Introduction to Data Analytics in Marketing Daria Dzyabura

Homework 3 Recommendation System

Please submit your homework through my.nes as a PDF file. It should include your code and result. Please take time to format your homework so it is easy to read. Take care that axes on graphs should be labeled, tables should be formatted so we can understand what they mean (including units), and every result should be explained in words.

Data Description.

<u>AllRecipes.com</u> is a website which allows users to share, search, and save recipes. For each recipe, the site contains a brief recipe description, a list of ingredients, cooking time, cooking directions, nutrition information and reviews (see Figure 1 for an example recipe). For each user, the site displays the user's "recipe box", or recipes he has saved on the site. Our goal is to use these data to estimate these user's preferences and make predictions about what recipes they might like.

We have preprocessed the recipe descriptions of 1000 recipes to extract 1,077 ingredients and 7 cooking methods only. We then used a Lasso regression to do feature selection, to shrink this to 84 features (81 ingredients and 3 cooking methods). The resulting features are contained in the file "fe_recipe_attribute_matrix_file84". The information on which recipes a user saved are contained in the file "fe_user_recipe_matrix". This file contains a user-by-recipe matrix, which has a 1 if the user liked the recipe, and 0 otherwise.

The third file "user_recipe_matrix_train_only" is the same as the "fe_user_recipe_matrix" file, with 10% of the values changed to 2. These correspond two cells that should be used for testing the models, i.e. they should not be used for training.

- 1. Please predict the values in those cells using:
- A. A k-Nearest Neighbors approach, using only the user-recipe matrix (not using the recipe ingredients or cooking methods). Try both user-based and item-based approaches. Please explain in words exactly how you implemented k-NN, including similarity function, neighborhood size, and prediction function.
- B. A logit-based approach, using the recipe attributes. For this approach, please first fit a simple logit model for each individual. What is the problem? Demonstrate with a plot of estimated coefficient for at least one feature. Explain how regularization may solve this problem, and implement a regularized logit. Again, explain specifically what you did (regularization type and parameter).
- 2. For both the above approaches, report model performance on the following metrics: Mean Absolute Error, Root Mean Square Error, and Precision, Recall, and F1 for top-N metrics for several values of N.

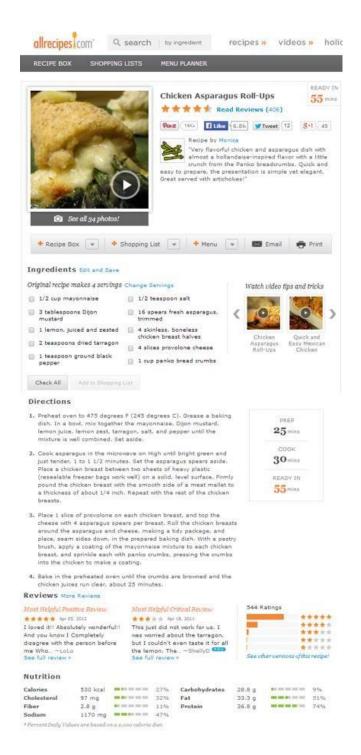


Figure 1: example recipe page.