# Introduction to the MovieLens dataset

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#### **MovieLens dataset**

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# MovieLens summary stats

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**Ratings: 20,000,000+** 

**Users:** 138,493

**Movies:** 27,278



# **Explore the data**

```
df.show()
df.columns()
```



# **MovieLens sparsity**

$$Sparsity = \frac{Number\ of\ Ratings\ in\ Matrix}{(Number\ of\ Users)\ x\ (Number\ of\ Movies)}$$

# Sparsity: numerator

```
# Number of ratings in matrix
numerator = ratings.count()
```



# Sparsity: users and movies

```
# Distinct users and movies
users = ratings.select("userId").distinct().count()
movies = ratings.select("movieId").distinct().count()
```



# Sparsity: denominator

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# Sparsity

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# Number of ratings matrix could contain if no empty cells
denominator = users * movies
#Calculating sparsity
sparsity = 1 - (numerator*1.0 / denominator)
print ("Sparsity: "), sparsity
```

```
Sparsity: .998
```



# The .distinct() method

```
ratings.select("userId").distinct().count()
```

671



# GroupBy method

```
# Group by userId
ratings.groupBy("userId")
```



## GroupBy method

```
# Num of song plays by userId
ratings.groupBy("userId").count().show()
```

```
|userId|count|
   148 76
   243 | 12 |
    31 | 232 |
   137 | 16 |
   251 19
    85|
         752
    65
         737
```

# GroupBy method min

```
+-----+
|min(count)|
+-----+
| 1|
+-----+
```

# GroupBy method max

```
+-----+
|max(count)|
+-----+
| 1162|
+-----
```

# GroupBy method avg

```
+----+
|avg(count)|
+----+
| 233.34579|
+----+
```

#### Filter method

```
# Removes users with less than 20 ratings
ratings.groupBy("userId").count().filter(col("count") >= 20).show()
```

```
|userId|count|
   148 76
    31 | 232 |
    85 | 752 |
    65 737
    53 190
   133 | 302 |
   296
         74
```

# Let's practice!

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# ALS model buildout on MovieLens Data

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# Fitting a basic model

```
# Split data
(training_data, test_data) = movie_ratings.randomSplit([0.8, 0.2])
# Build ALS model
from pyspark.ml.recommendation import ALS
als = ALS(userCol="userId", itemCol="movieId", ratingCol="rating",
           rank=25, maxIter=100, regParam=.05, nonnegative=True,
           coldStartStrategy="drop", implicitPrefs=False)
# Fit model to training data
model = als.fit(training_data)
# Generate predictions on test_data
predictions = model.transform(test_data)
# Tell Spark how to evaluate predictions
evaluator = RegressionEvaluator(metricName="rmse", labelCol="rating",
                                predictionCol="prediction")
# Obtain and print RMSE
rmse = evaluator.evaluate(predictions)
print ("RMSE: "), rmse
```

RMSE: 1.45



#### Intro to ParamGridBuilder and CrossValidator

ParamGridBuilder()

CrossValidator()



#### ParamGridBuilder

```
# Imports ParamGridBuilder package
from pyspark.ml.tuning import ParamGridBuilder
# Creates a ParamGridBuilder
param_grid = ParamGridBuilder()
```

# Adding Hyperparameters to the ParamGridBuilder

# Adding Hyperparameter Values to the ParamGridBuilder

```
# Imports ParamGridBuilder package
from pyspark.ml.tuning import ParamGridBuilder
# Creates a ParamGridBuilder, and adds hyperparameters and values
param_grid = ParamGridBuilder()
                    .addGrid(als.rank, [5, 40, 80, 120])
                     .addGrid(als.maxIter, [5, 100, 250, 500])
                    .addGrid(als.regParam, [.05, .1, 1.5])
                    .build()
```

#### CrossValidator

#### CrossValidator instantiation and estimator

```
# Imports CrossValidator package
from pyspark.ml.tuning import CrossValidator

# Instantiates a cross validator
cv = CrossValidator()
```



## CrossValidator ParamMaps

#### CrossValidator

```
# Imports CrossValidator package
from pyspark.ml.tuning import CrossValidator
# Tells Spark what alg, hyperparameter values, how to evaluate
# each model and number of folds to use during training
cv = CrossValidator(estimator = als,
                    estimatorParamMaps = param_grid,
                    evaluator = evaluator,
                    numFolds = 5
```

## Random split

#### ParamGridBuilder

```
# Create training and test set (80/20 split)
(training, test) = movie_ratings.randomSplit([0.8, 0.2])
# Build generic ALS model without hyperparameters
als = ALS(userCol="userId", itemCol="movieId", ratingCol="rating",
            coldStartStrategy="drop", nonnegative = True,
            implicitPrefs = False)
# Tell Spark what values to try for each hyperparameter
from pyspark.ml.tuning import ParamGridBuilder
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#### **Evaluator**

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```



#### **Best model**

```
# Tell Spark what values to try for each hyperparameter
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param_grid = ParamGridBuilder()
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cv = CrossValidator(estimator = als,
                    estimatorParamMaps = param_grid,
                    evaluator = evaluator,
                    numFolds = 5
# Run the cv on the training data
model = cv.fit(training)
# Extract best combination of values from cross validation
best_model = model.bestModel
```



## Predictions and performance evaluation

```
# Extract best combination of values from cross validation
best_model = model.bestModel
# Generate test set predictions and evaluate using RMSE
predictions = best_model.transform(test)
rmse = evaluator.evaluate(predictions)
# Print evaluation metrics and model parameters
print ("**Best Model**")
print ("RMSE = "), rmse
print (" Rank: "), best_model.rank
print (" MaxIter: "), best_model._java_obj.parent().getMaxIter()
print (" RegParam: "), best_model._java_obj.parent().getRegParam()
```

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# Model Performance Evaluation and Output Cleanup

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## Root mean squared error

$$ext{RMSE} = \sqrt{rac{\Sigma (y_{ ext{pred}} - y_{ ext{actual}})^2}{N}}$$

#### Pred vs actual

```
+---+
|pred|actual|
+---+
| 5| 4.5|
| 3| 3.5|
| 4| 4|
| 2| 1|
+---+
```

#### Pred vs actual: difference

#### Difference squared

## Sum of difference squared

```
|pred|actual|diff|diff_sq|
   5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 0.25 |
   3 | 3.5 | -0.5 | 0.25 |
   4 0.0 0.00
   2 | 1 | 1.0 | 1.00 |
sum of diff_sq = 1.5
```

## Average of difference squared

```
|pred|actual|diff|diff_sq|
   5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 0.25 |
   3 | 3.5 | -0.5 | 0.25 |
   4 0.0 0.00
   2 1 1.0 1.00
sum of diff_sq = 1.5
avg of diff_sq = 1.5 / 4 = 0.375
```

#### **RMSE**

```
|pred|actual|diff|diff_sq|
       4.5 | 0.5 | 0.25 |
   5|
       3.5|-0.5| 0.25|
   3
   4 0.0 0.00
   2 | 1 | 1.0 | 1.00 |
sum of diff_sq = 1.5
avg of diff_sq = 1.5 / 4 = 0.375
RMSE = sq root of avg of diff_sq = 0.61
```

#### Recommend for all users

# Generate top n recommendations for all users
recommendForAllUsers(n) # n is an integer



#### Unclean recommendation output

```
ALS_recommendations.show()
```

```
|userId| recommendations|
   360 [ [ 65037, 4.491346 ] . . . ]
   246 [[3414, 4.8967672]...]
   346 [[4565, 4.9247236]...]
   476 [[83318, 4.9556283]...]
   367 [[4632, 4.7018986]...]
   539 [[1172, 5.2528191]...]
   599 [[6413, 4.7284415]...]
   220 [[80, 4.4857406]...
```



#### Cleaning up recommendation output



#### **Explode function**

## Adding lateral view



## Explode and lateral view together

```
+----+
|userId|movieId|prediction|
+----+
| 360| 65037| 4.491346|
| 360| 59684| 4.491346|
| 360| 34135| 4.491346|
| 360| 593| 4.453185|
| 360| 67504| 4.389951|
| 360| 83411| 4.389944|
```



```
clean_recs.join(movie_info, ["movieId"], "left").show()
```

```
|userId|movieId|prediction|
                             title|
   360 65037 4.491346 Ben X (2007)
        59684 | 4.491346 | Lake of Fire (2006)|
   360
   360 34135
               4.491346 Rory O Shea Was H...
   360 593
               4.453185 | Silence of the La...
   360
               4.389951 Land of Silence a...
        67504
               4.389944 Cops (1922)
   360
        83411
   360
        83318
               4.389938 | Goat, The (1921)|
        83359
   360
               4.373281 Play House, The(...|
   360 | 76173 | 4.190159 | Micmacs (Micmacs...)
         511/| / 11/7/5| Dad and the Deaut
```



## Filtering recommendations

```
clean_recs.join(movie_ratings, ["userId", "movieId"], "left")
```



```
clean_recs.join(movie_ratings, ["userId", "movieId"], "left").show()
```

```
|userId|movieId|prediction|rating|
         318 4.947126 null
  173|
   150
              4.066513 5.0
         318
   369
              4.514297 5.0
         318
   27
              4.523860
         318
                       null
   42
              4.568357 5.0
         318
   662
                        5.0
         318
              4.242076
   250
         318
              5.042126
                        5.0
                        5.0
   94
         318
              4.291757
   515
         318
              5.165822 | null|
              /. OOE31/.I
```

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   27
               4.523860 null
          318
   515
          318
               5.165822 | null|
   275
          318
               5.171431
                        null
   503
                        null
          318
               4.308533
   106
          318
               4.688634
                        null
   249
                        null
          318
               4.759836
   368
          318
               3.589334
                        null
               / 717709 L
```



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