

Literature Review – Privacy Preserving in Association Rule mining

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Abstract—In this paper, we provide here an overview of the new and rapidly emerging research area of privacy preserving data mining. A classification hierarchy is also proposed that sets the basis for analyzing the work which has been performed in this context. Also a detailed review of the work accomplished in this area is also given along with the coordinates of each work to the classification hierarchy. A small evaluation is performed and some initial conclusions are made.

I. INTRODUCTION

Data mining is the non-trivial process of identifying valid and potentially useful patterns in data. Many governmental organization, businesses etc are finding a way to collect, analyze and report data about individuals, households or businesses, in order to support (short and long term) planning activities. Information system contains private or confidential information like their social security number, income of employees, purchasing of customer etc, that should be properly secured.

Privacy preserving data mining [9,18] is a new investigation in data mining and statistical databases [1]. In PPD data mining algorithms are analyzed for side effects obtain in data privacy. There is a twofold consideration in privacy preserving data mining. The first is sensitive raw data that are kept secure from unauthorized access like identifiers, names; addresses should be modified from original database in order for receiver of data not to be able to compromise another person's privacy. The second one is sensitive knowledge is excluded that can be mined from a database by using data mining algorithms as such type of knowledge compromises data privacy.

The purchasing of one product when another product is purchased represents an association rule. Association rules are frequently used by retail stores to support in marketing, advertisement and inventory control. Let us suppose a grocery store chain keeping record of weekly transaction where each transaction represents the item bought during one cash register transaction. The executives of this chain recipient summarized report of transaction that indicated want type of item? Sold at what quantity? They periodically take information about which items are commonly purchased together. Then they find that 100% of time that peanut butter is purchased bread is also purchased. 33.3% of time peanut butter is purchased, jelly is also purchased. Peanut butter is exist in only 50% of overall transaction [21].

II. LITERATURE SURVEY:

A. Heuristic approach

This approach involves efficient fast and scalable algorithms

that selectively sanitize a set of transactions from the original database to hide the sensitive association rules [1]. Various heuristic algorithms are based on mainly two techniques: (1) Data distortion technique (2) Blocking technique.

Data distortion is done by the alteration of an attribute value by a new value. It changes 1's to 0's or vice versa in selected transactions. There are two basic approaches for rule hiding in data distortion based technique: Reduce the confidence of rules and reduce the support of rules.

Consider sample database given in Table I. Selecting minimum support = 20% and minimum confidence = 80% and applying association rule mining algorithm, two association rules $AB \rightarrow C$ (confidence = 100%) and $BC \rightarrow A$ (confidence = 100%) are mined. Now suppose rule $AB \rightarrow C$ is sensitive and needs to be hidden. Decreasing the confidence of a rule $AB \rightarrow C$ can be done by either increasing the support of AB in transactions not supporting C (as shown in Table II) or by decreasing the support of C in transactions supporting both AB and C (as shown in Table III). Decreasing support of rule $AB \rightarrow C$ can be done by decreasing the support of the corresponding large itemset ABC (as shown in Table IV). The problem for finding an optimal sanitization to a database against association rule analysis has been proven to be NP-Hard [2]. In [3], authors presented three algorithms 1.a, 1.b and 2.a for hiding sensitive association rules. Algorithm 1.a hides association rules by increasing the support of the rule's antecedent until the rule confidence decreases below the minimum confidence threshold. Algorithm 1.b hides sensitive rules by decreasing the frequency of the consequent until either the confidence or the support of the rule is below the threshold. Algorithm 2.a decreases the support of the sensitive rules until either their confidence is below the minimum confidence threshold or their support is below the minimum support threshold. In 1.a algorithm large number of new frequent itemsets is introduced and, therefore, an increasing number of new rules are generated. Algorithm 1.b and 2.a affects number of non-sensitive rules in database due to removal of items from transaction [3].

In [4] two algorithms are proposed ISL Increase Support of LHS and DSR Decrease Support of RHS. Predicting items are given as input for both algorithms to automatically hide sensitive association rules without pre-mining and selection of hidden rules. In [5] two algorithms DCIS Decrease Confidence by Increase Support and DCDS Decrease Confidence by Decrease Support are proposed to automatically hide collaborative recommendation association rules without pre-mining and selection of hidden rules. The ISL and DCIS algorithms try to increase the support of left hand side of the rule and algorithms DSR and

DCDS try to decrease the support of the right hand side of the rule. It is observed that ISL requires more running time than DSR. Also both algorithm exhibit contrasting side effects. DSR algorithm shows no hiding failure (0%), few new rules (5%) and some lost rules (11%). ISL algorithm shows some hiding failure (12.9%), many new rules (33%) and no lost rule (0%). Algorithm DCIS requires more running time than DCDS. Similar to ISL and DSR algorithms DCIS and DCDS also exhibit contrasting side effects. DCDS algorithm shows no hiding failure (0%) few new rules (1%) and some lost rules (4%). DCIS algorithm shows no hiding failure (0%), many new rules (75%) and no lost rule (0%). In [6] an algorithm DSC (Decrease Support and Confidence) is proposed in which pattern-inversion tree is used to store related information so that only one scan of database is required. The proposed algorithm can automatically sanitize informative rule sets without pre-mining and selection of a class of rules under one database scan. There are about 4% of new rules generated and about 9% of rules are lost on the average for DSC algorithm and it also shows hiding failure for two predicting items.

TID	Items	Rule	Confidence
1	A, B, C		
2	A, B, C		
3	A, C		
4	A, E	AB→C	100%
5	C, D	BC→A	100%

Table 1: Sample Database

In [7] authors proposed an efficient algorithm, FHSAR (Fast Hiding Sensitive Association Rules) for fast hiding sensitive association rules. The algorithm can completely hide any given sensitive association rule by scanning database only once which significantly reduces the execution time.

TID	Items	Rule	Confidence
1	A, B, C		
2	A, B, C		
3	A, C		
4	A, B, E	AB→C	66%
5	C, D	BC→A	100%

Table 2: Hiding AB-> C by Increasing Support of AB

TID	Items	Rule	Confidence
1	A, B		
2	A, B, C		
3	A, C		
4	A, E	AB→C	50%
5	C, D	BC→A	100%

Table 3: Hiding AB-> C by Decreasing Support of C

TID	Items	Rule	Confidence
1	A, C		
2	A, B		
3	A, C		
4	A, E	AB→C	0%
5	C, D	BC→A	0%

Table 4: Hiding AB-> C By Decreasing Support Of Abc

In this algorithm correlations between the sensitive association rules and each transaction in the original database are analyzed, which can effectively select the proper item to modify. In [9] four heuristic algorithms are proposed: Algorithm Naïve MinFIA (Minimum Frequency Item Algorithm) MaxFIA (Maximum Frequency Item Algorithm) and IGA (Item Grouping algorithm). Each algorithm selects the sensitive transactions to sanitize based on degree of conflict. Naive Algorithm removes all items of selected transaction except for the item with the highest frequency in the database. The MinFIA algorithm selects item with the smallest support in the pattern as a victim item and it removes the victim item from the sensitive transactions. Unlike the MinFIA & algorithm MaxFIA selects the item with the maximum support in the restrictive pattern as a victim item. Algorithm IGA groups restricted patterns in groups of patterns sharing the same itemsets so that all sensitive patterns in the group will be hidden in one step. In [8] a heuristic algorithm named DSRR (Decrease Support of R.H.S. item of Rule Clusters) is given. which provides privacy for sensitive rules at certain level while ensuring data quality. Proposed DSRR algorithm clusters the sensitive association rules based on R.H.S. of rules and hides as many as possible rules at a time by modifying fewer transactions. Because of less modification in database it helps maintaining data quality. Algorithm DSRR cannot hide rules having multiple RHS items. **Blocking** is the replacement of an existing value with a “?”. This technique inserts unknown values in the data to fuzzify the rules. In some applications where publishing wrong data is not acceptable, then unknown values may be inserted to blur the rules. When unknown values are inserted support and confidence values would fall into a range instead of a fixed value. Consider the database shown in Table V. For rule A-> C, Support (A-> C) = 80% and Confidence (A-> C) = 100%. After fuzzifying the values, support and confidence becomes marginal. So in new database: 60% ≤ Confidence (A-> C) ≤ 100% and 60% ≤ Support (A-> C) ≤ 80%. In [10] two algorithms are built based on blocking for rule hiding. The first one focuses on hiding the rules by reducing the minimum support of the itemsets that generated these rules (i.e., generating itemsets). The second one focuses on reducing the minimum confidence of the rules. In [11] and [12] algorithms based on blocking technique are proposed and analyzed. In blocking technique the maximum confidence of a sensitive rule cannot be reduced. If the blocking algorithm does not add much uncertainty in the database, adversary can infer the hidden values if he applies a smart inference technique. In database both 0’s and 1’s must be hidden during blocking because if only 1’s were

hidden the adversary would simply replace all the '?'s with 1's and would restore easily the initial database and many '?'s must be inserted if we don't want an adversary to infer hidden data.

B. Border based approach

This approach hides sensitive association rule by modifying the borders in the lattice of the frequent and the infrequent itemsets of the original database. The itemsets which are at the position of the borderline separating the frequent and infrequent itemsets forms the borders. The algorithms in this approach differ in the methodology they follow to enforce the new revised borders in the modified database. Border based approach uses the theory of borders presented in [13]. The first frequent itemset hiding methodology that is based on the notion of the border is proposed in [14, 15]. It maintains the quality of database by greedily selecting the modifications with minimal side effect. Then in [16, 17] more efficient algorithms based on border theory are presented.

C. Exact approach

This approach contains nonheuristic algorithms which formulates the hiding process as a constraints satisfaction problem or an optimization problem which is solved by integer programming. These algorithms can provide optimal hiding solution with ideally no side effects. In [18] an exact algorithm for association rule hiding is proposed which tries to minimize the distance between the original database and its sanitized version. In [19] proposed an exact border based approach to achieve optimal solution as compared to previous approaches.

A	B	C	D
1	1	1	0
1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1
1	1	1	0
1	0	1	1

→

A	B	C	D
1	1	1	0
1	0	?	0
?	1	0	1
1	1	1	0
1	0	1	1

Table 5: Hiding A-> C by Blocking

III. CONCLUSION

I have presented a survey various privacy preserving data mining algorithms. The work presented in here, indicates the ever increasing interest of researchers in the area of securing sensitive data and knowledge from malicious users. The conclusions that we have reached from reviewing this area, manifest that privacy issues can be effectively considered only within the limits of certain data mining algorithms. The inability to generalize the results for classes of categories of data mining algorithms might be a tentative threat for disclosing information.

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