

Twitter Recommendation Systems

Collaborative filtering

Explanations:

Collaborative filtering is a technique that can filter out items that a user might like on the basis of reactions by similar users. It works by searching a large group of people and finding a smaller set of users with tastes similar to a particular user. It looks at the items they like and combines them to create a ranked list of suggestions.

A twitter recommendation system can use collaborative filtering to recommend tweets, users, or hashtags to a user based on their previous interactions (such as likes, retweets, follows, etc.) and the interactions of other similar users. For example, if a user A likes tweets from user B and user C, and user B also likes tweets from user D, then the system can recommend user D to user A.

There are two main types of collaborative filtering algorithms: memory-based and model-based:

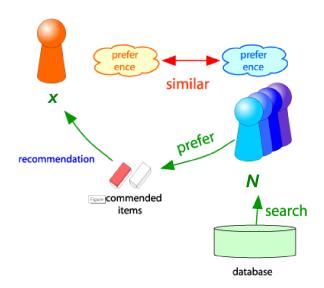
- 1. **Memory-based**: Memory-based algorithms use the entire feedback matrix to find similarities between users or items and make predictions based on the ratings of the most similar ones.
- 2. **Model-based**: Model-based algorithms use the feedback matrix to learn a lower-dimensional representation of users and items, called embeddings, and make predictions based on the embeddings.

Comparison:

- Memory-based algorithms can be further divided into user-based and item-based collaborative filtering. User-based collaborative filtering finds users who are similar to the target user and recommends items that they have rated highly. Item-based collaborative filtering finds items that are similar to the items that the target user has rated highly and recommends them.
- Model-based algorithms can use various techniques to learn the embeddings, such as matrix factorization, neural networks, or clustering. Matrix factorization is one of the most popular methods, as it can capture the latent factors that influence the user preferences and item characteristics. For example, a matrix factorization model can learn that some users prefer comedy movies and some movies are more comedic than others, and use these factors to make recommendations.

One of the challenges of collaborative filtering is dealing with sparse and imbalanced data. Since most users only interact with a small fraction of items, the feedback matrix is mostly empty and it is hard to find similar users or items. Moreover, some items or users may have much more interactions than others, which can bias the recommendations. To overcome these issues, some techniques that can be used are:

- Data augmentation: adding more data from other sources, such as user profiles, item descriptions, or social networks, to enrich the feedback matrix and provide more information for the algorithms.
- Data normalization: applying some transformations to the feedback matrix, such as mean-centering, standardization, or binarization, to reduce the impact of outliers and different rating scales.
- Data sampling: selecting a subset of the feedback matrix, such as the most recent or the most relevant interactions, to reduce the sparsity and noise of the data.
- Hybrid methods: combining collaborative filtering with other techniques, such as content-based filtering or demographic filtering, to leverage the strengths of different approaches and provide more diverse and accurate recommendations.



Content-based Recommendation

Explanations:

Content-based recommendation is a technique that can recommend items to a user based on the content or features of the items and the user's preferences or profile. It works by analyzing the textual or visual content of the items, such as tweets, hashtags, images, or videos, and extracting relevant keywords, topics, or concepts. It also analyzes the user's profile, such as their bio, tweets, likes, or follows, and infers their interests or preferences. It then matches the items that are most similar or relevant to the user's profile and recommends them to the user.

A twitter recommendation system can use content-based recommendation to recommend tweets, users, or hashtags to a user based on their content. For example, if a user likes tweets about sports, the system can recommend tweets that contain sports-related keywords, hashtags, or images. Similarly, if a user follows users who tweet about politics, the system can recommend users who have similar political views or opinions.

There are two main steps in content-based recommendation algorithms: content analysis and recommendation generation. Content analysis is the process of extracting features or representations from the items and the user profile. Recommendation generation is the process of computing the similarity or relevance between the items and the user profile and ranking the items accordingly.

Content analysis can use various techniques to extract features or representations from the items and the user profile, such as:

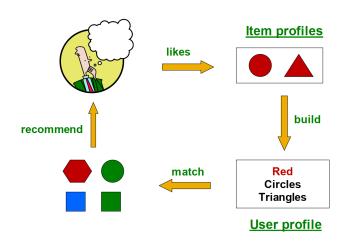
- **Text analysis**: applying natural language processing techniques, such as tokenization, stemming, stopword removal, term frequency-inverse document frequency (TF-IDF), topic modeling, or sentiment analysis, to extract keywords, topics, or sentiments from the text content of the items or the user profile.
- Image analysis: applying computer vision techniques, such as face detection, object recognition, scene classification, or image captioning, to extract entities, attributes, or concepts from the image content of the items or the user profile.
- Video analysis: applying video processing techniques, such as shot segmentation, keyframe extraction, video summarization, or video captioning, to extract features or representations from the video content of the items or the user profile.

Recommendation generation can use various techniques to compute the similarity or relevance between the items and the user profile, such as:

- Cosine similarity: measuring the angle between the feature vectors of the items and the user profile and selecting the items that have the smallest angle or the highest cosine value.
- Euclidean distance: measuring the distance between the feature vectors of the items and the user profile and selecting the items that have the smallest distance or the lowest euclidean value.

- Jaccard similarity: measuring the overlap between the feature sets of the items and the user profile and selecting the items that have the largest overlap or the highest jaccard value.
- Pearson correlation: measuring the linear relationship between the feature vectors of the items and the user profile and selecting the items that have the strongest positive or negative correlation or the highest pearson value.

One of the challenges of content-based recommendation is dealing with limited or noisy data. Since the recommendations are based on the content of the items and the user profile, the quality and quantity of the data can affect the accuracy and diversity of the recommendations. To overcome these issues, some techniques that can be used are like the collaborative's ones. So, I don't refer them again.



Other Types of Recommendation Systems

Explanations:

Besides collaborative filtering and content-based recommendation, there are other types of recommendation systems that can be used for twitter. Some of them are:

- **Demographic filtering**: This type of recommendation system uses the demographic information of the users, such as age, gender, location, language, etc., to segment them into different groups and recommend items that are popular or relevant for each group.
- Social filtering: This type of recommendation system uses the social network of the users, such as their friends, followers, or influencers, to recommend items that are endorsed or shared by their connections.
- Context-aware filtering: This type of recommendation system uses the contextual information of the users, such as their location, time, device, mood, etc., to recommend items that are suitable or personalized for each situation.
- **Knowledge-based filtering**: This type of recommendation system uses the domain knowledge of the items, such as their features, attributes, or categories, to recommend items that match the user's needs or preferences.
- Alternating Least Squares (ALS): This type of recommendation system works by alternating between optimizing two matrices, X and Y, that approximate the ratings matrix R, such that $XY^T = R$. It tries to find the matrices X and Y that have low rank and minimize the error between the observed and predicted ratings.

These types of recommendation systems can be combined with each other or with collaborative filtering or content-based recommendation to create hybrid systems that can improve the accuracy, diversity, and coverage of the recommendations.

My Approach:

Chosen Algorithm

Explanations:

In our case, with the second version of twitter data, according to the content of the dataset, I chose **Memory-based Collaborative filtering** as the best of approaches explained above and in the slides. Also, to overcome its challenges that were explained, I used Pearson Correlation to find similar users, which is considered a kind of normalization for data. On the other hand, the data is crawled in a user-tracker way, which makes it more probable to find similar users and items based on collaborative filtering.

More Explanations

Explanations:

The collaborative filtering algorithm presented in my provided code aims to deliver personalized tweet recommendations for a target user within a large dataset. The algorithm processes a vast collection of tweets, filtering out irrelevant ones and extracting essential information such as user IDs, tweet types, and tweet IDs. Ratings are assigned to each tweet based on its type: 1 for replies, 2 for retweets, and 3 for quoted tweets. I substantiated these ratings by surveying a few people who used Twitter a lot. that a person's reply to a tweet shows the importance and interest of that person in that tweet. But if he retweets it, it means that it is more attractive and important to him, and if he quotes it, it means that the tweet is the most important and attractive for the person, and it should have more weight than others for recommending tweets to the person.

Subsequently, the algorithm constructs a user-tweet matrix, where each user is associated with a dictionary containing tweet IDs and their corresponding ratings. This matrix serves as the foundation for computing Pearson correlation coefficients between users. The correlation coefficients quantify the similarity between users based on their shared ratings for common tweets.

To identify similar users for a given target user, the algorithm calculates Pearson correlation coefficients with all other users and selects the top N similar users. Leveraging these similarities, the algorithm predicts missing ratings for the tweets that the target user has not rated. This prediction process is grounded in the ratings and similarities obtained from similar users.

The final step involves recommending the top tweets to the target user based on the predicted ratings. The algorithm outputs a list of these top recommended tweets, sorted by their predicted ratings in descending order. The result is a personalized recommendation list that reflects the target user's preferences, derived collaboratively from the behavior of similar users in the dataset.

Section 1: Preprocessing and Exploring data

```
ltweets_rdd = sc.textFile("twitter_data_v2.jsonl")
 3import json
 5 def create_tree(tweet_data):
6 tree = {}
            # Extracting top-level fields
            # Extracting top-level fields
tree["id"] = tweet_data["id"]
tree["user"] = {
    "id": tweet_data["user"]["id"],
    "screen_name": tweet_data["user"]["screen_name"],
    "name": tweet_data["user"]["name"],
    "description": tweet_data["user"]["description"]
            Tree["tweet_type"] = tweet_data["tweet_type"]
tree["in_reply_to_status_id_str"] = tweet_data["in_reply_to_status_id_str"]
tree["in_reply_to_user_id_str"] = tweet_data["in_reply_to_user_id_str"]
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            # Quoted status
            quoted_status = tweet_data.get("quoted_status")
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  tree["quoted_status"] = {
    "id": quoted_status["id"],
            # Retweeted status
            retweeted_status = tweet_data.get("retweeted_status")
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             if retweeted_status:
                     tree ["retweeted_status"] = {
    "id": retweeted_status["id"]
                            "created_at": retweeted_status["created_at"],
"user": {
    "id": retweeted_status["user"]["id"],
                                      "screen_name": retweeted_status["user"]["screen_name"],
"name": retweeted_status["user"]["name"],
"description": retweeted_status["user"]["description"]
                    }
            return tree
43# Example for retweeted data
44sample_data = json.loads(tweets_rdd.take(10)[0])
45tweet_tree = create_tree(sample_data)
46print(json.dumps(tweet_tree, indent=2, ensure_ascii=False))
```

Explanations:

Here, in this code, I Preprocessed the data to filter the relevant parts of data which was indicated in the explanations of assignment, and showed that in a hierarchical or tree like shape. That was done for all the 4 types of tweet to get more familiar with them and know how to determine ratings of each user for an specific tweet. Here, is a sample output of that, for each type:

Retweeted Tweets

```
"id": "1736536753815834746",
"user": {
  "id": "2808957837",
  "screen_name": "maryaa_maryam",
  "name": "maryam jafari",
  "description":
"tweet_type": "retweeted",
"in_reply_to_status_id_str": null,
"in_reply_to_user_id_str": null,
"retweeted_status": {
  "id": "1736379038376120479",
  "created_at": 1702819997,
  "user": {
    "id": "2960042892",
    "screen_name": "Ivar_lathbrug2",
    "description": "جاویدشاه# @PhoenixprjIran باورمند به نظام پادشاهی مشروطه بًا" "@PhoenixprjIran
                                                                                                         https://t.co/kjMxf53cIQ'
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Replied Tweets

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{
"id": "1736536759964512322",
"user": {
   "id": "1406742149048287242",
   "screen_name": "sun_saeid",
   "name": "(حنى ناصه (نلك) "
   "description": "نو ناصه (نلكي بكيم ولي واقعيتشو" "
},
   "tweet_type": "replied",
   "in_reply_to_status_id_str": "1736356968162378084",
   "in_reply_to_user_id_str": "1643210821068046338"
```

Generated Tweets

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{
    "id": "1736536756835512564",
    "user": {
        "id": "22495731",
        "screen_name": "AlArabiya_Fa",
        "name": "العربيه فارسى" به عنوان بخشى از شبكه «العربيه» در سال 2008 راه اندازى شد» "(ماندازى شد» العربيه فارسى" به عنوان بخشى از شبكه «العربيه» در سال 2008 راه اندازى شد» "(neditor.farsi@alarabiya.net\nhttp
},
    "tweet_type": "generated",
    "in_reply_to_status_id_str": null,
    "in_reply_to_user_id_str": null
}
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Quoted Tweets

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"id": "1736536759943450888",
             "user": {
                    "id": "1655373597001523200",
                    "screen_name": "ScarFace2582",
                    "name": "SCARFACE \( \text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tin}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\te}\tint{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tin}\tint{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\tint{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tex{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texi}\text{\texict{\text{\texi}\tint{\texit{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texit{\text{\text{\tet
                    "description": "۞\n#اينده_ايران #جاويدشاه #n۞" ايران_معبد_ماست #ياينده|يران #جاويدشاه #n۞"
              "tweet_type": "quoted",
             "in_reply_to_status_id_str": null,
              "in_reply_to_user_id_str": null,
             "quoted_status": {
    "id": "1736113075911077948"
               "retweeted_status": {
                    "id": "1736536140063109215",
                     "created_at": 1702857453,
                    "user": {
    "id": "893757772025798656",
                             "description": "Human rights activist, 🌈 LGBTQ 🏲, animal lover 🦮 🐀 🔣 , Atheist, 💂 = 🤊 💼 = 🖺 = 🜒 💼 #MahsaAmini, My inner child: @bri30s"
}
```

Section 2: Determining Users' Rating for Tweets

```
import json
3tweets_rdd = sc.textFile("twitter_data_v2.jsonl")
 5# Parse JSON strings to Python dictionaries
7 del tweets_rdd
 9# Filter out generated tweets
10relevant_tweets = tweets_json.filter(lambda x: x['tweet_type'] in ["retweeted", "replied", "quoted"])
13# Extract tweet rates for each user
     extract_tweet_rates(tweet):
user_id = tweet.get("user",
                                   , {}).get("id", None)
      tweet_type = tweet.get("tweet_type", None)
if tweet_type == 'replied':
           in_reply_to_status_id_str = tweet.get("in_reply_to_status_id_str", None)
return (user_id, in_reply_to_status_id_str, 1)
tweet_type == 'retweeted':
      elif tweet_type == 'retweeted':
    retweeted_tweet_id = tweet.get("retweeted_status", {}).get("id", None)
          return (user_id , retweeted_tweet_id , 2)
          27user_rating = relevant_tweets.map(extract_tweet_rates)
29 user_rating.take(8)
```

Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation of what I did in the code:

- Parse Twitter Data:
 - I parsed the JSON strings to Python dictionaries using map(json.loads).
- Filter Out Generated Tweets:
 - I filtered out tweets based on their types, keeping only "retweeted," "replied," and "quoted" tweets and filtering "Generated" ones, because we can't extract any rating from them.
- Extract Tweet Rates for Each User:
 - I defined a function extract_tweet_rates that extracts relevant information such as user ID, tweet type, and associated tweet ID.
 - Then, mapped each tweet in relevant_tweets using the extract_tweet_rates function.
 - The resulting RDD contains tuples with user ID, tweet ID, and a the rate of the user to the tweet (1 for replied, 2 for retweeted, 3 for quoted).

Here, is some samples of user_rating which expectedly, has the form of (user ID, tweet ID, rate):

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[('2808957837', '1736379038376120479', 2),

('165605880', '1736495024190136471', 2),

('1406742149048287242', '1736356968162378084', 1),

('1726367085377544192', '1736236576517054856', 2),

('1254572621208920064', '1736509619457974401', 2),

('1655373597001523200', '1736113075911077948', 3),

('1537114095090016257', '1736471343267234237', 2),

('716909714643283968', '1736444294041620617', 3)]
```

Section 3: Creating User Tweet Matrix

Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation of what I did in the code:

• Create Matrix of Users-Tweets and Ratings:

- I defined a function create_matrix that transforms the RDD user_rating into a matrix-like structure.
- Used map to transform each tuple in user_rating into a key-value pair with the user ID as the key and a list of tuples (tweet ID, rating) as the value.
- Applied reduceByKey to group the lists of tuples by user ID.
- Used map again to convert each user's list of tuples into a dictionary, where tweet IDs are keys and ratings are values.
- The resulting user_tweet_matrix RDD contains tuples with user ID and a dictionary of associated tweet IDs and ratings.

Here, is one shot of some samples of user_tweet_matrix which expectedly, has the form of (user ID, {tweet ID 1: rate 1, tweet ID 2: rate 2, ...}): (complete output can be seen in the Jupyter Notebook)

```
[('1573728368851296261',
  { '1736507311852519557 ': 1
   1736113075911077948': 3,
   '1736370199815680482': 2,
   '1736382032760963570': 2,
   '1736459949956362310': 1,
   '1736515482469966144': 1,
   '1736178656278389027': 1,
   '1734522655452041420': 2,
   '1736096711972475174': 1,
   '1736015535807050185': 2,
   17344205606446165431: 2,
   '1736329393696284675': 1,
   '1734508776776949774': 2,
   '1736635791168991344': 2,
   '1734646567855063280': 2,
   '1735866847873106173': 1,
   '1734098972934021140': 1,
   '1734181647522603254': 2,
   '1734967652248895738': 2,
   '1734109226199593049': 1,
   '1736510537033277547': 2,
   '1734673975391719496': 1.
   '1734665832343425153': 1,
   '1734620386929647834': 1,
   '1734577106175091029': 2,
   '1734278587036115269': 1,
   '1736612534973600118': 1,
   '1736722921052135478': 1,
   '1736654857388310812': 1,
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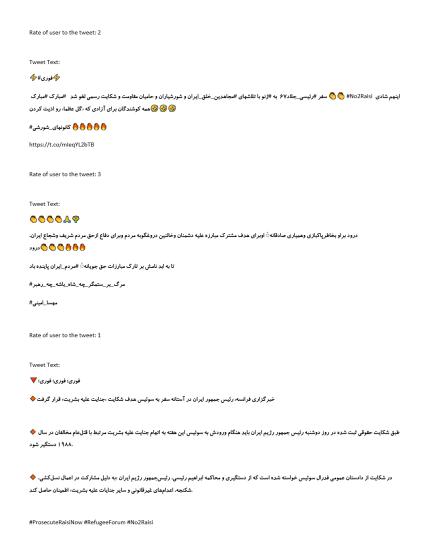
Section 4: Choosing One target User And Showing his Rated Tweets

Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation of what I did in the code:

- Choose a Target User:
 - I specified a random target user ID for whom tweet suggestions will be generated.
- Determine Ratings of the Target User:
 - I used lookup on user_tweet_matrix to retrieve the ratings (a dictionary of tweet IDs and ratings) of the target user.
 - Assigned the result to target_user_ratings.
- Create List of Rated Tweets for the Target User:
 - I filtered tweets_json to keep only those tweets with IDs found in the target user's ratings.
 - Used map to create a list of tuples containing tweet ID and tweet text for each rated tweet.
 - Assigned the result to user_rated_tweets.

Here, is one shot of some samples of the target user's favorite tweets: (complete output can be seen in the Jupyter Notebook)



Explanations:

As you can see, the user mostly likes the political tweets and has a specific politic side which can be seen from his attractive tweets. Keep that in mind, to consist the recommended tweets with these and see the similarity.

Section 5: Finding Similar Users

```
1from prettytable import PrettyTable
  3# Function to calculate Pearson correlation coefficient
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def pearson_corr(userl_ratings, user2_ratings):

common_tweets = set(userl_ratings.keys()) & set(user2_ratings.keys())
          if not common_tweets:
                return 0.0
          \begin{array}{l} sum\_xy = sum(user1\_ratings[tweet] * user2\_ratings[tweet] & for tweet in common\_tweets) \\ sum\_x = sum(user1\_ratings[tweet] & for tweet in common\_tweets) \\ sum\_y = sum(user2\_ratings[tweet] & for tweet in common\_tweets) \\ \end{array} 
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         n = len(common_tweets)
          \begin{array}{l} numerator = sum\_xy - (sum\_x * sum\_y / n) \\ denominator = ((sum\_x\_squared - (sum\_x ** 2 / n)) * (sum\_y\_squared - (sum\_y ** 2 / n))) ** 0.5 \\ \end{array} 
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         if denominator == 0:
         return numerator / denominator
26# Function to find similar users based on Pearson correlation
26# Function to find similar users based on rearson correlation
27def find_similar_users(user_id, user_tweet_matrix, NumSim):
28 target_user_ratings = user_tweet_matrix.lookup(user_id)[0]
29 similarities = user_tweet_matrix.filter(lambda x: x[0] != user_id) \
30 .map(lambda x: (x[0], pearson_corr(target_user_ratings, x[1])))
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33
         \# Get top k similar users similar_users = similarities.takeOrdered(NumSim, key=lambda x: -x[1])
         return similar_users
37# The target user
38target_user_id = '165605880'
40# Number of top similar users which we're gonna find
41 Number Of Similar Usrs = 50
44similar_users = find_similar_users(target_user_id, user_tweet_matrix, NumberOfSimilarUsrs)
46table = PrettyTable()
47table.field_names = ["User ID", "Similarity"]
49 for user, similarity in similar_users:
50 table.add_row([user, similarity])
52 print (table)
```

Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation of what I did in the code:

• Pearson Correlation Coefficient Calculation:

- I defined the pearson_corr function to calculate the Pearson correlation coefficient between two
 users based on their tweet ratings.
- Used common tweets for the calculation and handle cases where the denominator is zero.

• Find Similar Users Function:

- I defined the find_similar_users function to find similar users to a target user based on Pearson correlation.
- Looked up the target user's ratings from user_tweet_matrix.
- Calculated Pearson correlation with other users and get the top NumSim similar users.

• Find Similar Users:

- I used find_similar_users to get a list of similar users.
- Created a PrettyTable and populate it with the user IDs and their similarities.
- Finally, printed the resulting table.

Here, is 50 top similar users to the target user:

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User ID	Similarity						
853963316393365505	1.0						
1286033063173070851	1.0						
2682190189	1.0						
1412491972934356996	1.0						
1679386714480029697	1.0						
75820019	1.0						
858296771390341120	1.0						
963777541910577152	1.0						
4447515796	1.0						
947162985549778945	1.0						
1473130308992180227	1.0						
1512665397262172167	1.0						
1311708366805389315	1.0						
1458078338954715139	1.0						
1602640571708973057	1.0						
1641243072	1.0						
2250579744	1.0						
294130276	1.0						
1339649759490039809	1.0						
1300131772995428353	1.0						
954397929304940545	1.0						
58928664	1.0						
1639610718470250499	1.0						
1419469343864262656	1.0						
1679783968730669063	1.0						
1451181068665688065	1.0						
1305073694591668225	1.0						
1114120870350532609	1.0						
1018794145081643008	1.0						
1002822113131147264	1.0						
2737213728	1.0						
174626255	1.0						
1060464437402976256	0.99999999999999						
783684907168063488	0.8728715609439704						
980411097835597824	0.8703882797784892						
2647585690	0.867721831274627						
1659951604894662658	0.866025403784439						
1407716627018309636	0.822709404229274						
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292418900	0.75000000000000013						
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Explanations:

As you can see, the results seem logical. Note that because of the data being crawled user-tracked, as I said before, there must be high similarity (like 1 which is caused by the same reaction of users to highly viral tweets) between users in this dataset.

Section 6: Recommend Tweets to target user based on his Similar User Preferences

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1# Function to predict missing ratings for a given user
2def predict_ratings(user_id, user_tweet_matrix, similar_users):
3    target_user_ratings = user_tweet_matrix.lookup(user_id)
         if \ not \ target\_user\_ratings:
        target\_user\_ratings = target\_user\_ratings \, [\, 0\, ]
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        \# Extract tweet IDs rated by similar users similar_users_ids = [similar_user for similar_user, _ in similar_users] similar_users_ids.append(user_id)
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           Filter the original RDD to get only the rows corresponding to similar users
         "similar_tweet_matrix = user_tweet_matrix.filter(lambda x: x[0] in similar_users_ids).collect()
        # Create a dictionary for quick access to ratings of similar users similar_users_ratings_dict = dict(similar_tweet_matrix)
        # Find the set of all tweet IDs rated by similar users
         similar_users_tweets = set()
for similar_user_id in similar_users_ids:
               if similar_users_id in similar_users_ratings_dict:
    similar_users_tweets.update(similar_users_ratings_dict[similar_user_id].keys())
        # Remove the tweets that the target user has already rated
         similar_users_tweets -= set(target_user_ratings.keys())
         predicted_ratings = {}
         for tweet_id in similar_users_tweets:
    numerator = 0.0
               denominator = 0.0
               for similar_user_id , similarity in similar_users:
                     if tweet_id in similar_users_ratings_dict.get(similar_user_id, {}):
    numerator += similarity * similar_users_ratings_dict[similar_user_id][tweet_id]
    denominator += abs(similarity)
               if denominator != 0:
               predicted_ratings[tweet_id] = numerator / denominator
else:
                     {\tt predicted\_ratings} \, [\, {\tt tweet\_id} \, ] \,\, = \,\, {\tt None}
         return predicted ratings
48predicted_ratings = predict_ratings(target_user_id, user_tweet_matrix, similar_users)
50# Print the top recommended tweets based on predicted ratings
51top_recommended_tweets = sorted(predicted_ratings.items(), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
53table = PrettyTable()
54table.field_names = ["Tweet ID", "Predicted Rating"]
56 top\_recom\_ids = []
58 for tweet_id, rating in top_recommended_tweets: 59 if i in range(1,15) or i in range(115, 130)
              i in range(1,15) or i in range(115, 130) or i in range(1822, 1852): top_recom_ids.append(tweet_id)
         table.add_row([tweet_id, rating])
64 print (table)
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Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation of what I did in the code:

• Predict Missing Ratings Function:

- I defined the predict_ratings function to predict missing ratings for a given user.
- Extracted the target user's ratings from user_tweet_matrix.
- Filtered the original matrix to get only similar users' ratings.
- For each tweet not rated by the target user, calculated the predicted rating based on the ratings of similar users by this formula which was in the slides:

$$r_{xi} = \frac{\sum_{y \in N} s_{xy}.r_{yi}}{\sum_{y \in N} s_{xy}}$$

in which, r_{xi} denotes the prediction for tweet i of user x, and s_{xy} denotes Pearson correlation coefficient between user x and y, and N is the set of k users most similar to x who have rated tweet i.

- Created a dictionary of predicted ratings.

• Predict Ratings for the Target User:

- I used predict_ratings to get a dictionary of predicted ratings for the target user.

• Print Top Recommended Tweets:

- I sorted the predicted ratings and print the top recommended tweets based on their predicted ratings.

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- Finally, displayed some tweets with different predicted ratings.

Here, is 3 shots of recommended tweets to user with the score of recommendation (actually, predicted rate of user to tweets): (complete output can be seen in the Jupyter Notebook)

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+	++	1734348785839743256	2.99999999999999	1734334090478821670	2.0	
1734922650844020829	3.00000000000000004	1733787130013315490	2.7471261558275604	1735399380113571924	2.0	
1735317486080315505	3.00000000000000004	1736040899426099292	2.6642282941432502	1735783289833521176	2.0	
1734548053062045939	3.00000000000000004	1735774068882751891	2.5729490168751576	1736305584708755546	1.857142857142858	
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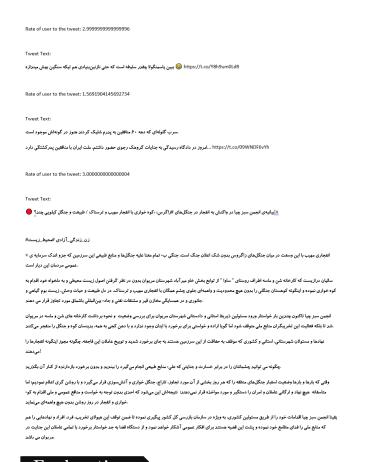
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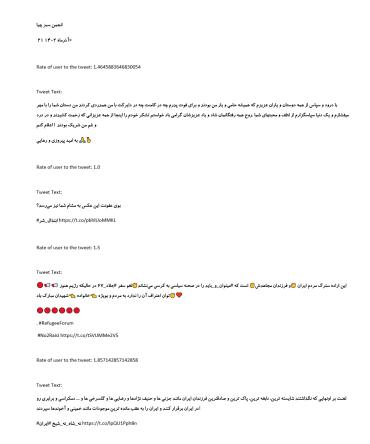
Explanations:

Here is a brief explanation of what I did in the code:

- Create List of Recommended Tweets:
 - I used the filter function to create a list of recommended tweets (user_recommended_tweets) for the target user based on the top recommended tweet IDs.
 - Mapped each recommended tweet to a tuple containing the tweet ID and text.
- Show Recommended Tweets:
 - Displayed the recommended tweets and their corresponding recommendation scores (prediction rates) using the top_recommended_tweets dictionary.

Here, is one shot of recommended tweets' text with their respective score of recommendation (actually, predicted rate of user to tweets): (complete output can be seen in the Jupyter Notebook)





Explanations:

Obviously, all the results are consistent with the taste of the user, and the ratings are also true. Because, the more rate the recommended tweet has, the more it is closer to the specific politic side of the user and more

important in mind of user(according to his favorite ones shown earlier). Therefore, looking at recommended tweets meticulously, we can conclude the recommender system has a high accuracy and low bias and variance. Or in other words, low false Negatives and false positives.

Is the Algorithm Online or Offline?

Explanations:

The proposed collaborative filtering algorithm is a completely **online** model. Because, if you add a user, whenever he replies, retweets, or quotes a tweet, we can find easily the tweets which he had engagement to, and then add the column of the given user (and if some of the tweets which the user had rated, didn't exist, add the row of the tweet), to the user rating matrix (RDD), with the corresponding ratings in the entries. This way, we are done!

So, the model doesn't need to be determined from the scratch; And using some little processes, we can reach the desired result and find similar users or items easily though.