

A photograph of a wooden table covered with various documents, papers, and numerous colorful sticky notes (pink, yellow, green). Several people's hands are visible, interacting with the materials. In the background, there's a desk lamp, a white mug, and other office supplies. The overall scene suggests a collaborative brainstorming or design session.

Recommendation using Collaborative Filtering

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What is a Recommendation System?



Predicts/Recommends the products or services that users would buy or consume



Used in e-commerce, entertainment content, social media posts, advertisements, music, etc

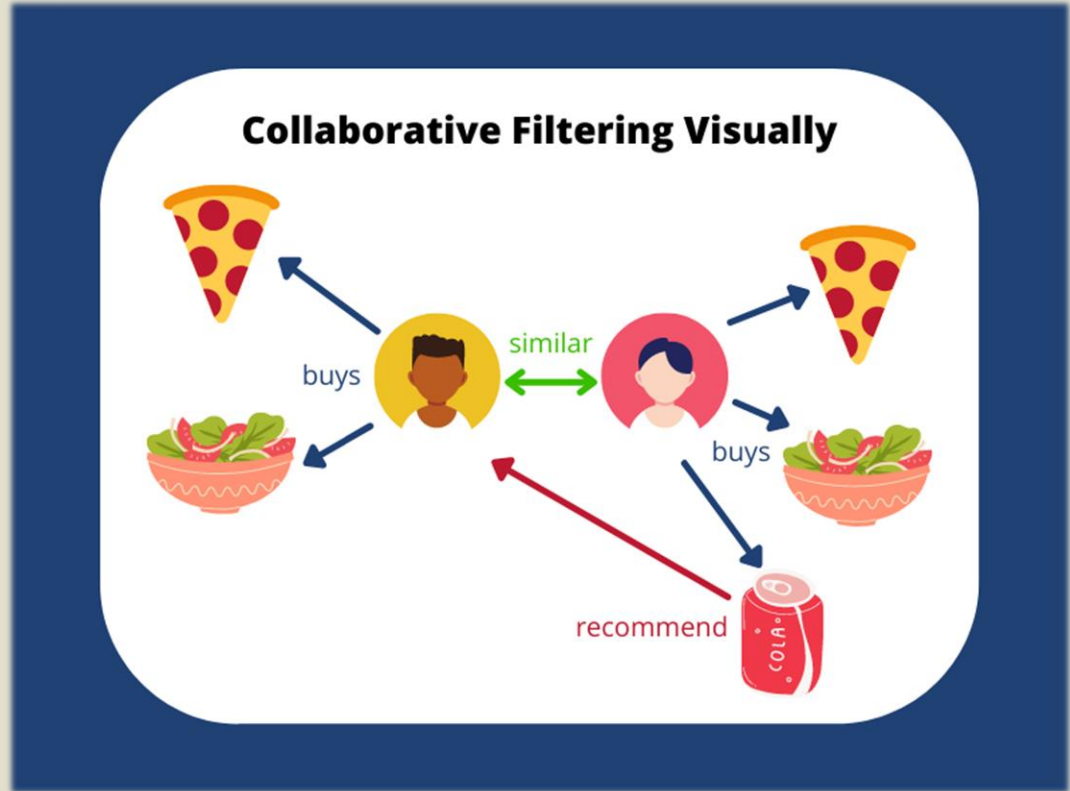



Types of recommendation

Collaborative-based Filtering
Content-based Filtering

What is Collaborative Filtering?

- Finds similar patterns among users
- Filters out items that users like based on the ratings or reactions of similar users





Types of Collaborative Filtering



Based on User
similarity

- Find users sharing similar rating patterns with test user
- Ratings from these users used to calculate a prediction



Based on item
similarity

- Relationships among items found using item-item matrix
- Match user's data with this matrix to get preferences

Similarity Check

Similarity can be computed as follows

$$r_{u,i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{u' \in U} r_{u',i}$$

$$r_{u,i} = k \sum_{u' \in U} \text{simil}(u, u') r_{u',i}$$

where k is a normalizing factor defined as $k = 1 / \sum_{u' \in U} |\text{simil}(u, u')|$, and

$$r_{u,i} = \bar{r}_u + k \sum_{u' \in U} \text{simil}(u, u') (r_{u',i} - \bar{r}_{u'})$$

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$$\text{cosine similarity} = S_C(A, B) := \cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n B_i^2}}$$

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PyTorch



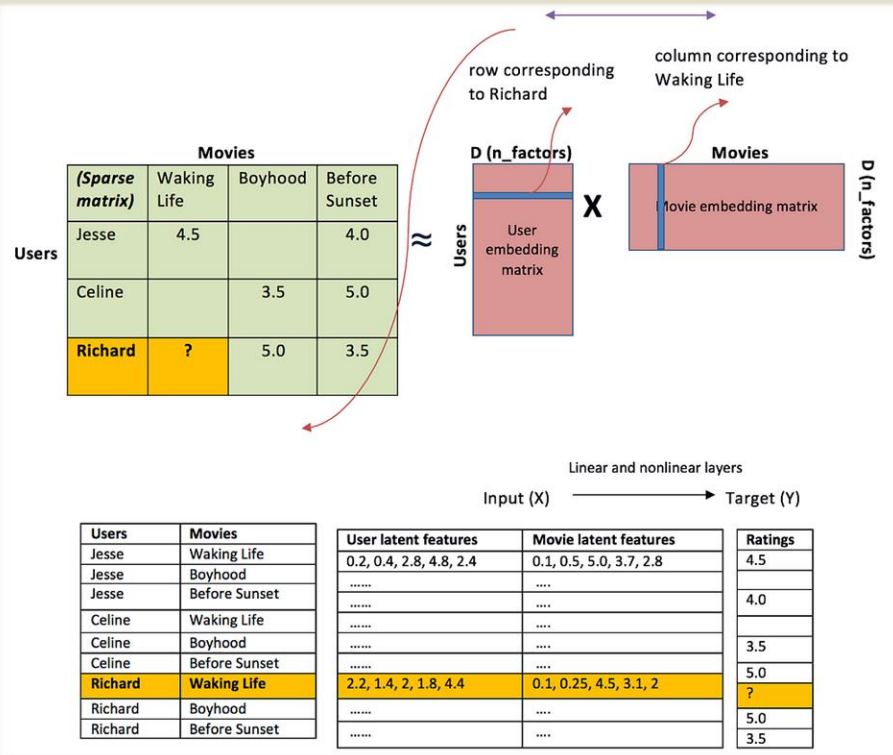
Based on an open-source machine learning library called Torch



Python frontend combined with Torch's powerful GPU-accelerated backend libraries to create a flexible and efficient system



Framework for building Deep Learning models



Embeddings



The users and movies are converted into embeddings



The multiplication of these matrices gives a prediction



This prediction is then scaled to the range of the ratings

PyTorch Deep Neural Network Implementation




```
RecommendationDataset(  
    (u): Embedding(943, 50)  
    (m): Embedding(1682, 50)  
    (ub): Embedding(943, 1)  
    (mb): Embedding(1682, 1)  
    (lin1): Linear(in_features=50, out_features=2, bias=True)  
    (lin2): Linear(in_features=2, out_features=1, bias=True)  
    (drop1): Dropout(p=0.2, inplace=False)  
    (drop2): Dropout(p=0.2, inplace=False)  
)
```

Model Summary

```
The prediction for the users tensor([1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4]) and movies tensor([ 242,    1, 242, 1674, 242, 1674, 242, 1674]) are tensor([[3.1216],  
      [3.1214],  
      [3.0915],  
      [3.1183],  
      [3.1178],  
      [3.1167],  
      [3.1192],  
      [3.0901],  
      [3.1181],  
      [3.1193],  
      [3.1188],  
      [3.0905],  
      [3.1075],  
      [3.1175],  
      [3.0816],  
      [3.1176]], grad_fn=<AddBackward0>)
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Predictions

	0	1	2	3	4
196	Ed Wood (1994)	Under Siege (1992)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	Rumble in the Bronx (1995)
63	Under Siege (1992)	Ed Wood (1994)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Rumble in the Bronx (1995)
226	Ed Wood (1994)	Under Siege (1992)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	Rumble in the Bronx (1995)
154	Ed Wood (1994)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Under Siege (1992)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	0
306	Ed Wood (1994)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Under Siege (1992)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	Rumble in the Bronx (1995)
...
799	Ed Wood (1994)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Under Siege (1992)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	0
358	Ed Wood (1994)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Under Siege (1992)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	Rumble in the Bronx (1995)
410	Under Siege (1992)	Ed Wood (1994)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	Rumble in the Bronx (1995)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)
598	Ed Wood (1994)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)	Under Siege (1992)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	0
873	Ed Wood (1994)	Long Kiss Goodnight, The (1996)	Under Siege (1992)	Rumble in the Bronx (1995)	Brother Minister: The Assassination of Malcolm X (1994)

Recommendation

Fastai Implementation

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Collaborative filtering using fastai



What is fast ai?

Library built on PyTorch



Elements used to build a collaborative filter
from fast ai



Data loader

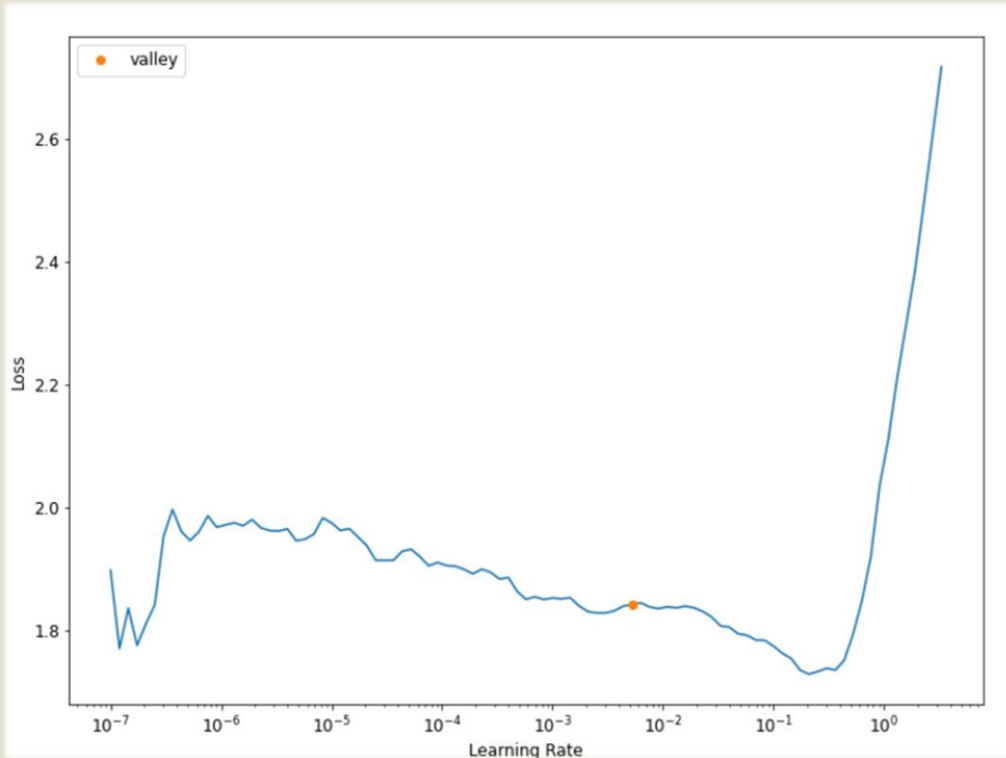


Learner



loss function(MSE)

Choosing a Learning rate



Model training

epoch	train_loss	valid_loss	time
0	0.950376	0.945305	00:13
1	0.842313	0.869440	00:13
2	0.744235	0.828205	00:13
3	0.580948	0.813320	00:13
4	0.471395	0.812804	00:13

	user	movie	rating	title
0	1	6	5	Shanghai Triad (Yao a yao yao dao waipo qiao) (1995)
1	9	6	5	Shanghai Triad (Yao a yao yao dao waipo qiao) (1995)
2	63	6	3	Shanghai Triad (Yao a yao yao dao waipo qiao) (1995)
3	79	6	4	Shanghai Triad (Yao a yao yao dao waipo qiao) (1995)
4	90	6	4	Shanghai Triad (Yao a yao yao dao waipo qiao) (1995)
5	409	6	4	Shanghai Triad (Yao a yao yao dao waipo qiao) (1995)
6	1	10	3	Richard III (1995)
7	7	10	4	Richard III (1995)
8	49	10	3	Richard III (1995)
9	59	10	4	Richard III (1995)

	Prediction
0	4.172879
1	4.326862
2	3.140697
3	4.168423
4	4.267342
5	3.732576
6	3.729470
7	4.075462
8	4.010137
9	3.723830

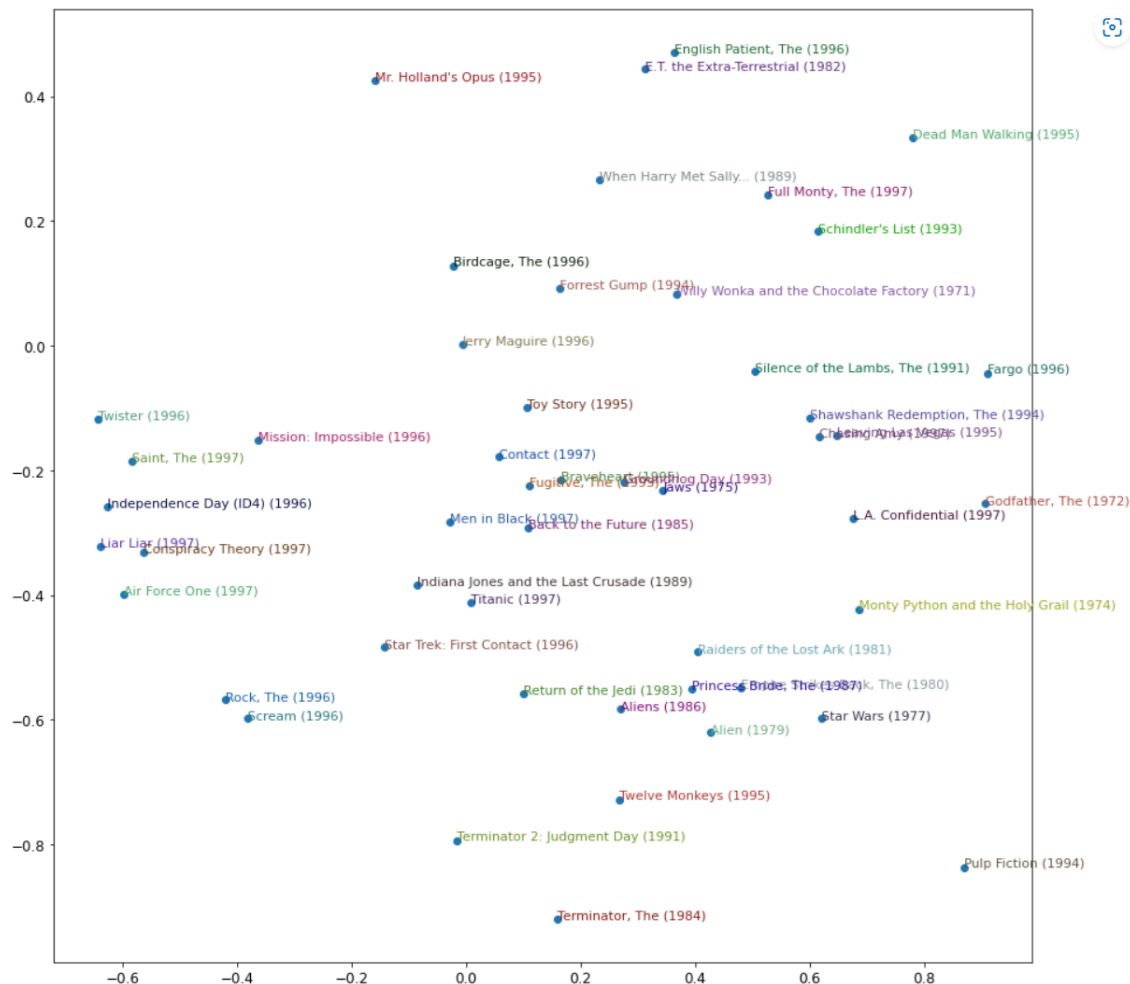
Test predicted and actual value

Dimension Reduction Methods

1. t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (TSNE)
2. Principal component analysis-PCA
3. Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection, UMAP

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2D Embedding



	0	1	2	3	4
196	Amadeus (1984)	Lone Star (1996)	Crash (1996)	Platoon (1986)	Hotel de Love (1996)
63	Two Much (1996)	Three Lives and Only One Death (1996)	Colonel Chabert, Le (1994)	Telling Lies in America (1997)	Young Guns (1988)
226	Brothers in Trouble (1995)	What Happened Was... (1994)	Jupiter's Wife (1994)	Colonel Chabert, Le (1994)	Senseless (1998)
154	Full Speed (1996)	Mallrats (1995)	Lone Star (1996)	Serial Mom (1994)	Thin Man, The (1934)
306	Heathers (1989)	Young Poisoner's Handbook, The (1995)	Spice World (1997)	Telling Lies in America (1997)	Manny & Lo (1996)
...
799	Full Speed (1996)	My Favorite Year (1982)	U.S. Marshalls (1998)	Sleeper (1973)	Colonel Chabert, Le (1994)
358	Basquiat (1996)	Kalifornia (1993)	Mark of Zorro, The (1940)	When We Were Kings (1996)	Super Mario Bros. (1993)
410	Full Speed (1996)	Colonel Chabert, Le (1994)	Senseless (1998)	Heathers (1989)	What Happened Was... (1994)
598	Mallrats (1995)	Blue in the Face (1995)	Turbulence (1997)	Seven Years in Tibet (1997)	Philadelphia Story, The (1940)
873	Madonna: Truth or Dare (1991)	Big Bang Theory, The (1994)	Late Bloomers (1996)	Nightwatch (1997)	Ulee's Gold (1997)

Recommendation

Future scope

- § Incorporate into real world applications
- § Test for a larger data set
- § Use a content-based recommendation for initial recommendation in addition to collaborative filtering

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