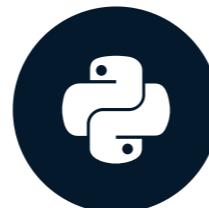


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# What recommendations look like



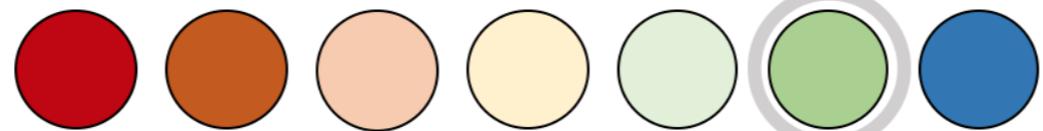
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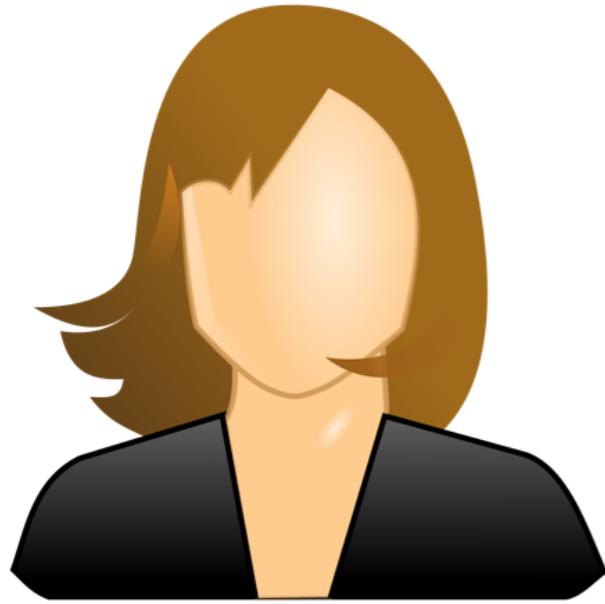


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Best

# How recommendation engines work

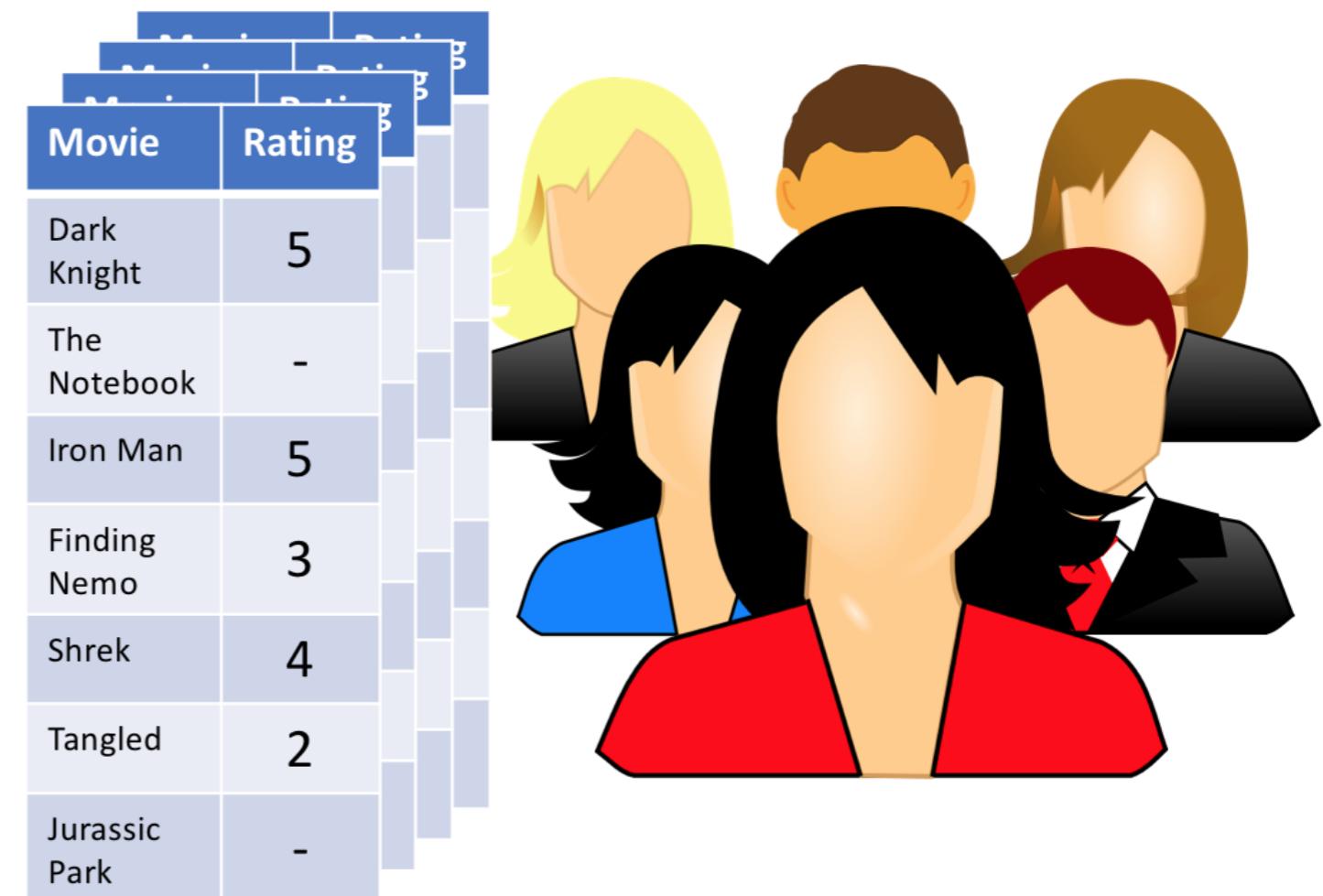


Movie	Rating
Dark Knight	5
The Notebook	-
Iron Man	4
Finding Nemo	3
Shrek	-
Tangled	1
Jurassic Park	4

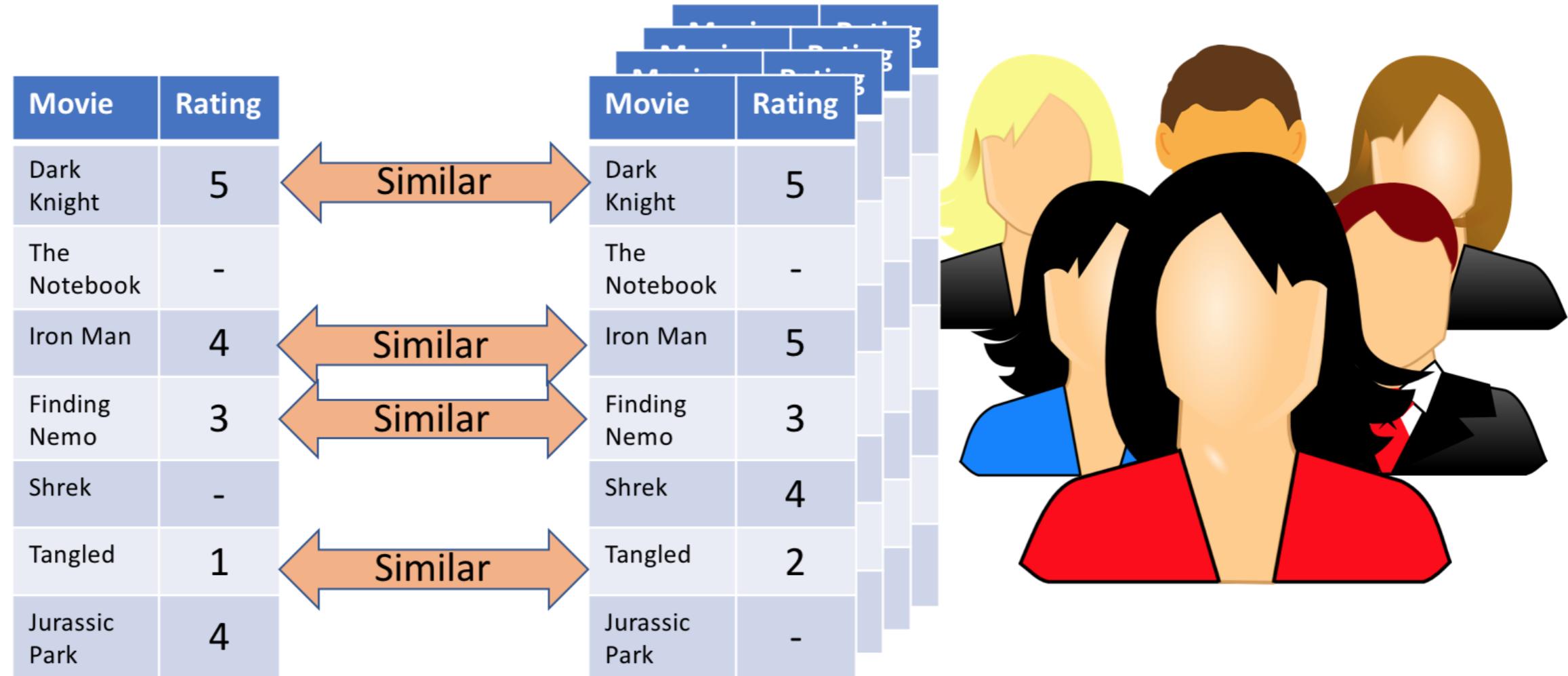
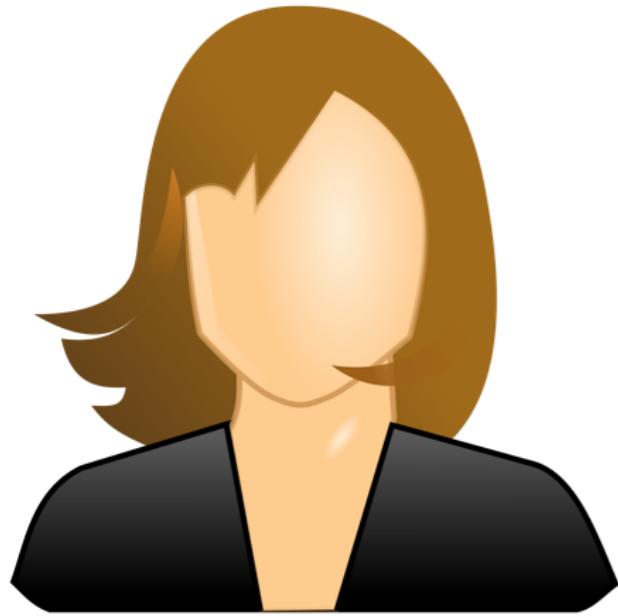
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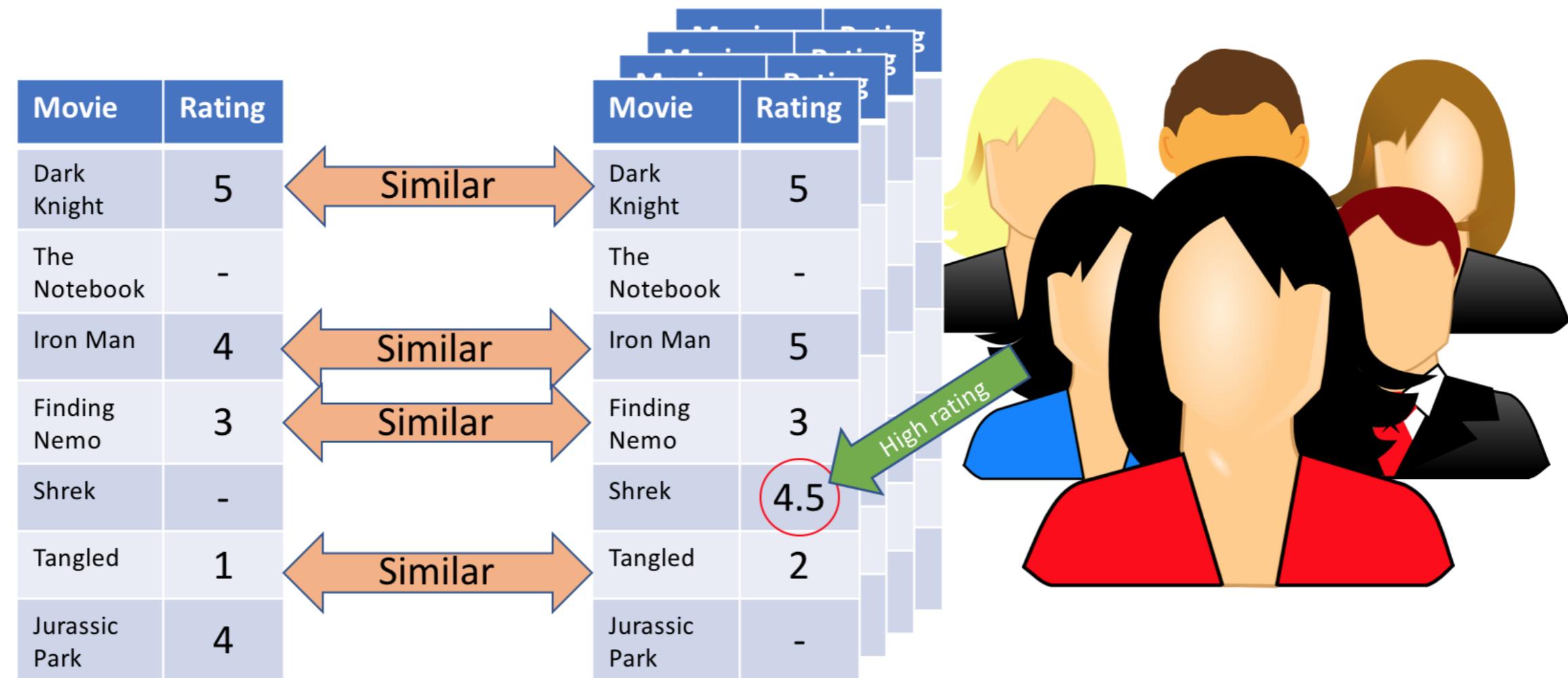
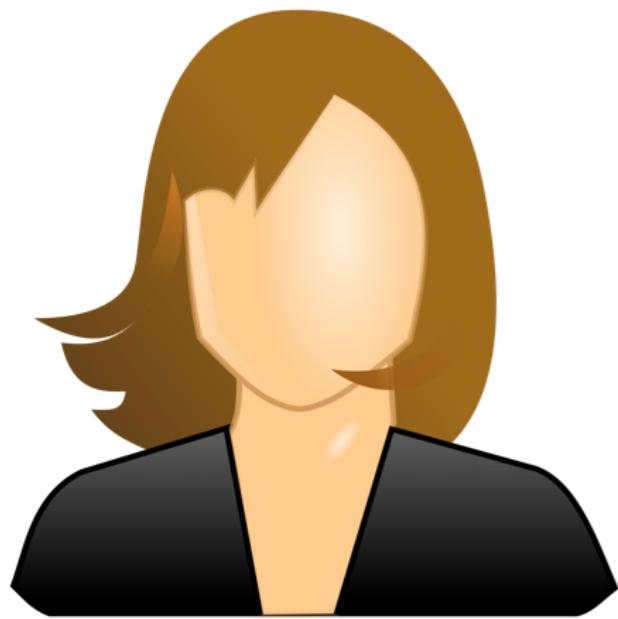
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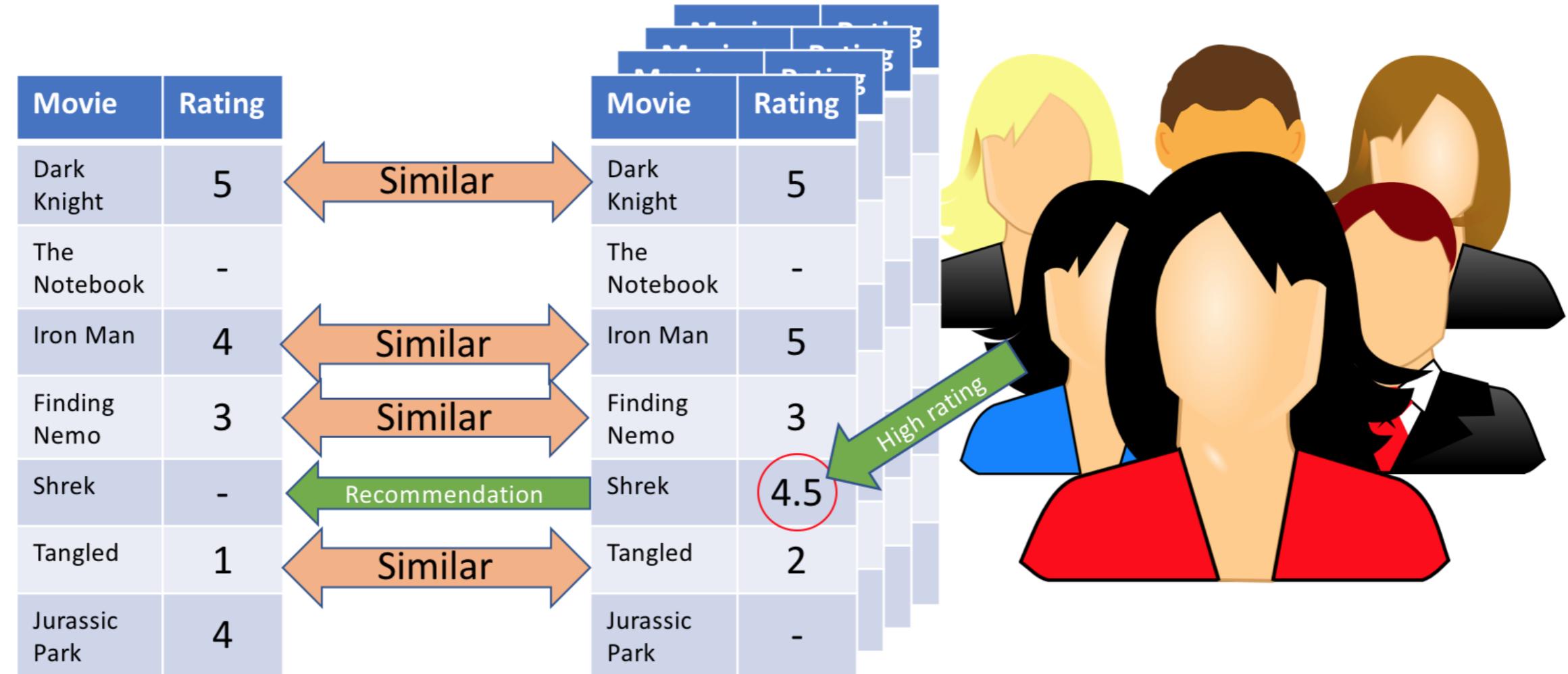
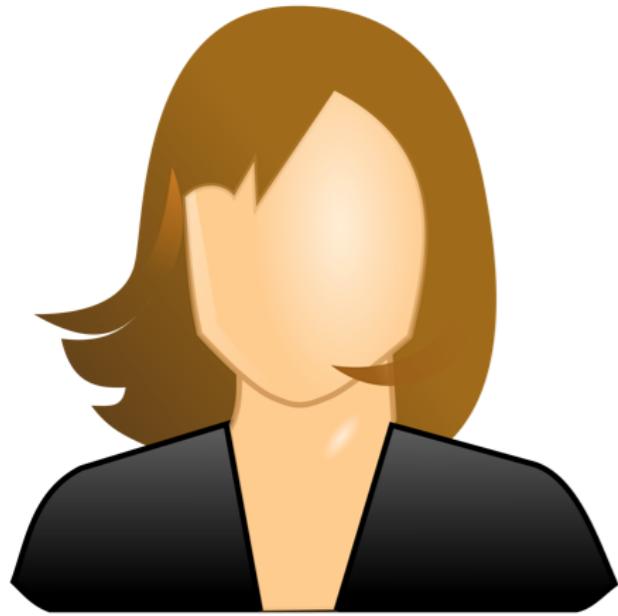
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# The Power of Recommendation Engines

Powered by increasingly sophisticated models that analyze transaction data and digital signals (for example, what topics are hot on social networks). Already, 35 percent of what consumers purchase on Amazon and 75 percent of what they watch on Netflix come from product recommendations based on such algorithms. Company-directed marketing is also competing for attention through social networks, user-generated content, and other channels. In fact, companies are competing for the average consumer's attention, and recommendation engines are playing a key role.

Ian Mackenzie, Chris Meyer, and Steve Noble  
McKinsey & Company, October 2013

# Prerequisites



# **Let's practice!**

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# Recommendation engine types and data types

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# Two types of recommendation engines:

## CONTENT-BASED FILTERING

Based on features of items

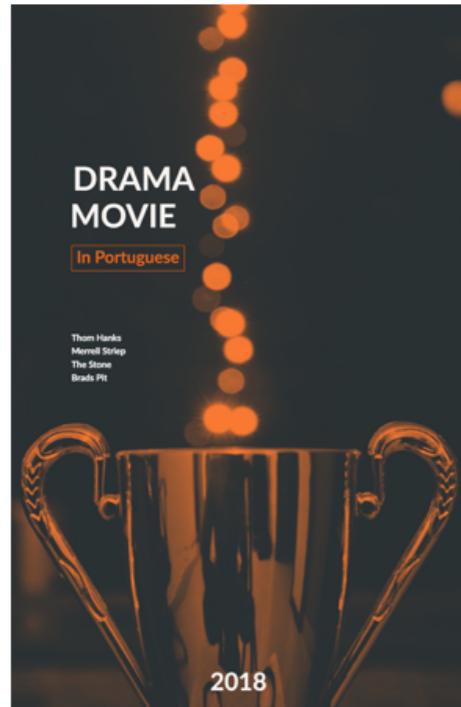
- Genre: Comedy, Action, Drama
- Animation: Animated, Not animated
- Language: English, Spanish, Korean
- Decade Produced: 1950's, 1980's
- Actors: Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks

## COLLABORATIVE FILTERING

# Two types of recommendation engines

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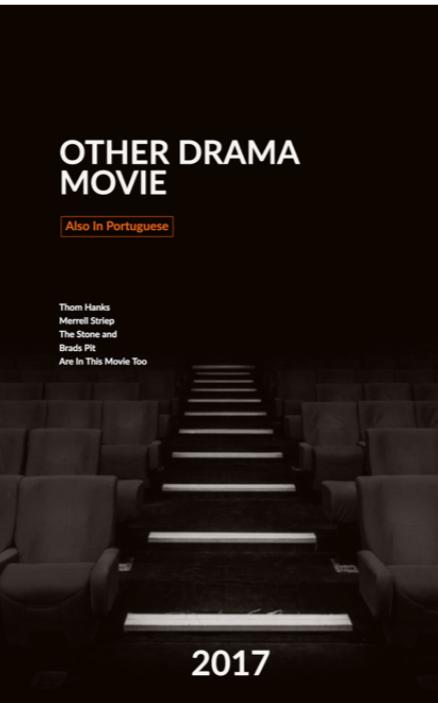
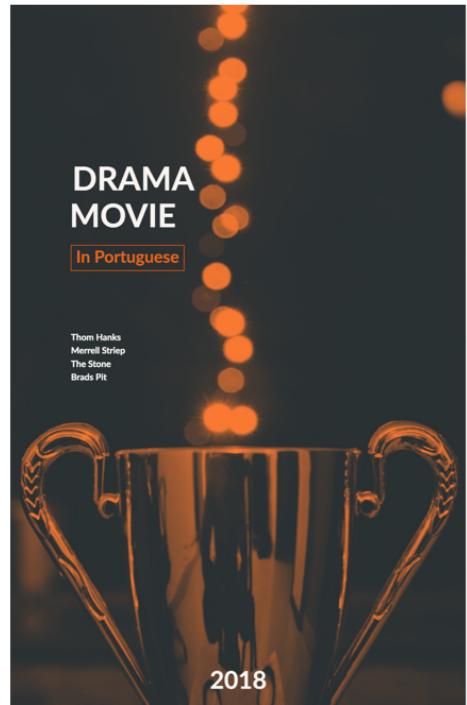


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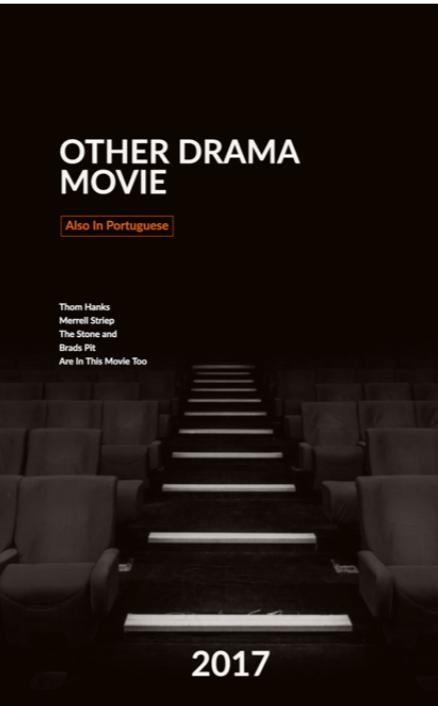
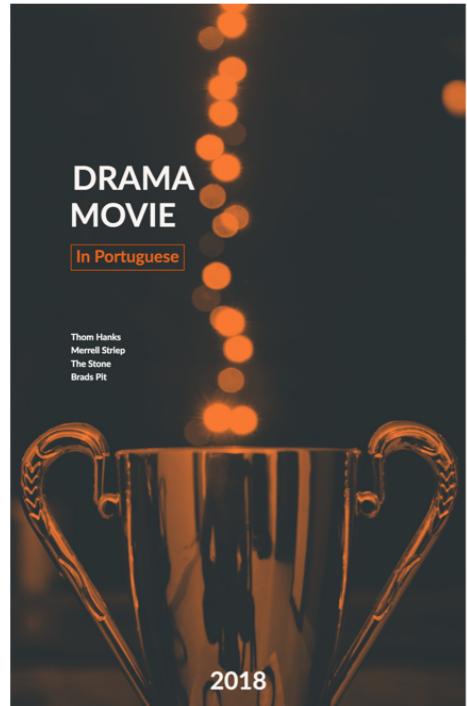


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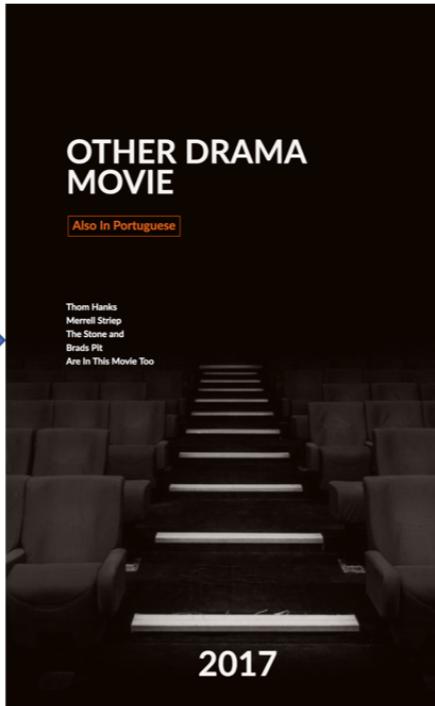
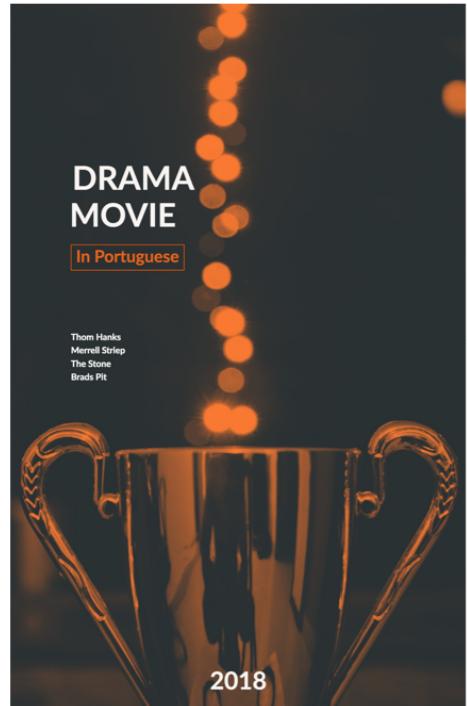
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## COLLABORATIVE FILTERING

# Two types of recommendation engines

## CONTENT-BASED FILTERING

Based on features of items



Recommended for you!



## COLLABORATIVE FILTERING

Based on similar user preferences



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Dark Knight	5
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Dark Knight	5
The Notebook	-
Iron Man	5
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Shrek	4.5
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Jurassic Park	-



# Two types of ratings

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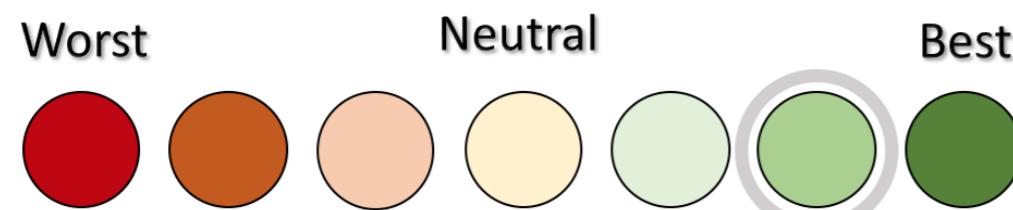
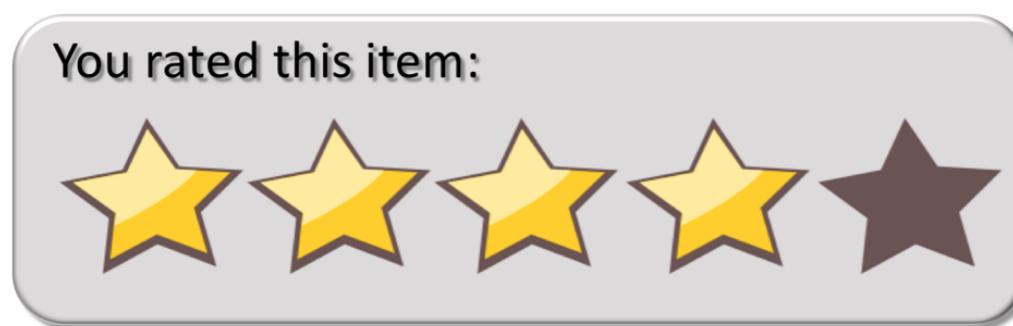
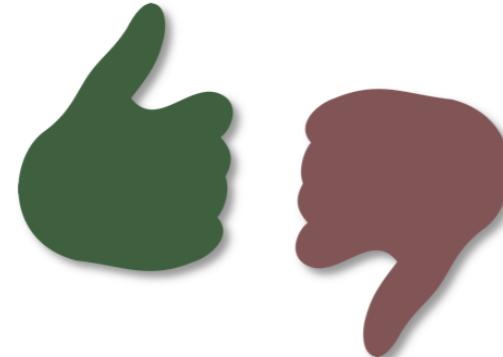
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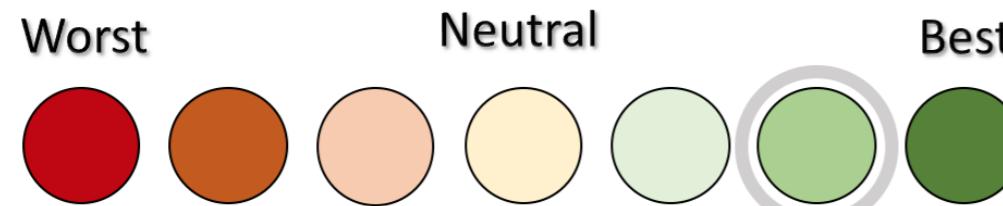
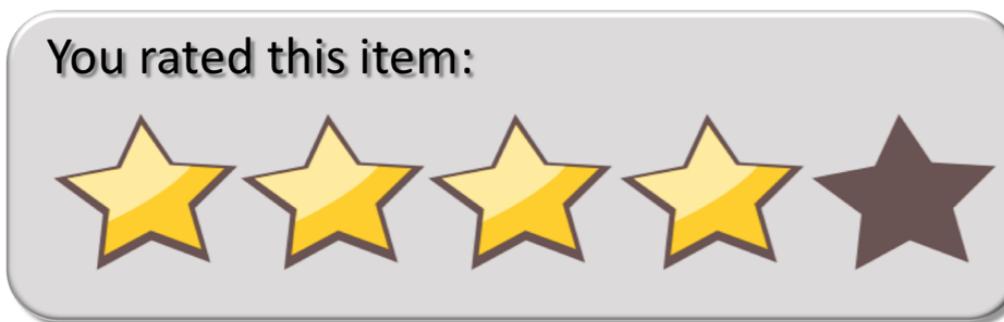
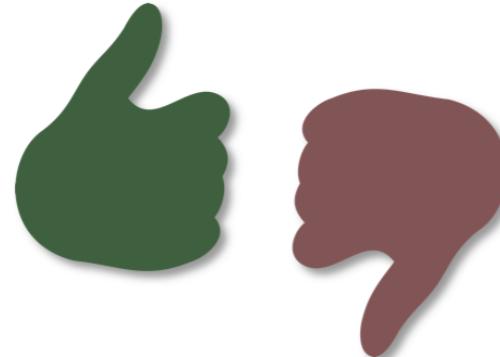
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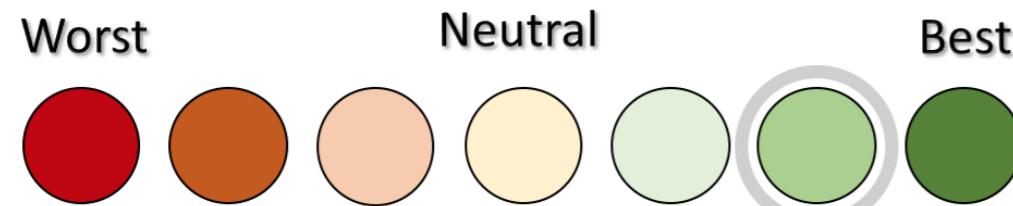
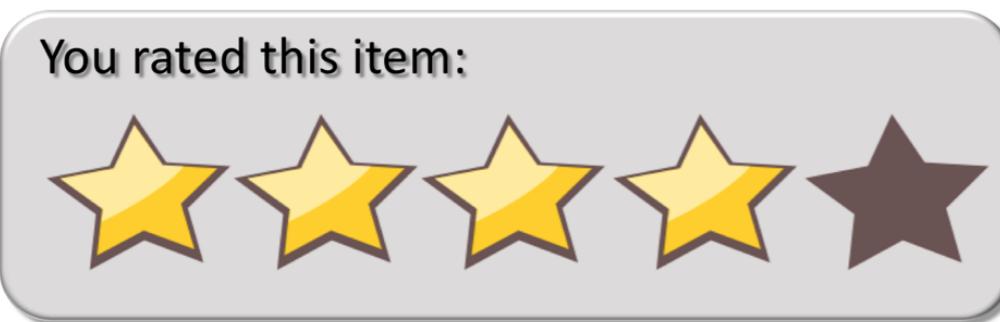
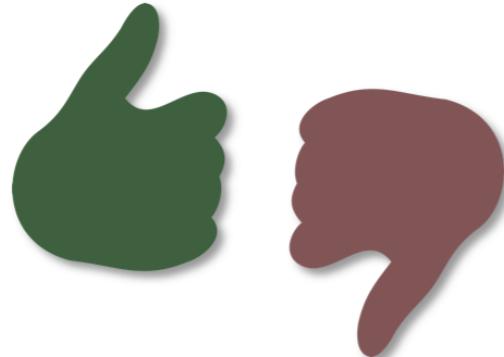


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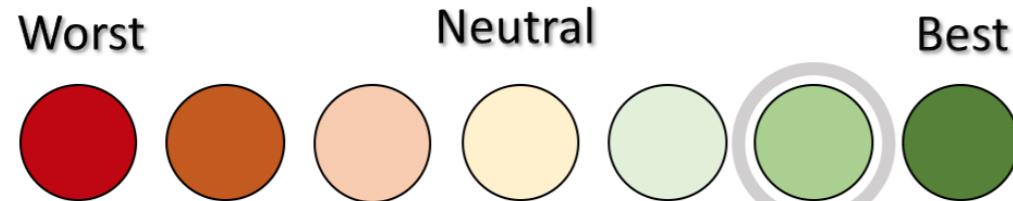
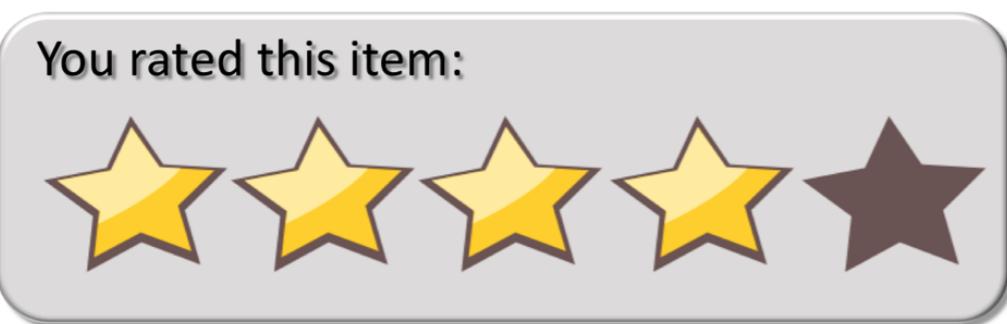


≈ Low Confidence Rating



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## Original Ratings Matrix

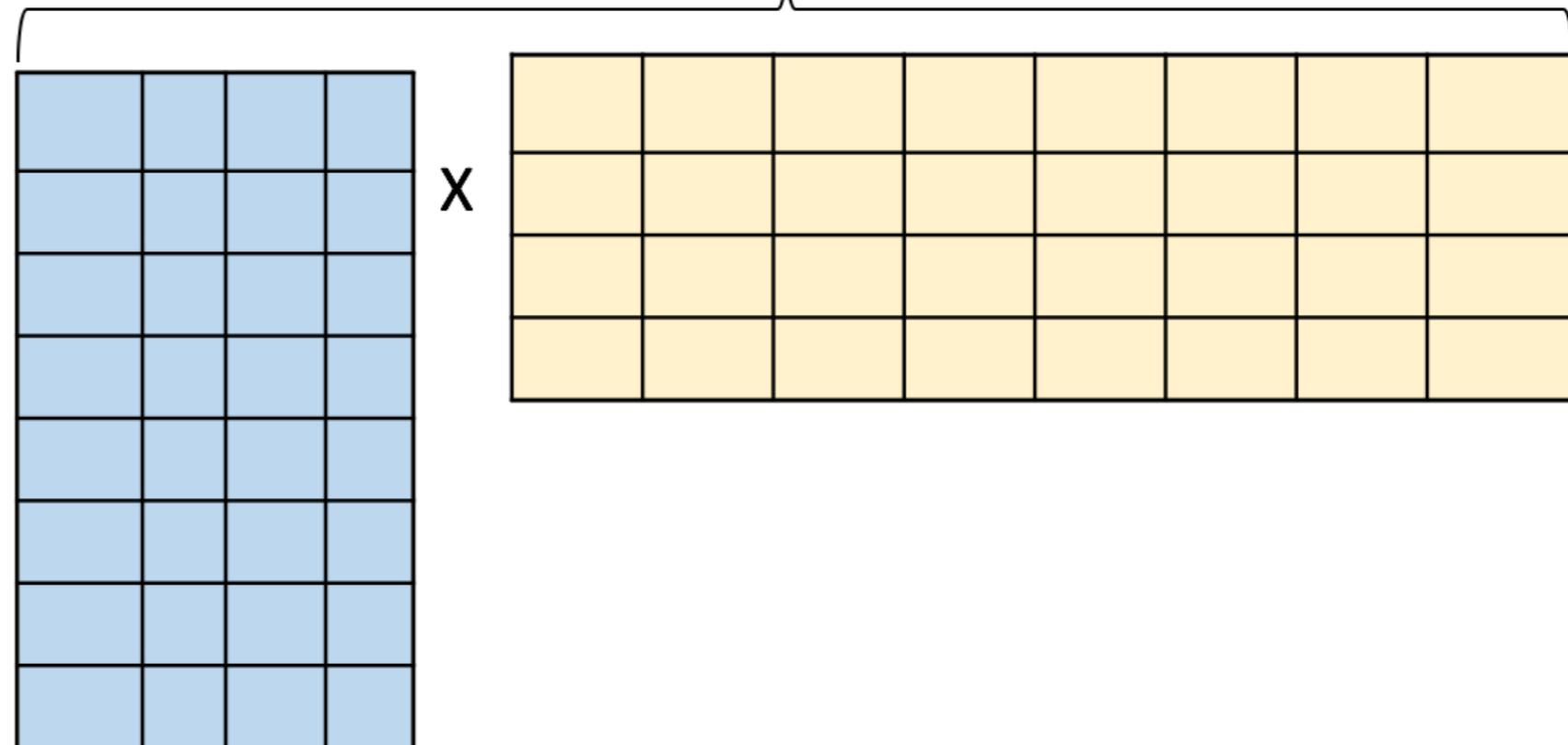
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User 1							
User 2							
User 3							
User 4							
User 5							
User...							
User <i>m</i>							

## Original Ratings Matrix

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie 3	Movie 4	Movie 5	Movie ...	Movie <i>n</i>
User 1							
User 2							
User 3							
User 4							
User 5							
User ...							
User <i>m</i>							

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## Factor Matrices

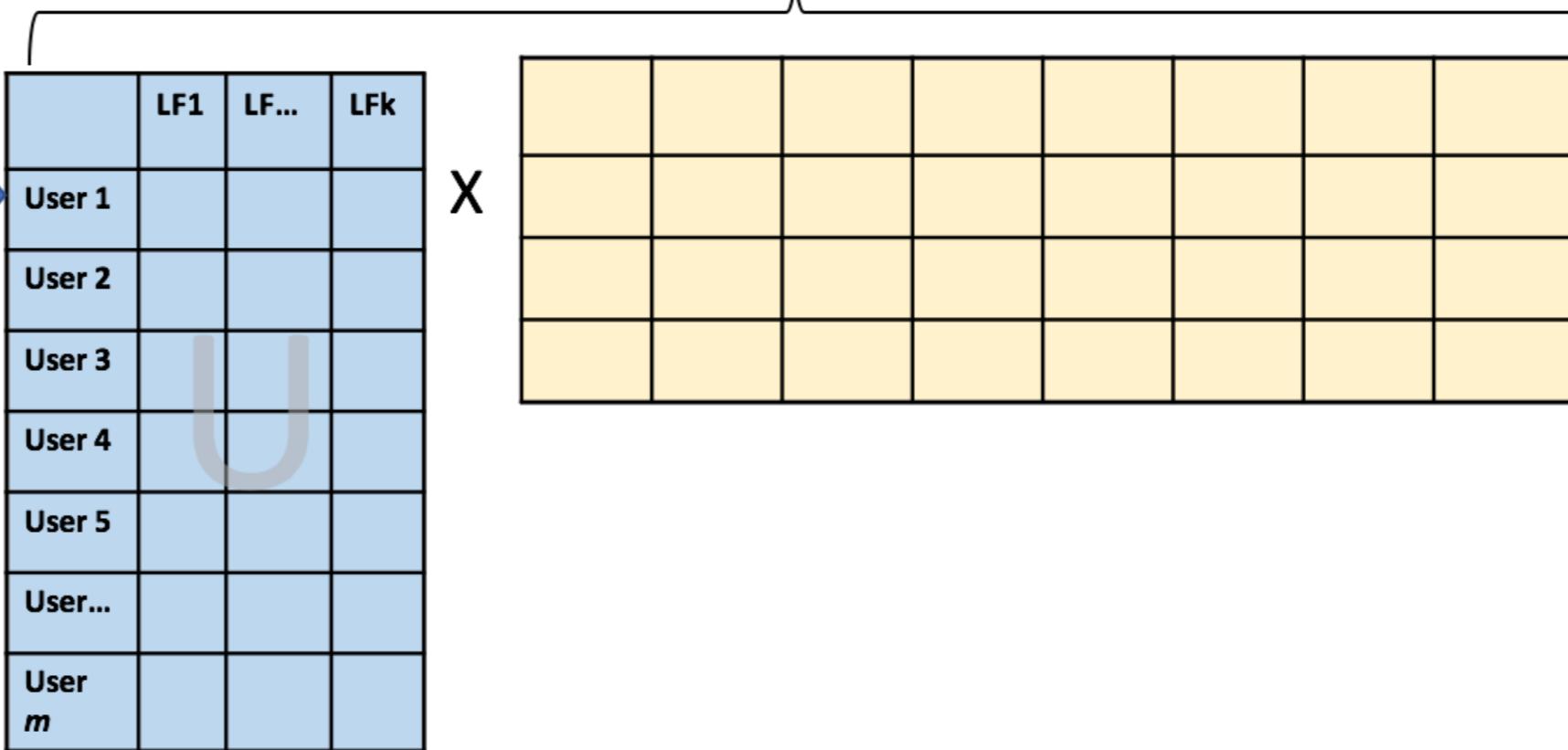


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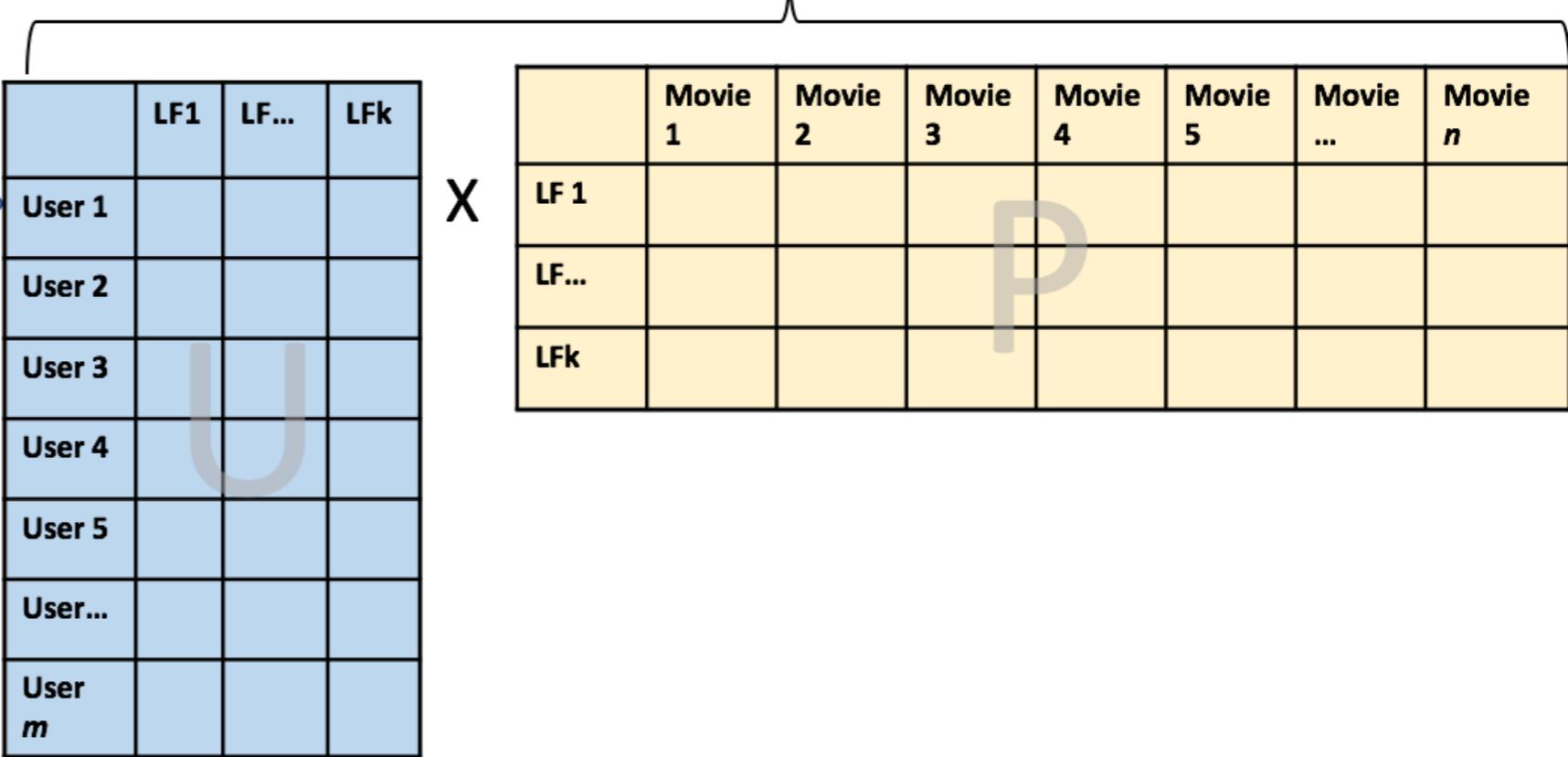


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User 1							
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User m							

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## Factor Matrices



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User 1							
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	LF1	LF...	LFk
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User 4			
User 5			
User ...			
User m			

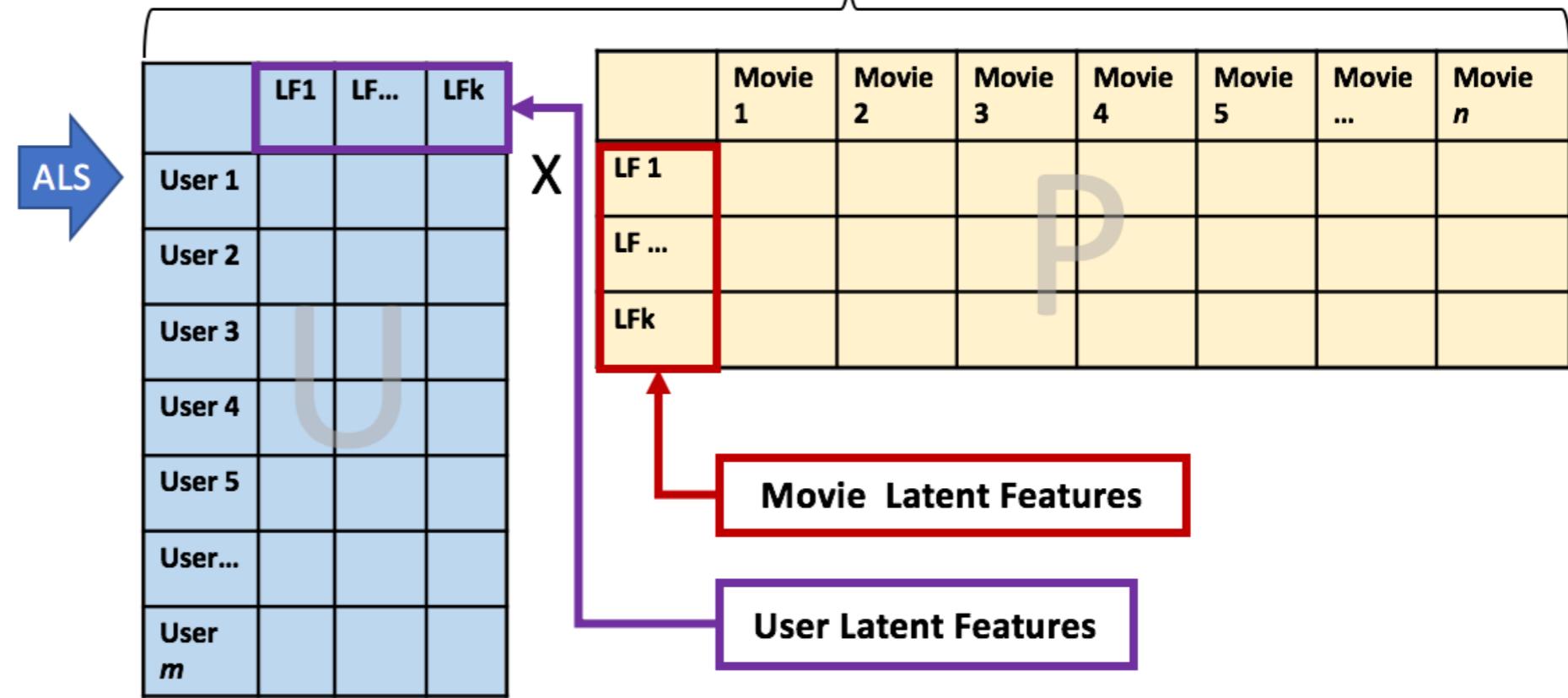
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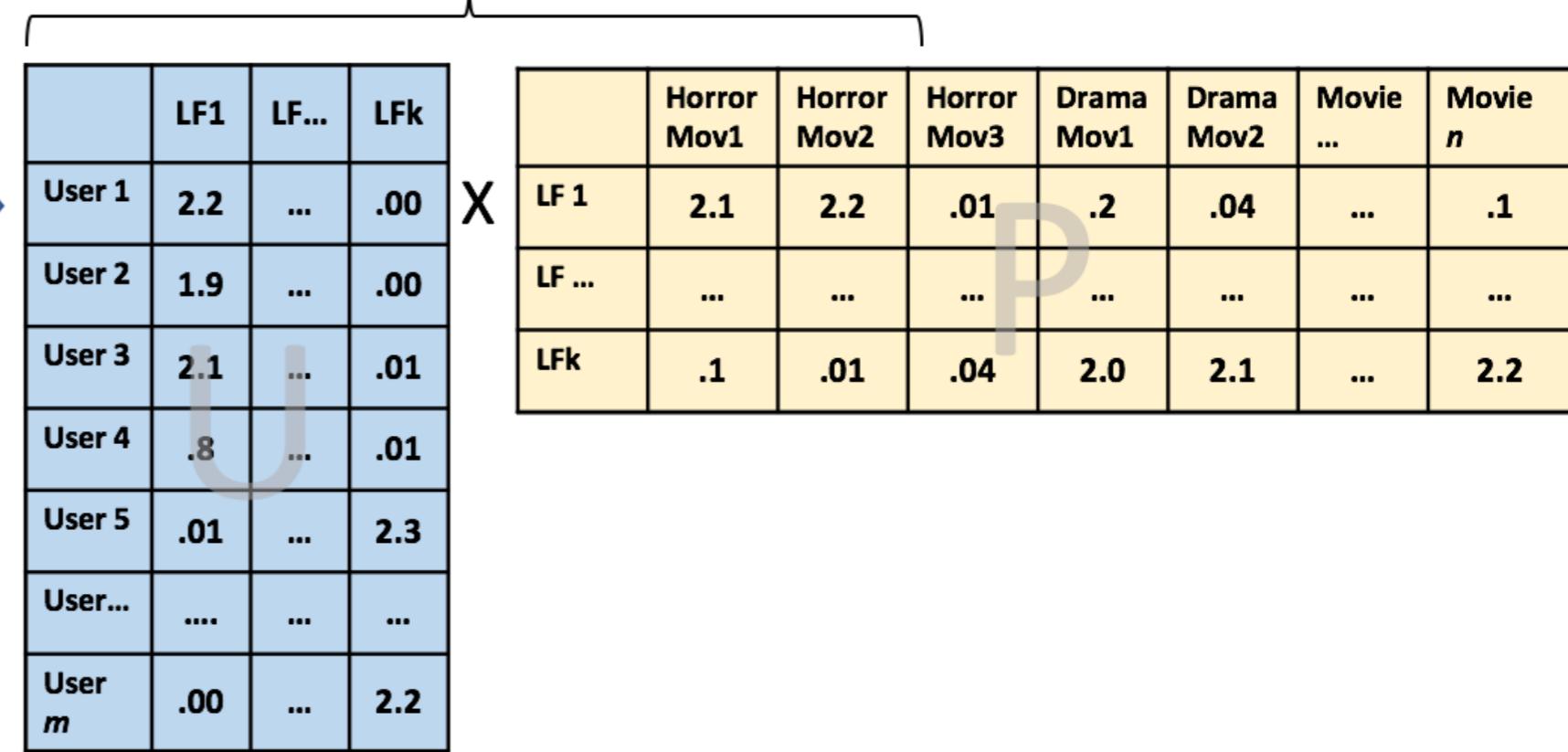


## Original Ratings Matrix

	Horror Mov1	Horror Mov2	Horror Mov3	Drama Mov1	Drama Mov2	Movie ...	Drama MovN
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User 2	4	4	1	1	1	...	1
User 3	4	5	1	1	1	...	1
User 4	2	2	1	1	1	...	1
User 5	1	1	1	5	5	...	5
User...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	1	1	1	4	5	...	5

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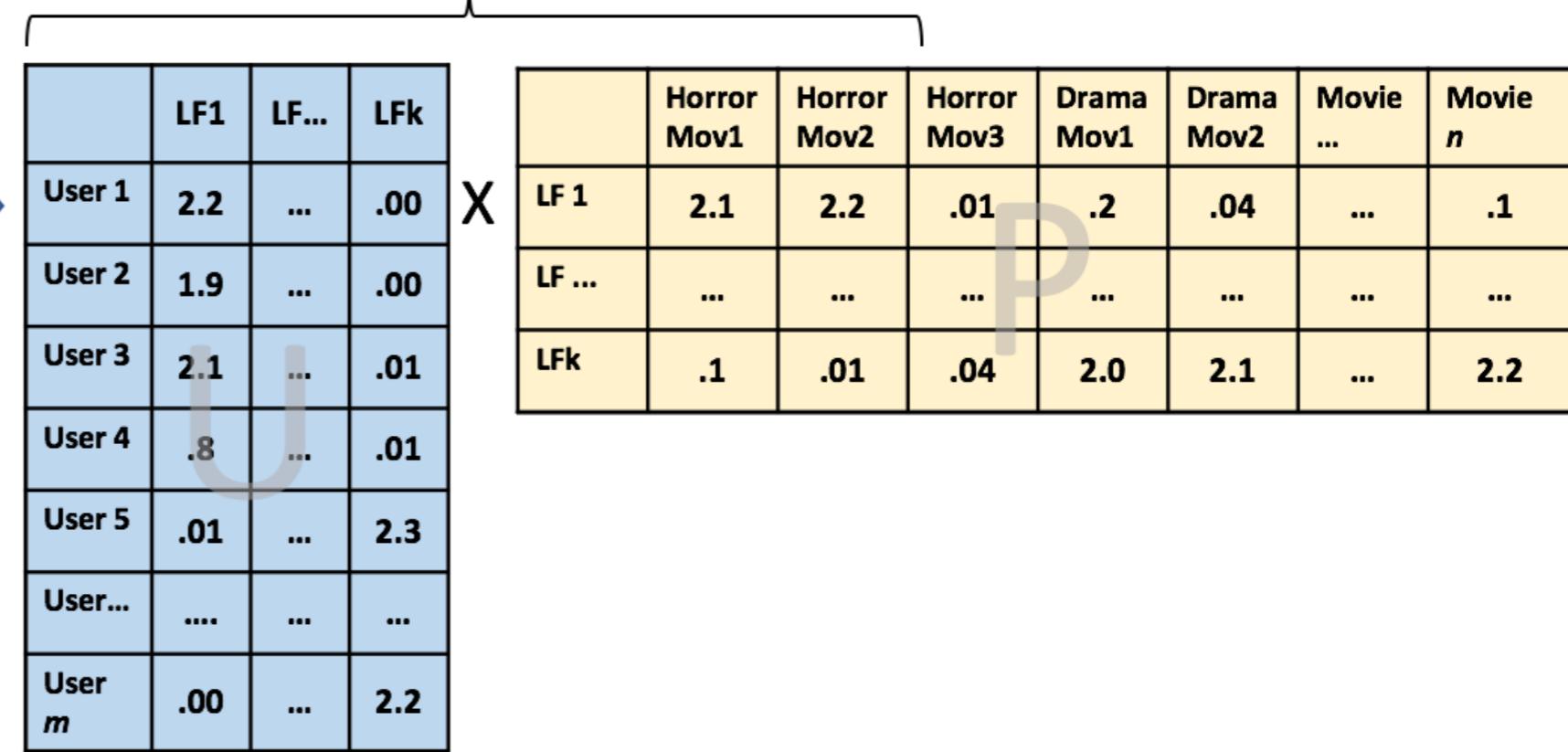


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User 3	4	5	1	1	1	...	1
User 4	2	2	1	1	1	...	1
User 5	1	1	1	5	5	...	5
User...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	1	1	1	4	5	...	5

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## Factor Matrices



## Original Ratings Matrix

[No Title]	Horror	Horror	Horror	Drama	Drama	Movie	Drama
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User 2	4	4	1	1	1	...	1
User 3	4	5	1	1	1	...	1
User 4	2	2	1	1	1	...	1
User 5	1	1	1	5	5	...	5
User...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	1	1	1	4	5	...	5

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## Factor Matrices

	LF1	LF...	LFk		Horror	Horror	Horror	Drama	Drama	Movie	Movie
	Mov1	Mov2	Mov3	Mov1	Mov2	...	MovN	Mov1	Mov2	...	n
User 1	2.2	...	.00	LF 1	2.1	2.2	.01	.2	.04	...	.1
User 2	1.9	...	.00	LF ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User 3	2.1	...	.01	LFk	.1	.01	.04	2.0	2.1	...	2.2
User 4	.8	...	.01								
User 5	.01	...	2.3								
User...	....	...	...								
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User 3	4	5	1	1	1	...	1
User 4	2	2	1	1	1	...	1
User 5	1	1	1	5	5	...	5
User...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	1	1	1	4	5	...	5

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## Factor Matrices

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User 1	2.2	...	.00	LF 1	2.1	2.2	.01	.2	.04	...	.1
User 2	1.9	...	.00	LF ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User 3	2.1	...	.01	LFk	.1	.01	.04	2.0	2.1	...	2.2
User 4	.8	...	.01								
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User...	....	...	...								
User <i>m</i>	.00	...	2.2								

## Original Ratings Matrix

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User 2	4	4	1	1	1	...	1
User 3	4	5	1	1	1	...	1
User 4	2	2	1	1	1	...	1
User 5	1	1	1	5	5	...	5
User...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	1	1	1	4	5	...	5

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## Factor Matrices

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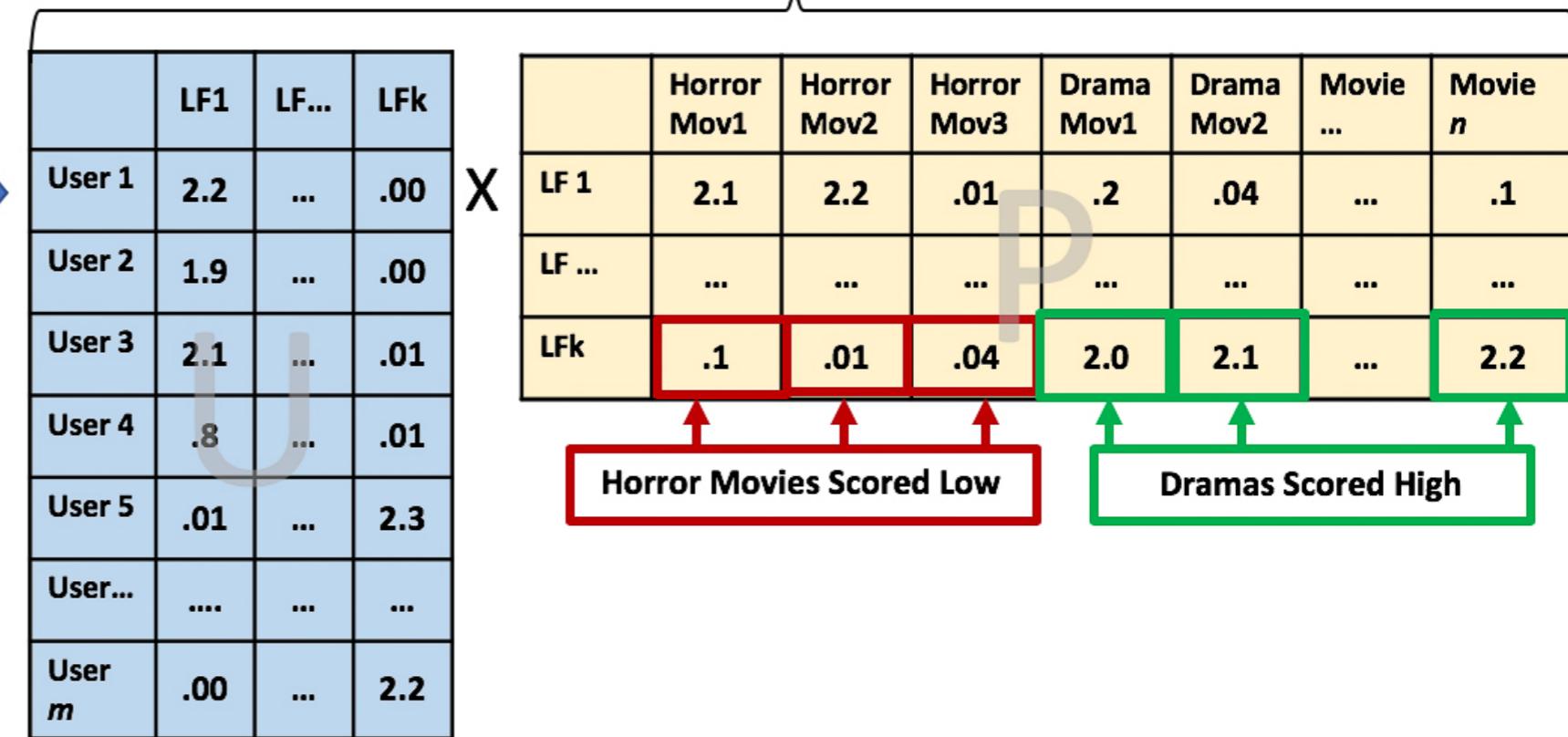
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User 1	2.2	...	.00	LF 1	2.1	2.2	.01	.2	.04	...	.1
User 2	1.9	...	.00	LF ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User 3	2.1	...	.01	LFk	.1	.01	.04	2.0	2.1	...	2.2
User 4	.8	...	.01								
User 5	.01	...	2.3								
User...	....	...	...								
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User 3	4	5	1	1	1	...	1
User 4	2	2	1	1	1	...	1
User 5	1	1	1	5	5	...	5
User...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	1	1	1	4	5	...	5

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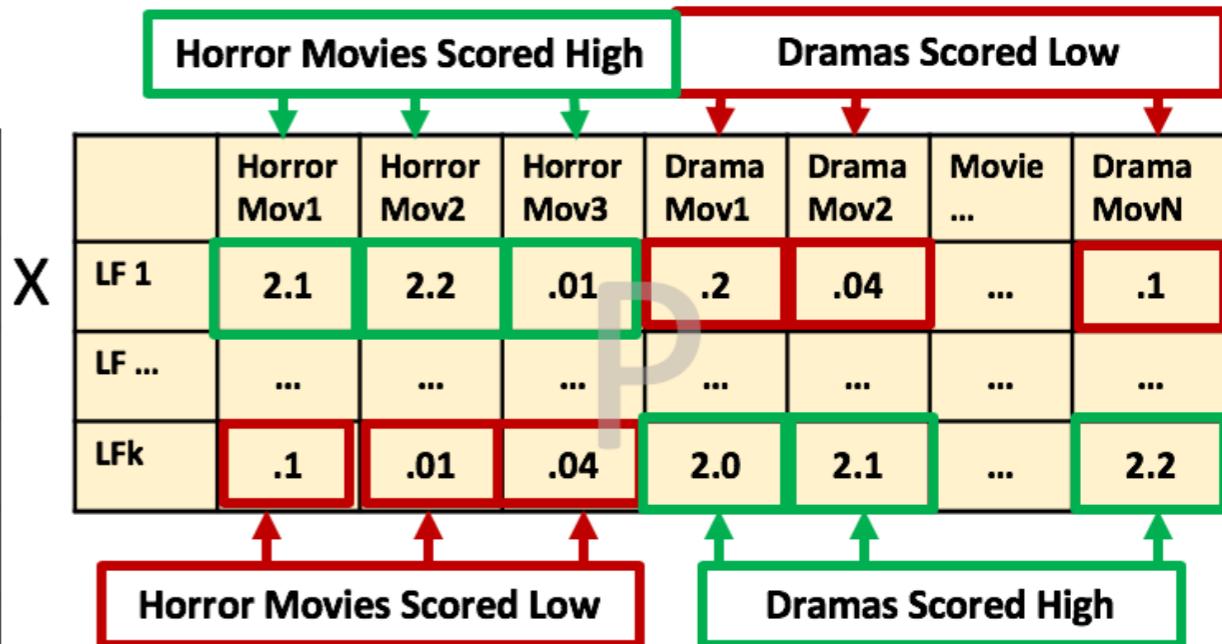


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User 3	4	5	1	1	1	...	1
User 4	2	2	1	1	1	...	1
User 5	1	1	1	5	5	...	5
User...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	1	1	1	4	5	...	5

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	LF1	LF...	LFk
User 1	2.2	...	.00
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User 3	2.1	...	.01
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User 5	.01	...	2.3
User...	....	...	...
User <i>m</i>	.00	...	2.2

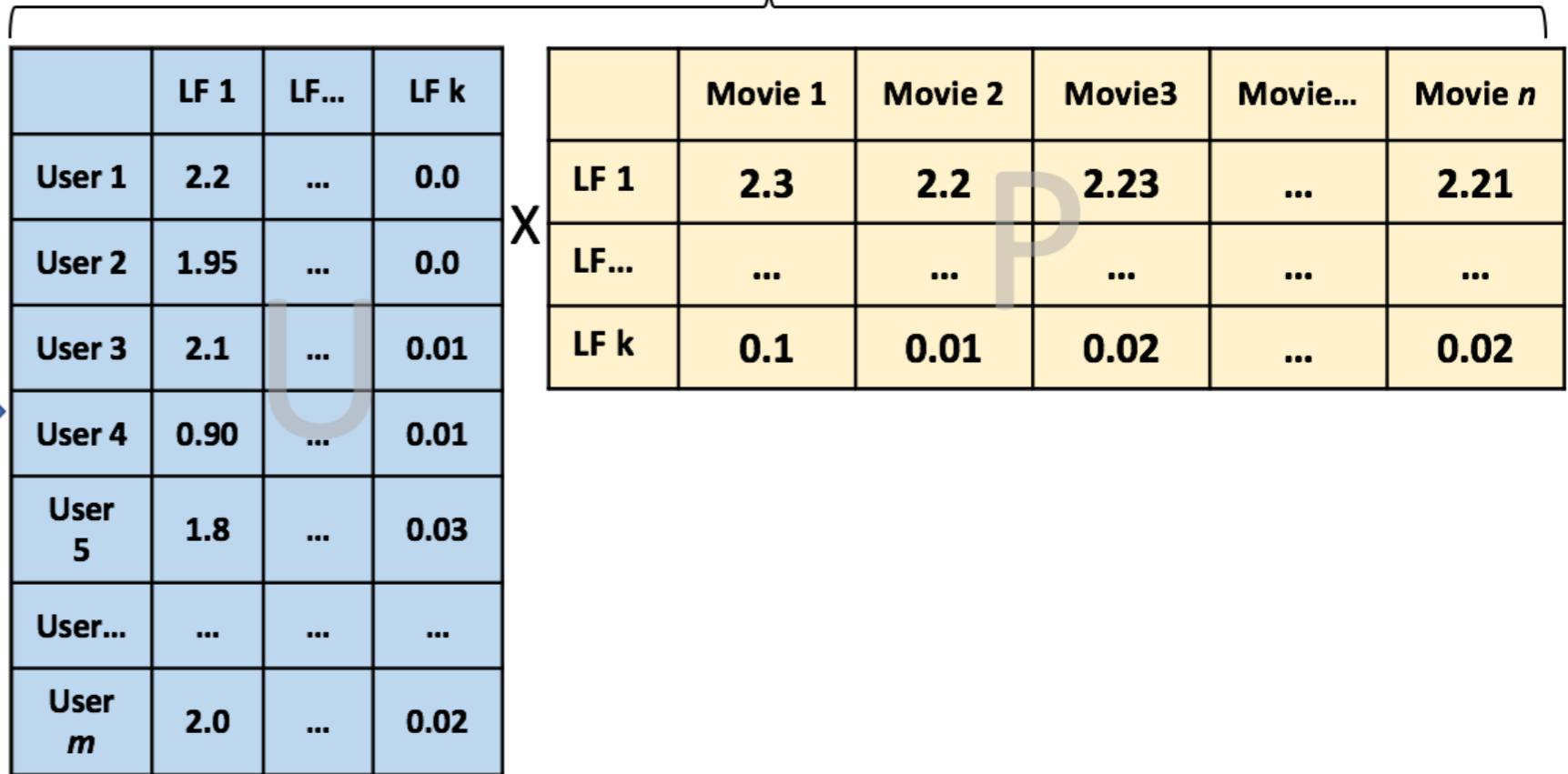


## Factor Matrices

Original Matrix

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User 1	5	4.8	4.9	...	4.9
User 2	4.5	4.3	4.4	...	4.3
User 3	4.8	4.6	4.7	...	4.6
User 4	2.1	1.98	2	...	2
User 5	4.1	4	4	...	4
User...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	4.6	4.4	4.5	...	4.4

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## Factor Matrices

Original Matrix

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
User 1	5	4.8	4.9	...	4.9
User 2	4.5	4.3	4.4	...	4.3
User 3	4.8	4.6	4.7	...	4.6
User 4	2.1	1.98	2	...	2
User 5	4.1	4	4	...	4
User...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	4.6	4.4	4.5	...	4.4

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	LF 1	LF...	LF <i>k</i>		Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
User 1	2.2	...	0.0	LF 1	2.3	2.2	2.23	...	2.21
User 2	1.95	...	0.0	LF...	...	...	...	...	...
User 3	2.1	...	0.01	LF <i>k</i>	0.1	0.01	0.02	...	0.02
User 4	0.90	...	0.01	User 5	1.8	...	0.03		
User...	...	...	...	User...	...	...	...		
User <i>m</i>	2.0	...	0.02						

## Factor Matrices

Original Matrix

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
User 1	5	4.8	4.9	...	4.9
User 2	4.5	4.3	4.4	...	4.3
User 3	4.8	4.6	4.7	...	4.6
User 4	2.1	1.98	2	...	2
User 5	4.1	4	4	...	4
User...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	4.6	4.4	4.5	...	4.4

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	LF 1	LF...	LF <i>k</i>
User 1	2.2	...	0.0
User 2	1.95	...	0.0
User 3	2.1	...	0.01
User 4	0.90	...	0.01
User 5	1.8	...	0.03
User...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	2.0	...	0.02

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
LF 1	2.3	2.2	2.23	...	2.21
LF...	...	...	...	...	...
LF <i>k</i>	0.1	0.01	0.02	...	0.02

**Movie 1:** "The Lion King"  
**Movie 2:** "10 Things I Hate About You"  
**Movie 4:** "West Side Story"  
**Movie *n*:** "She's the Man"

## Factor Matrices

Original Matrix

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
User 1	5	4.8	4.9	...	4.9
User 2	4.5	4.3	4.4	...	4.3
User 3	4.8	4.6	4.7	...	4.6
User 4	2.1	1.98	2	...	2
User 5	4.1	4	4	...	4
User...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	4.6	4.4	4.5	...	4.4
<i>Avg Rating</i>	4.2	4.0	4.1	...	4

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	LF 1	LF...	LF <i>k</i>
User 1	2.2	...	0.0
User 2	1.95	...	0.0
User 3	2.1	...	0.01
User 4	0.90	...	0.01
User 5	1.8	...	0.03
User...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	2.0	...	0.02

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
LF 1	2.3	2.2	2.23	...	2.21
LF...	...	...	...	...	...
LF <i>k</i>	0.1	0.01	0.02	...	0.02

**Movie 1:** "The Lion King"  
**Movie 2:** "10 Things I Hate About You"  
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**Movie *n*:** "She's the Man"

## Factor Matrices

Original Matrix

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
User 1	5	4.8	4.9	...	4.9
User 2	4.5	4.3	4.4	...	4.3
User 3	4.8	4.6	4.7	...	4.6
User 4	2.1	1.98	2	...	2
User 5	4.1	4	4	...	4
User...	...	...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	4.6	4.4	4.5	...	4.4
<i>Avg Rating</i>	4.2	4.0	4.1	...	4

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	LF 1	LF...	LF <i>k</i>
User 1	2.2	...	0.0
User 2	1.95	...	0.0
User 3	2.1	...	0.01
User 4	0.90	...	0.01
User 5	1.8	...	0.03
User...	...	...	...
User <i>m</i>	2.0	...	0.02

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie3	Movie...	Movie <i>n</i>
LF 1	2.3	2.2	2.23	...	2.21
LF...	...	...	...	...	...
LF <i>k</i>	0.1	0.01	0.02	...	0.02

**Movie 1:** "The Lion King" ("Hamlet")  
**Movie 2:** "10 Things I Hate About You" ("Taming of the Shrew")  
**Movie 4:** "West Side Story" ("Romeo and Juliet")  
**Movie *n*:** "She's the Man" ("Twelfth Night")

# **Let's practice!**

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