

Final Year Project(GRP-12)

Content Recommendation App

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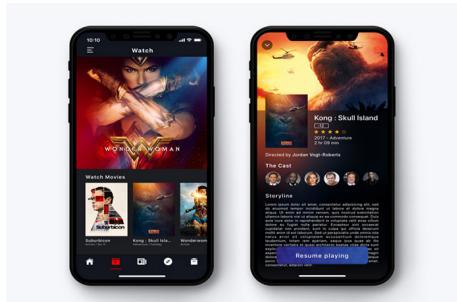


Figure 1: Movie recommendation app

1 Introduction

Recommendation system has been seen to be very useful for user to select an item amongst many. It produces a ranked list of items on which a user might be interested, in the context of his current choice of an item. It helps the user to address the problem of information overload and finds the relevant objects for user. Recommendation system has been built for movies, book, communities, news, articles etc. There are two main approaches to build a recommendation system- collaborative filtering and content based .

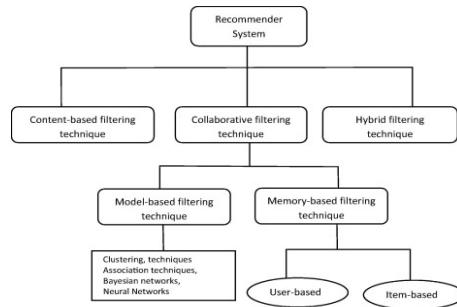


Figure 2: Recommendation flow

Collaborative filtering recommenders use the opinions of other users to predict the value of items for each user in the community. Whereas content based recommendation systems recommend on basis of the content similarity between objects. A hybrid recommender system also can be built by combining collaborative filtering and content based system.

Content based recommendation systems are very much useful when there is no or very less user data available. In that case depending on the similarity between the items the system recommends. The similarity of the content of the items is measured. To find this similarity various machine learning techniques (supervised or unsupervised) can be applied.

2 Related Work

Recommender system is defined as a decision making strategy for users under complex information environments. Also, recommender system was defined from the perspective of E-commerce as a tool that helps users search through records of knowledge which is related to users' interest and preference. Recommender system was defined as a means of assisting and augmenting the social process of using recommendations of others to make choices when there is no sufficient personal knowledge or experience of the alternatives. Recommender systems handle the problem of information overload that users normally encounter by providing them with personalized, exclusive content and service recommendations.

GroupLens is a news-based architecture which employed collaborative methods in assisting users to locate articles from massive news database. Ringo is an online social information filtering system that uses collaborative filtering to build users profile based on their ratings on music albums. Amazon uses topic diversification algorithms to improve its recommendation.

3 Application Domain

Recommendation systems have been widely used in many Internet activities and it is worth mentioning some examples of the current actual uses of Recommendation systems . However, we will mention some main sectors that use one or more techniques of Recommendation systems.

1. **E-COMMERCE:-** Examples of e-commerce sites which used Recommendation systems: Amazon.com, barnesnoble.com and CdNow.com
2. **WEB PAGES:-** Example of search engines which used RS: – Mi Yahoo! <http://my.yahoo.com>, –Google www.google.com/preferences
3. **NEWS:-** Here are some examples of news recommenders: -Net perceptions www.netperceptions.com, -GroupLens www.cs.umn.edu/Research, - Le Monde newspaper www.lemonde.fr.
4. **CENSORSHIP SYSTEMS:-** RSs are used in the sector of the protection, mainly, at the following domains:
 - Kids and children protection from accessing undesirable material on the internet. Example of such system: Cyberpatrol.com.
 - Prevent the citizens from exploring some Web sites; which some governments already did due to many reasons.
5. **MOVIES:-** Netflix ,Amazon prime etc.

4 On Purposed Thought

We will develop an application in which user can maintain a catalogue of content they consume. User can also rate the contents. The application will recommend them similar content based on their rating and details of contents. For example, if a user watched a SRK movie and rated it 4/5 stars. Then, application will suggest them movies, songs, etc. of same genres or a movie starring SRK.

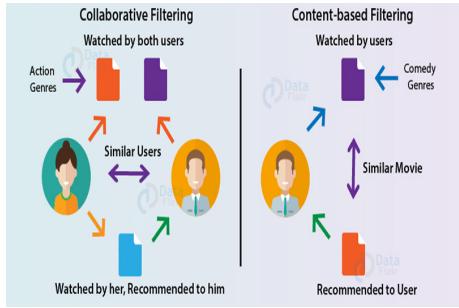


Figure 3: Collaborative/Content-based Filtering

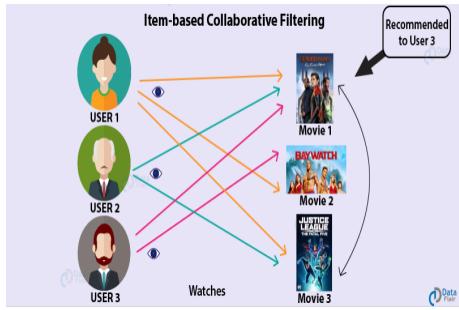


Figure 4: Item-based Filtering

5 Conclusion

Recommender Systems opens new opportunities of retrieving personalized information on the Internet. Recommendation Systems are the most popular type of machine learning applications that are used in all sectors. They are an improvement over the traditional classification algorithms as they can take many classes of input and provide similarity ranking based algorithms to provide the user with accurate results. These recommendation systems have evolved over time and have incorporated many advanced machine learning techniques to provide the users with the content that they want.. It also helps to alleviate the problem of information overload which is a very common phenomenon with information retrieval systems and enables users to have access to products and services which are not readily available to users on the system.