



Online Movie Group Recommendation



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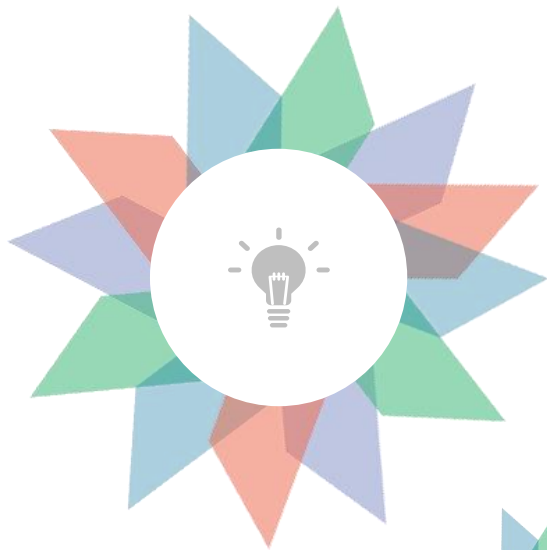
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1. Introduction

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- Problem Definition

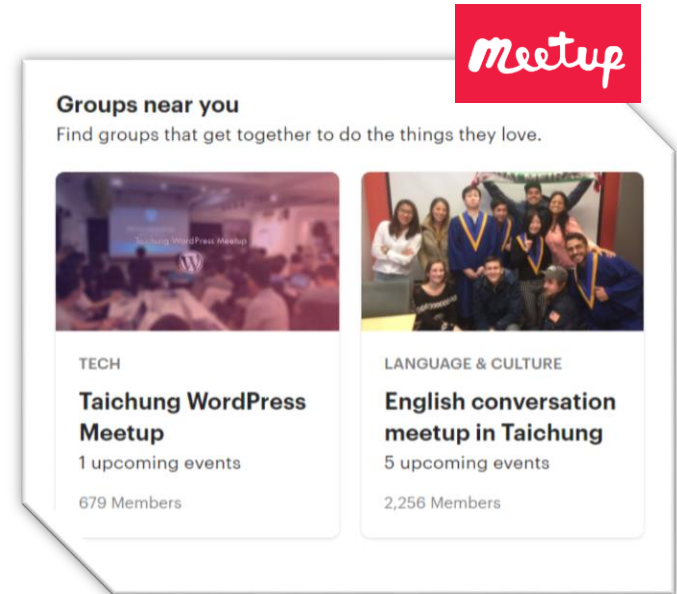
Motivation and Goal

Motivation

- Owing to prevalence of social media, online group activities have become common.
 - Group of teenagers can organize a social party on Meetup
 - Group of researchers can discuss a paper on Mendeley

Goal

- Build Algorithm to provide movie recommendation for a **group of users**



Challenges



The decision making process of a group is complicated and dynamic

- A member has different influence in choosing items of different types due to his specialty.
- Traditional aggregation strategies are fixed and predefined --> insufficient the capture the dynamic process of group decision making
 - Average member aggregation
 - Maximum Satisfaction member aggregation
 - ... etc

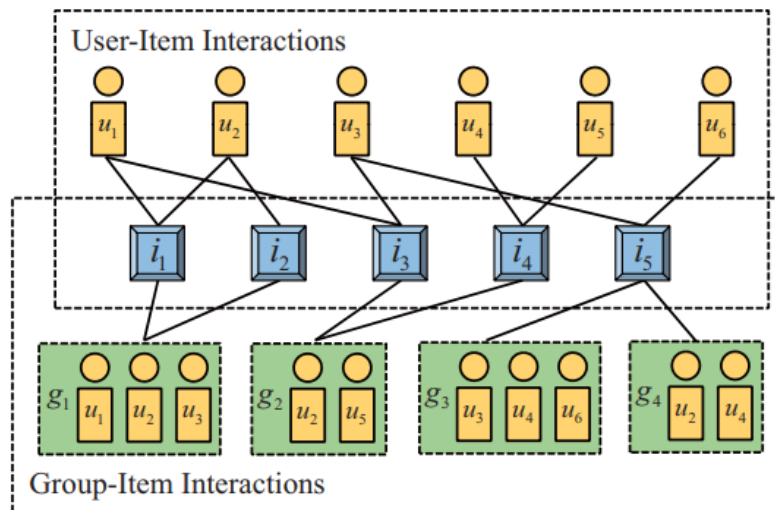
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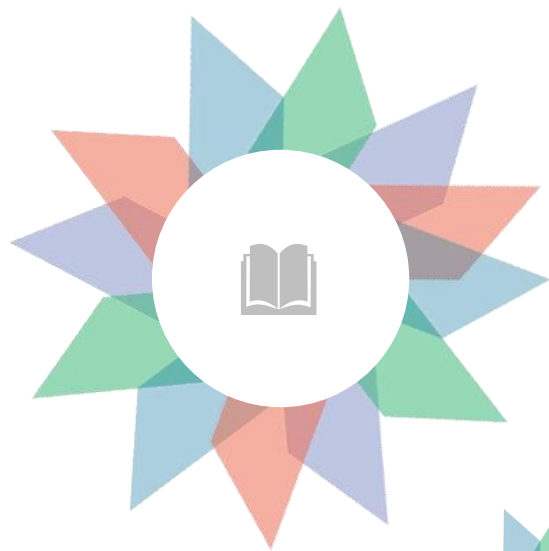
Given

- User set $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$, n users in total
- Group set $G = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_s\}$, s groups in total
- Item set $I = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m\}$, m items in total
- group-item interaction $Y = [y_{lj}]_{s \times m}$
- user-item interaction $R = [r_{lj}]_{n \times m}$

Find

- Item score from group g , $f_g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Item score from user u , $f_u: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$





2. Dataset

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Dataset Introduction

CAMRa2011 Dataset

- a real-world dataset containing the movie rating records of individual users and households
- 602 users, 290 groups, 7710 items, 116344 user-item interactions, and 145068 group-item interactions

Individual User Ratings

user_id	movie_id	value	Created_at
40426	30682	80	2009-07-16 18:25:09
40426	8132	75	2009-07-16 18:21:26
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

Group-User mapping

household_id	user_id
1	40426
1	311738
2	693545
2	894682
⋮	⋮

Group Ratings

household_id	movie_id	value	Created_at
1	14816	85	2009-07-16 18:10:49
1	27935	80	2009-07-16 18:12:02
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

Data Preprocessing



Rating Values

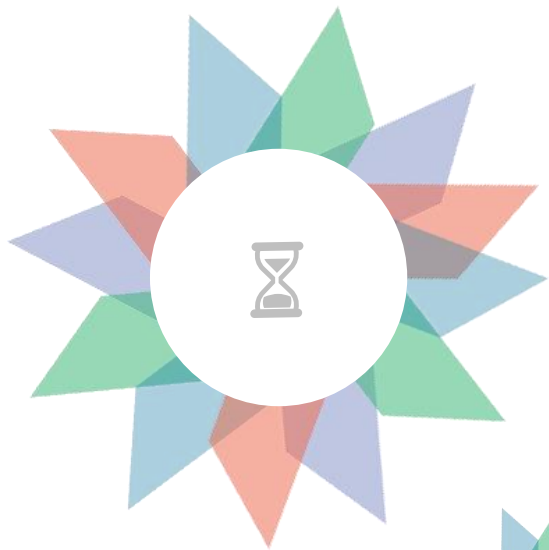
Transform rating values of all rows to **1** => treat observed interactions as positive instances

Negative Instances

Randomly sampled from missing data as negative instances (rating value = **0**) to pair with each positive instance

Training/Testing Splitting

Leave-one-out, i.e. for each user (group), randomly removed one of his(its) interactions for testing



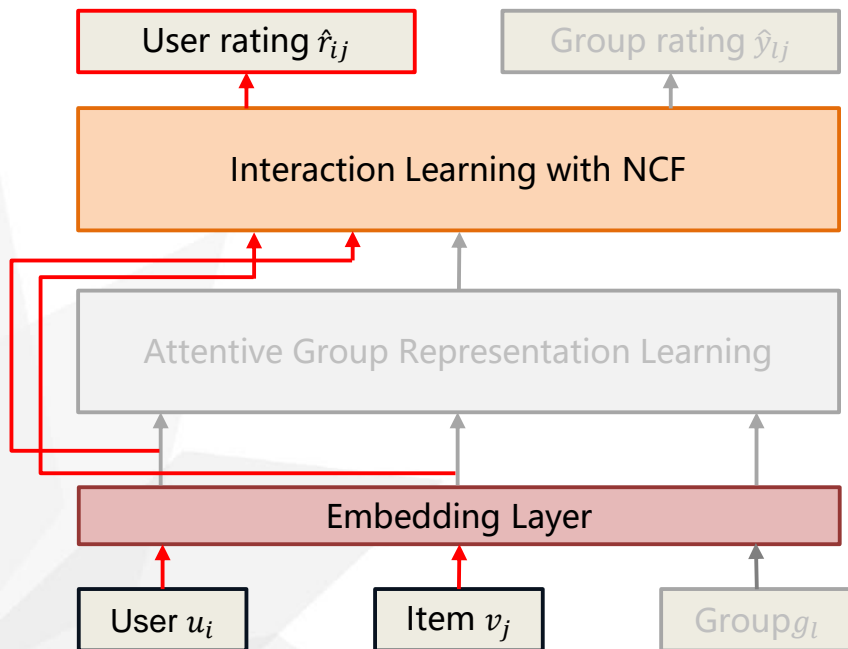
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- Model Architecture
- Evaluation Metrics

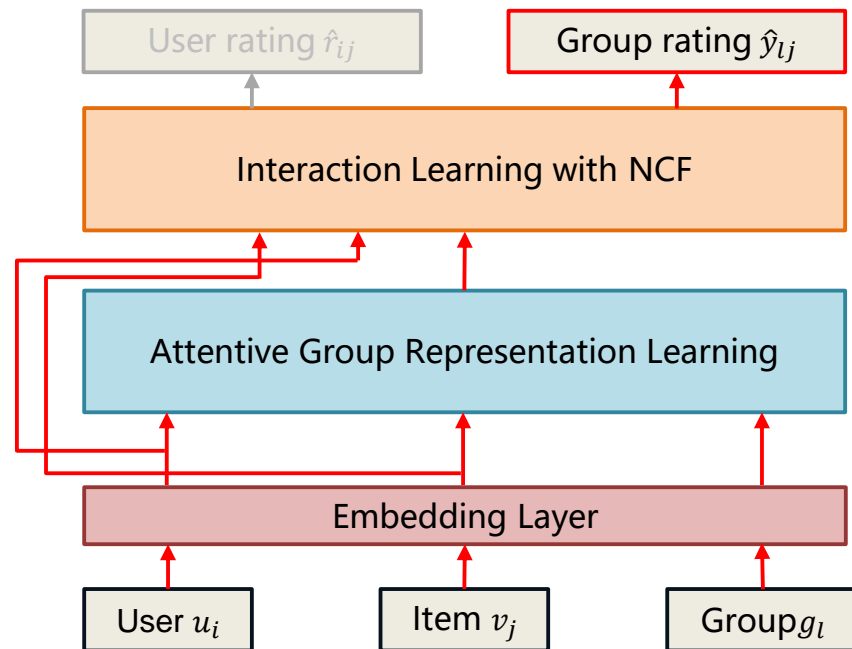
Model Architecture

Implemented model: **AGREE** (**A**ttentive **G**roup **R**ecomm**E**ndation)

Train using individual's ratings



Train using group's ratings



Attentive Group Representation Learning

User embedding Aggregation

- group embedding is dependent of the embedding vectors of its member users and the target items:

$$g_l(j) = \sum_{t \in K_l} \alpha(j, t) u_t + q_l \quad (1)$$

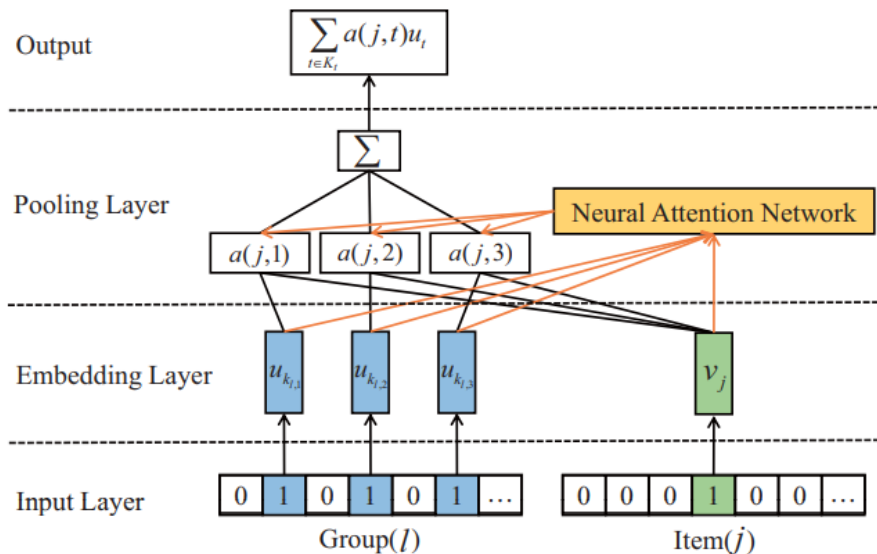
user embedding
aggregation

group preference
embedding

- $\alpha(j, t)$ is weight for user embedding aggregation, it's learned at attention network:

$$o(j, t) = h^T \text{ReLU}(P_v v_j + P_u u_t + b)$$

$$\alpha(j, t) = \text{softmax}(o(j, t))$$



Interaction Learning with NCF

Pooling Layer

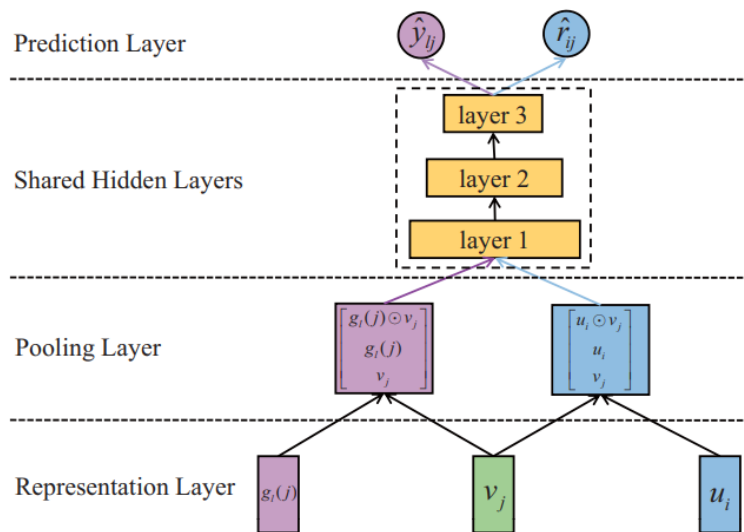
performs element-wise product on their embeddings,
then concatenates it with the original embeddings

$$e_0 = \varphi_{pooling}(g_l(j), v_j) = \begin{bmatrix} g_l(j) \odot v_j \\ g_l(j) \\ v_j \end{bmatrix}$$
$$e_0 = \varphi_{pooling}(u_i(j), v_j) = \begin{bmatrix} u_i(j) \odot v_j \\ u_i(j) \\ v_j \end{bmatrix}$$

Shared Hidden Layers

at layer h : $e_{h+1} = \text{ReLU}(W_{h+1}e_h)$

output:
$$\begin{cases} \hat{r}_{ij} = W^T e_h, \text{ if } e_0 = \varphi_{pooling}(u_i(j), v_j) \\ \hat{y}_{ij} = W^T e_h, \text{ if } e_0 = \varphi_{pooling}(g_l(j), v_j) \end{cases}$$



Evaluation Metrics

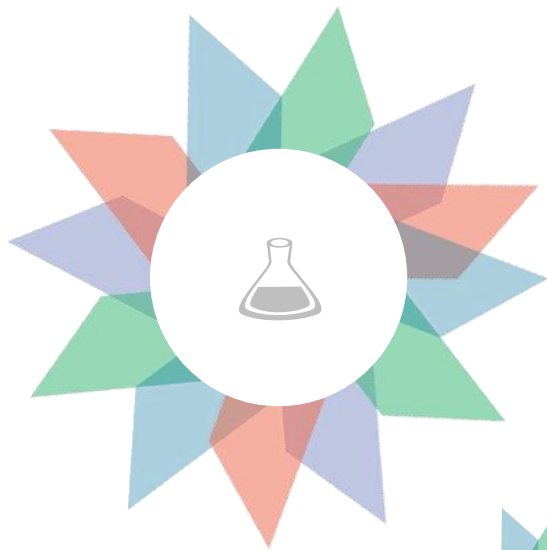


Row Format of Testset

uid (or gid), positive iid, negative iid 1, negative iid 2, ..., negative iid 100

Evaluation Procedure

1. **predict** rating scores for each user-item pair (or group-item pair), then **sort** it from high to low
2. **Top-K** : pick highest 5 predicted, calculate
 - Hit Rate: percentage of predicted rating of positive item being in the top 5 ratings
 - NDCG: how high the predicted rating of positive item is



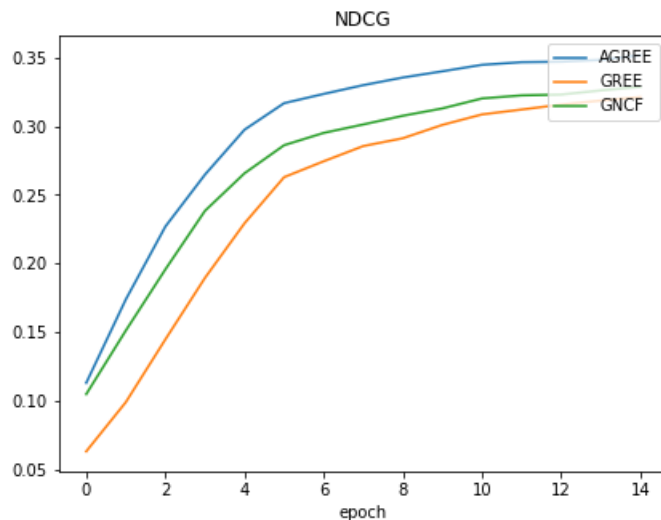
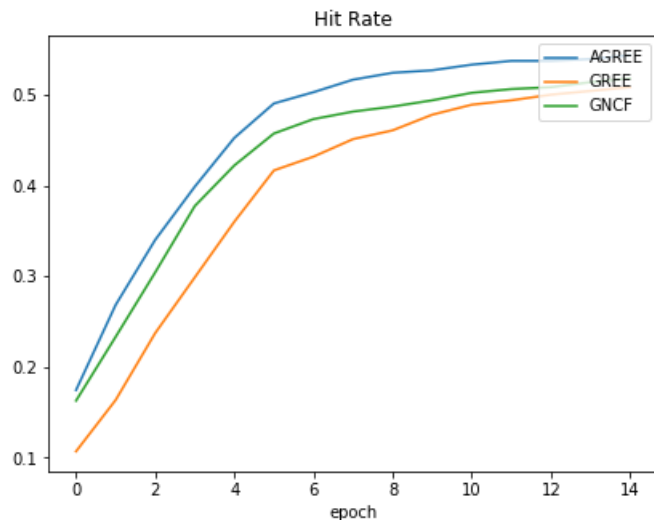
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- Parameter Test

Effectiveness of Attention

To examine the effectiveness of Attention mechanism, we compared our implemented model with:

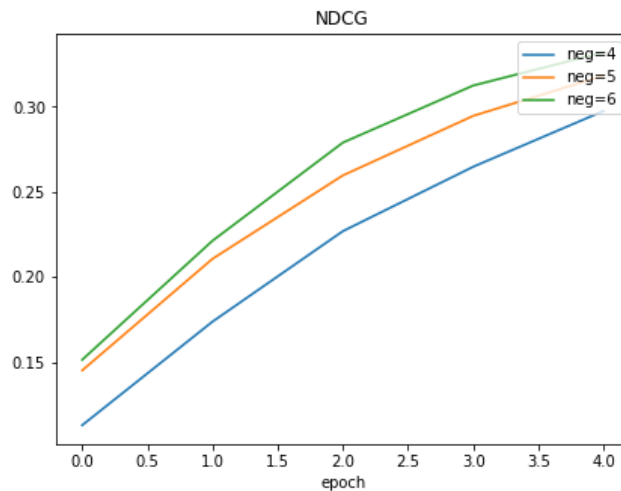
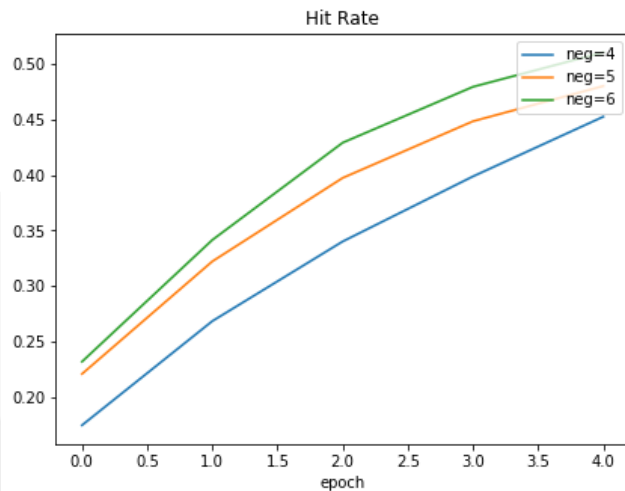
- **GREE** – AGREE model without attention (average member aggregation)
- **Group NCF** – Take member aggregation away, treats group as a virtual individual

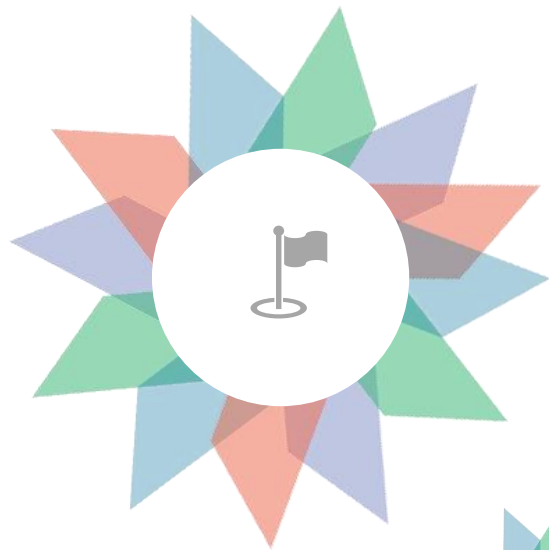


Parameter Test

To investigate the number of sampled negative instances for each observed interaction:

- For each interaction between user(/group) and item, sample 4, 5, 6 negative instances





5. Conclusion

Conclusion



What we might be able to conclude

- Attention mechanism is helpful for aggregated group representation
- The number of negative instance sampling is relevant to accuracy of evaluation

What we can further improve

- Values of Hit Rate@5 and NDCG@5 are not high in CARMa2011 dataset, try on other dataset
- Train model using un-transformed rating values (0-100), instead of [0, 1]
- Alter method of interaction between user & item in Attention network, use product-based ways instead



Thank you

Any Question?