highly Sensitive (in Nos.)	Average Sensitive (in Nos.)	Low Sensitive (in Nos.)	Not Sensitive (in Nos.)	Conclusion
Name of the patient	31	25	24	51	Not Sensitive
Gender	22	33	24	52	Not Sensitive
Age	21	47	36	27	Average Sensitive
Date of Birth	45	47	17	22	Average Sensitive
Blood Group	31	39	28	33	Average Sensitive
Disability Details	53	39	16	23	Highly Sensitive
Nationality	22	29	31	49	Not Sensitive
Educational Details	35	34	26	36	Not Sensitive
Marital Status	25	47	24	35	Average Sensitive
Address of Residence	74	32	14	11	Highly Sensitive
Address of Work place	56	48	16	11	Highly Sensitive
Mobile No	78	32	10	11	Highly Sensitive
Email-id	58	34	26	13	Highly Sensitive
Salaries	55	48	14	14	Highly Sensitive
Photos	85	27	11	8	Highly Sensitive
PAN card no	102	15	3	11	Highly Sensitive
Dieses Name	53	54	11	13	Average Sensitive
Medication and Allergies	54	45	16	16	Highly Sensitive
Treatment Details	49	54	17	11	Average Sensitive
Prescriptions	45	52	22	12	Average Sensitive
Laboratory test results	69	38	13	11	Highly Sensitive
Medical Reports	69	44	8	10	Highly Sensitive
Diagnosis Codes	63	43	18	7	Highly Sensitive
Doctor Name	31	43	30	27	Average Sensitive
Date and Time of Visit	26	49	24	32	Average Sensitive





## CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

Association rule is widely used in finding the frequent item set in the medical healthcare data. In this research article, by taking the online survey all four kinds of attributes of medical health care were categorized. For the same to support the analysis of categorical attribute, apriori algorithm of association rule mining is used to generate the rule to identify the sensitive attribute. This result may vary depends on the age group. Means sensitivity [5] can be decide only based on age group only as age increase definition of sensitive attribute may vary for different age group people.

This result analysis will be used further in privacy preserving data mining in healthcare data using cryptographic approach.

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