

Recipes of AFA

Abstract

The goal of this project is to build a content-based recommender system using NLP. The recipes of AFA is a recommendation system with content-based filtering methods to generate recipes that have something in common in terms of the ingredients.

Dataset

The dataset contains around 40,000 recipes scrapped from [Allrecpies.com](https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/allrecipies/allrecipies) (Kaggle). Each recipe entry contains a recipe title, a list of ingredients and measurements, instructions for preparation and a picture of the final result.

Algorithms

- 1- Data Preprocessing: Various preprocessing steps were used such as: tokenization, removing punctuation marks and digits and removing stop words that were created based on the proposed model.
- 2 - Vectorization : Count vectorizer and TF-IDF vectorizer
- 3 - Matrix factorization: LSA and NMF
- 4 - Cosine similarity.

Model Evaluation and Selection

The TF-IDF vectorized data with LSA gives better recommendations.

Tools

- 1- Numpy and Pandas for data manipulation
- 2- Scikit-learn for modeling
- 3- Matplotlib and Seaborn for plotting
- 4- NLTK and Gensim for topic modeling

Communication

A word cloud of ingredients for a recipe. The words are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with 'lemon' and 'egg' being the largest and most central. Other prominent words include 'onion', 'vinegar', 'pepper', 'salt', 'sugar', 'garlic', 'paprika', 'flour', 'milk', 'bread', 'mozzarella', 'cheddar', 'parmesan', 'jar', 'olive oil', 'sesame', 'soy', 'soda', 'pasta', 'wine', 'bell', 'cayenne', 'vanilla', 'seeded', 'spinach', 'walnuts', 'cinnamon', and 'basil'. The words are in various colors including green, blue, yellow, and purple.

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