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Data Analytics for YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) Data using Machine Learning and Data Mining Techniques

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Project Description

- An inter-disciplinary research project:
  - Department of Public Health (WPU) – Dr. Corey H. Basch and Dr. Alex Kecojevic
  - Department of Computer Science (WPU) – Dr. Cyril S. Ku and Ms. Ana K. Ocampo (Research Assistant)
  - Department of Health and Behavior Studies (Columbia University) – Dr. Charles E. Basch
- Data Warehouse:
  - YRBSS (Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System) from CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Data Analytics Environment at WPU:
  - MySQL Server (YRBS Data Mart)
  - MySQL Workbench
  - R Studio (R Console/RGui)
  - WEKA (Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis)

Research Goal

- The goal of the research is to use knowledge discovery approach instead of the traditional statistics-based approach to find interesting or hidden relationships, including anomaly detection and data prediction
  - Collaborate with the Public Health Department (William Paterson) and Health and Behavior Studies (Columbia) on their behavioral research in terms of data collection, analysis, and prediction
  - Correlate the results from statistics and the results from machine learning

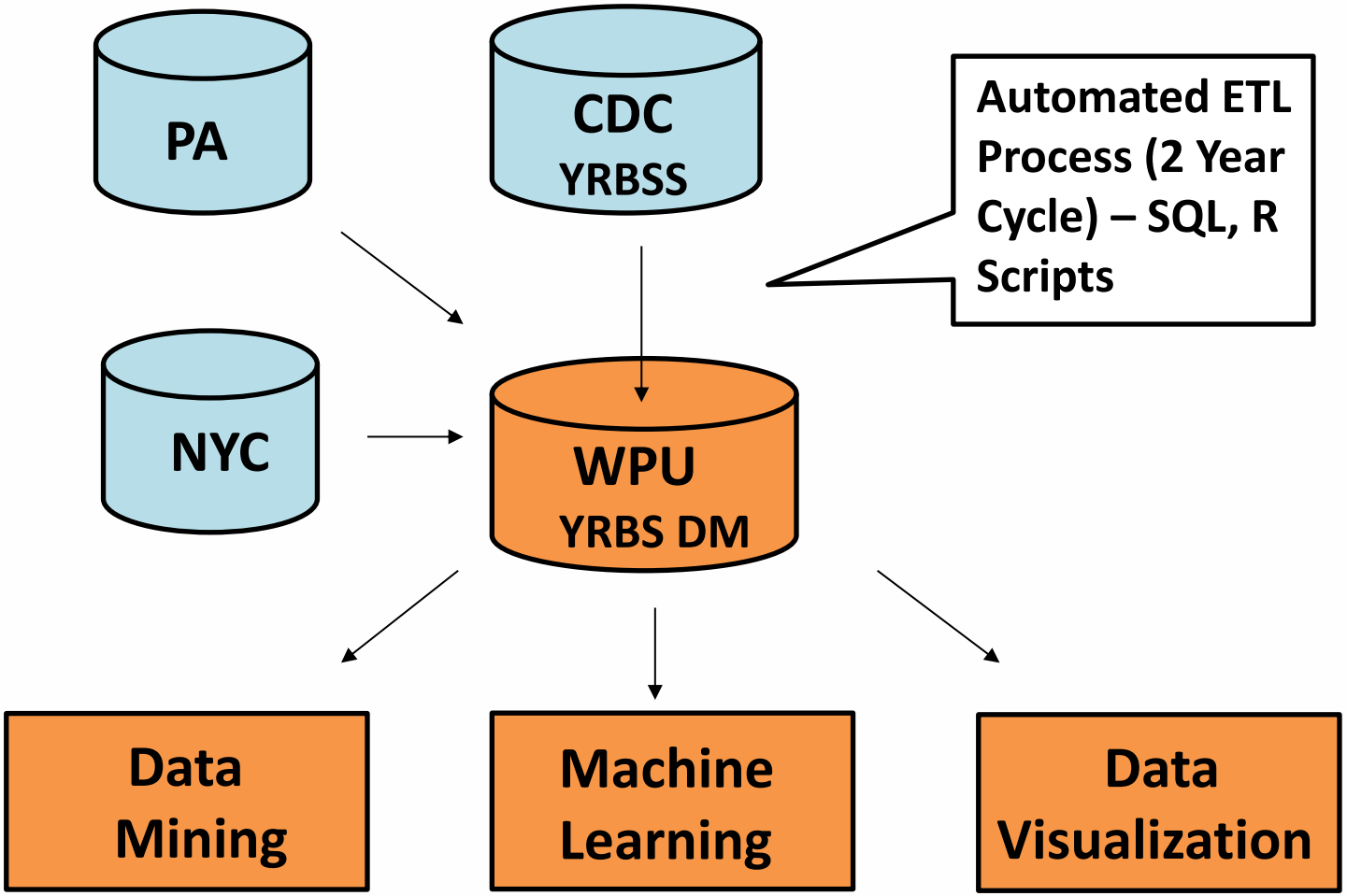
YRBSS (CDC)

- Developed in 1990 to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and young adults in the U.S.
  - Behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence
  - Sexual behaviors related to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV infection
  - Alcohol and other drug use
  - Tobacco use
  - Unhealthy dietary behaviors
  - Inadequate physical activity
  - Monitors the prevalence of obesity and asthma and other health-related behaviors plus sexual identity and sex of sexual contacts
- From 1991 through 2015, the YRBSS has collected data from more than 3.8 million high school students in more than 1,700 separate surveys

YRBS Data Mart (WPU)

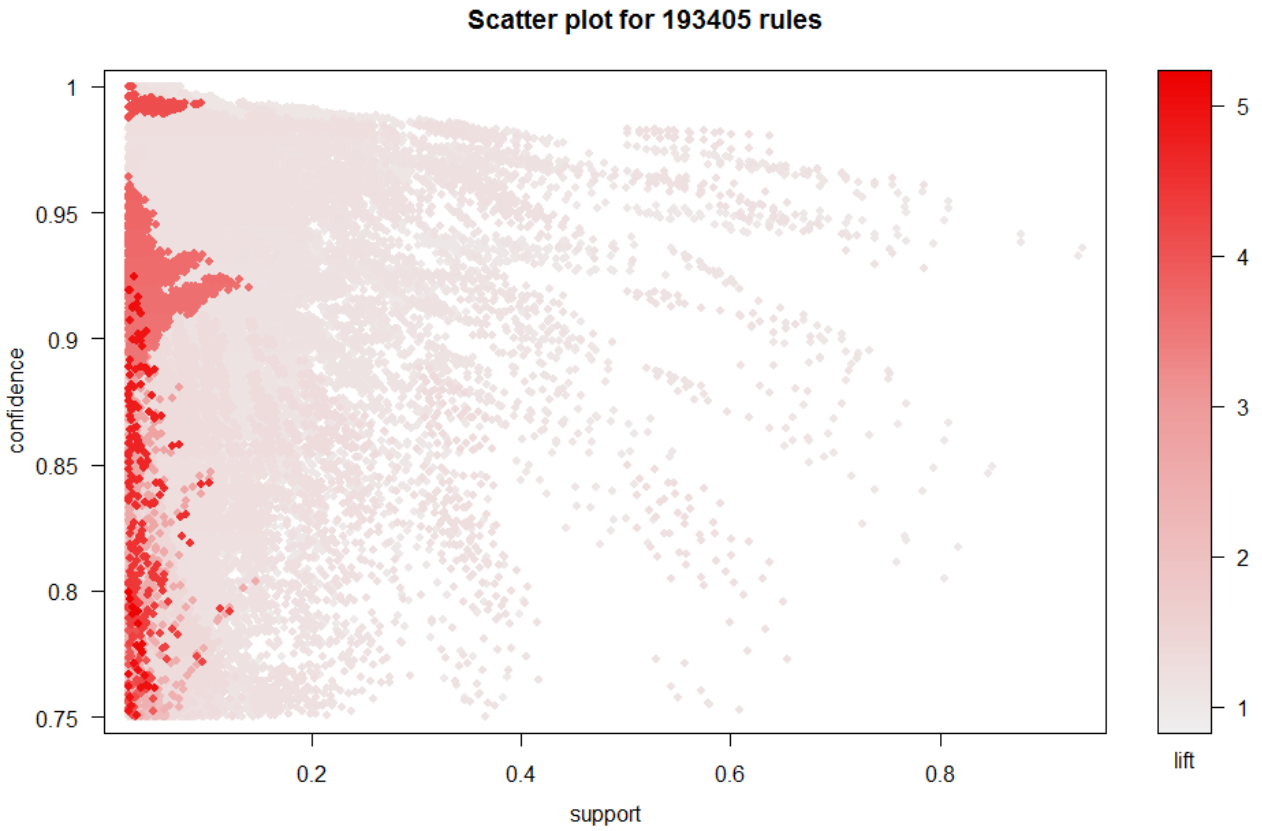
- Aggregated subsets of YRBSS from CDC and survey data from New York City and Pennsylvania
  - National (2011, 2013, 2015)
  - New Jersey (2011, 2013)
  - New York (2011, 2013, 2015)
  - New York City (2011, 2013, 2015)
  - Pennsylvania (2015)
  - Philadelphia (Pending)

Client/Server Architecture



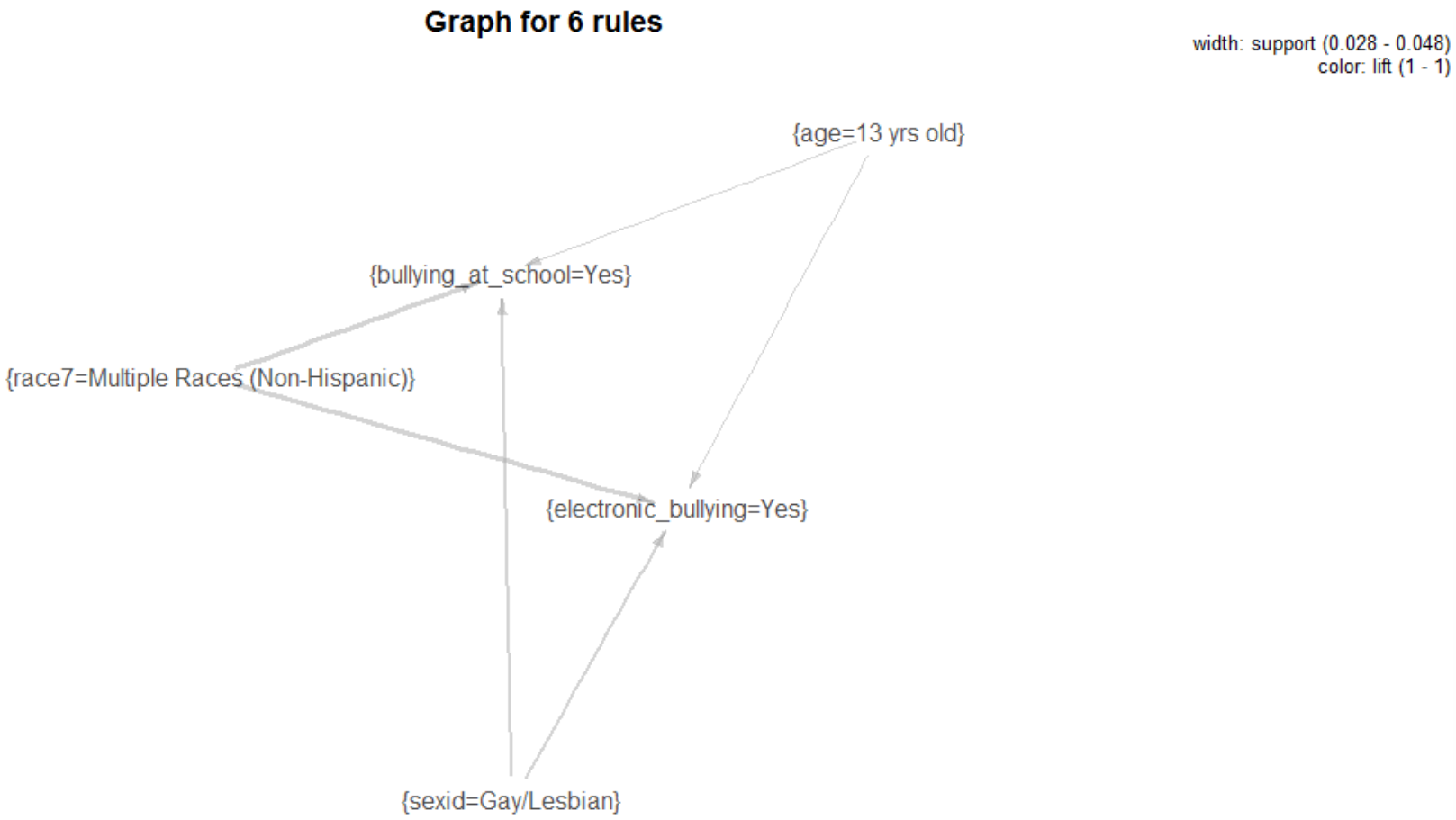
Preliminary Studies

- Used a subset of the New York dataset (2015)
- Focused on machine learning algorithms to explore relationships and patterns between variables in the dataset
- Performed association mining rule to discover frequent co-occurring associations among variables (focused on two variables: bullied at school, electronic bullying)
- The following slide shows the association scatter plot generated after running the Apriori Algorithm, showing only association rules with confidence > 0.75



Metrics for Association Rule

- **Support** – how frequently the items in the rule occur together
- **Confidence** – probability of both the antecedent and the consequent appearing together
  (the conditional probability of the consequent given the antecedent)
- **Lift** – strength of a rule over the random co-occurrence of the antecedent and the consequent, given their individual support



antecedent	consequent	support	confidence	lift
{age=13 yrs old}	{bullying_at_school=Yes}	0.028011204	1	1
{race7=Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)}	{bullying_at_school=Yes}	0.047619048	1	1
{sexid=Gay/Lesbian}	{bullying_at_school=Yes}	0.040616246	1	1
{age=13 yrs old}	{electronic_bullying=Yes}	0.028011204	1	1
{race7=Multiple Races (Non-Hispanic)}	{electronic_bullying=Yes}	0.047619048	1	1
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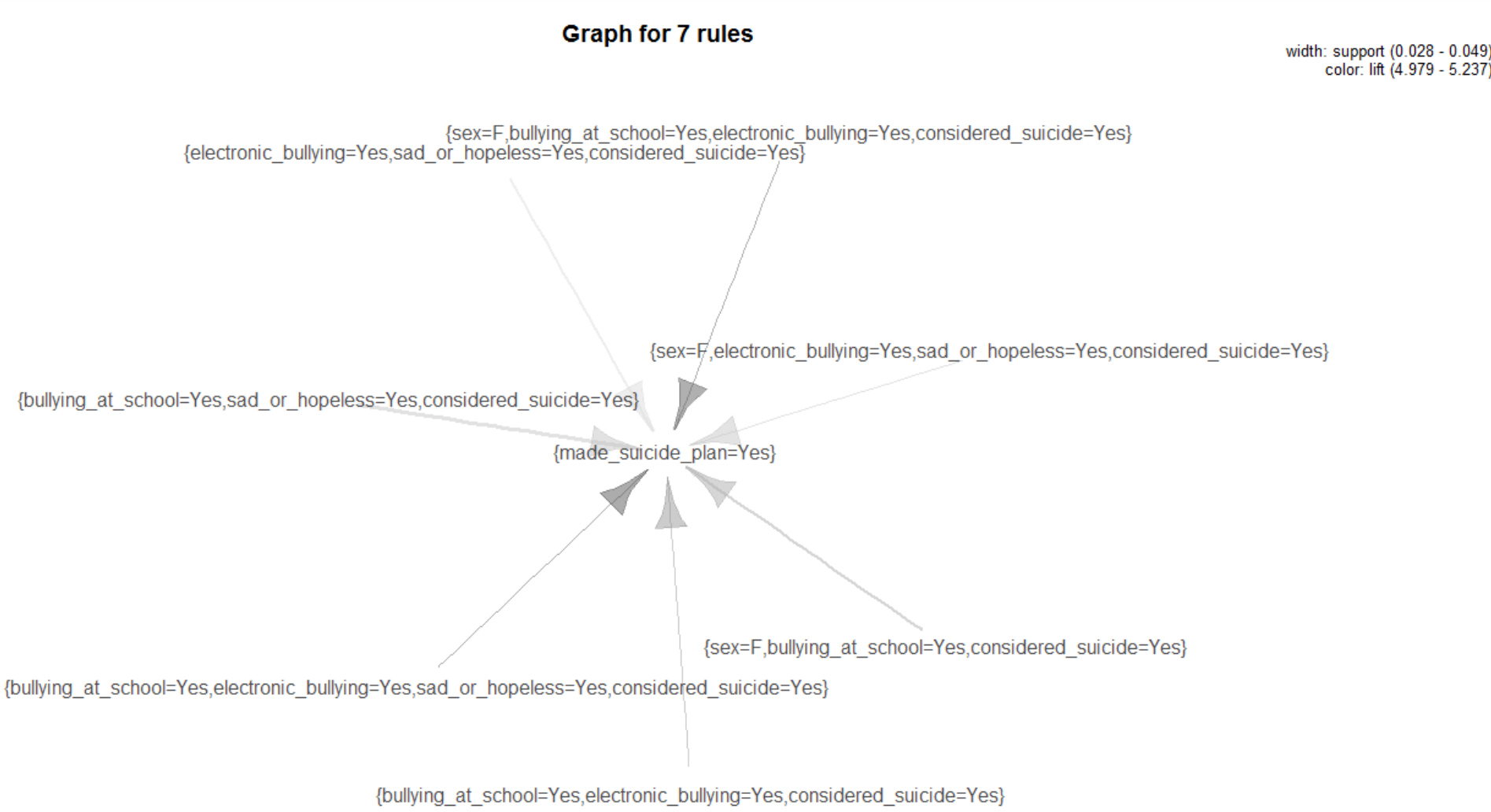
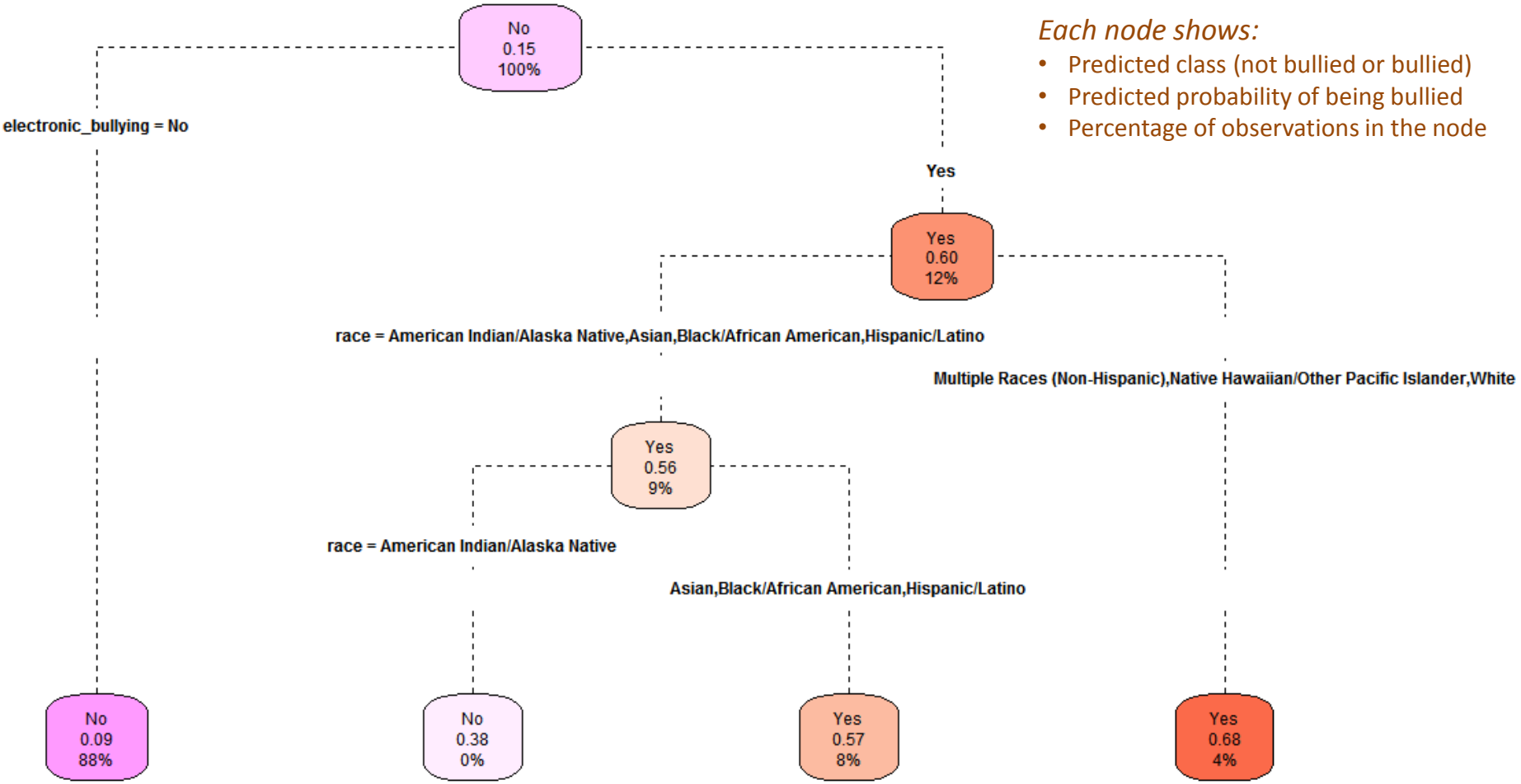
Example of strong association rules



Preliminary Studies

- Used classification to indicate if a student is bullied at school based on their race, and their answer from the question of being electronically bullied (yes/no)
- The following decision tree was generated to show the results

Decision Tree: Bullying At School (NY 2015)



Each node shows:

- Predicted class (not bullied or bullied)
- Predicted probability of being bullied
- Percentage of observations in the node

Future Research Plan

- The goal of the research is to use knowledge discovery approach instead of the traditional statistics-based approach to find interesting or hidden relationships, including anomaly detection and data prediction
  - Use various data mining and machine learning (neural network algorithms) techniques of classification, association, and clustering analyses on the YRBS data
  - Summer 2017: extending tanning trending to 2015 using current statistical method; using machine learning algorithm (e.g., decision tree) for prior years to predict and correlate 2015 results; establish criteria to predict future tanning trending

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