

# Recommendation Systems theory

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# What is a Recommendation System?

- ▶ A hypothetical example of an online survey asking people to give rating of  $M$  movies with a score 1 – 5:

	$Item_1$	$Item_2$	$Item_3$	$Item_4$	$Item_5$	$Item_6$	...	$Item_{M-1}$	$Item_M$
User 1	0	5	0	0	0	0	...	0	0
User 2	0	0	1	0	0	0	...	0	0
User 3	1	4	0	0	0	0	...	0	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User N	0	0	5	0	0	0	...	0	0

- ▶ **zeros** doesn't mean a zero score, it means the User has not scored this public service yet.
- ▶ Extremely sparse and very large Utility matrix
- ▶ In most literature, Columns called "User" and Rows are called "Items"
- ▶ **The question is what would the score be, if the User is to score these zero entries.**

The previous example is too futuristic, so let's get back to the movie and rating example from now:

For example, **User 101** has the following rating:

	$Item_1$	$Item_2$	$Item_3$	$Item_4$	$Item_5$	$Item_6$	$\dots$	$Item_{M-1}$	$Item_M$
<b>User 101</b>	0	<b>5</b>	0	0	<b>3</b>	0	$\dots$	<b>2</b>	0

- ▶ **User 101** has ONLY rated three items ( $Item_2 = 5$ ), ( $Item_5 = 3$ ) and ( $Item_{M-1} = 2$ )
- ▶ From these existing ratings, system needs to decide “**recommended**” ratings for the rest  $M - 3$  items
- ▶ The question is how does  $Item_2$ ,  $Item_5$  and  $Item_{M-1}$  each contribute to these decisions?

# Recommendation System: A Collaborative Filtering Approach

Needless to say **statistics from ALL users** needed for recommendation decision for **individual User**

In Collaborative Filtering, for each pair of items  $(x, y)$ :

- First obtain statistics  $r_{x,y}$ , for example:

	<i>Item<sub>56</sub></i>	<i>Item<sub>78</sub></i>
<b>User 102</b>	1	5
<b>User 202</b>	2	5
<b>User 376</b>	5	1
...	...	
<b>User 2121</b>	4	1

	<i>Item<sub>56</sub></i>	<i>Item<sub>78</sub></i>
<b>User 2321</b>	4	5
<b>User 1232</b>	4	4
<b>User 3533</b>	1	1
...	...	
<b>User 8839</b>	5	4

- Then compute  $S_{x,y}$ , which similarity measure between item  $x$  and  $y$ .
- Then recommendation for each item becomes the weighted average of these similarities measures

**Pearson correlation similarity of ratings:**

$$S_{x,y} = \frac{\sum_{i \in I_{xy}} (r_{x,i} - \bar{r}_x)(r_{y,i} - \bar{r}_y)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_{xy}} (r_{x,i} - \bar{r}_x)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_{xy}} (r_{y,i} - \bar{r}_y)^2}}$$

**cosine-based approach of ratings:**

$$S_{x,y} = \frac{\sum_{i \in I_{xy}} r_{x,i} r_{y,i}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_x} r_{x,i}^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_y} r_{y,i}^2}}$$

## Recommendation System: A Collaborative Filtering Approach (2)

	$Item_1$	$Item_2$	$Item_3$	$Item_4$	$Item_5$	$Item_6$	...	$Item_{M-1}$	$Item_M$
<b>User 101</b>	0	<b>5</b>	0	0	<b>3</b>	0	...	<b>2</b>	0

- ▶ Weighted average of these contributions is then applied
- ▶ Sometimes, clustering of users may be needed and recommendation is user-group specific.  
For example, Netflix users.

# Recommendation System: what if it's not “ratings”, but “counts”?

- ▶ Another hypothetical example of number of “views” people looking at the VET Users :

	$Course_1$	$Course_2$	$Course_3$	$Course_4$	$Course_5$	$Course_6$	...	$Course_{M-1}$	$Course_M$
student 1	0	5	0	0	0	0	...	0	0
student 2	0	0	16	0	32	0	...	0	0
student 3	1	4	0	0	0	0	...	0	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
student N	0	0	5	0	0	0	...	0	0

- ▶ The counts are unbounded.
- ▶ “Ratings of 1” means negativity rating, but “Views of 1” does NOT necessarily mean negativity.
- ▶ Negative correlation doesn't make sense; We only have “how strong” the positive correlation is.
- ▶ Recently latent Poisson Model may be used.

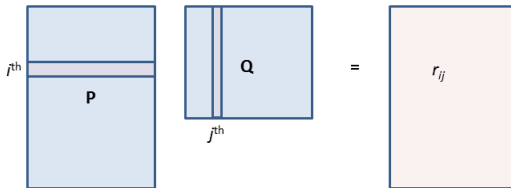
An example of a probabilistic approach: (Gopalan, Charlin, Blei, 2014):

- ▶ Draw Item intensities  $\theta_{dk} \sim \text{Gamma}(c, d)$
- ▶ Draw User preferences  $\eta_{uk} \sim \text{Gamma}(e, f)$
- ▶ Draw Item topic offsets  $\epsilon_{dk} \sim \text{Gamma}(g, h)$
- ▶ Draw  $r_{ud} \sim \text{Poisson}(\eta_u^\top (\theta_d + \epsilon_d))$ .

# Recommendation System: Matrix factorisation approach, why it works?

$$\mathbf{R} \approx \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{Q}^T = \hat{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$\hat{r}_{ij} = p_i^T q_j = \sum_{k=1}^K p_{ik} q_{kj}$$



- ▶ number of columns of  $\mathbf{P}$  and number of rows of  $\mathbf{Q}$  must **agree**. However, this number  $K$  is somewhat arbitrary.
- ▶ each row of a user matrix represent a latent “user” feature vector
- ▶ each column of a item matrix represent a latent “item” feature vector
- ▶ In words, try to find matrices  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ , such that when they multiply together the **existing ratings** have minimum changes
- ▶ The rest of zeros are replaced by non-zero numbers through matrix multiplication (think about why)
- ▶ See demo



- ▶ **The objective function:** what are we try to minimise?
- ▶ We just said in the previous slide that, “such that when they multiply together the **existing ratings** have minimum changes”:

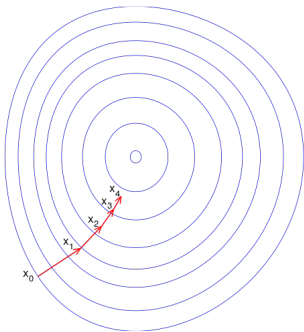
$$e_{ij}^2 = (r_{ij} - \hat{r}_{ij})^2 = \left( r_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^K p_{ik} q_{kj} \right)^2 \quad E = \sum e_{ij}^2 = \sum \left( r_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^K p_{ik} q_{kj} \right)^2$$

We want to find all  $\{p_{ik}\}$  and  $\{q_{kj}\}$  which minimize  $E$

- ▶ Note that  $\arg \min(p_{ik})$  depends on one row of  $\mathbf{P}$  and one column of  $\mathbf{Q}$ .
- ▶ We can't just let every  $\frac{\partial}{\partial p_{ik}} e_{ij}^2 = 0$  and solve them at once.
- ▶ We need iterative algorithm, called **Gradient Descent** - and let's take a look:

# Gradient Descent in matrix factorisation

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n - \alpha_n \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_n), \quad n \geq 0$$



In the case of recommendation system, we have (remember **Chain rule** from high school?)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p_{ik}} e_{ij}^2 = -2(r_{ij} - \hat{r}_{ij})(q_{kj}) = -2e_{ij}q_{kj}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial q_{kj}} e_{ij}^2 = -2(r_{ij} - \hat{r}_{ij})(p_{ik}) = -2e_{ij}p_{ik}$$

$$p'_{ik} = p_{ik} - \underbrace{\alpha_n (-2e_{ij}q_{kj})}_{\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_n)}$$

$$= p_{ik} + \alpha_n (2e_{ij}q_{kj})$$

$$q'_{kj} = q_{kj} - \underbrace{\alpha_n (-2e_{ij}p_{ik})}_{\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_n)}$$

$$= q_{kj} + \alpha_n (2e_{ij}p_{ik})$$

## Recommendation System: A Matrix factorization approach (3)

- ▶ There is this so-called, “identifiability” problem in solving  $\arg \min_{A,B} f(AB)$
- ▶ Hence let’s put a “regulariser” and obtain a new objective function for  $e_{ij}$

$$e_{ij}^2 = (r_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^K p_{ik}q_{kj})^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K (\|P\|^2 + \|Q\|^2)$$

- ▶ Then, the new gradient descent algorithm becomes that of:

$$p'_{ik} = p_{ik} + \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{ik}} e_{ij}^2 = p_{ik} + \alpha (2e_{ij}q_{kj} - \beta p_{ik})$$

$$q'_{kj} = q_{kj} + \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial q_{kj}} e_{ij}^2 = q_{kj} + \alpha (2e_{ij}p_{ik} - \beta q_{kj})$$

## Recommendation System: A Matrix factorization approach (4)

- ▶ An important extension is the requirement that all the elements of the factor matrices  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  should be non-negative.
- ▶ Some of my researches are to add **prior probabilities** to the factor matrix, not only make them non-negative, but also enjoy other properties, such as sparsity etc.
- ▶ How we choose the optimal  $K$ ? A lot of my research is in this area.
- ▶ Cold Start Problem - where no rating has been given by the user - clustering helps.
- ▶ One thing to note is that matrix factorization is very computational expensive. Stochastic Gradient Descent methods are used recently
- ▶ **Stochastic** is a buzz word of machine learning in BIG DATA era.

- ▶ In Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) **without** regulariser, we solve for  $\beta$  by minimizing the squared error  $\|y - X\beta\|_2$ :

**Solution**  $\beta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$

- ▶ In Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) **with** regulariser, we solve for  $\beta$  by minimizing the squared error  $\|y - X\beta\|_2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2$ :

**Solution**  $\beta = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T y$

$$\beta^* = \arg \max_{\beta} (\|y - X\beta\|_2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2) \implies \beta = (X^T X + \lambda I)^{-1} X^T y$$

- ▶ If we fix  $Q$  and optimize for  $P$  alone, the problem reduced to linear regression:

$$\forall p_i : J(p_i) = \|R_i - p_i Q^T\|_2 + \lambda \cdot \|p_i\|_2$$

$$\forall q_j : J(q_j) = \|R_j - P q_j^T\|_2 + \lambda \cdot \|q_j\|_2$$

Matching solutions for  $p_i$  and  $q_j$  are:

$$p_i = (Q^T Q + \lambda I)^{-1} Q^T R_i$$

$$q_j = (P^T P + \lambda I)^{-1} P^T R_j$$

- ▶ Since each  $p_i$  doesn't depend on other  $p_{j \neq i}$ , each step can potentially be introduced to massive parallelization.

- In here, we want to assign similarities, i.e.,  $(-1, \dots, 1)$  in each entry:

	$Item_1$	$Item_2$	$Item_3$	$Item_4$	$Item_5$	$Item_6$	...	$Item_{M-1}$	$Item_M$
<b>User 1</b>	0	0.6	0	0	0.4	0	...	0	0
<b>User 2</b>	0	0.9	0.3	0.2?	0	0.5	...	0	0
<b>User 3</b>	0.1	0.4?	0.2	0	0.7	0	...	0.2	0
<b>User 4</b>	0	?	0	?	0	0	...	0	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>User N</b>	0.5	0	0.6	0	0	0	...	0	0

- This is part of our **new** research
- We can also set the upper bound to each of the ratings (think about why this is useful?)

# Bounded approach to NNMF: Taking in the Popularities

- ▶ Looking at the following “viewing” scores:

	$Item_1$	$Item_2$	$Item_3$	$Item_4$	$Item_5$	$Item_6$	...	$Item_{M-1}$	$Item_M$
<b>User 1</b>	3	0	15	0	4	0	...	6	0
<b>User 2</b>	12	24	20	0	0	0	...	0	0
<b>User 3</b>	1	3	12	0	7	0	...	2	0
<b>User 4</b>	0	1	0	1	0	0	...	0	0
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>User N</b>	5	0	6	0	0	0	...	0	0

- ▶ Some items are just **popular**!
- ▶ And some users may tend to have **lot of views**
- ▶ So can we create individual bounds for each (user, item) pairs?



# Factorization Machines

Feature vector $\mathbf{x}$															Target $y$							
$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$	1	0	0	...	1	0	0	0	...	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	...	13	0	0	0	0	...	5	$y^{(1)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$	1	0	0	...	0	1	0	0	...	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	...	14	1	0	0	0	...	3	$y^{(2)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(3)}$	1	0	0	...	0	0	1	0	...	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	...	16	0	1	0	0	...	1	$y^{(2)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(4)}$	0	1	0	...	0	0	1	0	...	0	0	0.5	0.5	...	5	0	0	0	0	...	4	$y^{(3)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(5)}$	0	1	0	...	0	0	0	1	...	0	0	0.5	0.5	...	8	0	0	1	0	...	5	$y^{(4)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(6)}$	0	0	1	...	1	0	0	0	...	0.5	0	0.5	0	...	9	0	0	0	0	...	1	$y^{(5)}$
$\mathbf{x}^{(7)}$	0	0	1	...	0	0	1	0	...	0.5	0	0.5	0	...	12	1	0	0	0	...	5	$y^{(6)}$
A B C ... User				TI NH SW ST ... Movie				TI NH SW ST ... Other Movies rated				Time	TI NH SW ST ... Last Movie rated									

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) &= w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i x_i + \mathbf{x}^T \text{triu}(\mathbf{W}) \mathbf{x} \\
 &= w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \mathbf{W}_{i,j} x_i x_j \\
 &= w_0 + \sum_i^n w_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle x_i x_j
 \end{aligned}$$

# Some computation-efficient factor

$$\begin{aligned}& \sum_i^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle x_i x_j \\&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j \rangle x_i x_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_i \rangle x_i x_i \\&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{f=1}^k v_{i,f} v_{j,f} x_i x_j - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{f=1}^k v_{i,f} v_{i,f} x_i x_i \\&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{f=1}^k \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n v_{i,f} v_{j,f} x_i x_j - \sum_{i=1}^n v_{i,f} v_{i,f} x_i x_i \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{f=1}^k \left( \left( \sum_{j=1}^n v_{j,f} x_j \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_{i,f} x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{i,f} x_i)^2 \right) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{f=1}^k \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_{i,f} x_i \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (v_{i,f} x_i)^2 \right)\end{aligned}$$

computational complexity is  $O(kn)$

# Faster NNMF convergence: Multiplicative Update Rule

- ▶ NNMF using Gradient Descend can be prohibitively slow when matrix is large
- ▶ A much faster (convergence) approach is to use “**Multiplicative Update Rule**”.
- ▶ A “nature” publication and popular since Year 2000.

# Faster NNMF convergence: Multiplicative Update Rule

- ▶ **Apologies** for the notations (this is to inline with each paper)  $P \rightarrow W$  and  $Q \rightarrow H$
- ▶ **Task:** Minimize  $\|V - WH\|_2$  with respect to  $W$  and  $H$ , subject to the constraints  $W, H \geq 0$ .
- ▶ The Euclidean distance  $\|V - WH\|$  is non-increasing under the update rules:

$$H_{a\mu} \leftarrow H_{a\mu} \frac{(W^\top V)_{a\mu}}{(W^\top WH)_{a\mu}} \quad W_{ia} \leftarrow W_{ia} \frac{(VH^\top)_{ia}}{(WHH^\top)_{ia}}$$

- ▶ It looks so easier, but why this update rule works?

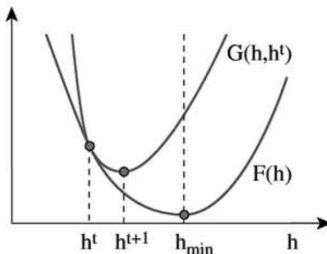
# Multiplicative Update Rule

- ▶ Let's assume it's **hard** to minimize  $F(h)$
- ▶ and it's easier to minimize  $G(h, h^t)$ . Let's find some **auxiliary function**  $G(h, h^t)$  s.t.,:

$$G(h, h^t) \geq F(h), \quad G(h, h) = F(h)$$

$$\text{Let } h^{t+1} = \arg \min_h G(h, h^t)$$

$$F(h^t) = G(h^t, h^t) \geq \underbrace{G(h^{t+1}, h^t)}_{\text{true for all } h \text{ include } h^{t+1}} \geq F(h^{t+1})$$



- ▶ How are we going to prove:

$$F(h^t) = G(h^t, h^t) \geq G(h^{t+1}, h^t) \geq F(h^{t+1})$$

- ▶  $F(h^t)$  in the context of non-negative matrix factorization is:

$$\begin{aligned} F(h) &= \frac{1}{2} \|v - Wh\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (v^\top v - v^\top Wh - h^\top W^\top v + h^\top W^\top Wh) = \frac{1}{2} (v^\top v - 2v^\top Wh + h^\top W^\top Wh) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \nabla F(h) = W^\top Wh - W^\top v$$

$$= F(h^t) + (h - h^t)^\top \nabla F(h^t) + \frac{1}{2} (h - h^t)^\top \underline{(W^\top W)} (h - h^t) \quad \text{taylor expansion}$$

$$G(h, h^t) = F(h^t) + (h - h^t)^\top \nabla F(h^t) + \frac{1}{2} (h - h^t)^\top \underline{K(h^t)} (h - h^t)$$

$$\text{where } K_{a,b}(h^t) = \frac{\delta_{a,b}(W^\top Wh^t)_a}{h_a^t}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(h, h^t) \geq F(h) &\implies \frac{1}{2}(h - h^t)^\top \underline{K(h^t)}(h - h^t) \geq \frac{1}{2}(h - h^t)^\top \underline{(W^\top W)}(h - h^t) \geq 0 \\
 &\implies \frac{1}{2}(h - h^t)^\top (K(h^t) - W^\top W)(h - h^t) \geq 0 \\
 &\implies (K(h^t) - W^\top W) \text{ is a positive definite matrix } \mathbf{need\ to\ prove\ it}
 \end{aligned}$$

- At each iteration, we just need to find: we simplify  $K(h)$  with  $K$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(h, h^t) &= F(h^t) + (h - h^t)^\top \nabla F(h^t) + \frac{1}{2}(h - h^t)^\top K(h - h^t) \\
 &= F(h^t) + (h - h^t)^\top \nabla F(h^t) + \frac{1}{2}(h^\top Kh - \underbrace{h^{t\top} Kh - h^\top Kh^t}_{= -2h^\top Kh^t} + h^{t\top} Kh^t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla G(h, h^t) &= \nabla F(h^t) + Kh - Kh^t = 0 \\
 \implies Kh &= Kh^t - \nabla F(h^t) \\
 h &= h^t - K^{-1} \nabla F(h^t)
 \end{aligned}$$

- writing it properly:

$$h^{(t+1)} \leftarrow h^t - K^{-1}(h^t) \nabla F(h^t)$$

- We need to put the following:

$$h^{(t+1)} \leftarrow h^t - K^{-1}(h^t) \nabla F(h^t)$$

in the form of:

$$H_{a\mu} \leftarrow H_{a\mu} \frac{(W^\top V)_{a\mu}}{(W^\top WW)_{a\mu}} \quad \text{or} \quad h_a \leftarrow h_a \frac{(W^\top V)_a}{(W^\top WW)_a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{a,b}(h^t) &= \frac{\delta_{a,b} (W^\top W h^t)_a}{h_a^t} \implies K(h^t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{(W^\top W h^t)_1}{h_1^t} & \cdots \\ \cdots & \frac{(W^\top W h^t)_N}{h_N^t} \end{bmatrix} \\ \implies K^{-1}(h^t) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{h_1^t}{(W^\top W h^t)_1} & \cdots \\ \cdots & \frac{h_N^t}{(W^\top W h^t)_N} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



- therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} h_a^t - \left( K^{-1}(h^t) \underbrace{\nabla F(h^t)}_{W^\top W h - W^\top v} \right)_a &= h_a^t - \frac{h_a^t}{(W^\top W h^t)_a} (W^\top W h^t - W^\top v)_a \\ &= h_a^t - \frac{h_a^t (W^\top W h^t - W^\top v)_a}{(W^\top W h^t)_a} \\ &= \frac{h_a^t (W^\top W h^t)_a - h_a^t (W^\top W h^t)_a - h_a^t (W^\top v)_a}{(W^\top W h^t)_a} \\ &= h_a^t \frac{(W^\top v)_a}{(W^\top W h^t)_a} \end{aligned}$$

- One can obtain update for  $W$  in a similar fashion.

Lastly, how do we know  $(K(h^t) - W^\top W)$  is a positive definite matrix?

$$K_{a,b}(h^t) = \frac{\delta_{a,b}(W^\top W h^t)_a}{h_a^t} = \frac{\delta_{a,b} \sum_i (W^\top W)_{a,i} h_i^t}{h_a^t}$$

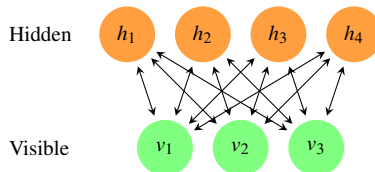
Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{a,b} v_a [h_a^t K_{a,b}(h^t) h_b^t] v_b \\ &= \sum_{a,b} v_a h_a^t \left( \frac{\delta_{a,b} \sum_i (W^\top W)_{a,i} h_i^t}{h_a^t} \right) h_b^t v_b \\ &= \sum_a v_a h_a^t \left( \frac{\sum_i (W^\top W)_{a,i} h_i^t}{h_a^t} \right) h_a^t v_a \\ &= \sum_a \left( \sum_i (W^\top W)_{a,i} h_i^t \right) h_a^t v_a^2 \\ &= \sum_{a,b} (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_b^t h_a^t v_a^2 \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, how do we know  $(K(h^t) - W^\top W)$  is a positive definite matrix?

$$\begin{aligned}
 v^\top M v &= \sum_{a,b} v_a M_{a,b}(h^t) v_b = \sum_{a,b} v_a \underbrace{\left[ h_a^t (K(h^t) - W^\top W)_{a,b} h_b^t \right]}_{M_{a,b}(h^t)} v_b \\
 &= \sum_{a,b} v_a \left[ h_a^t K_{a,b}(h^t) h_b^t \right] v_b - \sum_{a,b} v_a \left[ h_a^t (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_b^t \right] v_b \\
 &= \sum_{a,b} \left[ (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t v_a^2 \right] - \left[ v_a h_a^t (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_b^t v_b \right] \quad \text{see previous slide} \\
 &= \sum_{a,b} (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t \left[ v_a^2 - v_a v_b \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{a,b} (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t \left[ v_a^2 - v_a v_b \right] + (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t \left[ v_a^2 - v_a v_b \right] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{a,b} (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t \left[ v_a^2 - v_a v_b \right] + \underbrace{(W^\top W)_{b,a} h_b^t h_a^t \left[ v_b^2 - v_b v_a \right]}_{\text{swap } a \text{ and } b} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{a,b} (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t \left[ v_a^2 - v_a v_b \right] + (W^\top W)_{b,a} h_b^t h_a^t \left[ v_b^2 - v_b v_a \right] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{a,b} (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t \left[ v_a^2 - v_a v_b + v_b^2 - v_b v_a \right] \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,b} (W^\top W)_{a,b} h_a^t h_b^t [v_a - v_b]^2 \quad \text{since } W, h^t \text{ are all non-negative}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Restrictive Boltzmann Machine



Define:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) &= -\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h} \\ &= -\sum_j b_j v_j - \sum_i c_i h_i - \sum_i \sum_j v_j W_{ij} h_i \\ p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) &= \exp(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})) = \exp\left(\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ There are two separate offset parameters:  $b$  and  $c$ , associated with  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  respectively.
- ▶ Note that there is no interconnecting terms between elements of  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$ . Otherwise, there will be a term  $\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{W}_v \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}$
- ▶ In this presentation,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  are binary arrays.
- ▶  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  can take other values, for example Softmax and Gaussian.

$$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \exp(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})) = \exp\left(b^\top \mathbf{v} + c^\top \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v}^\top W \mathbf{h}\right) = \exp\left(\sum_j b_j v_j + \sum_i c_i h_i + \sum_i \sum_j v_j W_{ij} h_i\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{v}) &= \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp\left(b^\top \mathbf{v} + c^\top \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v}^\top W \mathbf{h}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp(b^\top \mathbf{v}) \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp\left(c^\top \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v}^\top W \mathbf{h}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp(b^\top \mathbf{v}) \sum_{h_1} \sum_{h_2} \cdots \sum_{h_N} \exp \underbrace{\sum_i c_i h_i}_{\text{}} + \sum_i \sum_j v_j W_{ij} \underbrace{h_i}_{\text{}} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp(b^\top \mathbf{v}) \sum_{h_1} \sum_{h_2} \cdots \sum_{h_N} \exp \underbrace{\sum_i h_i}_{\text{}} (c_i + \sum_j v_j W_{ij}) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp(b^\top \mathbf{v}) \sum_{h_1} \exp^{h_1 (c_1 + \sum_j w_{1j} v_j)} \sum_{h_2} \exp^{h_2 (c_2 + \sum_j w_{2j} v_j)} \cdots \sum_{h_N} \exp^{h_N (c_N + \sum_j w_{Nj} v_j)} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \exp^{\sum_j b_j v_j} \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{h_i} \exp^{h_i (c_i + \sum_j w_{ij} v_j)} \\ &= \frac{1}{Z} \prod_j \exp^{b_j v_j} \prod_{i=1}^N \left(1 + \exp^{c_i + \sum_j w_{ij} v_j}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \exp(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})) = \exp\left(b^\top \mathbf{v} + c^\top \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v}^\top W \mathbf{h}\right) = \exp\left(\sum_j b_j v_j + \sum_i c_i h_i + \sum_i \sum_j v_j W_{ij} h_i\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(V_l = 1 | \mathbf{h}) &= \frac{p(V_l = 1, \mathbf{h})}{p(\mathbf{h})} = \frac{p(V_l = 1, \mathbf{h})}{\sum_{v_l} p(V_l = 1, \mathbf{h})} \\ &= \frac{\exp(1 \times b_l + \sum_i 1 \times W_{il} h_i)}{\sum_{v_l} \exp(b_l v_l + \sum_i v_l W_{il} h_i)} \quad \text{reduce } \sum_j \text{ into a single term} \\ &= \frac{\exp(b_l + \sum_i W_{il} h_i)}{\underbrace{1}_{v_l=0} + \underbrace{\exp\left(b_l + \sum_i W_{il} h_i\right)}_{v_l=1}} \\ &= \sigma\left(b_l + \sum_i W_{il} h_i\right) \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry,

$$p(H_i = 1 | \mathbf{v}) = \sigma\left(c_i + \sum_j v_j W_{ij}\right)$$

# The derivative of general Markov Random Field Likelihood

- In here, we did NOT use the structure of RBM, i.e.,

$$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \exp \left( b^\top \mathbf{v} + c^\top \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v}^\top W \mathbf{h} \right) = \exp \left( \sum_j b_j v_j + \sum_i c_i h_i + \sum_i \sum_j v_j W_{ij} h_i \right):$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta) &= \log(p(\mathbf{v})) = \log \left( \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})} \right) - \log(Z) \\ &= \log \left( \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})} \right) - \log \left( \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \frac{\partial \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}{\partial \theta} \\ &= - \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})} \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})} \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} \\ &= - \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \frac{\exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} + \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} \frac{\exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} \\ &= - \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} + \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{p(\mathbf{v})} = \frac{\frac{1}{Z} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}{\frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}} = \frac{\exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}{\sum_{\mathbf{h}} \exp^{-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}}$$

note that the two Z are equal

# The derivative of RBM Likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = \exp(-E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})) = \exp\left(b^\top \mathbf{v} + c^\top \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{v}^\top W \mathbf{h}\right) = \exp\left(\sum_j b_j v_j + \sum_i c_i h_i + \sum_i \sum_j v_j W_{ij} h_i\right)$$

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = -b^\top \mathbf{v} - c^\top \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{v}^\top W \mathbf{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \theta} &= - \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} + \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial \theta} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}} &= - \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial w_{ij}} + \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h})}{\partial w_{ij}} \\ &= + \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i - \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) v_j h_i \quad \text{note the sign change} \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i}_{= p(H_i = 1|\mathbf{v}) v_j} - \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}) \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i}_{= \sum_{\mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}) p(H_i = 1|\mathbf{v}) v_j}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Because: } \underbrace{\sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i}_{= p(H_i = 1|\mathbf{v}) v_j} &= \sum_{h_1} \cdots \sum_{h_N} \prod_{k=1}^N p(h_k|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i = \sum_{h_i} p(h_i|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i \times \underbrace{\sum_{h_{k \neq i}} \prod_{k \neq i} p(h_k|\mathbf{v})}_{=1} \\ &= \sum_{h_i} p(h_i|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i = p(H_i = 1|\mathbf{v}) v_j = \sigma\left(c_i + \sum_j v_j W_{ij}\right) v_j\end{aligned}$$



# Average derivative of RBM Likelihood over data

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}} &= \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i - \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) v_j h_i \\ &= p(H_i = 1|\mathbf{v}) v_j - \sum_{\mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}) p(H_i = 1|\mathbf{v}) v_j\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ when we are given a set of observed  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in S} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in S} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v}) v_j h_i - \sum_{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v}} p(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) v_j h_i \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in S} \left( \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v})} [v_j h_i] - \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v})} [v_j h_i] \right) \\ &= \langle v_j h_i \rangle_{p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v})q(\mathbf{v})} - \langle v_j h_i \rangle_{p(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v})} \\ &\quad \text{where } q(\mathbf{v}) \text{ is the sample distribution}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ without going through the normal **contrast divergence equation**, we put RBM in the CD form above:

$$\frac{\partial -\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}} \propto \langle v_j h_i \rangle_{p(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{v})} - \langle v_j h_i \rangle_{p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v})q(\mathbf{v})}$$

- ▶ **Exercise** how complex is  $\langle v_j h_i \rangle_{p(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{v})q(\mathbf{v})}$ ? say  $\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  each have 100 nodes?
- ▶ **Exercise** how can we deal with such complexity?

the **answer** is to use Gibbs sampling: In each step of Gradient Descend, one performs the following:

- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{v}^{(0)} = \mathbf{v}$
- ▶ Obtain a new set of Monte-Carlo sampled  $\mathbf{v}$  iteratively:
  - ▶ sample  $h^{(t)} \sim p(h_i | \mathbf{v}^{(t)})$       sample  $v_j^{(t+1)} \sim p(v_j | \mathbf{h}^{(t)})$
  - ▶ until we obtain  $\mathbf{v}^{(k)}$
- ▶ Update parameters  $\{W_{i,j}\}$ ,  $\{b_j\}$  and  $\{c_i\}$  as the gradients:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial W_{i,j}} \approx p(H_i = 1 | \mathbf{v}^{(k)}) v_j^{(k)} - p(H_i = 1 | \mathbf{v}^{(0)}) v_j^{(0)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial b_j} \approx v_j^{(k)} - v_j^{(0)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{v}}(\theta)}{\partial c_i} \approx p(H_i = 1 | \mathbf{v}^{(k)}) - p(H_i = 1 | \mathbf{v}^{(0)})$$

- ▶ **each user** can rate one of the  $m$  available movies, with a score between  $\{1 \dots K\}$
- ▶ therefore, **each user** has a  $V$ , observed binary indicator matrix sized  $K \times m$
- ▶ with  $v_i^k = 1$  if a user rated movie  $i$  as  $k$  and 0 otherwise.
- ▶ it's a **softmax** function with  $\sum_{k=1}^K p(v_i^k = 1 | \mathbf{h}) = 1$ :

$$p(v_i^k = 1 | \mathbf{h}) = \frac{\exp(b_i^k + \sum_{j=1}^F h_j W_{ij}^k)}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp(b_i^k + \sum_{j=1}^F h_j W_{ij}^k)} = \frac{\exp(b_i^k + W_{i,:}^k \mathbf{h})}{\sum_{k=1}^K \exp(b_i^k + W_{i,:}^k \mathbf{h})}$$

- ▶ **each user** has  $\mathbf{h} \in \{0, 1\}^F$ , a binary values of hidden variables
- ▶ thought of as representing stochastic binary features that have different values for different users:

$$p(h_j = 1 | \mathbf{V}) = \sigma\left(b_j + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^K v_i^k W_{ij}^k\right) = \sigma\left(b_j + \sum_{k=1}^K (W_{:,j}^k)^\top \mathbf{v}^k\right)$$

# Recommendation via RBM

- ▶ traditional RBM joint energy

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = - \sum_i^m b_i v_i - \sum_j^F b_j h_j - \sum_i^m \sum_j^F v_i W_{ij} h_j$$

- ▶ **Exercise** in terms of recommendation engine, how is traditional RBM useful?
- ▶ In recommendation setting with a rating range, it has changed to:

$$E(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{h}) = - \sum_i^m \sum_{k=1}^K b_i v_i^k - \sum_j^F b_j h_j - \sum_i^m \sum_j^F \sum_{k=1}^K v_i W_{ij}^k h_j v_i^k$$

