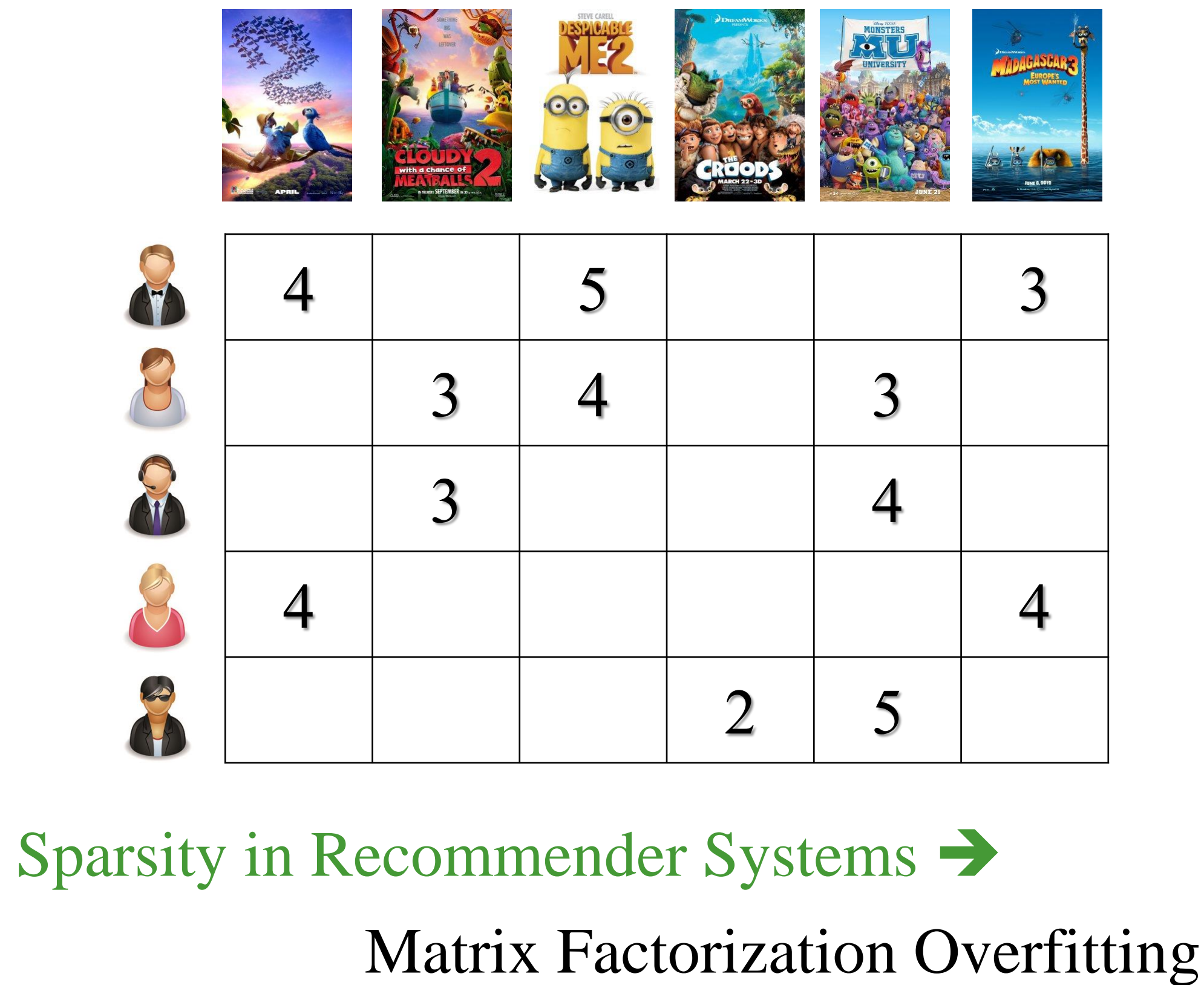


Cross-Domain Collaborative Filtering

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Motivation

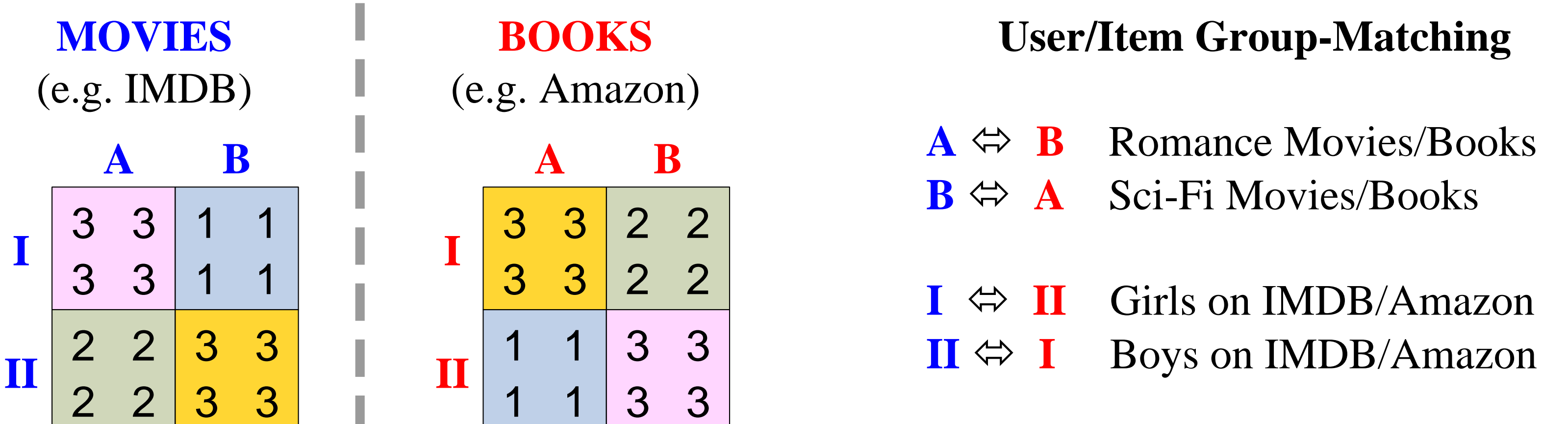


Transfer Learning

Q: Can we transfer rating knowledge from one recommendation domain to another to improve its rating prediction performance?

A: Yes, as long as two domains are “related”

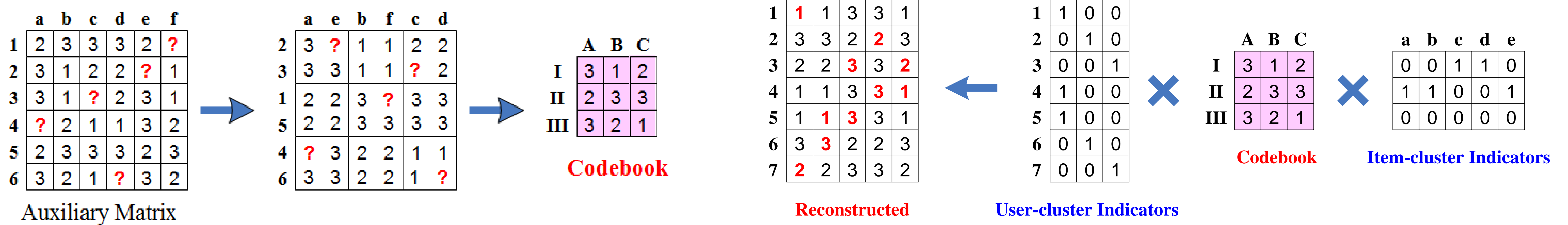
- Users are related in interest
- Items are related in attributes



Asymmetric Setting

Codebook Transfer^[1] (CBT)

- Auxiliary domain: A dense rating matrix \mathbf{X}_{aux} (e.g., movie)
- Target domain: A sparse rating matrix \mathbf{X}_{tgt} (e.g., book)



Symmetric Setting

Rating-Matrix Generative Model^[2] (RMGM)

- All the domains share the same group-level rating matrix \mathbf{B}
- Each domain has specific membership matrices $\mathbf{P}^{(z)}$ and $\mathbf{Q}^{(z)}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}^{(z)} = \mathbf{P}^{(z)} \mathbf{B} [\mathbf{Q}^{(z)}]^T \text{ where } \mathbf{B}_{k,l} = \sum_r r p(r | k, l)$$

User $u^{(z)}$'s membership in user group k : $\mathbf{P}_{u,k}^{(z)} = p(k | u^{(z)})$

$$p(k | u^{(z)}) \propto p(u^{(z)} | k) p(k)$$

Item $m^{(z)}$'s membership in item group l : $\mathbf{Q}_{m,l}^{(z)} = p(l | m^{(z)})$

$$p(l | m^{(z)}) \propto p(m^{(z)} | l) p(l)$$

E-Step :

$$p(k, l | x_{u,m}^{(z)}) = \frac{p(x_{u,m}^{(z)} | k, l) p(u^{(z)} | k) p(k) p(m^{(z)} | l) p(l)}{\sum_{k,l} p(x_{u,m}^{(z)} | k, l) p(u^{(z)} | k) p(k) p(m^{(z)} | l) p(l)}$$

M-Step :

$$p(k) = \frac{\sum_z \sum_l \sum_{u,m} w_{u,m}^{(z)} p(k, l | x_{u,m}^{(z)})}{\sum_z \sum_{(u,m)} w_{u,m}^{(z)}}, \quad p(l) = \frac{\sum_z \sum_k \sum_{u,m} w_{u,m}^{(z)} p(k, l | x_{u,m}^{(z)})}{\sum_z \sum_{(u,m)} w_{u,m}^{(z)}}$$

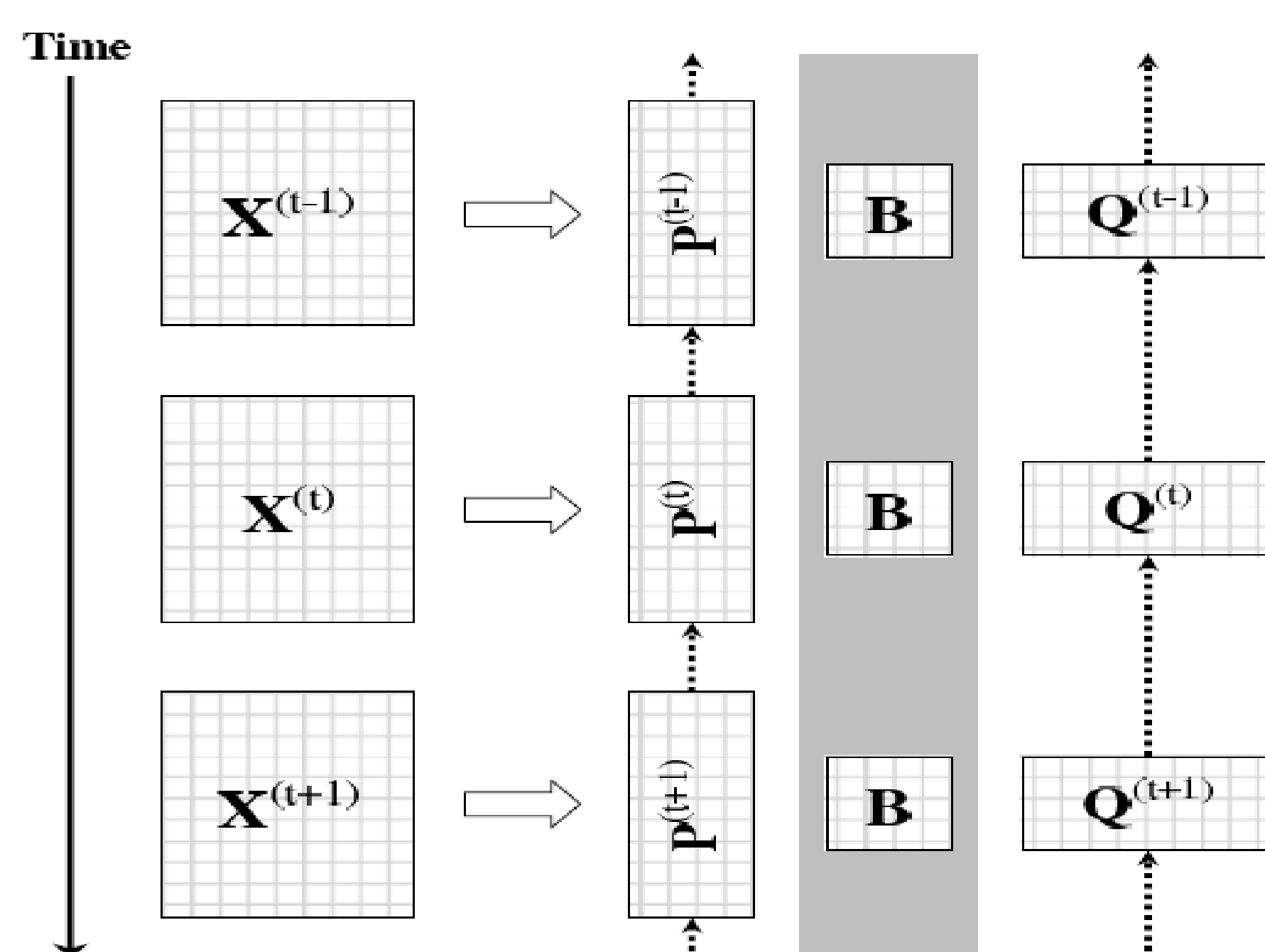
$$p(u^{(z)} | k) = \frac{\sum_l \sum_{u,m} w_{u,m}^{(z)} p(k, l | x_{u,m}^{(z)})}{p(k) \sum_z \sum_{(u,m)} w_{u,m}^{(z)}}, \quad p(m^{(z)} | l) = \frac{\sum_k \sum_{u,m} w_{u,m}^{(z)} p(k, l | x_{u,m}^{(z)})}{p(l) \sum_z \sum_{(u,m)} w_{u,m}^{(z)}}$$

$$p(r | k, l) = \frac{\sum_{u,m} w_{u,m}^{(z)} p(k, l | x_{u,m}^{(z)})}{\sum_{u,m} w_{u,m}^{(z)}}$$

Temporal Setting

Rating-Matrix Generative Model^[3] (RMGM-OT)

- Group-level rating matrix \mathbf{B} unchanged over time
- $\mathbf{P}^{(t)}$ and $\mathbf{Q}^{(t)}$ vary over time but dependent on their predecessors



1. For joint group (k, l) , draw $\mathbf{T}_{k,l} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\beta)$

2. For user u , draw $\mathbf{p}_u^{(t)} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\lambda \mathbf{p}_u^{(t-1)})$

3. For item m , draw $\mathbf{q}_m^{(t)} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\lambda \mathbf{q}_m^{(t-1)})$

4. For rating $x_{u,m,t}$

a) Draw a user group $z_{u,m,t}^U \sim \text{Multinomial}(\mathbf{p}_u^{(t)})$

b) Draw an item group $z_{u,m,t}^I \sim \text{Multinomial}(\mathbf{q}_m^{(t)})$

c) Draw the rating $x_{u,m,t} \sim \text{Multinomial}(\mathbf{T}_{z_{u,m,t}^U, z_{u,m,t}^I})$

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