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# Recommender Systems, an Introduction

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Team

## Alexandra Zimmermann-Rösner

- Biologist
- Coach Data Science Bootcamp
- the sea, crochet and my family

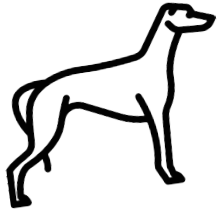


Team

## Aljoscha Wilhelm

- Physicist
- Coach Data Science Bootcamp
- Chess, Hiking and his dog Ryu

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# Agenda

## About

At the beginning...

Who are we and  
what is neufische?

## content based model

...shortly  
afterwards...

Intro and how to  
build a content based  
model

## collaborative filtering

...roughly second  
half...

what is collaborative  
filtering and how do  
we predict user  
ratings?

## Q&A

...when everyone is  
enlightened.

Any more questions?  
Ask us anything.

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- founded 2018 by Dalia Das
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## 12 Week Bootcamps:

Web Development

Data Science

Data Analytics

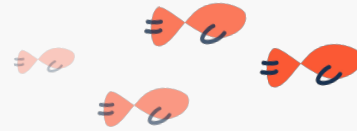
Java Development

Cloud Development

AWS

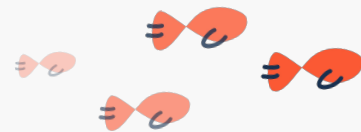
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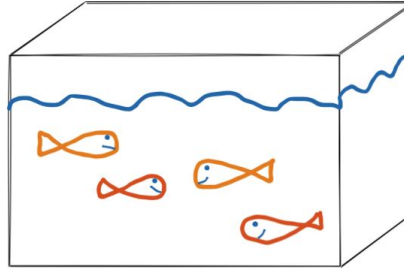
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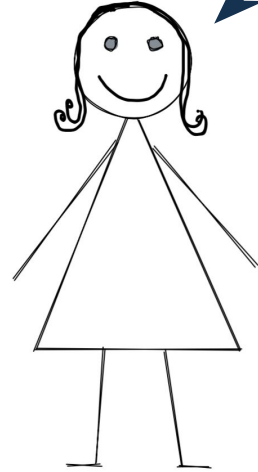
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... there was a girl called Larissa.

her beloved aquarium



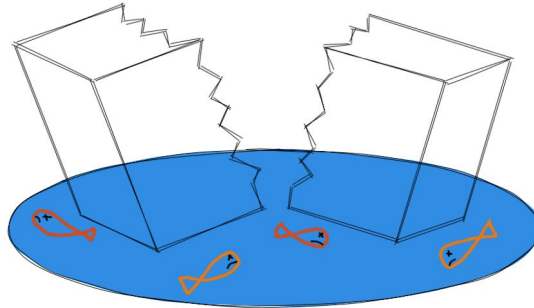
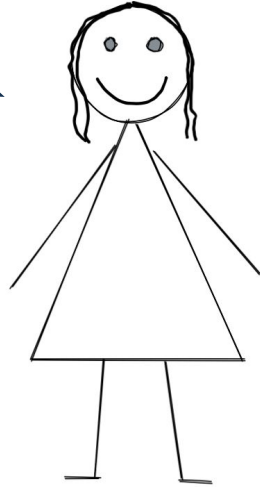
our colleague  
Larissa



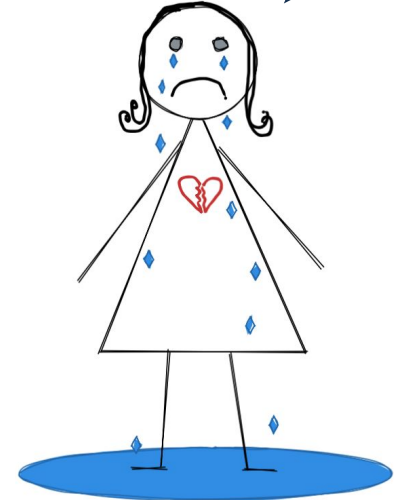
What happened before?

... there was a girl called Larissa.

her happy  
sister

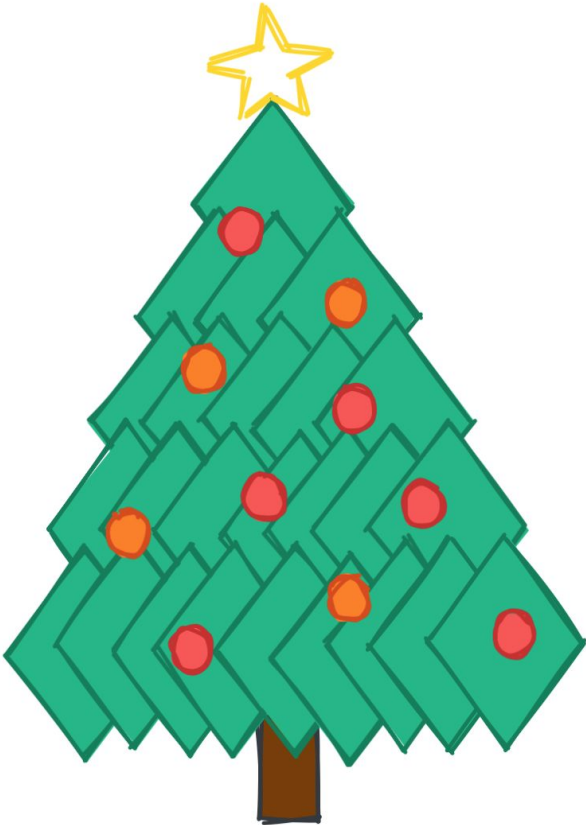
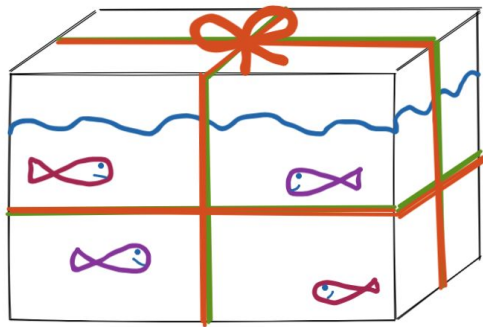


a heartbroken  
Larissa



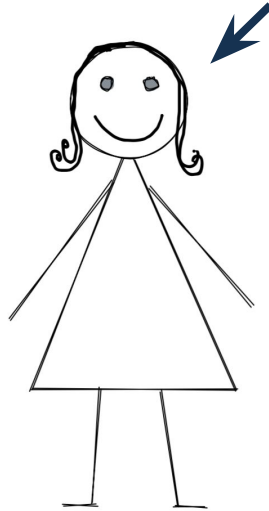
What happened before?

Larissa's  
new aquarium



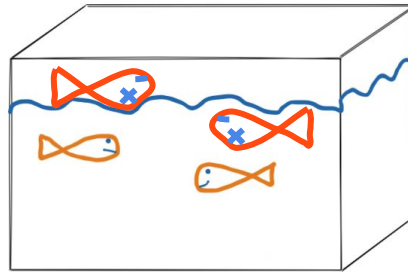
And Larissa was happy again

Happy Larissa!



As time passes by ...

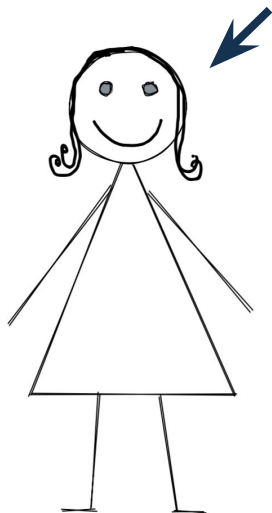
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our colleague  
Larissa



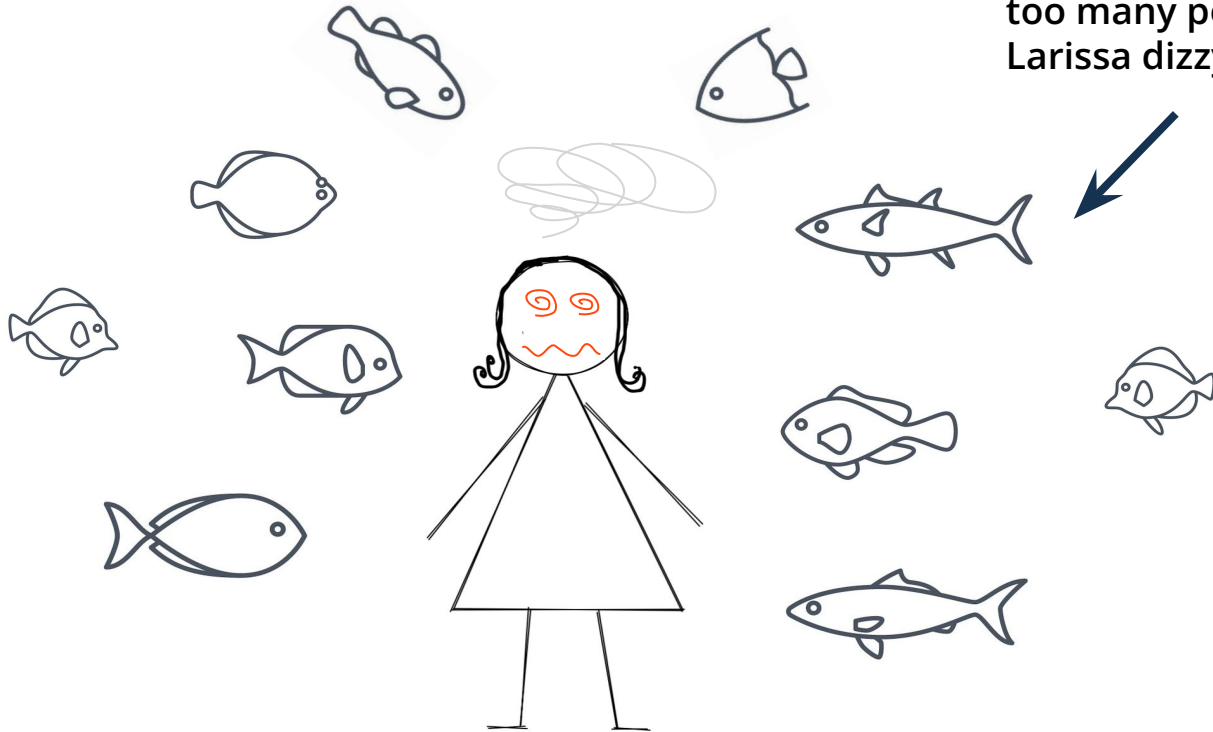
I'll buy new fish!



Similar to my old ones but also a little different



too many possible fishes make  
Larissa dizzy!





# new fish for Larissa

Let's help her to digest all the information by building a recommender!



# What are recommenders?

- Algorithms to find similar items and recommend them to user
- Examples: Youtube, Amazon, Netflix and Spotify

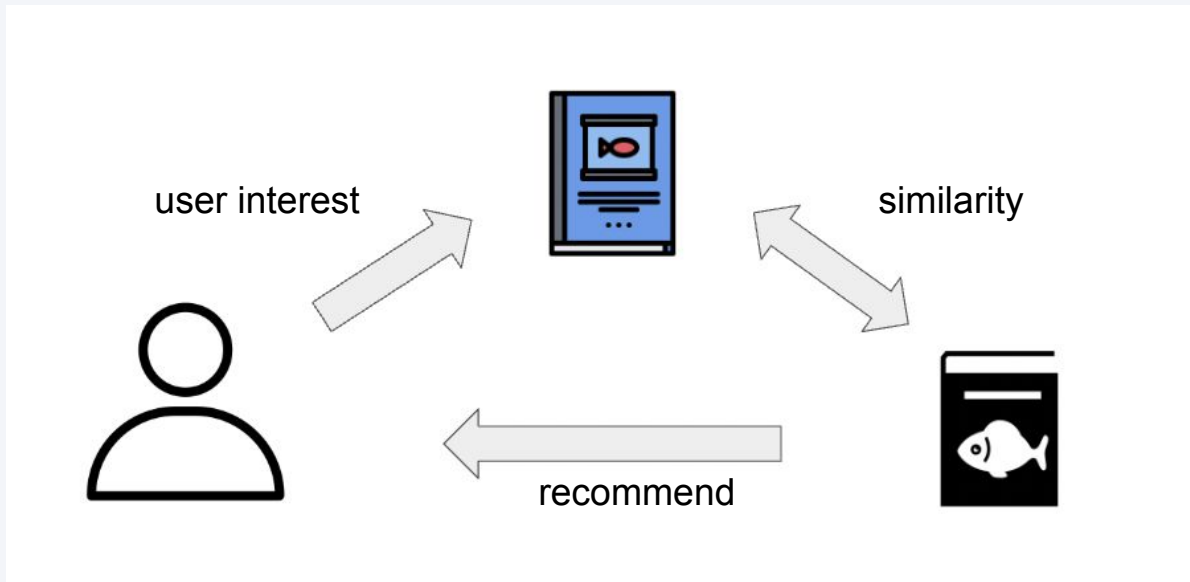
## Types

- Content based
- Collaborative filtering
- Hybrid models



# Content based model

item features only



# How to find similar items?

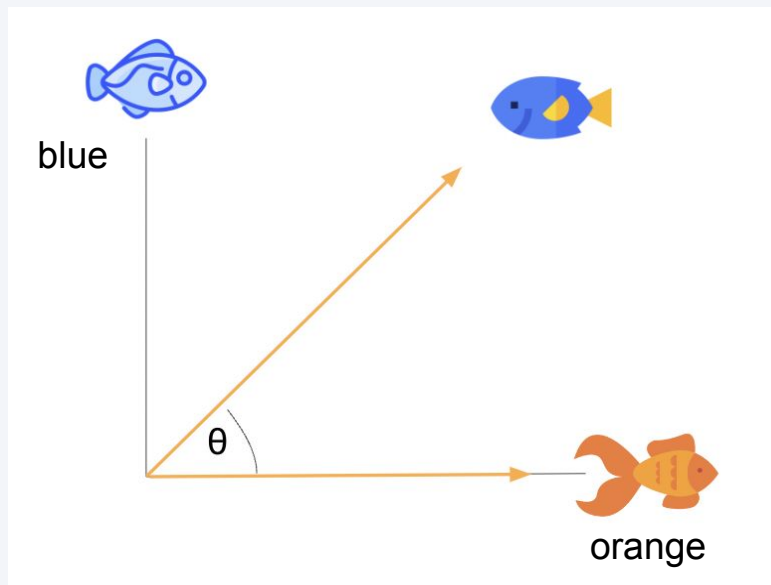
Similarity measures:

- euclidean distance
- pearson correlation
- cosine similarity  $\Rightarrow$  most used



# Cosine similarity

can take values between 1 and 0



# Cosine similarity

Dot product of the vectors divided by the product of their lengths

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\|} = \frac{\sum_i x_i y_i}{\sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_i y_i^2}}$$



# Example

	pink	blue	yellow	green
	1	1	0	1
	1	0	0	0
	0	0	1	0
	1	1	0	0



# Calculation example?



vector has the values  $x = (1,1,0,1)$



vector has the values  $y = (1,0,0,0)$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\|} = \frac{\sum_i x_i y_i}{\sqrt{\sum_i x_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_i y_i^2}}$$

$$x \cdot y = 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 = 1$$

$$\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 1^2} = 1.732$$

$$\|\vec{y}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2} = 1$$

$$\cos(x,y) = 1/(1.732 \cdot 1) = 0.577$$



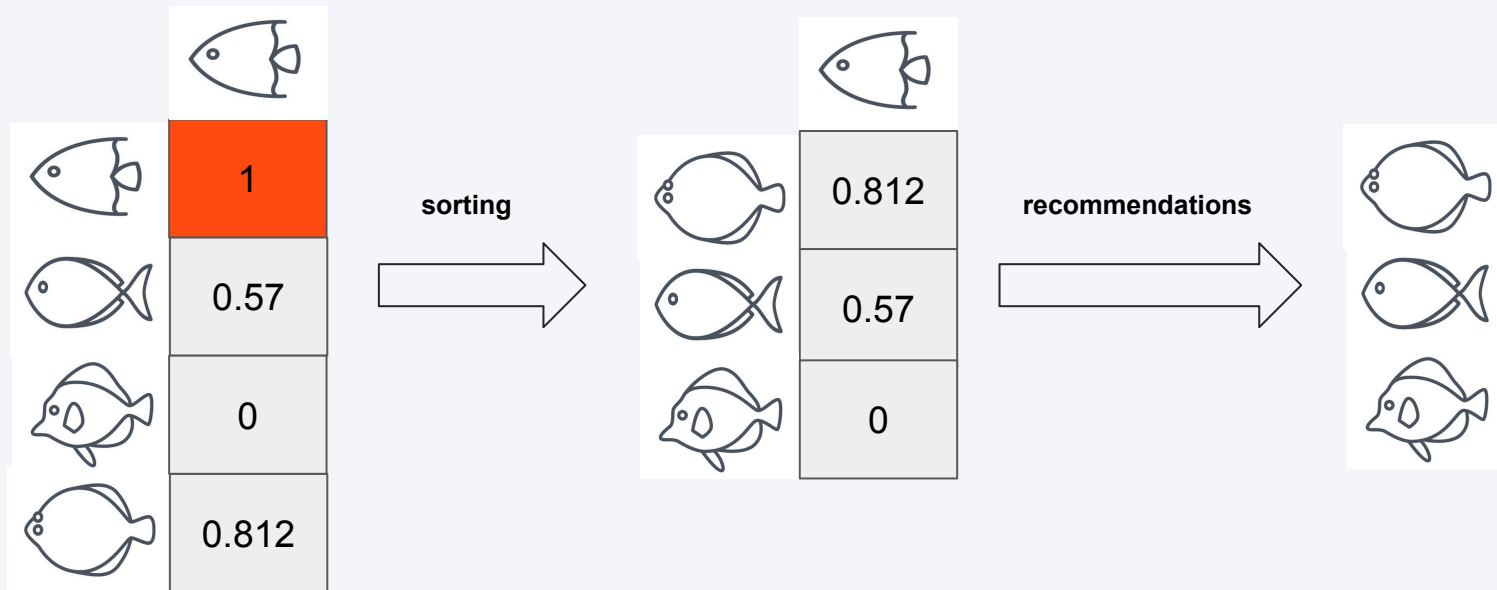


# Similarity

				
	1	0.57	0	0.82
	0.57	1	0	0.71
	0	0	1	0
	0.812	0.71	0	1



# Outcome



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# Collaborative filtering







based on user behavior

Types:

- item based
  - similarities between items based on user ratings
- user based
  - similarities between users based on their ratings








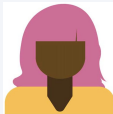

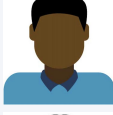
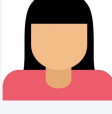
# User-Item-Rating Matrix

					
	3	1	1	3	1
	1	2	4	1	3
	3	1	1	3	1
	4	3	5	4	4



# User-Item-Rating Matrix

We usually deal with sparse matrices

					
		1	1	3	1
	1	2		1	3
	3	1	1	3	
	4		5		4



# A simple user based Example

We want to use most similar user's rating to predict rating of other user

- calculate similarity matrix (e.g. Cosine, Pearson, Euclidean)
- use most similar user to predict the rating




# User-User-Similarity Matrix

First we calculate the similarity matrix



A similarity matrix for four users, represented by icons. The matrix is a 4x4 grid where the diagonal elements are 1, representing self-similarity. The off-diagonal elements represent the similarity between different users. The users are ordered as follows: User 1 (pink hair, yellow shirt), User 2 (orange hair, green shirt), User 3 (dark skin, blue shirt), and User 4 (black hair, pink shirt).

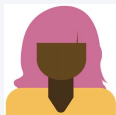

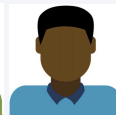
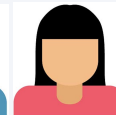


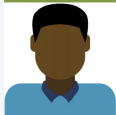

				
	1	0.60	0.71	0.34
	0.60	1	0.46	0.55
	0.71	0.46	1	0.50
	0.34	0.55	0.5	1





# User-User-Similarity Matrix











Then we look for the most similar user

				
	1	0.60	0.71	0.34
	0.60	1	0.46	0.55
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# Predict Rating

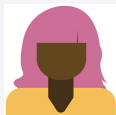

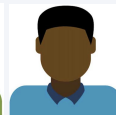
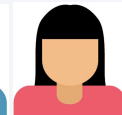

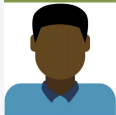

Then we use the rating of the most similar user to predict the rating

					
	3	1	1	3	1
		2		1	3
	3	1	1	3	
	4		5		4



# User-User-Similarity Matrix










Again we look for the most similar user

				
	1	0.60	0.71	0.34
	0.60	1	0.46	0.55
	0.71	0.46	1	0.50
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# Predict Rating










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	3	1	1	3	1
	1	2		1	3
	3		1		
	4	2	5	1	4



# Predict Rating


Do this for all users






					
	3	1	1	3	1
	1	2	1	1	3
	3	1	1	3	1
	4	2	5	1	4

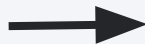


# Recommend Item

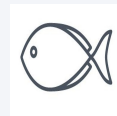
recommend highest rated item which was not rated before



				
4	2	5	1	4



Dear Larissa,  
this fish could be interesting for you!



# A not so simple Example

SVD - Singular Value Decomposition

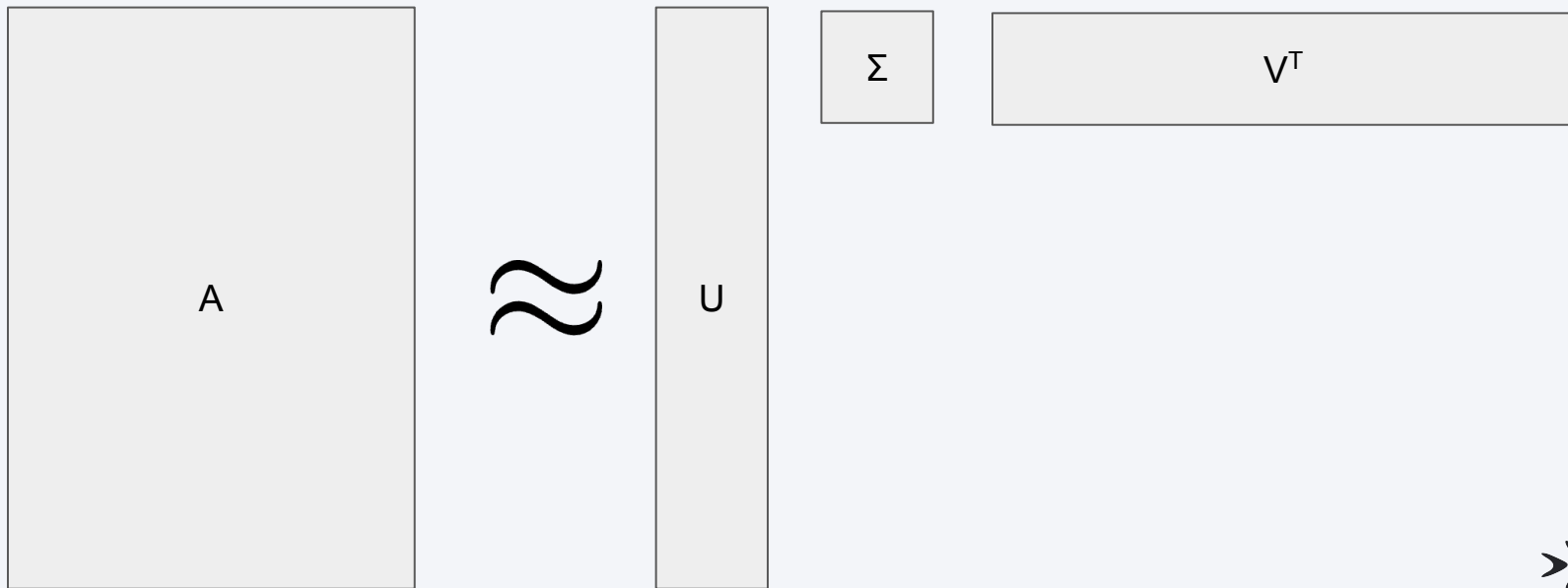
- Approximate Rating Matrix by product of three matrices
- Latent features can often be interpreted (genre etc.)
- Won the Netflix Prize



# SVD

Singular Value Decomposition

$$A \approx U \Sigma V^T$$
















# SVD

How to predict the missing ratings

											
	<table><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	3	1	colorful
1	0										
0	1										
		1	2	4	1	3	builds swarms				

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1	0										
1	1										
			3								
	colorful						builds swarms				

$$1 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 = 3$$








# SVD





optimal decomposition can be found using  
gradient descent

How to predict the missing ratings

# Scoring ratings

								
	1	0	3	1	1	3	1	colorful
	0	1	1	2	4	1	3	builds swarms







  

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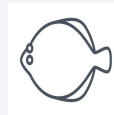
# Recommend Item

recommend highest rated item which was not rated before

					
	4	3	5	4	4



Dear Larissa,  
this fish could be interesting for you!



# Evaluation Metrics

How to evaluate your model

- Offline metrics
  - regression metrics like MAE, RMSE
  - hit rate
  - diversity
  - novelty
  - churn
- online metrics
  - A/B test
  - feedback



# Icons

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