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import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import train test split
import seaborn as sns
class CollaborativeFiltering:
    def __init__(self, n_factors=10, learning_rate=0.005,
regularization=0.01):
        self.n factors = n factors
        self.learning rate = learning rate
        self.regularization = regularization
        self.scaler = MinMaxScaler(feature range=(0, 1))
    def clip rating(self, rating):
        return np.clip(rating, 1, 5)
    def fit(self, train data, n epochs=20, batch size=1000,
verbose=True):
        train data = train data.copy()
        train data = train data.dropna(subset=['rating'])
        train data['rating'] =
self.scaler.fit transform(train data[['rating']])
        self.user_mapping = {id_: i for i, id_ in
enumerate(train data['user id'].unique())}
        self.anime mapping = {id : i for i, id in
enumerate(train_data['anime_id'].unique())}
        n users = len(self.user mapping)
        n items = len(self.anime mapping)
        self.user factors = np.random.normal(0, 0.01, (n users,
self.n factors))
        self.item factors = np.random.normal(0, 0.01, (n items,
self.n factors))
        train data['user_idx'] =
train data['user id'].map(self.user mapping)
        train data['anime idx'] =
train data['anime id'].map(self.anime mapping)
        best loss = float('inf')
        patience = 5
        patience counter = 0
        for epoch in range(n epochs):
            train data =
train data.sample(frac=1).reset index(drop=True)
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total loss = 0
            batch count = 0
            for start idx in range(0, len(train data), batch size):
                batch = train data.iloc[start idx:start idx +
batch size]
                user ids = batch['user idx'].values
                item ids = batch['anime idx'].values
                ratings = batch['rating'].values
                predictions = np.sum(
                    self.user_factors[user_ids] *
self.item factors[item ids],
                    axis=1
                errors = ratings - predictions
                for i in range(len(batch)):
                    user id = user ids[i]
                    item id = item ids[i]
                    error = errors[i]
                    user vec = self.user factors[user id].copy()
                    item vec = self.item factors[item id].copy()
                    self.user factors[user id] += self.learning rate *
(error * item_vec - self.regularization * user_vec)
                    self.item_factors[item_id] += self.learning_rate *
(error * user vec - self.regularization * item vec)
                batch loss = np.mean(np.square(errors))
                if not np.isnan(batch loss):
                    total loss += batch loss
                    batch count += 1
            if batch count > 0:
                avg loss = total loss / batch count
                if avg loss < best loss:</pre>
                    best loss = avg loss
                    patience_counter = 0
                else:
                    patience counter += 1
                if patience counter >= patience:
                    if verbose:
                        print(f'Early stopping at epoch {epoch + 1}')
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break
                if verbose and (epoch + 1) % 5 == 0:
                    print(f'Epoch {epoch + 1}/{n epochs} - Loss:
{avg loss:.4f}')
    def predict(self, user id, anime id):
        if user id not in self.user mapping or anime id not in
self.anime mapping:
            return None
        user idx = self.user mapping[user id]
        anime idx = self.anime mapping[anime id]
        pred = np.dot(self.user factors[user idx],
                     self.item factors[anime idx])
        pred = self.scaler.inverse transform([[pred]])[0][0]
        return self. clip rating(pred)
    def calculate final metrics(self, test data):
        test data = test data.copy()
        test data = test data.dropna(subset=['rating'])
        valid users =
test_data['user_id'].isin(self.user_mapping.keys())
        valid animes =
test data['anime id'].isin(self.anime mapping.keys())
        test data = test data[valid users & valid animes].copy()
        if len(test data) == 0:
            print("No valid data for testing after filtering")
            return None
        test data['user idx'] =
test data['user id'].map(self.user mapping)
        test data['anime idx'] =
test data['anime id'].map(self.anime mapping)
        original ratings = test data['rating'].values
        predictions = np.sum(
self.user factors[test data['user idx'].astype(int).values] *
self.item factors[test data['anime idx'].astype(int).values],
            axis=1
        )
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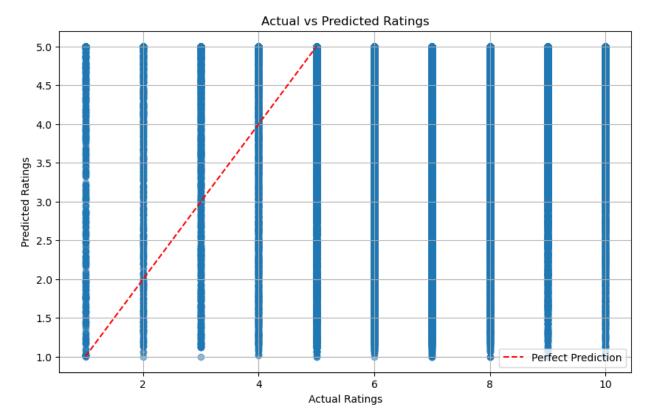
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predictions =
self.scaler.inverse transform(predictions.reshape(-1, 1)).flatten()
        predictions = np.clip(predictions, 1, 5)
        mse = np.mean((original_ratings - predictions) ** 2)
        rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
        mae = np.mean(np.abs(original ratings - predictions))
        accuracy = np.mean(np.abs(predictions - original ratings) <=</pre>
0.5)
        self.final metrics = {
            'MSE': mse,
            'RMSE': rmse,
            'MAE': mae,
            'Accuracy': accuracy,
            'n samples': len(test data),
            'predictions': predictions,
            'actual ratings': original ratings
        }
        print("\nFinal Evaluation Metrics:")
        print(f"Number of test samples: {len(test data)}")
        print(f"MSE: {mse:.4f}")
        print(f"RMSE: {rmse:.4f}")
        print(f"MAE: {mae:.4f}")
        print(f"Accuracy (\pm 0.5): {accuracy * 100:.4f}%")
        return self.final metrics
df = pd.read csv('cleaned datasets/user scores cleaned.csv')
data = df.sample(frac = 0.16, random state=40)
train data, test data = train test split(data, test size = 0.3,
random state = 40)
model = CollaborativeFiltering(
    n factors=20,
    learning rate=0.01,
    regularization=0.01
)
model.fit(train data, n epochs=25, batch size=700)
metrics = model.calculate final metrics(test data)
predictions = metrics['predictions']
actual ratings = metrics['actual ratings']
Epoch 5/25 - Loss: 0.5756
Epoch 10/25 - Loss: 0.3264
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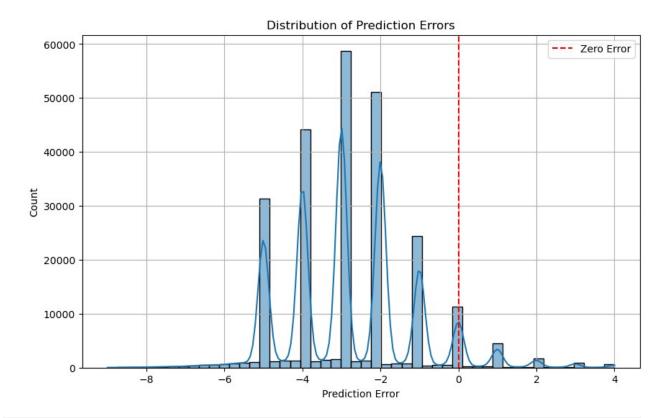
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Epoch 15/25 - Loss: 0.0911
Epoch 20/25 - Loss: 0.0539
Epoch 25/25 - Loss: 0.0408
Final Evaluation Metrics:
Number of test samples: 249190
MSE: 10.5453
RMSE: 3.2473
MAE: 2.9075
Accuracy (±0.5): 4.9111%
def plot prediction scatter(actual, predicted):
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.scatter(actual, predicted, alpha=0.5)
    plt.plot([1, 5], [1, 5], 'r--', label='Perfect Prediction')
    plt.xlabel('Actual Ratings')
    plt.ylabel('Predicted Ratings')
    plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Ratings')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
def plot error distribution(actual, predicted):
    errors = predicted - actual
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.histplot(errors, bins=50, kde=True)
    plt.xlabel('Prediction Error')
    plt.vlabel('Count')
    plt.title('Distribution of Prediction Errors')
    plt.axvline(x=0, color='r', linestyle='--', label='Zero Error')
    plt.arid(True)
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
    print(f"Mean Error: {np.mean(errors):.4f}")
    print(f"Error Std: {np.std(errors):.4f}")
def plot rating distributions(actual, predicted):
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
    sns.histplot(actual, bins=20, color='blue', alpha=0.5,
label='Actual')
    sns.histplot(predicted, bins=20, color='red', alpha=0.5,
label='Predicted')
    plt.xlabel('Rating')
    plt.vlabel('Count')
    plt.title('Distribution of Actual vs Predicted Ratings')
    plt.legend()
    plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
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df = pd.DataFrame({
        'Rating': np.concatenate([actual, predicted]),
        'Type': ['Actual']*<mark>len</mark>(actual) + ['Predicted']*<mark>len</mark>(predicted)
    })
    sns.boxplot(data=df, x='Type', y='Rating')
    plt.vlabel('Rating')
    plt.title('Boxplot of Ratings')
    plt.tight layout()
    plt.show()
    print(f"Actual Ratings - Mean: {np.mean(actual):.4f}, Std:
{np.std(actual):.4f}")
    print(f"Predicted Ratings - Mean: {np.mean(predicted):.4f}, Std:
{np.std(predicted):.4f}")
def plot prediction heatmap(actual, predicted):
    error matrix = pd.DataFrame({
        'Actual': actual,
        'Predicted': np.round(predicted)
    })
    error counts = pd.crosstab(error matrix['Actual'],
error matrix['Predicted'])
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
    sns.heatmap(error counts, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Yl0rRd')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted Rating')
    plt.ylabel('Actual Rating')
    plt.title('Heatmap of Rating Predictions')
    plt.show()
def plot_cumulative error(actual, predicted):
    errors = np.abs(predicted - actual)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.hist(errors, bins=50, density=True, cumulative=True,
             alpha=0.8, label='Cumulative Error')
    plt.xlabel('Absolute Error')
    plt.ylabel('Cumulative Probability')
    plt.title('Cumulative Distribution of Absolute Errors')
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
    for threshold in [0.5, 1.0, 1.5]:
        ratio = np.mean(errors <= threshold) * 100</pre>
        print(f"Predictions within {threshold} error: {ratio:.2f}%")
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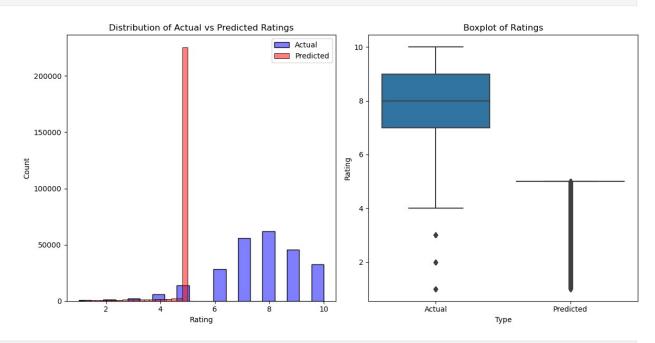
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def plot error reliability(actual, predicted):
    errors = np.abs(predicted - actual)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    plt.scatter(predicted, errors, alpha=0.5)
    plt.xlabel('Predicted Rating')
    plt.ylabel('Absolute Error')
    plt.title('Prediction Error vs Predicted Rating')
    plt.grid(True)
    bins = np.linspace(min(predicted), max(predicted), 10)
    bin means = []
    bin centers = []
    for i in range(len(bins)-1):
        mask = (predicted >= bins[i]) & (predicted < bins[i+1])</pre>
        if np.sum(mask) > 0:
            bin means.append(np.mean(errors[mask]))
            bin centers.append((bins[i] + bins[i+1])/2)
    plt.plot(bin_centers, bin_means, 'r-', linewidth=2, label='Mean
Error')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
def plot rating frequency(actual, predicted):
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
    actual counts = pd.Series(actual).value counts().sort index()
    pred counts =
pd.Series(np.round(predicted)).value counts().sort index()
    all ratings = np.arange(1, 6)
    actual counts = actual counts.reindex(all ratings, fill value=0)
    pred counts = pred counts.reindex(all ratings, fill value=0)
    plt.bar(all ratings - 0.2, actual counts, width=0.4,
label='Actual', color='skyblue', align='center')
    plt.bar(all ratings + 0.2, pred_counts, width=0.4,
label='Predicted', color='lightcoral', align='center')
    plt.xlabel('Rating')
    plt.ylabel('Frequency')
    plt.title('Rating Frequency Comparison')
    plt.legend()
    plt.xticks(all ratings)
    plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
    for i, v in zip(all_ratings, actual_counts):
        plt.text(i - 0.2, v, str(int(v)), ha='center', va='bottom')
    for i, v in zip(all ratings, pred counts):
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plt.text(i + 0.2, v, str(int(v)), ha='center', va='bottom')
    plt.show()
    print("\nRating Distribution Summary:")
    print("\nActual Ratings:")
    print(actual counts)
    print("\nPredicted Ratings:")
    print(pred counts)
def analyze predictions(actual, predicted):
    plot prediction scatter(actual, predicted)
    plot error distribution(actual, predicted)
    plot rating distributions(actual, predicted)
    plot prediction heatmap(actual, predicted)
    plot cumulative_error(actual, predicted)
    plot rating frequency(actual ratings, predictions)
analyze predictions(actual ratings, predictions)
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can be slow with large amounts of data.
  fig.canvas.print figure(bytes io, **kw)
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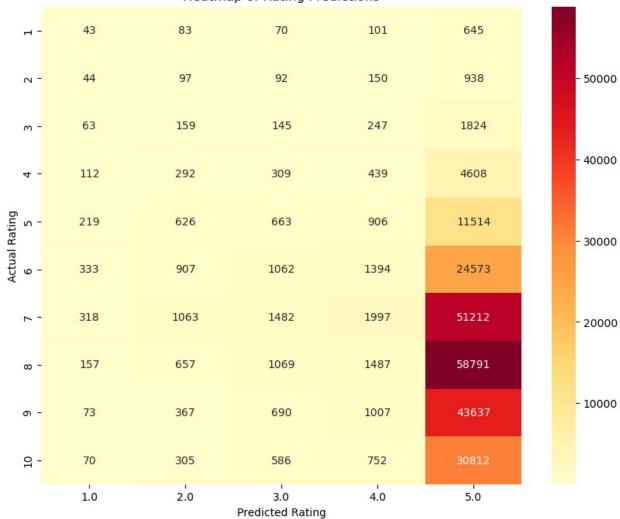


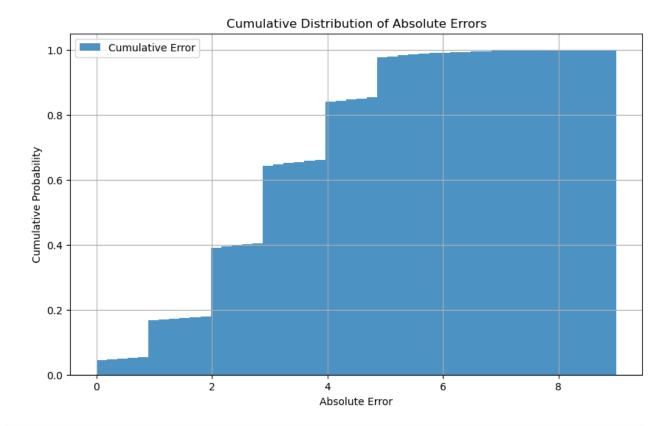


Mean Error: -2.7889 Error Std: 1.6635

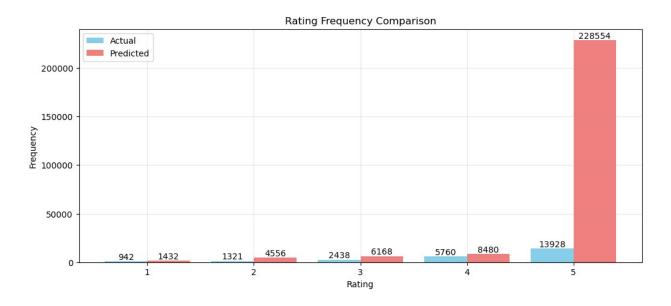


Actual Ratings - Mean: 7.6255, Std: 1.6547 Predicted Ratings - Mean: 4.8366, Std: 0.5923 **Heatmap of Rating Predictions**





Predictions within 0.5 error: 4.91% Predictions within 1.0 error: 16.58% Predictions within 1.5 error: 17.36%



Rating Distribution Summary:

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Actual Ratings:
       942
1
2
      1321
3
      2438
4
      5760
5
     13928
dtype: int64
Predicted Ratings:
       1432
1
2
       4556
3
       6168
4
       8480
5
     228554
dtype: int64
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EDA Part

- Hypothesis: By training Collaborative Filtering on specific anime ratings, I can predict how users with similar tastes would rate them.
- Algorithm: Collaborative Filtering
- Resource(Cite): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaborative_filtering

Justification for why chose Collaborative Filtering

The data structure is ideal for Collaborative Filtering as it contains the essential user-item-rating matrix components through user_id, anime_id, and rating columns. The rating system provides explicit feedback on a standardized 1-5 scale and make it reasonable for understanding user preferences quantitatively. This numerical representation of user preferences is crucial for Collaborative Filtering algorithms to identify patterns. The cross-interaction pattern in the data, where users rate multiple anime and each anime receives ratings from multiple users, creates a rich network of preferences. This interconnected rating pattern enables the algorithm to identify similarities between users and items effectively.

Tune/train the model

The training process is defined to run for a maximum of 25 epochs with a batch size of 700 samples. This batch size selection provides an effective balance between computational efficiency and gradient update stability. An early stopping mechanism with a patience of 5 epochs is implemented to prevent unnecessary training iterations when the model stops improving. The model's performance is evaluated using a comprehensive set of metrics. These include Mean Squared Error (MSE) for overall prediction error, Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

for interpretable error in the original rating scale, Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for average prediction deviation, and an accuracy measure based on predictions within ±0.5 of the actual rating. For training efficiency, the implementation uses 16% of the total dataset with a 70-30 train-test split, and maintains reproducibility through fixed random states. This approach allows faster iteration during development while still providing meaningful results.

The effectiveness of the algorithm

The model's performance shows a clear pattern of decreasing loss during training, starting from 0.5756 and ending at 0.0408, which indicates the model is learning. However, the final evaluation metrics suggest several potential issues with the prediction quality. The high MSE of 10.5453 and RMSE of 3.2473 indicate significant deviation between predicted and actual ratings. This is particularly concerning given that the rating scale is only 1-5 and meaning the average prediction error is more than half the entire rating range. The relatively low accuracy of 4.9111% (predictions within ±0.5 of actual ratings) suggests that the model is struggling to make precise predictions. The large test sample size of 249,190 ratings suggests high data sparsity, which is a common challenge in recommendation systems. Many users might have rated only a few anime, making it difficult to establish reliable preference patterns.

Insights gained from the algorithm

While I developed a traditional approach to recommendation systems, the accuracy was unsatisfactory. I learned that building a recommendation engine involves considerable resources and multiple variable components.