**Packages needed**

numpy, sklearn, Tensorflow, keras, h5py

**Implementation details**

The code implements a recommender system based on Multi – Layer Perceptron on MovieLens – small dataset using Tensorflow. Users and item information such as the User\_id and the movie\_Id and movie\_ratings are retrieved from the respective data files.

Individual embeddings of the user and item latent features are determined using keras.Embedding (). Input to the embedding are

* Dimension of the input - no. of users / no. of items
* Dimension of the output -half of no. of neurons in layer1 as we concatenate the output of the two embeddings
* Kernel initializer – uniform initializer
* Embedding regularizer – L2 regularizer
* Input length – length of the input sequence to the regularizer, set as 1

The embeddings are concatenated and fed to the multi layer perceptron where the output layer with a single dense neuron predicts the ratings.

Validation is done across 25% of the data and RMSE is used as the evaluation metric and the graph for a single MLP model looks as follows.

Chart, scatter chart

Description automatically generated

**Recommendation:**

Given an input user\_id, the list of unwatched movies by the user is determined and the ratings for all unwatched movies are predicted using the generated MLP model. Movies with the highest ratings are recommended to the user.