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Lecture 5: Naïve Bayes Collaborative Filtering

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#### **Probabilistic Methods**

- Given the user-item interaction matrix:
  - Find the probability that active user will like a given item
  - The rating is predicted based on probabilities
- Recommendations provided are more accurate

#### **Naïve Bayes Classifier**

- A supervised multi-class classification algorithm
- ☐ It is based on Bayes Theorem
- ☐ It has a naïve assumption that all pairs of variables are independent

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$$P(Y|X) = \frac{P(X|Y) \times P(Y)}{P(X)}$$

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☐ Final classification is produced by the argument that maximizes y

$$y = \operatorname{argmax}_{y} P(y) \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(xi \mid y)$$

#### Naïve Bayes Collaborative Filtering

- Calculation of rating probabilities based on Bayes rule
- Assumes ratings are independent
- This approach can both be user-based and item-based
- Proposed by Priscila Valdiviezo-Diaz¹

## Naïve Bayes Collaborative Filtering: User-based Approach

We define P(r<sub>i</sub> = y) as the prior probability that the Item i be rated by any user as y

$$P(r_i = y) = \frac{(\# of users who rated item i as y) + \alpha}{(\# of users who have rated item i) + \beta}$$

Where  $\alpha$  is a hyper-parameter to avoid 0 probabilities and  $\beta$  is  $\mathbf{R} \times \alpha$  (for  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{no}$ , of possible ratings)

## Naïve Bayes Collaborative Filtering: User-based Approach

We define  $P(r_j = k \mid r_i = y)$  as the likelihood that the Item j be rated k given that Item i is rated as y

$$P(r_j = k \mid ri = y) = \frac{(\# \ of \ users \ who \ rated \ item \ j \ as \ k \ and \ item \ i \ as \ y) + \alpha}{(\# \ of \ users \ who \ have \ rated \ item \ j \ and \ rated \ item \ i \ as \ y) + \beta}$$

Where  $\alpha$  is a hyper-parameter to avoid 0 probabilities and  $\beta$  is  $\mathbf{R} \times \alpha$  (for  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{no}$ . of possible ratings)

☐ How probable is the rating 1 for Item 5 using Naïve Bayes approach

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

- How probable is the rating 1 for Item 5 using Naïve Bayes approach
- Corresponds to conditional probability P(Item 5 = 1 | X), where X = User 1's previous ratings = (Item1=1, Item2=3, Item3= ... )

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(X|r_{i5} = 1) = P(r_{i1} = 1 | r_{i5} = 1) * P(r_{i2} = 3 | r_{i5} = 1) * P(r_{i3} = 3 | r_{i5} = 1) * P(r_{i4} = 2 | r_{i5} = 1)$$

$$= \frac{2+0.01}{2+0.05} * \frac{1+0.01}{2+0.05} * \frac{1+0.01}{2+0.05} * \frac{1+0.01}{2+0.05} = \mathbf{0.117}$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(X|r_{i5} = 2) = P(r_{i1} = 1 | r_{i5} = 2) * P(r_{i2} = 3 | r_{i5} = 2) * P(r_{i3} = 3 | r_{i5} = 2) * P(r_{i4} = 2 | r_{i5} = 2)$$

$$= \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} = \mathbf{0.0016}$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(X|r_{i5} = 3) = P(r_{i1} = 1 | r_{i5} = 3) * P(r_{i2} = 3 | r_{i5} = 3) * P(r_{i3} = 3 | r_{i5} = 3) * P(r_{i4} = 2 | r_{i5} = 3)$$

$$= \frac{0+0.01}{1+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{1+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{1+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{1+0.05} = \mathbf{0.000000082}$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	Ş
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(X|r_{i5} = 4) = P(r_{i1} = 1 | r_{i5} = 4) * P(r_{i2} = 3 | r_{i5} = 4) * P(r_{i3} = 3 | r_{i5} = 4) * P(r_{i4} = 2 | r_{i5} = 4)$$

$$= \frac{0+0.01}{1+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{1+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{1+0.05} * \frac{1+0.01}{1+0.05} = \mathbf{0.00000083}$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(X|r_{i5} = 5) = P(r_{i1} = 1 | r_{i5} = 5) * P(r_{i2} = 3 | r_{i5} = 5) * P(r_{i3} = 3 | r_{i5} = 5) * P(r_{i4} = 2 | r_{i5} = 5)$$

$$= \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} * \frac{0+0.01}{0+0.05} = \mathbf{0.0016}$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(r_{i5} = 1) = \frac{2 + 0.01}{4 + 0.05} = 0.496$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(r_{i5} = 1 \mid X) = P(r_{i5} = 1) * P(X \mid ri_5 = 1)$$

$$P(r_{i5} = 1 \mid X) = (0.496) * (0.117) = 0.058$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
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$$P(r_{i5} = 1 \mid X) = (0.496) * (0.117) = 0.058$$

☐ Find all other posterior probabilities the same way and select the rating value that gives us the maximum posterior probability

Now we predict rating 1 for Item 5 using item-based Naïve Bayes approach

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

## Naïve Bayes Collaborative Filtering: Item-based Approach

We define  $P(r_u = y)$  as the prior probability that the active user gives any item the rating y

$$P(r_{ui} = y) = \frac{(\# of items that user has given a rating y) + \alpha}{(\# of total items the user has rated) + \beta}$$

Where  $\alpha$  is a hyper-parameter to avoid 0 probabilities and  $\beta$  is  $\mathbf{R} \times \alpha$  (for  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{no}$ , of possible ratings)

### Naïve Bayes Collaborative Filtering: Item-based Approach

We define  $P(r_{uj} = y \mid r_{ui} = y)$  as the likelihood that the user j will give rating y given that user i has also given a rating y

$$P(r_{ui} = y \mid r_{ui} = y) =$$

(# of items that both user j and user i has rated as y) +  $\alpha$ 

(# of items that user j has given a rating and for which user i has given rating y) +  $\beta$ 

Where  $\alpha$  is a hyper-parameter to avoid 0 probabilities and  $\beta$  is  $\mathbf{R} \times \alpha$  (for  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{no}$ . of possible ratings)

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

$$P(r_{uj} = 1 \mid r_{u1} = 1) = P(r_{u2} = 1 \mid r_{u1} = 1) * P(r_{u3} = 1 \mid r_{u1} = 1) * P(r_{u4} = 1 \mid r_{u1} = 1) * P(r_{u5} = 1 \mid r_{u1} = 1)$$

$$P(r_{uj} = 1 \mid ru_1 = 1) = \frac{0 + 0.01}{1 + 0.05} * \frac{1 + 0.01}{1 + 0.05} * \frac{0 + 0.01}{1 + 0.05} * \frac{1 + 0.01}{1 + 0.05} = 0.0000839$$

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User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(r_{u1} = 1) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	Ş
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
User 4	4	5	2	3	3
User 5	1	1	5	2	1

$$P(r_{u1}, i5) = 1 \mid X) = (0.25) * (0.0000839) = 0.0000209$$

	ltem1	Item2	Item3	Item4	Item5
User 1	1	3	3	2	?
User 2	2	4	2	2	4
User 3	1	3	3	5	1
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$$P(r_{u1'i5} = 1 \mid X) = (0.25) * (0.0000839) = 0.0000209$$

☐ Find all other posterior probabilities the same way and select the rating value that gives us the maximum posterior probability

#### Naïve Bayes Collaborative Filtering: Pros and Cons

#### **Pros**

- Provides more accurate recommendations in general
- Can provide ranking of predicted ratings
- Can provide confidence level for a prediction

#### Cons

- Can become computationally intractable
- Serendipity cannot be controlled
- Independence between ratings is required