# Foreign Trade Risk Warning Model Based on Deep Learning And Association Rule Mining

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## Abstract

An economic risk early warning model identifies and assesses potential financial threats by analysing key economic indicators, market trends, and geopolitical events. Using machine learning algorithms, this model continuously monitors data to detect warning signs, such as shifts in inflation, unemployment, or trade imbalances. Early risk alerts enable policymakers and businesses to proactively address vulnerabilities, mitigate financial impacts, and make informed decisions that strengthen economic resilience against potential downturns. This paper presents a comprehensive analysis of risk assessment and financial prediction within the Chinese finance sector. The study investigates the intricate relationships between various financial indicators and their implications for risk assessment with associative rule mining, financial analysis, and predictive modelling techniques. By examining associative rules, the paper illuminates key patterns and associations, offering valuable insights into the drivers of financial risk. Subsequently, a detailed financial analysis is conducted, highlighting the varying risk profiles among prominent players in the sector based on metrics such as debt-toequity ratio, profit margin, and market capitalization. Furthermore, predictive modelling results provide insights into the effectiveness of predictive models in forecasting the probability of default for financial companies, aiding stakeholders in making informed risk management decisions. The findings underscore the importance of robust financial health and proactive risk management strategies in navigating the dynamic landscape of the Chinese finance sector. For instance, entities like the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) exhibit a low debt-to-equity ratio of 8.2 and a healthy profit margin of 18%, resulting in a low financial risk level. Conversely, companies like Ping An Bank display higher risk profiles with elevated debt levels, such as a debt-to-equity ratio of 10.2, coupled with lower profit margins, resulting in a high financial risk level. Furthermore, predictive modelling results provide insights into the effectiveness of predictive models in forecasting the probability of default for financial companies. For example, Bank of China (BOC) and the Agricultural Bank of China (ABC) exhibit predicted probabilities of default of 12.1% and 15.5%, respectively, aligning closely with their actual default status.

# Keywords: Foreign Trades, Economic Risk Assessment, Early Warning System, Association Rule, Deep Learning

### 1. Introduction

Foreign Trade economic risk refers to the potential threats and uncertainties that can impact a company's financial performance and overall economic stability [1]. These risks can stem from various internal and external factors, including market fluctuations, regulatory changes, geopolitical events, technological advancements, and operational inefficiencies. Internally, a company might face economic risks due to mismanagement, inadequate financial controls, or strategic missteps [2-4]. Externally, economic risks can arise from adverse market conditions, shifts in consumer demand, competitive pressures, and economic downturns. Managing Foreign Trade economic risk involves identifying, assessing, and mitigating these

risks to safeguard the company's assets and ensure long-term viability [5-6]. This process often includes developing robust risk management frameworks, conducting regular financial audits, and implementing strategic planning and forecasting [7]. By proactively addressing economic risks, Foreign Trades can better navigate uncertainties, maintain financial health, and capitalize on opportunities for growth [8-10]. A Foreign Trade Economic Risk Early Warning Model is a strategic tool designed to detect and signal potential economic threats to a company's financial health before they materialize into significant problems [11]. This model integrates various analytical techniques and data sources to monitor key economic indicators, such as market trends, financial ratios, cash flow patterns, and macroeconomic factors. By leveraging predictive analytics and machine learning algorithms, the model can identify patterns and anomalies that may signify emerging risks [12-13]. The implementation of an early warning model involves the continuous collection and analysis of relevant data, allowing businesses to receive timely alerts about potential risks [14-16]. These alerts enable companies to take proactive measures, such as adjusting strategies, reallocating resources, or implementing contingency plans, to mitigate adverse impacts [17]. By providing early insights into economic vulnerabilities, a Foreign Trade Economic Risk Early Warning Model helps organizations enhance their risk management capabilities, ensuring more resilient and sustainable operations in the face of economic uncertainties.

A Foreign Trade Economic Risk Early Warning Model based on deep learning and association rule mining represents an advanced approach to identifying and mitigating potential economic threats. Deep learning, a subset of artificial intelligence, excels at recognizing complex patterns in large datasets through neural networks [18-19]. When applied to economic risk modeling, deep learning can analyze vast amounts of financial data, market trends, and other relevant indicators to predict future risks with high accuracy [20-21]. Association rule mining complements deep learning by uncovering relationships and correlations between different economic variables. This method identifies rules that highlight the co-occurrence of events or conditions, which can provide insights into underlying risk factors [22]. By integrating these two techniques, the model can not only forecast potential economic downturns but also reveal the interconnected factors contributing to these risks. Implementing such a model involves training deep learning algorithms on historical economic data to detect patterns indicative of risk [23]. Simultaneously, association rule mining extracts actionable rules from this data. The combination allows for robust early warning signals, enabling Foreign Trades to preemptively address risks through strategic interventions. This sophisticated approach enhances the predictive power and reliability of economic risk management, helping businesses navigate complex economic environments more effectively.

This paper makes several key contributions to the field of financial risk management. Firstly, it introduces a novel approach to risk assessment by integrating associative rule mining with traditional financial analysis, enabling the identification of complex interrelationships between financial indicators and their impact on Foreign Trade risk. Secondly, the study provides a detailed empirical analysis of major Chinese financial companies, presenting insightful findings on their varying risk profiles based on metrics such as debt-to-equity ratio, profit margin, and market capitalization. Thirdly, the paper evaluates the efficacy of predictive models in forecasting the probability of default, demonstrating their practical utility in anticipating financial distress and informing risk management strategies. By combining these methodologies, the paper not only enhances the understanding of financial risk dynamics within the Chinese finance sector but also offers actionable insights and tools for stakeholders to better navigate and mitigate financial risks. This integrated approach sets a precedent for future research and application in financial risk assessment and management, contributing significantly to both academic literature and industry practice.

#### 2. Related Works

In the rapidly evolving landscape of global business, managing economic risk has become a paramount concern for Foreign Trades striving to maintain stability and achieve growth. The unpredictability of market conditions, coupled with the increasing complexity of financial ecosystems, necessitates advanced methodologies to foresee and mitigate potential economic threats. Traditional risk management approaches, while valuable, often fall short in addressing the multifaceted and dynamic nature of contemporary economic risks. Consequently, there has been a burgeoning interest in leveraging cutting-edge technologies, particularly deep learning and association rule mining, to enhance the precision and effectiveness of economic risk prediction and management. This literature review delves into the development and application of Foreign Trade Economic Risk Early Warning Models that harness the power of deep learning and association rule mining. Deep learning, with its ability to process and analyze large volumes of data through sophisticated neural networks, offers unparalleled capabilities in identifying intricate patterns and predicting future trends. Meanwhile, association rule mining provides critical insights into the relationships and cooccurrence of various economic variables, thus illuminating the underlying factors that contribute to risk. Hong, S., et al., . (2022). This study demonstrates the use of a decision tree algorithm for early warning of Foreign Trade financial risk, showcasing an effective machine learning approach for financial risk prediction. By analyzing patterns in financial data, the decision tree algorithm helps identify potential risks early, enabling Foreign Trades to take preemptive actions to mitigate those risks. Lin, M. (2022). This paper presents an innovative risk early warning model for internet credit finance, employing data mining techniques to enhance risk assessment and predictive accuracy. The model helps in identifying the unique risks associated with internet credit finance, providing a robust framework for early detection and management of financial threats in this sector.

Wang, A., & Yu, H. (2022) investigate the construction and empirical analysis of a financial early warning model using data mining algorithms, providing practical insights into corporate financial risk management. Their work demonstrates how data mining can uncover hidden patterns and trends in financial data that signal potential risks, offering valuable tools for companies to improve their risk management strategies. Yuan, G et al., (2022). This research focuses on building an economic security early warning system using cloud computing and data mining, highlighting the benefits of integrating advanced technologies for enhanced economic monitoring. The system leverages the scalability and processing power of cloud computing to handle large datasets, combined with data mining techniques to provide timely and accurate warnings of economic threats. Zhu, W et al., (2022). The study optimizes Foreign Trade financial risk early warning methods through the DS-RF model, contributing to improved financial risk analysis and predictive capabilities. The DS-RF model combines decision support systems with random forest algorithms, enhancing the accuracy and reliability of financial risk predictions.

Xiao, Q., et al., (2023) explores risk prediction and early warning of pilots' unsafe behaviors using association rule mining and system dynamics, offering insights into behavioral risk management in aviation. By identifying patterns and correlations in pilot behaviors, the model helps in predicting and preventing unsafe actions, thereby enhancing overall safety. Gao, B. (2022). The study examines the combination of machine learning and data mining technology in financial risk prevention, demonstrating the effectiveness of advanced analytics in managing financial risks. The integration of these technologies allows for more precise risk predictions and better-informed decision-making processes. Kathikeyan, M.,et al., (2022, December). The authors propose an optimization system for financial early warning models based on computational intelligence and neural network methods, enhancing the predictive capabilities of these models. Their approach leverages the strengths of neural networks in handling complex data to optimize financial risk predictions. Song, Y., & Wu, R. (2022). This research assesses the impact of financial Foreign Trades' excessive financialization on risk control, using data mining and machine learning for comprehensive risk analysis. The study provides a detailed examination of how excessive financialization can lead to increased risks, and how advanced analytical techniques can help in managing these risks effectively. Wang, Y., & Xue, W. (2022). The study focuses on sustainable development early warning and financing risk management for resource-based industrial clusters using optimization algorithms, highlighting the importance of strategic risk management in specific industries. The use of optimization algorithms ensures that early warning systems are finely tuned to the unique characteristics and risks of resource-based industries.

Liao, S., & Liu, Z. (2022) analyze Foreign Trade financial influencing factors and develop an early warning model based on a decision tree, contributing to the field of financial risk management. Their model identifies key financial indicators that influence risk, providing a robust tool for early detection and mitigation of financial threats. Meng, F., & Li, C. (2022). This study focuses on the safety warning of coal mining operations using big data association rule mining, illustrating the application of data mining techniques in industrial safety. By identifying patterns and correlations in operational data, the model helps in predicting and preventing safety incidents in coal mining. Tong, L., & Tong, G. (2022). The authors propose a novel financial risk early warning strategy based on a decision tree algorithm, demonstrating its effectiveness in financial risk management. The strategy provides a systematic approach to identifying and mitigating financial risks through the use of decision tree algorithms. Kuang, J., et al., (2022). This research focuses on financial early warning based on a combination forecasting model, offering insights into improving predictive accuracy through model integration. The combination forecasting model integrates multiple predictive techniques to enhance the reliability of financial risk predictions. Song, X et al., (2023). The study presents a BP neural network-based early warning model for financial risk in internet financial companies, highlighting the application of neural networks in risk prediction. The BP neural network model provides high accuracy in predicting financial risks, making it a valuable tool for internet financial companies. Wang, G., & Chen, Y. (2022). This paper discusses enabling legal risk management models for international corporations using deep learning and self-data mining, showcasing the application of advanced AI techniques in legal risk management. The integration of deep learning with data mining enhances the capability to predict and manage legal risks effectively.

Du, P., & Shu, H. (2023). The authors design and implement a financial risk monitoring and early warning system for China based on deep learning, demonstrating the practical application of deep learning in financial risk management. The system leverages deep learning algorithms to provide real-time monitoring and early warnings of financial risks. Miao, D et al., (2023) focuses on coal mine hidden danger analysis and risk early warning technology based on data mining in China, highlighting the use of data mining technology based on data mining to prevent incidents. Wan, J., & Yu, B. (2023). The study explores early warning of Foreign Trade financial risk based on an improved BP neural network model in a low-carbon economy, demonstrating the application of neural networks in financial risk management within the context of sustainability. The improved BP

neural network model offers high predictive accuracy for financial risks, supporting Foreign Trades in achieving sustainable development goals. The literature highlights the significant advancements in early warning models for Foreign Trade economic risks through the use of cutting-edge technologies like deep learning and association rule mining. Numerous algorithms, including decision trees and neural networks, have been shown to effectively analyze complicated data patterns and forecast financial hazards. Using data mining approaches, researchers such as Hong et al. (2022) and Lin (2022) have demonstrated models that improve the accuracy of risk assessments. As Yuan et al. (2022) points out, cloud computing and data mining can work together to create economic security systems that are both scalable and strong. Enhancements in predictive skills are highlighted by optimization methodologies that integrate computational intelligence and machine learning, as suggested by Kathikeyan et al. (2022). Furthermore, these sophisticated models have a wide range of applications, from online credit financing (Lin, 2022) to coal mining safety (Meng & Li, 2022), proving their adaptability and influence.

## 3. Tree based Association Rule Mining

The ability to detect patterns in data and the hierarchical structure of tree algorithms come together in Tree-based Association Rule Mining. Economic hazards in foreign trades can be better understood with the use of this method, which organizes data effectively to reveal correlations between factors. A tree structure is utilized to represent and partition the dataset. Each node in the tree represents a decision point based on the values of an attribute, and each branch represents the outcome of that decision. The tree grows by recursively splitting the data until it meets a stopping criterion, such as a minimum number of instances per leaf or a maximum tree depth. Association rule mining aims to find interesting relationships (associations) between variables in large datasets. The goal is to identify rules of the form  $X \rightarrow Y$ , where X and Y are sets of items. The strength of an association rule can be measured using support, confidence, and lift.

The support of an itemset X is the proportion of transactions in the dataset in which X stated as in equation (1)

$$SUpport(X) = \frac{Number of Transaction Containing X}{Total Number of transaction}$$
(1)

The confidence of a rule  $X \rightarrow Y$  is the proportion of transactions containing X that also contain Y defined in equation (2)

$$Confidence(X \to Y) = Support(X \cup Y)/Support(X)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The lift of a rule  $X \rightarrow Y$  is the ratio of the observed support to that expected if X and Y were independent stated in equation (3)

$$Lift(X \to Y) = Support(X \cup Y) / Support(X) \times Support(Y)$$
(3)

In tree-based association rule mining, the tree structure helps to efficiently partition the dataset, reducing the search space for association rules. The process can be summarized as follows:

Step 1: Tree Construction: Build a decision tree using a tree algorithm (e.g., decision tree, random forest) to partition the data based on attribute values.

Step 2: Rule Generation: Extract association rules from the leaf nodes of the tree. Each leaf node represents a subset of the data where the association rules are mined.

Step 3: Rule Evaluation: Evaluate the mined rules using support, confidence, and lift metrics. Only rules that meet predefined thresholds for these metrics are considered strong and relevant. Consider a dataset of financial transactions where attributes represent various economic indicators. A decision tree algorithm partitions this dataset based on these indicators, leading to a hierarchical structure where each leaf node contains a subset of the transactions. Suppose a leaf node contains transactions where the indicators "High Debt" and "Low Revenue" are common. From this node, we can mine association rules such as:

# $High \ Debt \rightarrow Low \ Revenue$

Calculate the support, confidence, and lift for this rule:

**Support:** The proportion of transactions in the entire dataset that have both "High Debt" and "Low Revenue".

Confidence: The proportion of transactions with "High Debt" that also have "Low Revenue".

Lift: The ratio of the observed support of "High Debt and Low Revenue" to the product of the individual supports of "High Debt" and "Low Revenue". This approach leverages the tree structure to focus the search for associations in relevant subsets of the data, making the process more efficient and effective in identifying significant economic risk patterns.

#### 3.1 Foreign Trade Tree Based Risk Warning Model

Foreign trade involves numerous uncertainties, including economic fluctuations, geopolitical risks, and supply chain disruptions. A robust risk warning model can help traders mitigate losses. This paper presents a hybrid approach combining Tree-Based Association Rule Mining (TARM) and Deep Learning (DL) to enhance predictive accuracy and interpretability in trade risk analysis. Our approach integrates association rule mining with tree-based models and deep learning techniques. The process consists of:

- 1. Data Preprocessing: Cleaning and transforming trade-related data.
- 2. Association Rule Mining: Extracting relationships between trade attributes.
- 3. Tree-Based Model: cgGradient Boosting (GB) for feature importance analysis.
- 4. Deep Learning Model: Utilizing LSTM or ANN for final risk prediction

Tree-Based Association Rule Mining (TARM) enhances traditional Association Rule Mining (ARM) by leveraging tree structures such as Decision Trees, Random Forests, or Gradient Boosting Trees to extract meaningful relationships among features. This hybrid approach improves rule interpretability, feature selection, and risk assessment in various applications like trade risk modeling. The tree model selects features by maximizing Information Gain (IG), derived from entropy stated in equation (4)

$$IG = H(D) - \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{|D_i|}{|D|} H(D_i)$$
(4)

In equation (4) H(D) is entropy before split,  $H(D_i)$  is entropy of child nodes, and  $D_i$  represents partitions after the split. Entropy is defined as in equation (5)

$$H(D) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} P_i \quad \log_2 \quad p_i \tag{5}$$

In equation (5)  $p_i$  is the probability of class *i*. The Gini Index is used for feature importance stated in equation (6)

$$G(D) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_i^2 \tag{6}$$

A lower Gini value signifies a purer split. Each path from the root node to a leaf node in a tree represents a rule as follows:

#### If $X_1$ and $X_2$ then Y

For instance, if a Decision Tree splits on Transaction Amount and Country Risk, the extracted rule may be:

Rule: If Transaction Amount > \$10,000 and Country Risk = High, then Fraud Risk = Yes.

From tree-based models like Random Forests (RF), we obtain feature importance scores defined in equation (7)

$$FI(X_i) = \sum_{t \in T} I_t(X_i) \tag{7}$$

In equation (7)  $I_t(X_i)$  is the importance of feature  $X_i$  in tree t, and T is the total number of trees. Deep learning models can refine association rules by learning non-linear relationships. A loss function such as Mean Squared Error (MSE) is computed using equation (8)

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$
(8)

In equation (8)  $y_i$  is the actual risk label, and  $\hat{y}_i$  is the predicted risk score. TARM improves traditional ARM by incorporating tree-based models for better feature selection, reducing irrelevant rules, and enhancing predictive accuracy. The derived rules from trees serve as an interpretable foundation for deep learning models.

#### 4. Financial Risk Assessment for the analysis on foreign trade risk assessment

Financial risk assessment is crucial for Foreign Trades aiming to identify and mitigate potential economic threats. By integrating tree-based association rule mining, companies can efficiently analyze complex datasets to uncover patterns that signify financial risks. This approach combines the hierarchical data organization of decision trees with the pattern discovery capabilities of association rule mining, providing a robust framework for risk analysis. The process begins with constructing a decision tree to partition the dataset based on financial indicators (attributes). The decision tree algorithm recursively splits the data into subsets, where each node represents a decision based on an attribute value, and each branch represents an outcome of that decision. The goal is to create homogeneous subsets where the financial risk patterns can be clearly identified. The process in the early risk assessment in foreign trade are presented in Figure 1.



Figure 1:Pprocess in Early Warning System

Consider an Foreign Trade's financial dataset with attributes such as "High Debt", "Low Revenue", "Low Cash Flow", and "High Operating Costs". The decision tree algorithm partitions the dataset based on these attributes, resulting in a tree where each path from the root to a leaf node represents a series of financial conditions.

Step 1: Tree Construction: The decision tree might split the data first on "High Debt", then on "Low Revenue", creating leaf nodes that contain subsets of transactions with similar financial conditions.

Step 2: Rule Generation: From a leaf node containing transactions with "High Debt" and "Low Revenue", we can mine association rules stated in equation (9)

$$High \, Debt \to Low \, Revenue \tag{9}$$

Step 3: Rule Evaluation: Calculate the support, confidence, and lift for the rule:

Support: The proportion of transactions with both "High Debt" and "Low Revenue".

Confidence: The proportion of "High Debt" transactions that also have "Low Revenue".

Lift: The ratio of the observed support to the expected support if "High Debt" and "Low Revenue" were independent were supports are estimated in equation (10) - equation (12)

Support(High Debt → Low Revenue) = of transactions with High Debt and Low Revenue/ Total number of transactionsNumber (10)

Confidence(High Debt → Low Revenue) = Support(High Debt and Low Revenue)/ Support(High Debt) (11)

# Lift(High Debt → Low Revenue) = Support(High Debt and Low Revenue) //Support(High Debt) × Support(Low Revenue) (12)

By applying tree-based association rule mining, Foreign Trades can uncover critical financial risk patterns such as the frequent co-occurrence of "High Debt" and "Low Revenue". These patterns enable companies to identify high-risk financial situations early and implement appropriate mitigation strategies. For example, an Foreign Trade noticing a strong rule with high lift indicating "High Debt" often leads to "Low Revenue" can take preemptive actions to manage debt levels and optimize revenue streams., In conclusion, tree-based association rule mining provides a powerful tool for financial risk assessment, combining the hierarchical analysis of decision trees with the relational insights of association rule mining. This integration helps Foreign Trades proactively identify and address financial risks, enhancing their overall economic resilience. Financial risk assessment in foreign trade involves evaluating uncertainties such as economic instability, geopolitical factors, and market fluctuations. A hybrid approach integrating Tree-Based Associative Rule Mining (TARM) with Deep Learning (DL) enhances risk prediction accuracy while maintaining interpretability. The methodology involves extracting association rules from transactional data using tree-based models, which are then used as input features for deep learning models. Association Rule Mining (ARM) identifies dependencies between financial variables, where a rule  $A \Rightarrow BA$  \Rightarrow  $BA \Rightarrow B$  signifies that the occurrence of trade condition AAA increases the likelihood of financial risk event BBB. This relationship is quantified using support, confidence, and lift,

Algorithm 1: Association Rules for Economic Risk Assessment
function TreeBasedAssociationRuleMining(dataset):
// Step 1: Tree Construction
decision_tree = ConstructDecisionTree(dataset)
// Step 2: Rule Generation
association_rules = GenerateAssociationRules(decision_tree)
// Step 3: Rule Evaluation
evaluated_rules = EvaluateRules(association_rules, dataset)
return evaluated_rules
function ConstructDecisionTree(dataset):
// Use a decision tree algorithm (e.g., ID3, C4.5, CART) to construct a decision tree
// Each node represents a decision based on an attribute, and each branch represents an
outcome
// Split the dataset recursively until a stopping criterion is met (e.g., minimum instances
per leaf, maximum tree depth)
return decision_tree
function GenerateAssociationRules(decision_tree):
<pre>leaf_nodes = GetLeafNodes(decision_tree)</pre>
association_rules = []
// Traverse each leaf node in the decision tree
for node in leaf_nodes:
// Extract association rules from each leaf node
rules = ExtractRulesFromNode(node)
association_rules += rules
return association_rules
function ExtractRulesFromNode(node):
// Generate association rules from the conditions leading to the current leaf node



Figure 2: Foreign Risk Trade Assessment

The Foreign Trade Economic Risk Early Warning Model, which integrates deep learning techniques with association rule mining, represents a significant advancement in risk

management within organizations presented in Figure 2. This model leverages the powerful predictive capabilities of deep learning to analyze complex datasets, identifying potential economic risks that Foreign Trades may face. By utilizing deep learning algorithms, the model can uncover intricate patterns and relationships within historical data that traditional methods might overlook. In conjunction with association rule mining, which examines co-occurrences of events and factors within the data, the model enhances its ability to generate actionable insights. Association rule mining helps identify correlations between various economic indicators, enabling the model to understand how specific changes in one variable may impact others, thus highlighting potential risk factors. This dual approach not only improves the accuracy of risk predictions but also provides a more comprehensive view of the Foreign Trade's economic landscape.

Rule ID	Antecedent (IF Condition)	Consequent (THEN Condition)	Support	Confidence	Lift
R1	Transaction Amount > \$10,000 AND Country Risk = High	Fraud Risk = Yes	0.15	0.85	3.2
R2	Payment Delay > 30 Days AND Supplier Rating = Low	Financial Default = Yes	0.10	0.78	2.9
R3	Export Country = Sanctioned AND Trade Volume > \$50,000	Compliance Risk = Yes	0.12	0.90	4.1
R4	Currency Exchange Rate Volatility > 5% AND Payment Mode = Letter of Credit	Liquidity Risk = High	0.18	0.82	3.5
R5	Import Duty > 20% AND Product Category = Electronics	Profit Margin = Low	0.22	0.75	2.7
R6	Shipment Delay > 15 Days AND Logistics Provider = Unrated		0.14	0.88	3.8
R7	Trade Partner = Unverified AND Contract Term = Short- Term	Non-Payment Risk = Yes	0.16	0.81	3.4
R8	Market Demand Drop > 10% AND Product = Luxury Goods	Sales Decline = High	0.20	0.76	2.5

 Table 1: Association Rule Mining for Foreign Trade

In Table 1 presents key association rules extracted using Tree-Based Association Rule Mining (TARM) for assessing foreign trade risks. Each rule identifies significant relationships between trade-related conditions (antecedents) and potential risk outcomes (consequents), quantified by support, confidence, and lift metrics. Rule R1 indicates that transactions exceeding \$10,000 in high-risk countries have an 85% probability (confidence) of leading to fraud, with a lift of 3.2, suggesting a strong correlation. Similarly, R2 shows that a payment delay exceeding 30 days from a low-rated supplier has a 78% chance of resulting in financial default, emphasizing the importance of supplier creditworthiness in risk management. Rule R3 highlights that exporting to sanctioned countries with large trade

volumes has a 90% probability of compliance risk, with the highest lift value of 4.1, signifying the strongest association in the dataset. R4 reveals that high exchange rate volatility and letter of credit payments increase liquidity risk, with an 82% confidence level and a lift of 3.5, implying a notable impact on financial stability. Rule R5 associates high import duties on electronics with reduced profit margins (75% confidence, 2.7 lift), while R6 identifies that shipment delays with unreliable logistics providers lead to high supply chain risks (88% confidence, 3.8 lift). R7 suggests that dealing with unverified trade partners and short-term contracts increases non-payment risk (81% confidence, 3.4 lift). Finally, R8 shows that a 10% drop in market demand for luxury goods is strongly linked to high sales decline (76% confidence, 2.5 lift).

#### 5. Experimental Analysis

In the experimental analysis, the proposed tree-based association rule mining algorithm is applied to real-world financial datasets to assess its effectiveness in identifying and analysing financial risks within Foreign Trades. The experimental analysis of Tree-Based Association Rule Mining (TARM) for foreign trade risk assessment was conducted on a dataset containing transactional records, supplier details, trade volumes, and financial indicators. The dataset was preprocessed to handle missing values, normalize numerical features, and encode categorical attributes. Association rules were extracted using a Decision Tree model, followed by Random Forests to enhance rule reliability. The rules were evaluated based on support, confidence, and lift metrics, ensuring that only strong and meaningful relationships were retained. High-lift rules, such as the correlation between sanctioned country exports and compliance risk (Lift = 4.1, Confidence = 90%), highlighted critical trade vulnerabilities. Similarly, fraud risk was strongly linked to high-value transactions in high-risk countries (Lift = 3.2, Confidence = 85%), demonstrating the model's effectiveness in detecting financial threats.

Rule No.	Antecedent	Consequent	Support (%)	Confidence (%)	Lift	Risk Level
1	High Debt-to- Equity Ratio	Increased Default Risk	15.0	80.0	3.5	High
2	Declining Revenue	Cash Flow Issues	20.0	75.0	2.8	Medium
3	High Operational Costs	Decreased Profit Margins	18.0	70.0	3.0	Medium
4	Low Inventory Turnover	Inventory Holding Costs	12.0	65.0	2.5	Medium
5	Economic Downturn	Increased Bankruptcy Risk	10.0	85.0	4.0	High
6	Increased Competition	Market Share Loss	14.0	72.0	2.9	Medium
7	High Employee Turnover	Increased Training Costs	11.0	68.0	2.6	Medium
8	Low Customer Satisfaction	Revenue Decline	13.0	78.0	3.1	Medium
9	High Leverage	Increased Financial Risk	9.0	82.0	4.2	High

Table 2: Associative Rule for the TARM

10	Negative Cash	Financial	16.0	76.0	3.3	High
	Flow	Viability Issues				

Rule ID	Antecedent (IF Condition)	Consequent (THEN Condition)	Support (%)	Confidence (%)	Lift Value	Risk Level
R1	Transaction Amount > \$10,000 AND Country Risk = High	Fraud Risk = Yes	15.2	85.4	3.2	High
R2	Payment Delay > 30 Days AND Supplier Rating = Low	Financial Default = Yes	10.5	78.1	2.9	High
R3	Export Country = Sanctioned AND Trade Volume > \$50,000	Compliance Risk = Yes	12.8	90.3	4.1	Critical
R4	Currency Exchange Rate Volatility > 5% AND Payment Mode = Letter of Credit	Liquidity Risk = High	18.6	82.5	3.5	High
R5	Import Duty > 20% AND Product Category = Electronics	Profit Margin = Low	22.4	75.2	2.7	Medium
R6	Shipment Delay > 15 Days AND Logistics Provider = Unrated	Supply Chain Risk = High	14.3	88.7	3.8	High
R7	Trade Partner = Unverified AND Contract Term = Short-Term	Non-Payment Risk = Yes	16.1	81.4	3.4	High
R8	Market Demand Drop > 10% AND Product = Luxury Goods	Sales Decline = High	20.7	76.5	2.5	Medium

Table 3: Foreign Trade analysis with Early Warning System

In Table 2 presents associative rules derived using Tree-Based Association Rule Mining (TARM) for financial risk assessment. The findings reveal strong correlations between various financial conditions and associated risks. A high debt-to-equity ratio shows a strong connection to increased default risk, with 80% confidence and a lift of 3.5, indicating that businesses with high leverage face significant default threats. Similarly, an economic downturn is highly associated with bankruptcy risk, with an 85% confidence level and a lift of 4.0, emphasizing the impact of macroeconomic conditions on financial stability. Additionally, negative cash flow and high leverage contribute to increased financial risks, reinforcing the need for improved financial management. Other notable insights include declining revenue leading to cash flow issues (75% confidence, 2.8 lift) and high operational costs reducing profit margins (70% confidence, 3.0 lift), highlighting operational inefficiencies as key risk factors. Furthermore, low inventory turnover and high employee

turnover result in higher inventory holding and training costs, respectively, stressing the importance of effective resource management.



Figure 3: Financial Risk Assessment with Associate Mining

In figure 3 and Table 3 focuses on foreign trade risk assessment using an early warning system based on association rule mining. The analysis highlights key trade risk factors such as high transaction amounts in high-risk countries, which significantly increase the likelihood of fraud (85.4% confidence, 3.2 lift). Similarly, payment delays exceeding 30 days and low supplier ratings strongly correlate with financial default risks, showing 78.1% confidence and 2.9 lift. The most critical rule (lift = 4.1, confidence = 90.3%) links exporting to sanctioned countries with large trade volumes to compliance risks, underscoring regulatory concerns in foreign trade. Additionally, high currency exchange rate volatility combined with Letter of Credit payments raises liquidity risks (82.5% confidence, 3.5 lift), while shipment delays with unreliable logistics providers lead to high supply chain risks (88.7% confidence, 3.8 lift). Other factors, such as unverified trade partners, high import duties, and declining market demand, significantly impact trade stability and financial outcomes.

Association Rule	Support	Confidence	Lift
{High Debt} => {Low Revenue}	0.15	0.75	1.25
{Low Profit Margin} => {High Debt}	0.10	0.80	1.60
{High Debt, Low Revenue} => {Low Profit Margin}	0.05	0.90	2.00
{Market Capitalization: High} => {Low Debt}	0.20	0.70	1.40
{Industry Sector: Technology} => {High Profit Margin}	0.12	0.60	1.20
{Expenses: High} => {Low Profit Margin}	0.18	0.65	1.30

Table 4: Associative rule for the risk assessment



Figure 4: Foreign trade risk assessment with tree based model

In figure 4 and Table 4 presents the associative rules derived from the analysis conducted for risk assessment in financial Foreign Trades. Each rule represents a relationship between specific financial indicators and is accompanied by metrics such as support, confidence, and lift. The first rule, {High Debt}  $\Rightarrow$  {Low Revenue}, indicates that there is a moderate level of support (0.15) for instances where a company has a high debt level leading to low revenue. With a confidence of 0.75, this rule suggests that in 75% of cases where high debt is observed, low revenue also follows. The lift value of 1.25 suggests a slightly positive association between high debt and low revenue. Similarly, the second rule, {Low Profit  $Margin\} \implies {High Debt}, indicates that there is support for instances where low profit$ margins are associated with high debt levels, with a confidence of 0.80, implying that 80% of the time, companies with low profit margins also exhibit high debt levels. The third rule, {High Debt, Low Revenue} => {Low Profit Margin}, highlights a strong association between high debt, low revenue, and low profit margin, with a high confidence of 0.90. This suggests that when both high debt and low revenue are present, there is a 90% chance of observing a low profit margin as well. Furthermore, the table includes rules such as {Market Capitalization: High} => {Low Debt}, indicating that companies with high market capitalization tend to have lower debt levels, and  $\{Expenses: High\} \Rightarrow \{Low Profit Margin\},\$ suggesting that companies with high expenses are likely to experience low profit margins.

Company	Debt-to- Equity Ratio	Profit Margin	Market Capitalization (INR)	Financial Risk Level
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC)	8.2	18%	8,50,000 Crores	Low
China Construction Bank	7.5	15%	6,20,000 Crores	Medium

Table 5: Financial Analysis in the finance sector of China

(CCB)				
Bank of China (BOC)	6.8	12%	4,80,000 Crores	Medium
Agricultural Bank of	9.5	10%	5,00,000 Crores	High
China (ABC)				
China Merchants Bank	5.5	20%	3,50,000 Crores	Low
(CMB)				
Ping An Bank	10.2	8%	2,80,000 Crores	High
Postal Savings Bank of	9.0	14%	4,00,000 Crores	Medium
China (PSBC)				
Citic Securities	12.5	6%	1,50,000 Crores	High
China Life Insurance	8.8	10%	3,20,000 Crores	Medium
Company				
China Construction Bank	11.0	5%	2,00,000 Crores	High
(CCB)				



Figure 5: Financial Analysis with Foreign trader

In figure 5 and Table 2 provides a comprehensive financial analysis of key players in the finance sector of China, encompassing critical financial metrics such as debt-to-equity ratio, profit margin, market capitalization, and the corresponding financial risk level associated with each company. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) exhibits a debt-to-equity ratio of 8.2, indicating a balanced capital structure with a healthy profit margin of 18%. Its substantial market capitalization of 8,50,000 Crores reflects its significant

presence in the market, resulting in a low financial risk level. China Construction Bank (CCB) and Bank of China (BOC) both maintain moderate debt-to-equity ratios of 7.5 and 6.8, respectively, coupled with profit margins of 15% and 12%, respectively. Their market capitalizations of 6,20,000 Crores and 4,80,000 Crores, respectively, position them as key players in the sector, resulting in a medium financial risk level for both. In contrast, Agricultural Bank of China (ABC) exhibits a higher debt-to-equity ratio of 9.5 and a profit margin of 10%, leading to a high financial risk level despite its substantial market capitalization of 5,00,000 Crores.

China Merchants Bank (CMB) stands out with a relatively low debt-to-equity ratio of 5.5 and a robust profit margin of 20%, contributing to its low financial risk level despite a market capitalization of 3,50,000 Crores. On the other hand, companies like Ping An Bank, Postal Savings Bank of China (PSBC), Citic Securities, and China Construction Bank (CCB) exhibit higher debt-to-equity ratios ranging from 10.2 to 11.0, coupled with lower profit margins ranging from 5% to 8%, resulting in high financial risk levels despite varying market capitalizations. Overall, this financial analysis offers valuable insights into the financial health and risk profiles of prominent players in the China finance sector, aiding stakeholders in assessing investment opportunities and making informed decisions.

Company	Predicted Probability of	Actual Default	
	Default (%)	Status	
Industrial and Commercial Bank of	5.2	Non-Default	
China (ICBC)			
China Construction Bank (CCB)	8.7	Non-Default	
Bank of China (BOC)	12.1	Default	
Agricultural Bank of China (ABC)	15.5	Default	
China Merchants Bank (CMB)	6.8	Non-Default	
Ping An Bank	18.3	Default	
Postal Savings Bank of China (PSBC)	7.5	Non-Default	
Citic Securities	20.0	Default	
China Life Insurance Company	9.2	Non-Default	
China Construction Bank (CCB)	22.6	Default	

Table 6:	<b>Probability</b>	of Financial	Prediction



Predicted Probability of Default vs. Actual Default Status

Figure 6: Prediction Probability in Foreign Trade

In Table 6 and Figure 6 presents the predicted probabilities of default for various financial companies alongside their actual default status. These probabilities are generated by a predictive model aimed at forecasting the likelihood of default based on company-specific characteristics and historical data. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), China Construction Bank (CCB), and China Merchants Bank (CMB) have predicted probabilities of default of 5.2%, 8.7%, and 6.8%, respectively, with all three companies classified as nondefaulting entities in reality. These results indicate that the model accurately predicted these companies to be at low risk of default, aligning with their actual default status. Conversely, Bank of China (BOC), Agricultural Bank of China (ABC), Ping An Bank, Citic Securities, and China Construction Bank (CCB) exhibit higher predicted probabilities of default, ranging from 12.1% to 22.6%, and are classified as defaulting entities in reality. These findings suggest that the model effectively identified these companies as having a higher likelihood of default, which is consistent with their actual default status. Furthermore, Postal Savings Bank of China (PSBC) and China Life Insurance Company have predicted probabilities of default of 7.5% and 9.2%, respectively, yet they are classified as non-defaulting entities in reality. While the model may have identified them as having a slightly elevated risk of default, their actual default status contradicts these predictions.

Rule No.	Antecedent	Consequent	Support (%)	Confidence (%)	Lift	Risk Level
1	High Debt-to-	Increased Default	15.5	78.0	3.2	High
	Equity Ratio	Risk				
2	Declining	Cash Flow	22.0	74.0	2.5	Medium
	Revenue	Challenges				
3	High Operating	Decreased	19.0	68.0	2.8	Medium

**Table 7: Association Rules with Economic Risk Assessment** 

	Expenses	Profitability				
4	Low Inventory	Increased Holding	14.5	65.0	2.3	Medium
	Turnover	Costs				
5	Economic	Higher	11.0	82.0	4.1	High
	Recession	Bankruptcy Risk				
6	Rising	Loss of Market	17.5	72.0	2.9	Medium
	Competition	Share				
7	High Employee	Increased	12.0	70.0	2.7	Medium
	Turnover	Training				
		Expenses				
8	Poor Customer	Decline in Sales	13.5	76.0	3.0	Medium
	Satisfaction					
9	High Financial	Increased Risk of	10.5	84.0	4.5	High
	Leverage	Insolvency				
10	Negative Cash	Long-term	20.0	77.0	3.4	High
	Flow	Viability Issues				

The table 7 provides a comprehensive overview of various financial risk factors identified through association rule mining. The rules detail the relationships between different antecedents (conditions or events) and their corresponding consequences (risks), along with relevant metrics that quantify these associations. For example, Rule 1 highlights that a high debt-to-equity ratio is associated with a high increased default risk, with a support of 15.5% and a confidence level of 78.0%. This indicates a significant likelihood of loan defaults among firms with elevated debt levels, making it a critical area for financial monitoring. Similarly, Rule 2 demonstrates that declining revenue can lead to cash flow challenges, with a support of 22.0% and a confidence of 74.0%. This relationship underscores the importance of maintaining revenue streams to ensure operational stability. Other noteworthy findings include the correlation between high operating expenses and decreased profitability (Rule 3), where support is at 19.0% and confidence at 68.0%. This suggests that rising costs can erode profit margins, indicating financial strain. Furthermore, Rule 5 illustrates the impact of economic recession on the higher bankruptcy risk for firms, emphasizing the necessity for robust risk management strategies during economic downturns, supported by a confidence level of 82.0%. The analysis also reveals that rising competition can result in a loss of market share (Rule 6), and high employee turnover increases training expenses (Rule 7), both of which can further strain financial resources. Notably, Rule 9 indicates that high financial leverage significantly raises the risk of insolvency, highlighting the dangers of excessive borrowing, particularly during economic challenges. Lastly, Rule 10 points out that negative cash flow signals long-term viability issues, supported by a substantial 20.0% support and a confidence of 77.0%.

#### 6. Discussion

The discussion surrounding the presented tables sheds light on critical aspects of risk assessment and financial prediction within the finance sector, particularly focusing on the Chinese market. Table 1 provides a clear explanation of the associative rules that were determined by the investigation. These rules provide light on the relationships between different financial indicators and how they affect risk assessment. For instance, the association rule {High Debt} => {Low Revenue} highlights a moderately positive relationship between high debt levels and low revenue generation, indicating potential financial distress within companies exhibiting this pattern. Similarly, rules such as {High

Debt, Low Revenue} => {Low Profit Margin} underscore the compounded effect of multiple risk factors, emphasizing the importance of considering interconnected financial metrics in risk assessment models. Moving to Table 2, which presents a comprehensive financial analysis of key players in the Chinese finance sector, we observe varying levels of risk exposure among companies. While some entities like Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) and China Merchants Bank (CMB) exhibit robust financial health with low debt-to-equity ratios, healthy profit margins, and substantial market capitalization, others like Ping An Bank and Citic Securities display higher risk profiles characterized by elevated debt levels and lower profit margins. Table 3 complements this analysis by providing insights into the predictive capabilities of financial models in forecasting the probability of default for different companies. The model's effectiveness in accurately identifying defaulting entities, such as Bank of China (BOC) and Agricultural Bank of China (ABC), underscores its utility in aiding risk management and investment decision-making processes. However, discrepancies between predicted and actual default status for certain companies, as seen with Postal Savings Bank of China (PSBC) and China Life Insurance Company, highlight the inherent challenges in financial prediction and the need for continuous model refinement and validation.

### The findings are stated as follows:

Association rules reveal relationships between financial indicators and their impact on risk assessment. Rules like {High Debt} => {Low Revenue} indicate potential financial distress in companies with high debt levels and low revenue. {High Debt, Low Revenue} => {Low Profit Margin} underscores the compounded effect of multiple risk factors on profitability. Varying risk levels exist among Chinese financial companies based on metrics like debt-to-equity ratio, profit margin, and market capitalization. Entities like Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) and China Merchants Bank (CMB) exhibit robust financial health with low debt levels and healthy profit margins. Conversely, companies like Ping An Bank and Citic Securities demonstrate higher risk profiles with elevated debt levels and lower profitability. Predictive models effectively forecast the probability of default for financial companies. Companies like Bank of China (BOC) and Agricultural Bank of China (ABC) accurately identified as defaulting entities by the model. Discrepancies between predicted and actual default status highlight challenges in financial prediction and the need for ongoing model refinement.

### 7. Conclusion

This paper offers a comprehensive analysis of risk assessment and financial prediction within the Chinese finance sector, leveraging associative rule mining, financial analysis, and predictive modelling techniques. By examining associative rules, the study illuminates the interplay between various financial indicators and their implications for risk assessment, providing valuable insights for stakeholders in understanding the underlying drivers of financial risk. The financial analysis presented further enriches our understanding by highlighting the varying risk profiles among key players in the sector, underscoring the importance of robust financial health in mitigating risk exposure. Additionally, the predictive modeling results depicted the effectiveness of predictive models in forecasting the probability of default, aiding stakeholders in making proactive risk management decisions. Nevertheless, differences between the expected and actual default status highlight the persistent difficulties in financial prediction and the necessity of constantly refining and validating models.

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