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Data-Driven Exploration of Determinants of Poor Sleep Quality Using Consequent Target-Based Association Rule Mining

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Abstract

Examining the multitude of factors influencing poor sleep quality is crucial for enhancing both personal well-being and public health initiatives. However, relying solely on conventional statistical methods like correlation analysis to assess sleep quality datasets may be limited due to the complex and diverse relationships among variables. In this article, we investigate a novel perspective and approach, Consequent Target-Based Association Rule Mining (CTB-ARM), to gain a deeper understanding of the intricate interplay of factors influencing sleep quality. By applying this approach to uncover hidden patterns in sleep health data, it offers insights beyond what traditional methods can provide. Ultimately,

leveraging these data-driven insights enables us to enhance understanding of the complex factors impacting sleep quality.

Keywords: Sleep quality, Association Rule, Consequent target

1. Introduction

Sleep quality is a complex and crucial factor that greatly affects both physical and mental well-being. Inadequate sleep has been associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular diseases, metabolic disorders, and weakened immune function [1]. Additionally, insufficient or disturbed sleep can lead to mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, and impaired cognitive function, which in turn affect daily performance and overall quality of life [2]. Understanding and addressing the various factors that contribute to poor sleep quality is essential for improving both individual health outcomes and broader public health.

Given the complexity of sleep quality determinants, using traditional statistical techniques like correlation may be unconventional because the relationships between variables are often multifaceted and non-linear. While Association Rule Mining (ARM), a technique in data mining, operates over categorical data types, it excels in identifying patterns and associations among variables regardless of their linearity, making it particularly suitable for uncovering hidden relationships within sleep quality data.

In this article, we study the utilization of Association Rule Mining (ARM) in new direction focusing on poor sleep quality as a target consequence, to unveil factors linked to poor sleep quality, identifying strong associations between lifestyle patterns, demographic attributes, and suboptimal sleep. Our analysis focuses on examining variables including age, occupation, stress level, blood pressure, physical activity, sleep duration, BMI, heart rate, daily step count, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, and sleep disorders. Through this comprehensive investigation, our objective is to gain insight into both the specific factors contributing to poor sleep quality and how these factors collectively influence it.

In the forthcoming sections, we will provide a comprehensive overview of our methodology for analyzing factors influencing sleep quality using Consequent Target-Based Association Rule Mining (CTB-ARM). Initially, we will introduce conventional ARM, outlining key measures such as support and confidence, as well as the procedural steps involved in association rule mining. Subsequently, we will review related work in the field before delineating our approach to applying ARM in the analysis of sleep quality data. Following this, we will present the CTB-ARM methodology, followed by an exploration of the significant rules uncovered through our study and a detailed discussion of their implications. Finally, we will conclude with a summary of the capability of CTB-ARM as a tool for revealing hidden patterns in sleep health data and understanding the determinants of sleep quality, emphasizing caution in its interpretation. Additionally, we will discuss avenues for enhancing CTB-ARM for pattern mining in data and their potential implications for understanding and addressing in poor sleep quality.

2. Background

2.1 Association Rule Measurements

An association rule is a pattern that describes how items or variables co-occur in transactions or events, typically represented as $X \longrightarrow Y$, where X and Y are sets of items or variables. The strength of an association rule is measured using several metrics depending on the aim of the work. In this research, we aim to uncover hidden patterns, therefore we focus on two important measures: support and confidence, which are described below.

Support: Support measures the frequency of occurrence of a particular itemset in the dataset[3]. it is a crucial metric in Association Rule Mining because it helps identify itemsets that occur often enough to be considered significant and worth analyzing. High support indicates that the itemset is common within the dataset, while low support suggests that the itemset is rare. It is defined as the proportion of transactions in the dataset that contain the itemset. Formally, the support of an itemset X is given by the following.

$$\text{Support}(X \rightarrow Y) = \frac{\text{Transactions containing } X \cup Y}{\text{Total number of transactions}} \quad (1)$$

Confidence : Confidence[3] measures the likelihood that items in the consequent itemset Y appear in transactions that contain the antecedent itemset X. It is calculated as the support of the itemset $X \cup Y$ divided by the support of the itemset X. The values range from 0 to 1, where a value of 1 indicates that all transactions containing X also contain Y.

$$\text{Confidence}(X \rightarrow Y) = \frac{\text{Support}(X \cup Y)}{\text{Support}(X)} \quad (2)$$

Understanding confidence is important in association rule mining because it helps assess the strength and reliability of discovered rules. A high confidence value indicates a strong association between the antecedent and consequent itemsets, suggesting that the presence of the antecedent implies a high probability of the consequent also being present.

By focusing on rules with high confidence, analysts can identify meaningful patterns and relationships in the data. These rules can then be used to make informed decisions, such as identifying factors that contribute to a particular outcome or suggesting actions based on observed patterns. Association rules with high support and confidence are deemed strong and potentially meaningful. They offer valuable insights into data patterns, aiding decision-making and strategy development across domains such as market basket analysis, healthcare, and customer relationship management.

2.2 Association Rule Process

Association Rule Mining (ARM) is a data mining technique used to discover interesting relationships, or associations, among variables in large datasets. It is particularly useful for uncovering hidden patterns and dependencies within the data. ARM has been widely applied in various fields, including healthcare, market basket analysis, and bioinformatics, due to its ability to reveal valuable insights from complex datasets. The process of Association Rule Mining (ARM) begins with data preprocessing to ensure data quality and relevance, which involves cleaning the data, handling missing values, and transforming variables into a suitable format for analysis. Subsequently, ARM generates itemsets, which are sets of items that frequently co-occur in the dataset, with a single-item itemset being termed a 'frequent itemset.' Various algorithms exist for finding frequent itemsets, such as Apriori [3], FP-Growth [4], and ECLAT [5]. From these, ARM derives association rules describing relationships between different itemsets. These rules are evaluated using measures like support, confidence, and lift. Support indicates the frequency of an itemset in the dataset, confidence measures the likelihood of Y occurring given that X is present, and lift assesses the strength of an association between items. Finally, ARM prunes rules not meeting specified criteria (e.g., minimum support, minimum confidence) to focus on the most relevant and significant associations.

3. Related Work

Numerous studies have explored various aspects of sleep quality and its determinants, highlighting the multifaceted nature of sleep and its critical impact on health. For example, environmental factors such as noise, light exposure, and bedroom temperature also play crucial roles in sleep regulation [6], while demographic variables such as age, gender, and socioeconomic status can influence sleep patterns and quality [7]. Buysse [1] provides a comprehensive review of sleep quality measurement and its clinical relevance, discussing how poor sleep quality is linked to numerous adverse health outcomes, including cardiovascular disease, metabolic disorders, and impaired immune function. Hirshkowitz et al. [8] outlined how irregular sleep patterns and high stress levels are associated with reduced sleep quality. Similarly, Walker [2] emphasizes the relationship between sleep and mental health, illustrating how insufficient or disturbed sleep can lead to depression, anxiety, and cognitive impairments. Mezick et al. [9] investigated the relationship between sleep duration and cardiovascular risk markers, finding that both short and long sleep durations are associated with adverse cardiovascular outcomes. Akerstedt et al. [10] explored the impact of stress and sleep disturbances on occupational health, demonstrating that high stress levels significantly disrupt sleep quality and contribute to long-term health issues. Doe et al. [11] employed correlation analysis to examine the association between smartphone use before bedtime and sleep quality among young adults. The results highlight the potential detrimental effects of excessive smartphone use on sleep patterns and suggest the importance of establishing healthy bedtime routines to promote better sleep hygiene. The investigation conducted by Smith et al. [12] utilized correlation analysis to probe the relationship between diverse factors and poor sleep quality. This inquiry aims to propose stress management strategies for improving sleep health. Their longitudinal study revealed a direct correlation between stress levels and sleep.

To analyze associations with poor sleep quality, researchers increasingly turn to data mining techniques like Association Rule Mining (ARM). ARM is adept at uncovering patterns within large datasets, identifying frequently co-occurring itemsets or groups of variables [3]. Particularly useful in exploratory data analysis, ARM reveals hidden patterns and relationships without predefined hypotheses. Operating on the principles of support and confidence, support measures the dataset proportion containing a specific itemset, indicating its commonality. Confidence evaluates the likelihood of one item's occurrence given another, revealing the association's strength [13]. In the context of sleep quality research, ARM can be applied to identify combinations of lifestyle and demographic variables that are frequently associated with poor sleep quality. By focusing on high-support and high-confidence itemsets, researchers can pinpoint the most significant factors contributing to suboptimal sleep. This approach allows for a comprehensive and data-driven exploration of the determinants of sleep quality, paving the way for targeted interventions and recommendations.

Liu et al. [14] employed association rule mining (ARM) to investigate the co-occurrence of lifestyle factors and sleep disorders, demonstrating the effectiveness of ARM in uncovering complex interactions within sleep data. Their findings underscore the potential of ARM in developing targeted interventions for improving sleep health. Chen et al. [15] applied machine learning algorithms to predict sleep quality based on a range of physiological and behavioral variables, achieving promising results in identifying individuals at risk of poor sleep. Similarly, Su et al. [16] utilized clustering techniques to categorize sleep patterns and their associated health outcomes, providing valuable insights into the diverse factors influencing sleep quality. These studies underscore the importance of grasping the varied factors shaping sleep quality and showcase the value of advanced analytical techniques like ARM in unraveling the intricate relationships among variables impacting sleep.

4. Methodology

4.1 Consequent Target-Base ARM Methodology

For this study, we used a dataset available downloaded from kaggle repository (https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/uom190346a/slleep-health-and-lifestyle-dataset), containing 378 examples with 13 columns including Person ID, Gender, Age, Occupation, Sleep Duration, Quality of Sleep, and more. We focused on variables linked to poor sleep quality using Association Rule Mining (ARM) to uncover patterns in the data. Our unique approach centers on the consequent target "Sleep Quality Bad (SQB)," extracted during the Data Extraction Step. Our methodology includes several key steps.

Data Transformation: The aim of this step is to transform relevant numerical variables into categorical variables to facilitate the application of Frequent Itemset Mining, ensuring effective analysis of co-occurrence patterns. We began by exploring the dataset to understand each variable's characteristics, including their minimum and maximum values, which informed our transformation methods. Gender, Occupation, and BMI were already categorical and required no transformation. The remaining numerical variables were transformed based on their value ranges.

1. Age: The Age column, with values ranging from 27 to 59, then is categorized into four age groups:

- AgeLower30 (less than 30)
- Age31-40 (31-40)
- Age41-50 (41-50)

- Age51-60 (51-60)

2. Sleep Duration: The Sleep Duration column, with values ranging from 5.8 to 6.9 hours, is grouped into two categories:

- SleepDuration_6 (5.8-6.5 hours)
- SleepDuration_7 (6.6-6.9 hours)

3. Sleep Quality: The Sleep Quality column, with values ranging from 4 to 9, is categorized into two groups:

- SQB (Sleep Quality Bad: 4-6)
- SQG (Sleep Quality Good: 7-9)

4. Physical Activity: The Physical Activity column, with values ranging from 30 to 90 minutes per day, was categorized into four groups:

- PhyAct21-30 (less than 31)
- PhyAct31-50 (31-50)
- PhyAct51-70 (51-70)
- PhyAct71-90 (71-90)

5. Stress Level: The Stress Level column, with values ranging from 3 to 8, was grouped into two categories:

- StL (Stress Low: 3-5)
- StH (Stress High: 6-8)

6. Blood Pressure: The Blood Pressure column, consisting of systolic and diastolic values, was split into two separate columns: Systolic and Diastolic. Each was further categorized as follows:

Systolic:

- SN (Systolic Normal)
- SNH (Systolic Normal High)
- SH (Systolic High)

Diastolic:

- DN (Diastolic Normal)
- DNH (Diastolic Normal High)
- DH (Diastolic High)

7. Heart Rate: The Heart Rate column, with values ranging from 65 to 86 beats per minute, is grouped into three categories:

- HR61-70
- HR71-80
- HR81-90

8. Daily Steps: The Daily Steps column, with values ranging from 3000 to 10000 steps, is grouped into three categories:

- DSUnder5900 (less than 5900 steps)
- DS6000-7900 (6000-7900 steps)
- DSOver8000 (more than 8000) steps)

Data Extraction: As in the transformation step, we already classified Sleep Quality as either Good (7, 8, or 9 hours per night) or Bad (4, 5, or 6 hours per night). This categorization enables a targeted analysis of factors contributing to suboptimal sleep quality. Next, we isolated the subset of data corresponding to Sleep Quality Bad to identify associated factors, serving as the foundation for pinpointing factors specifically linked to poor sleep quality. As the dataset is in the comma seperated(csv) format, the extraction can be easily filter using excel application. After extraction, the Sleep Quality variable was removed, leaving a single value, SQB, prepared for analysis.

Frequent Itemset Extraction: We used the ECLAT algorithm to extract frequent itemsets with a support count of 70 (60% of the dataset). This threshold ensures that only the most common and relevant patterns are considered, representing frequently co-occurring variable values within the Sleep Quality Bad (SQB) subset. A high threshold focuses on strong associations, reducing noise and highlighting impactful associations. It also manages computational complexity by limiting the number of frequent itemsets. The resulting findings are highly representative and specific to the SQB subset, sorted in descending order by support count, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Frequent Itemsets satisfy support threshol

Frequent itemset	Suport(count)	Support
{ StH }	117	1
{ HR71-80 }	104	0.89
{ HR71-80, StH }	104	0.89
{ SleepDuration_6 }	96	0.82
{ SleepDuration_6, StH }	96	0.82
{ SleepDuration_6, HR71-80 }	84	0.72
{ SleepDuration_6, HR71-80, StH }	84	0.72
{ DNH }	80	0.68
{ DNH, SNH }	80	0.68
{ DNH, SNH, StH }	80	0.68
{ DNH, StH }	80	0.68
{ SNH }	80	0.68
{ SNH, StH }	80	0.68
{ Overweight }	75	0.64
{ Overweight, StH }	75	0.64
{ Male }	74	0.63
{ Male, StH }	74	0.63
{ Overweight, HR71-80 }	73	0.63

{ Overweight, HR71-80, StH }	73	0.63
{ DNH, HR71-80 }	72	0.62
{ DNH, HR71-80, StH }	72	0.62
{ DNH, SNH, HR71-80 }	72	0.62
{ DNH, SNH, HR71-80, StH }	72	0.62
{ SNH, HR71-80 }	72	0.62
{ SNH, HR71-80, StH }	72	0.62

Association Rule Generation: To generate association rules with SQB (Sleep Quality Bad) as the consequent, we append it to all frequent itemsets without changing their support values. Since SQB's support is the highest (100% in this dataset), the confidence of all rules becomes 100% by treating each frequent itemset as the LHS (Left-Hand Side) and SQB as the RHS (Right-Hand Side) of the rule. Table 2 shows the Association Rules generated from frequent itemsets meeting the 60% support threshold. We apply filters based on support and confidence metrics to ensure relevance and significance. Support measures how often an itemset occurs, and confidence assesses the likelihood of the consequent given the antecedent, helping identify robust associations between variable values and poor sleep quality.

Table 2: Association Rules with high support and confidence

Association Rule	Support	Confidence
{ StH } ⟶ { SQB }	1	1
{ HR71-80 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.89	1
{ HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.89	1
{ SleepDuration_6 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.82	1
{ SleepDuration_6, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.82	1
{ SleepDuration_6, HR71-80 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.72	1
{ SleepDuration_6, HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.72	1
{ DNH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1
{ DNH, SNH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1
{ DNH, SNH,StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1

{ DNH, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1
{ SNH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1
{ SNH, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1
{ Overweight } ⟶ { SQB }	0.64	1
{ Overweight, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.64	1
{ Male } ⟶ { SQB }	0.63	1
{ Male, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.63	1
{ Overweight, HR71-80 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.63	1
{ Overweight, HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.63	1
{ DNH, HR71-80 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.62	1
{ DNH, HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.62	1
{ DNH, SNH, HR71-80 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.62	1
{ DNH, SNH, HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.62	1
{ SNH, HR71-80 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.62	1
{ SNH, HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.62	1

4.2 Results

By applying Consequent Targeted-Based Association Rule Mining to the sleep health and lifestyle dataset, we found several significant single factors associated with SQB as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Association of individusl Factors with Sleep Quality (SQB)

Association Rule	Support	Confidence
{ StH } ⟶ { SQB }	1	1
{ HR71-80 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.89	1
{ SleepDuration_6 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.82	1
{ DNH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1
{ SNH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.68	1
{ Overweight } ⟶ { SQB }	0.64	1

The rule { StH }⟶ { SQB } (Support:1) we found indicate that individuals with high stress levels universally experience poor sleep quality, highlighting the substantial impact of stress on sleep. Additionally, the rule { HR71-80 } ⟶{ SQB } (Support: 0.89) signifies a strong association between heart rates in the range of 71-80 with poor sleep quality, suggesting that 89% of individuals in this heart rate range experience inadequate sleep. Furthermore, the rule { SleepDuration_6 } ⟶{ SQB } (Support: 0.82) indicate a significant association between a 6-hour sleep duration and poor sleep quality, underscoring the importance of sufficient sleep duration for optimal sleep. Moreover, both rules, { DNH }⟶ { SQB } (Support: 0.68) and { SNH }⟶ { SQB } (Support: 0.68) suggest a noteworthy association between normal high blood pressure levels and poor sleep quality, emphasizing the relevance of maintaining healthy blood pressure for adequate sleep. Additionally, the rule { Overweight }⟶{ SQB } (Support: 0.64) indicate a considerable association between being overweight and poor sleep quality, highlighting the impact of weight management on sleep health. Lastly, the rule { Mail }⟶{ SQB } (Support: 0.64) indicate a significant association between male gender and poor sleep quality, suggesting that gender-specific factors may also play a role in sleep quality.

In conclusion, stress levels and heart rates significantly impact sleep quality, highlighting the need for stress management and heart rate regulation. A 6-hour sleep duration is often inadequate, emphasizing the importance of healthy sleep habits and sufficient sleep. Maintaining normal blood pressure is crucial for sleep health. Additionally, being overweight and male gender are linked to poor sleep quality, suggesting the need for weight management and addressing gender-specific sleep issues to improve overall well-being.

To explore the intricate interactions among multiple factors, we analyzed rules derived from closed frequent itemsets, as outlined in Table 4. These rules offer additional insights into the factors associated with poor sleep quality. The rule { SleepDuration_6, HR71-80, StH }⟶ { SQB } (Support: 0.72) indicates that individuals with a sleep duration of 6 hours, a heart rate in the range of 71-80, and high stress levels are strongly associated with poor sleep quality. It suggests that even with a relatively normal heart rate, individuals with 6 hours of sleep duration and high stress levels still experience poor sleep quality.

The rule { Overweight, HR71-80, StH }⟶ { SQB } (Support: 0.63): suggests a significant association between being overweight, having a heart rate in the range of 71-80, and high stress levels with poor sleep quality. It indicates that these factors combined may contribute to a higher likelihood of experiencing poor sleep.

Table 4: Association of Combination Factors with Sleep Quality (SQB)

Association Rule	Support	Confidence
{ SleepDuration_6, HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.72	1
{ Overweight, HR71-80, StH } } ⟶ { SQB }	0.63	1
{ Mail, StH 0.63 } ⟶ { SQB }	0.63	1
{ DNH,SNH, HR71-80, StH } ⟶ { SQB }	0.62	1

The rule { DNH, SNH, HR71-80, StH }⟶ { SQB } (Support: 0.62) includes normal diastolic and systolic blood pressure, a heart rate in the range of 71-80, and high stress levels. It suggests that even with normal blood pressure, individuals with a heart rate in this range and high stress levels may still experience poor sleep quality.

The rule { Male, StH }⟶ { SQB } (Support: 0.63) indicates a significant association between male gender and high stress levels with poor sleep quality. It suggests that males with high stress levels are more likely to experience poor sleep quality compared to females with similar stress levels.

Overall, these frequent itemsets underscore the intricate interactions among various factors such as sleep duration, heart rate, stress levels, weight, blood pressure, and gender in shaping sleep quality. However, upon examination of these rules, it becomes apparent that SleepDuration_6, Overweight, and Mail do not coincide with each other. This implies that Sleep Duration, BMI, and Gender operate independently of each other. Furthermore, if we regard DNH and SNH as constituents of Blood Pressure, it leads us to conclude that Sleep Duration, BMI, Gender, and Blood Pressure are independent factors when evaluating contributors to poor sleep quality.

4.3. Comparison of CBT-ARM with Traditional ECLAT in ARM

In our comparative study between traditional ECLAT and CBT-ARM algorithms using a dataset of 378 examples with a support threshold of 70, traditional ECLAT identified 414 frequent itemsets, whereas CBT-ARM revealed 25 pertinent itemsets directly associated with poor sleep quality, requiring no additional filtering. Traditional ECLAT's broader scope resulted in numerous irrelevant itemsets, necessitating subsequent filtering to isolate associations relevant to poor sleep quality. In contrast, CBT-ARM efficiently targeted specific associations related to poor sleep quality, thereby enhancing analytical precision. Moreover, CBT-ARM's automated utilization of identified itemsets for association rule formulation circumvented the need for a separate rule mining process focused exclusively on poor sleep quality, a requisite in traditional methodologies.

The comparison revealed that CBT-ARM outperforms traditional ECLAT in generating relevant and efficient frequent itemsets, particularly those directly associated with poor sleep quality. This targeted approach minimizes computational complexity and enhances result interpretation in focused association rule mining.

5. Conclusion and Discussion

This article underscores the importance of exploring factors contributing to poor sleep quality through advanced methods like Consequent Target-Based Association Rule Mining (CTB-ARM), surpassing traditional statistical techniques like correlation. CTB-ARM is shown to effectively uncover complex relationships among lifestyle, demographic factors, and sleep quality, revealing hidden patterns crucial for individual and public health initiatives. However, caution is advised in interpreting CTB-ARM results, as they indicate statistical associations rather than causal relationships, emphasizing the need for robust dataset quality and representation. Integrating CTB-ARM with complementary analytical approaches can offer a more comprehensive understanding of sleep quality determinants.

Additionally, it is imperative for users to validate the results of CTB-ARM before applying them in practical settings. This validation can be achieved through various techniques such as cross-validation, stratified analysis, and sensitivity analysis, ensuring that the findings are robust and applicable across different datasets and populations. Furthermore, there is an opportunity for researchers to extend the CTB-ARM approach by developing and validating new techniques for result validation, thereby enhancing its reliability and applicability in diverse domains and settings.

In future research, enhancing the applicability and depth of findings with CTB-ARM involves validating the methodology across diverse datasets to improve generalizability across demographic groups. Integrating CTB-ARM with advanced analytical techniques like machine learning could provide a more comprehensive understanding of sleep quality determinants. Exploring causal inference methods would offer insights into causal relationships among factors affecting sleep quality, informing targeted interventions. Longitudinal studies could reveal temporal dynamics of sleep patterns and associated factors. Clinical applications of CTB-ARM in healthcare settings for diagnosing sleep disorders and personalized treatment plans show promise. Developing user-centered interfaces based on CTB-ARM could translate research insights into actionable guidance. Ensuring data quality through rigorous preprocessing is crucial for reliable CTB-ARM results, advancing our understanding and interventions for better sleep health.

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