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Lecture 7: Matrix Factorization

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Flow of this lecture

- Features
- ☐ Factorizing interaction matrix
- Storage
- Optimization
- Predictions



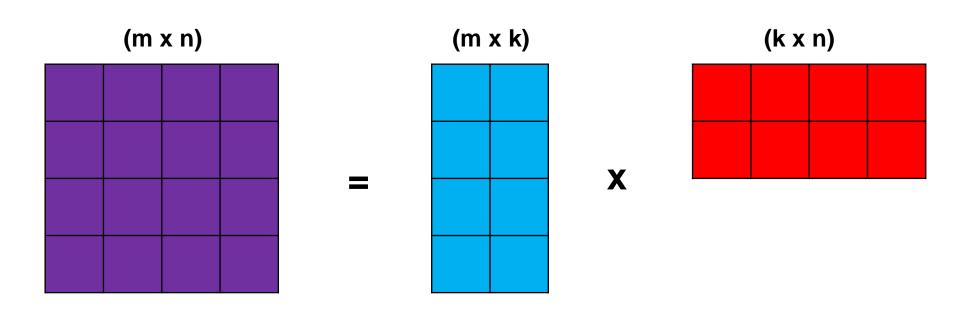
Factorization

☐ Factorization is a mathematical technique that allows a term to be decomposed into a product of two or more smaller terms

$$16 = 8 \times 2$$



■ Matrix Factorization is a technique in which user-item interaction matrix is decomposed into a product of two or three matrices

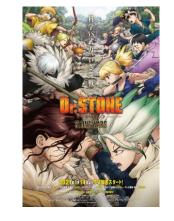




☐ We have a set of users and their interaction matrix for anime















User 4















User 1

User 2

User 3

User 4





Let us consider some anime, their features, and User 1



Action	Sci-fi
1	0



Action	Sci-fi
2	1



Action	Sci-fi
1	4



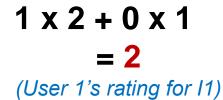
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4	1



Let us consider some anime, their features, and User 1



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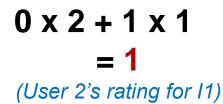
Action	Sci-fi
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Let us try this with User 2



Action	Sci-fi
0	1





Action	Sci-fi
2	1



Action	Sci-fi
1	4



Action	Sci-fi
4	1



F2













(k x n)

	I1	I2	I 3	14	15
F1	2	1	4	1	2
F2	1	4	1	2	2

1	0
0	1
1	1
1	0.5

F1

12 User 1 2 4 User 2 2 4 User 3 3 5 5 4 User 4 3 2 3

User 1

User 2

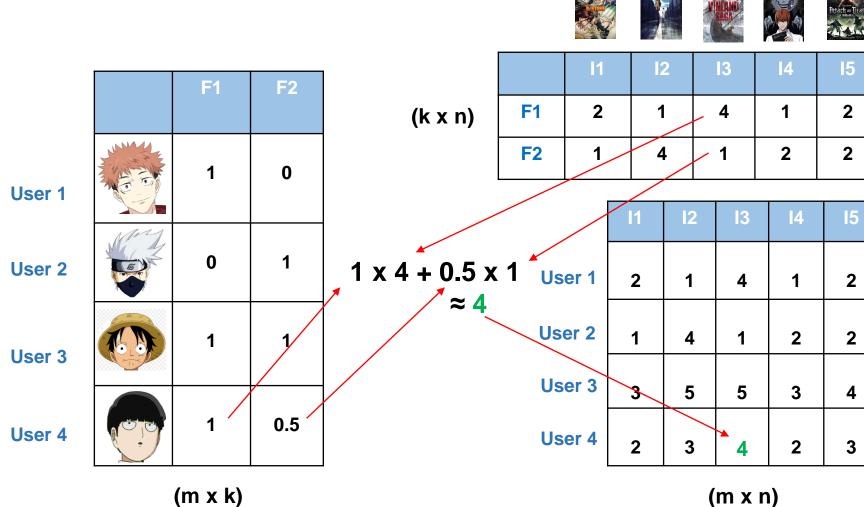
User 3

User 4

(m x k)

(m x n)

Matrix Factorization: Prediction





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Matrix Factorization: Finding Factors

(k x n)











F1 F2

User 1

User 2

User 3

User 4



14 13 15 F1 4 2 F2 2 2

Issue: Where do **these** values come from? In other words, how do we find these two matrices (factors)?





Matrix Factorization: Finding Factors

(k x n)











F1 F2 0

User 1

User 2

User 3

User 4



13 14 15 F1 4 2 F2 2 2

Issue: Where do **these** values come from? In other words, how do we find these two matrices (factors)?

Answer: Gradient Descent



 $(m \times k)$

Matrix Factorization: Gradient Descent











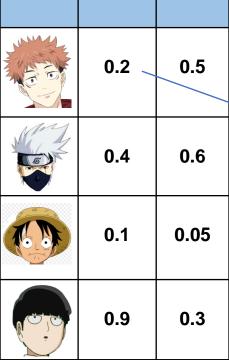
		2
	0.2	0.5

User 1

User 2

User 3

User 4



Start with a rough guess

 $0.2 \times 0.1 + 0.5 \times 0.8$ = 0.42(Do the same to fill all cells)

We are "off" by 1.58

	11	l 2	I 3	14	15
F1	0.1	1.5	0.9	3.4	1.2
F2	0.8	3.1	2.5	4.5	0.6

	I 1	12	I 3	14	15
User 1	0.42	1.85	4	1	2
User 2	1	4	1	2	2
User 3	3	5	5	3	4
User 4	2	3	?	2	3



Matrix Factorization: Gradient Descent











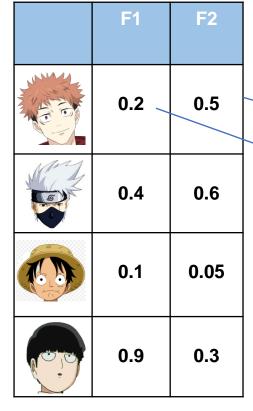
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User 1

User 2

User 3

User 4



Start with a rough guess

$$0.2 \times 0.1 + 0.5 \times 0.8$$

= 0.42

Error =
$$(2 - 0.42)^2$$

+ $(1 - 1.85)^2$
+ ...

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F1	0.1	1.5	0.9	3.4	1.2
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Matrix Factorization: Gradient Descent









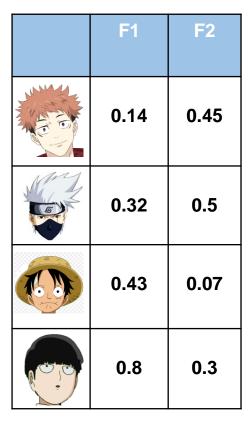


User 1

User 2

User 3

User 4



Let's try this again with different values

 $0.14 \times 0.2 + 0.45 \times 1.1$ = 0.52

Keep repeating until error can be minimized

	11	I 2	I 3	14	I 5
F1	0.2	1.7	0.8	3.7	1.9
F2	1.1	3.3	3.2	4.0	0.5

	I 1	l 2	I 3	14	15
User 1	0.52	1.72 1	4	1	2
User 2	1	4	1	2	2
User 3	3	5	5	3	4
User 4	2	3	?-	2	3



Matrix Factorization: Finding Factors











User 1

User 2

User 3

User 4

	F1	F2
TO I	1	0
	0	1
	1	1
	1	0.5

(k x n)

	l1	I 2	I 3	14	15
F1	2	1	4	1	2
F2	1	4	1	2	2

To find these values we can also use:

- **Genetic Algorithm**
- **Linear Programming**
- **PSO** any other optimization technique



 $(m \times k)$

Matrix Factorization: Pros and Cons

Pros

- It can take much less storage e.g. a 2000x1000 interaction matrix can be stored as two matrices of 2000x100 and 100x1000 dimensions
 Storage taken by 2000x1000 matrix = 2M
 Storage taken by separate matrices = 200k + 100k i.e., 300k
- Predictions can be calculated quickly and easily

Cons

The cost of optimization during training is non-deterministic

