

# DA-Final-7) Recommender system

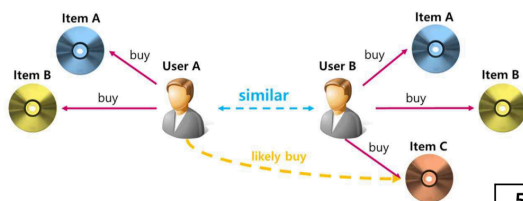
## 1. Recommender system introduction

### 1-1. Recommender system 정의

- Basic idea:
  - if two people A and B are similar to each other and A prefers an item X, then B is also likely to prefer X (need to measure user similarity).
  - if two items X and Y are similar to each other and A prefers an item X, then A is also likely to prefer Y (need to measure item similarity).
- How to measure the similarity?
  - Represent users and items as feature vectors and compute correlation coefficient or cosine similarity between them.
- How to represent users and items as feature vectors?
  - Content-based approach (CB):**
    - Use contents – domain specific, e.g.,
      - Movie domain – actor, genre, director, year, synopsis, etc.
      - Music domain – singer, genre, composer, lyrics.
  - Collaborative filtering (CF):**
    - Rating information – domain independent, e.g.,
      - Users' ratings on items (explicit feedback)
      - Users' purchase records or click records on items (implicit feedback)
- CF has shown commercial success and has been actively researched in the community.
- Recently, hybrid approaches using deep learning technologies has gained popularity, which is beyond the scope of this course.

### 1-2. Collaborative filtering (CF)

- Use the relationship between users and items



- Such relationships are represented as a rating matrix

User	Items			
	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4
User 1	5	?	?	3
User 2	4	?	?	2
User 3	?	1	3	1

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User가 Item에 대한 평점.

## 2. Collaborative filtering approaches

### 2-1. K nearest neighbor

#### 2-1-(1). User-based K nearest neighbor

- User-based nearest neighbor collaborative filtering [Resnick 94]

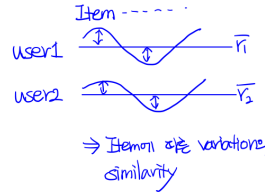
target user  
기타!

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4	Item 5
User A	5	3	4	4	?
User 1	3	1	2	3	3
User 2	4	3	4	3	5
User 3	3	3	1	5	4
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- Pearson correlation between two users:

correlation coefficients

$$\text{sim}(u_1, u_2) = \frac{\sum_{i \in I(1,2)} (r_{1i} - \bar{r}_1)(r_{2i} - \bar{r}_2)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I(1,2)} (r_{1i} - \bar{r}_1)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I(1,2)} (r_{2i} - \bar{r}_2)^2}}$$



- $I(x, y)$ : A set of items, rated by both user  $x$  and user  $y$
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Example:

- $\bar{r}_A = \frac{5+3+4+4}{4} = 4$
- $\bar{r}_1 = \frac{3+1+2+3+3}{5} = 2.4$
- $\bar{r}_2 = \frac{4+3+4+3+5}{5} = 3.8$
- $\bar{r}_3 = \frac{3+3+1+5+3}{5} = 3.2$
- $\bar{r}_4 = \frac{1+5+5+2+1}{5} = 2.8$
- $\text{sim}(u_A, u_1) = \frac{(5-4)(3-2.4) + (3-4)(1-2.4) + \dots}{\sqrt{(5-4)^2 + \dots} \sqrt{(3-2.4)^2 + \dots}} \approx 0.84$
- 1-NN,  $\text{sim}(u_A, u_1) = 0.84$
- 2-NN,  $\text{sim}(u_A, u_2) = 0.42$

cosine similarity X

이항 데이터 item의 rating과 4개의 평점 -> User-Item -> correlation

$$\text{sim}(u_1, u_2) = \frac{\sum_{i \in I(1,2)} (r_{1i} - \bar{r}_1)(r_{2i} - \bar{r}_2)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I(1,2)} (r_{1i} - \bar{r}_1)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I(1,2)} (r_{2i} - \bar{r}_2)^2}}$$

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- 2-NN,  $\text{sim}(u_A, u_2) = 0.42$
- $\hat{r}_{A5} = \bar{r}_A + \frac{0.84 \cdot (3-2.4) + 0.42 \cdot (5-3.8)}{0.84 + 0.42} = 4.88$

2-NN; nearest 2 users의 similarity-weighted mean of target item의 rating을 곱 + target users의 평점 곱

- Final prediction:

$$\hat{r}_{ui} = \bar{r}_u + \frac{\sum_{k \in N} \text{sim}(u, k) \cdot (r_{ki} - \bar{r}_k)}{\sum_{k \in N} \text{sim}(u, k)}$$

- where  $N$  is a k-nearest neighbor set

## 2-1-(2). Item-based K nearest neighbor

- Item-based nearest neighbor collaborative filtering [Sarwar 2001]

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같은 평점을 준 항목 찾기

- Find kNN items that are similar to item 5.
- Cosine similarity  $sn(I_i, I_j) = \frac{I_i \cdot I_j}{|I_i| |I_j|}$
- Prediction: Take the ratings of the most similar items to predict on item 5.

## 2-1-(3). K nearest neighbor의 장단점

- Pros
  - Intuitive
  - No training required
  - Easy to explain to user
- Cons
  - Not scalable nor accurate
  - Especially bad for sparse matrix

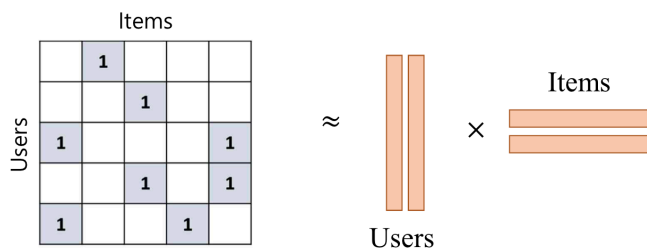
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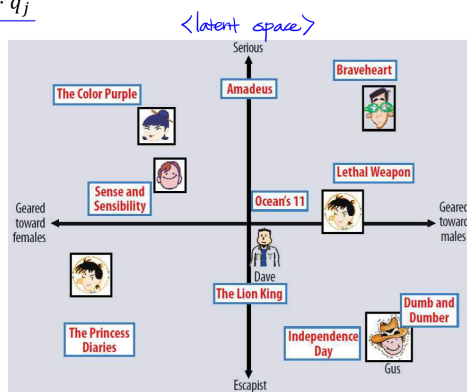
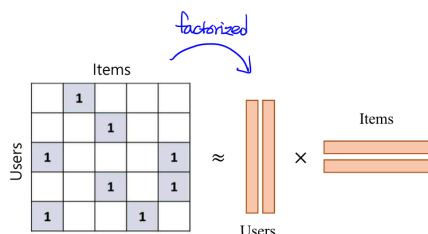
## 2-2. Matrix factorization

### 2-2-(1). Matrix factorization 개요

- MF(matrix factorization) factorizes the rating matrix into user and items matrices which become the latent model that produces the ratings.
- What is latent model?  
(가시적)



- Latent model is a hidden model which well describes phenomena or observations.
- Users and Items can be represented as vectors in the shared latent space
- Rating score is generated by dot product of user latent vector ( $p_i$ ) and item latent vector ( $q_j$ )  
 $\hat{r}_{ij} = p_i \cdot q_j$



### 2-2-(2). Matrix factorization formal description

- Latent model:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Rating matrix} \\ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \text{Avatar} & \text{The Matrix} & \text{Up} \\ \hline \text{Alice} & ? & 4 & 2 \\ \text{Bob} & 3 & 2 & ? \\ \text{Charlie} & 5 & ? & 3 \end{array} \\ \text{Original matrix R} \end{array} \approx \begin{array}{c} \text{User factor} \\ \text{matrix } P^T \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Item factor} \\ \text{matrix } Q \end{array}$$

$$r_{ij} \approx \hat{r}_{ij} = [P^T Q]_{ij}$$

- Goal: Find  $P$  and  $Q$  which minimizes the error (RMSE)

$$\underset{P, Q}{\operatorname{argmin}} RMSE(R, P^T Q)$$

- RMSE:

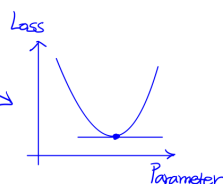
$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} (r_{ij} - \hat{r}_{ij})^2}$$

- Minimizing RMSE is equal to minimizing unnormalized MSE

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} (r_{ij} - \hat{r}_{ij})^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{(i,j) \in R} (r_{ij} - [P^T Q]_{ij})^2$$

- The final objective function

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{P, Q}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} (r_{ij} - [P^T Q]_{ij})^2 \\ & \underset{P, Q}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|R - P^T Q\|_F^2 = \underset{P, Q}{\operatorname{argmin}} \operatorname{Tr}((R - P^T \cdot Q) \cdot (R - P^T \cdot Q)^T) \end{aligned}$$



- 2-norm

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2$$

- Trace

$$\operatorname{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ x_3 & x_4 \end{bmatrix}^T \right) = \operatorname{Tr} \left( \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 + x_2^2 & x_1 x_3 + x_2 x_4 \\ x_3 x_1 + x_4 x_2 & x_3^2 + x_4^2 \end{bmatrix} \right) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2$$

## 2-2-(3). Matrix factorization에서의 Gradient descent

### Gradient Descent (GD)

- First-order optimization algorithm to minimize an objective function:
  - $f(x)$ : objective function to minimize in terms of  $x$
- Start with a random  $x$  and take steps proportional to the negative of the gradient of the function at the current point
  - $x_{n+1} = x_n - \eta \nabla f(x_n)$
  - $\eta$ : step size

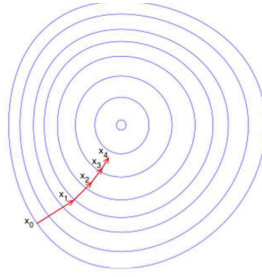


Figure. Illustration of gradient descent

### Objective function for MF

$$\|R - P^T \cdot Q\|_2^2 = \text{Tr}((R - P^T \cdot Q) \cdot (R - P^T \cdot Q)^T)$$

### Derivative rule

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \text{Tr}[(C + AXB)(C + AXB)^T] = 2A^T(C + AXB)B^T$$

### Gradient for the objective function

$$\frac{\partial f(P, Q)}{\partial P} = -2(R - P^T \cdot Q)Q^T$$

$$\frac{\partial f(P, Q)}{\partial Q} = -2P(R - P^T \cdot Q)$$

### Updating rule for gradient descent

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \eta \nabla f(x_n)$$

$$P^T = P^T - \eta \frac{\partial f(P, Q)}{\partial P} = P^T + \eta'(R - P^T \cdot Q)Q^T$$

$$Q = Q - \eta \frac{\partial f(P, Q)}{\partial Q} = Q + \eta'P(R - P^T \cdot Q)$$

### Dimensionality check:

- $R = m \times n$
- $P = k \times m$
- $Q = k \times n$
- $P^T = m \times k$
- $Q^T = n \times k$
- $R - P^T \cdot Q = m \times n$
- $(R - P^T \cdot Q)Q^T = m \times k$
- $P^T(R - P^T \cdot Q) = k \times n$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}((R + (-I)P^TQ) \\ & (R + (-I)P^TQ)^T) \\ & \text{Tr}((R + (-P^T)QI) \\ & (R + (-P^T)QI)^T) \end{aligned}$$

## 2-2-(4). Matrix factorization에서의 Stochastic Gradient descent

	Avatar	The Matrix	Up	
Alice	?	4	2	$\approx$
Bob	3	2	?	
Charlie	5	?	3	

Rating matrix  $R$       User factor matrix  $P^T$       Item factor matrix  $Q$

### Computing the standard GD is expensive.

### SGD is a lightweight algorithm which repeats following procedure.

- Randomly pick a data instance
- Calculate a gradient associated with the instance
- Update the solution by the gradient of the instance

Objective function with the regularizers

$$\min_{P, Q} \sum_{(i, j) \in R} \left\{ (r_{ij} - p_i^T \cdot q_j)^2 + \lambda_p \|p_i\|_2^2 + \lambda_q \|q_j\|_2^2 \right\}$$

loss function      Regularizer       $P, Q$  size constraints!

Gradient

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(r_{ij}, p_i, q_j)}{\partial p_i} &= -2(r_{ij} - p_i^T \cdot q_j)q_j + 2\lambda_p p_i \\ \frac{\partial f(r_{ij}, p_i, q_j)}{\partial q_j} &= -2(r_{ij} - p_i^T \cdot q_j)p_i + 2\lambda_q q_j \end{aligned}$$

Updating rules

$$\begin{aligned} p_i &\leftarrow p_i + \eta'((r_{ij} - p_i^T \cdot q_j) \cdot q_j - \lambda_p \cdot p_i) \\ q_j &\leftarrow q_j + \eta'((r_{ij} - p_i^T \cdot q_j) \cdot p_i - \lambda_q \cdot q_j) \end{aligned}$$

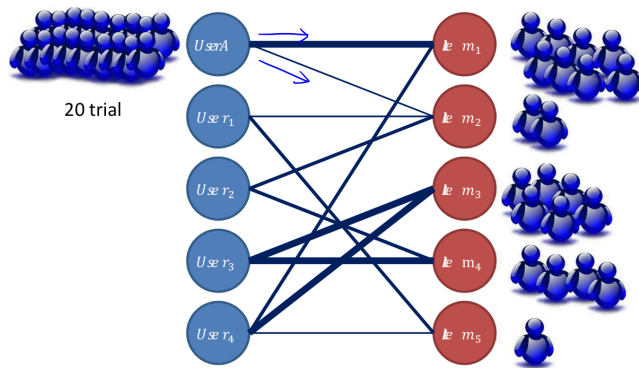
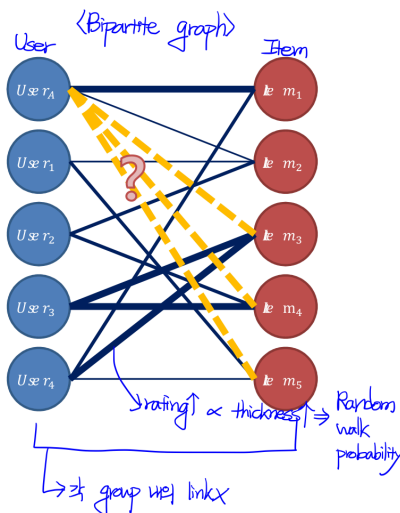
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## 2-3. Random walk on graph

Rating matrix

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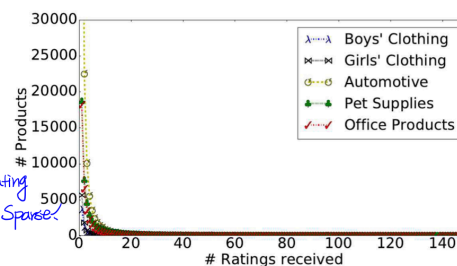
- Users and items are represented as a bipartite graph/users and items are nodes and the ratings are links between them.
- Unknown ratings (links) between users and items are estimated by random walk similar to the PageRank algorithm.
- The  $s(u, i_{unseen})$  can be proportionally obtained by the fraction of trials reaching  $i_{unseen}$  via random walk



## 3. Recommender system summary

- Rating matrices are extremely sparse in practice!
  - MF (or random walk) also fails
- Hybrid approaches merges CB and CF
  - Multimodal learning
  - Deep learning approaches
  - Cold-start recommendation
- Other issues (SPTN)
  - Scalability: Huge matrix  $\rightarrow$  factorization problem
  - Privacy-preserving: matrix 분산 저장
  - Timing: 지연
  - Novelty or diversity: 단지 유명한 item만 추천, 자주 쓰는 item만 추천

Amazon dataset



- Netflix competition dataset:
  - The number of users: 500k
  - The number of items: 17k
  - The total number of possible ratings
  - 500k X 17k = 8.5 B  $\Rightarrow$  rating
  - The total number of actual ratings = 10 M  $\Rightarrow$  rating
  - The portion of non-zero entries = 0.11%  $\Rightarrow$  Very Sparse