Movie Recommender App

Built upon Deep Neural Network & Flask
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Why Movie Recommender?

Increasing & competitive online entertainment market



Enable highly personalized marketing



Better engage customers



Drive sales



Data Source & Properties

- ★ Amazon Movies/TV reviews from <u>UCSD</u>
- ★ Json.gz files with 19 years data (8,765,568 reviews)
- ★ Subsample to 2018 ratings/reviews
 - reduce computational cost
- ★ Scrape review webpage link for each movie using BeautifulSoup
- ★ Drop unrelated variables to reduce the data size

Data Exploration



N = 209,060



N = 38,864

Mean: 17.2

Max: 959

25%: with 1 review



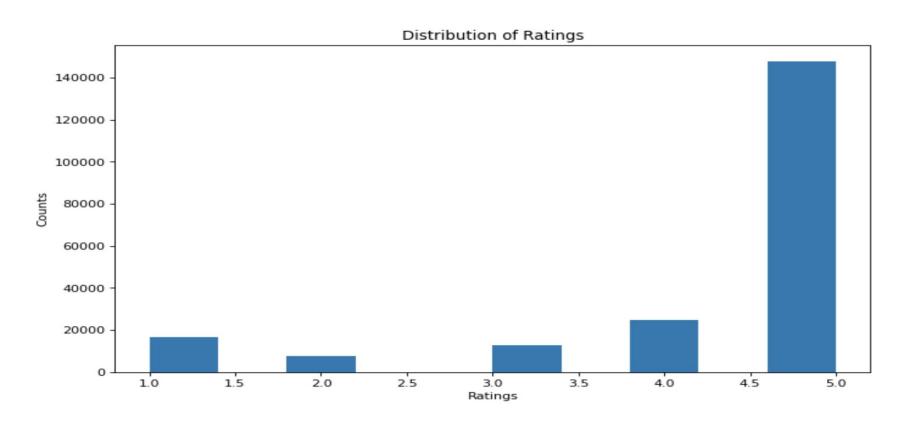
N=119,945

Mean: 1.74

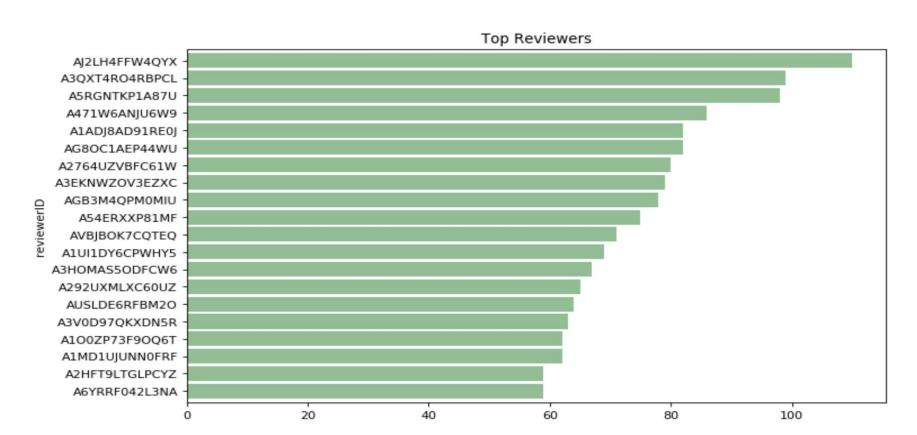
Max: 110

50%: with 1 review

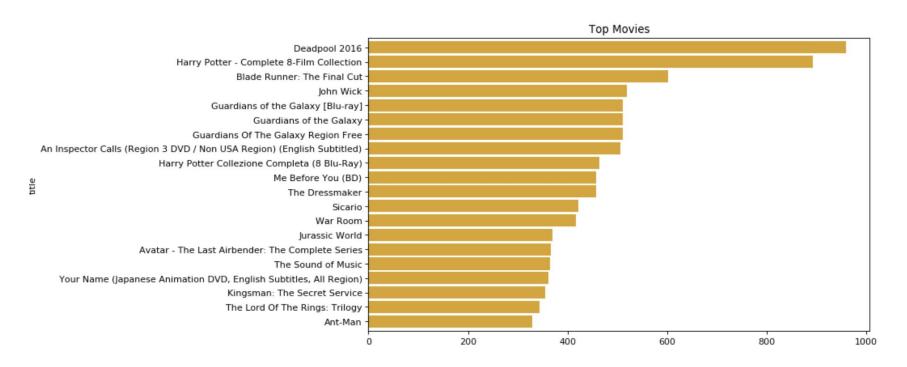
Data Exploration - Ratings Distribution



Data Exploration - Top Reviewers by Count of Reviews



Data Exploration -Top Movies by Count of Reviews



Collaborative Filtering Using Neural Networks

★ Collaborative filtering

- o based on users' rates
- recommend user A movies that users similar to A have watched & like

★ Keras embedding:

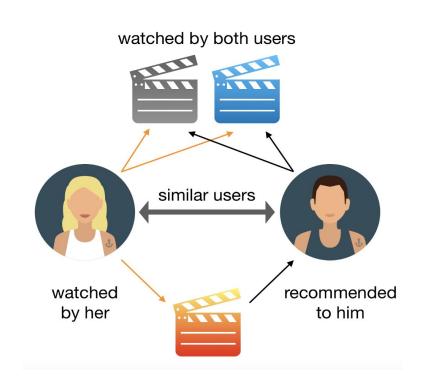
- o split one matrix into two smaller matrix
 - \blacksquare high dimension \Longrightarrow low dimensions

★ Neural networks:

 efficiently learn the underlying explanatory factors and useful representations

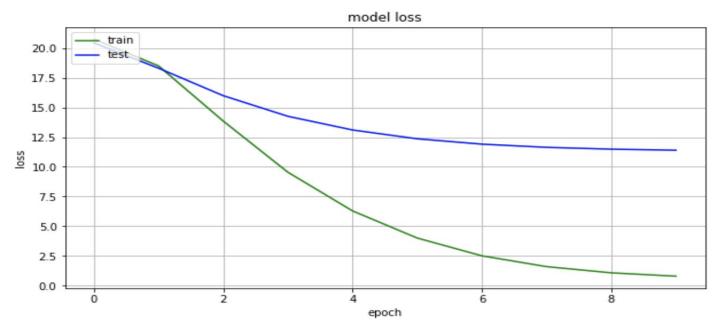
★ Evaluation metrics:

Mean Absolute Error (MAE)



Base Model (input ⇒ output)

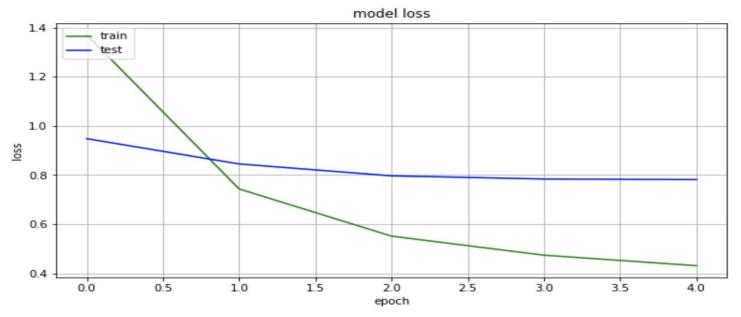
$$\bigstar$$
 MAE = 2.4



Loss function: Mean squared error

Final Model (input ⇒ hidden layers/dropout ⇒ output)

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 MAE = 0.43



Loss function: Mean squared error

Cross Validation on Final Model

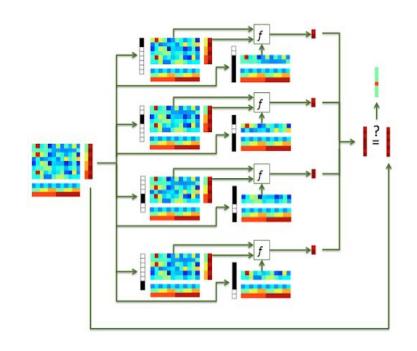
Metrics: Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

StratifiedKFold, n_splits=5

- ★ Split 1: 0.41
- ★ Split 2: 0.40
- ★ Split 3: 0.38
- ★ Split 4: 0.37
- ★ Split 5: 0.38

Average of MAE: 0.39

Standard Deviation of MAE: 0.0124



Make Recommendation







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- 1. Cluster users & weight on rates
- 2. Build a recommendation system based on sentiment analysis on review texts
- 3. Compare two models & the combination of the two
- 4. Visualize keras embedding
- 5. Improve deployment
- 6. Build a new environment