

## 1. Data Preparation

- **Load Datasets:**
  - `books.csv`: Contains book information such as book ID, title, author, genre, etc.
  - `users.csv`: Contains user information such as user ID and location
  - `ratings.csv`: Contains ratings given by users to books, structured as user ID, book ID, and rating.

## 2. Matrix Creation

- **Create User-Book Ratings Matrix:**
  - Construct a matrix  $R$  where rows represent users, columns represent books, and the cells represent ratings. Missing ratings are filled with zeros

## 3. Matrix Factorization

- **Decompose Ratings Matrix:**
  - Use matrix factorization techniques (Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), Alternating Least Squares (ALS)) to decompose matrix  $R$  into two lower-dimensional matrices:
    - User-Latent Factor Matrix  $U$  (dimension: number of users x latent factors)
    - Book-Latent Factor Matrix  $V$  (dimension: number of books x latent factors)
  - $R \approx U \cdot V^T$

## 4. Predicted Ratings

- **Compute Predicted Ratings:**
  - Compute the dot product of  $U$  and  $V^T$  to obtain the predicted ratings matrix  $\hat{R} = U \cdot V^T$

## 5. User Query

- **User A Requests Recommendations:**
  - User A logs into the system and requests book recommendations.

## 6. Generate Recommendations

- **Retrieve Predicted Ratings for User A:**
  - Extract the row corresponding to User A from the predicted ratings matrix  $\hat{R}$ . This row contains the predicted ratings for all books for User A.
- **Filter Out Already Rated Books:**
  - Exclude books that User A has already rated to avoid recommending books they are already familiar with.
- **Sort Books by Predicted Rating:**
  - Sort the remaining books by their predicted ratings in descending order.

## 7. Recommend Top N Books

- **Select Top N Books:**
  - Select the top N books from the sorted list to recommend to User A.

## 8. Display Recommendations

- **Display to User A:**
  - Present the list of top N recommended books to User A, including relevant book information (e.g., title, author, genre).