Collaborative Filtering Methods in Recommendation System

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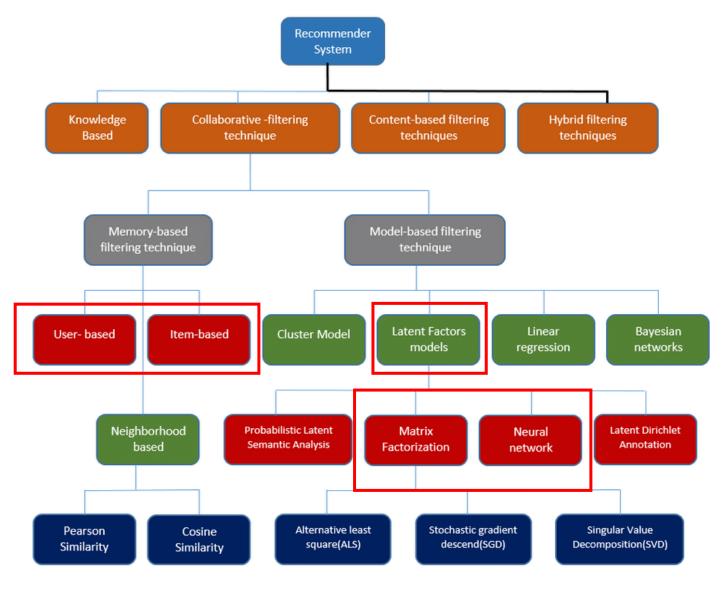
Recommender Systems What is a recommendation system?



- A recommendation system refers to a system that shows information (movies, music, etc.) that a specific user may be interested in.
- Click prediction, Top-k recommendation, cold-start problem,....

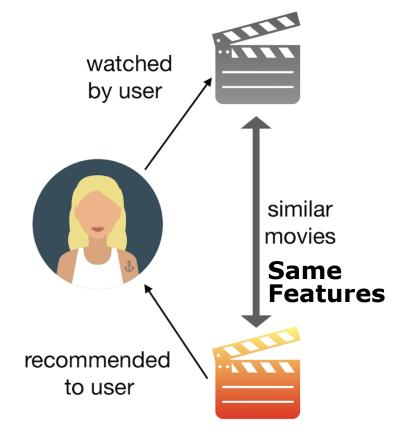
Recommender Systems

Taxonomy



Traditional Methods Content-Based Filtering

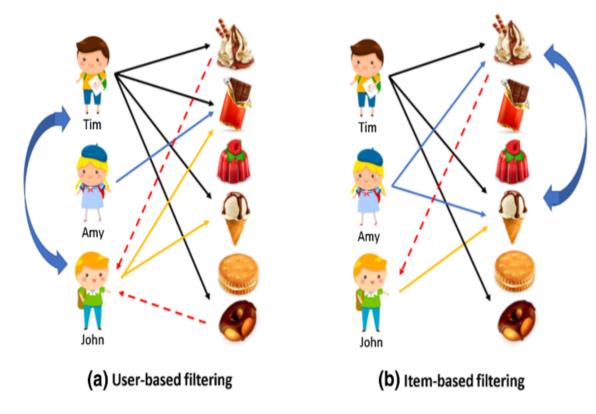
- Content-Based algorithms aim to suggest items or product which are alike to that items that user enjoyed in past or is looking at in the present-day.
- Advantages
 - [1] Other user's data not required.
 - [2] No data sparsity as well as cold start.
- Disadvantages
 - [1] Content analysis is essential to define the item features.
 - [2] The excellence of the product can't be estimated.
 - The likeness calculation is incomplete to the product description.



[fig 01] content-based filtering

Traditional Methods Memory Based Collaborative Filtering

- Collaborative filtering is based on the fact that relationships exist between products and people's interests.
- Collaborative filtering has two approaches:
 - [1] User-Based Collaborative Filtering
 Based on user's neighborhood
 - [2] Item-Based Collaborative Filtering
 Based on items' similarity



[fig 02] collaborative filtering

Traditional Methods Memory Based Collaborative Filtering

User id	Item id	Rating
User 1	Item A	4
User 1	Item C	3
User 2	Item A	3
User 2	Item B	2
User 3	Item D	5



	Item A	Item B	Item C	Item 4
User 1	4		3	
User 2	3	3		
User 3				5

Traditional Methods User-Based Collaborative Filtering

ļ		ltem1	ltem2	ltem3	ltem4	Item5	
ĺ	Alice	5	3	4	4	?	$\int sim = 0.85$
-	User1	3	1	2	3	3	$\sum_{p \in P} (r_{a,p} - \bar{r}_a)(r_{b,p} - \bar{r}_b)$
Ĭ	User2	4	3	4	3	5	$\sin(a,b) = \frac{2p \in P(-a,p) - a \setminus (-b,p)}{\left[\sum_{n} (n-\bar{n})^2 \sum_{n} (n-\bar{n})^2\right]}$
	User3	3	3	1	5	4	$\sqrt{\sum_{p \in P} (r_{a,p} - \bar{r}_a)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{p \in P} (r_{b,p} - \bar{r}_b)^2}$ $Sim = -D.19$
	User4	1	5	5	2	1	Pearson Correlation

Das, Debashis, Laxman Sahoo, and Sujoy Datta. "A survey on recommendation system." International Journal of Computer Applications 160.7 (2017).

Traditional Methods

Item-Based Collaborative Filtering

	1				
	ltem1	ltem2	Item3	Item4	Item5
Alice	5	3	4	4	?
User1	3	1	2	3	3
User2	4	3	4	3	5
User3	3	3	1	5	4
User4	1	5	5	2	1
	CONTRACTOR AND				

$$similarity(i,j) = \frac{\sum_{u}^{U} r_{(u,i)} r_{(u,j)}}{\sqrt{\sum_{u}^{U} r_{(u,i)}^2} \sqrt{\sum_{u}^{U} r_{(u,j)}^2}}$$

Traditional Methods

Problems of collaborative filtering

Data Sparsity

users in general rate only a limited a number

of items

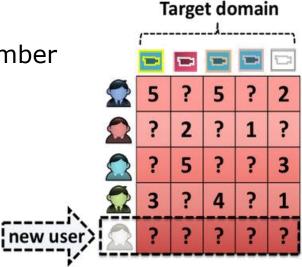
- Cold Start

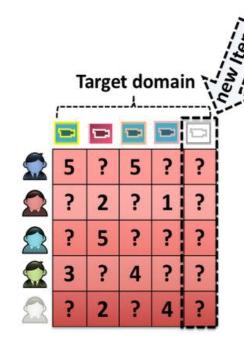
Difficulty in recommendation to new

users or new items

Scalability

Increase in number of users of items





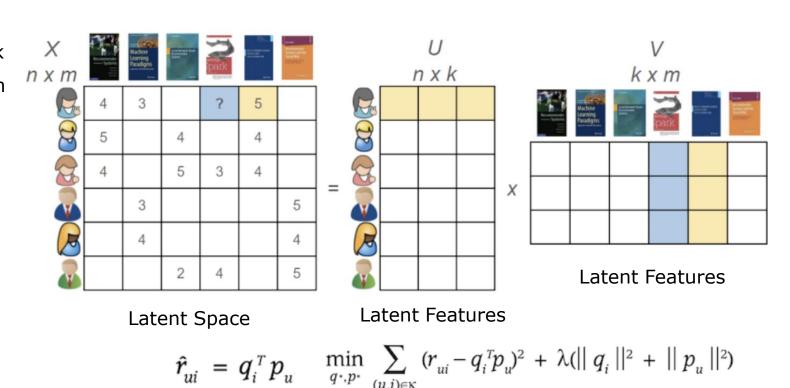
[fig 03] Cold Start Problem

Traditional Methods

Collaborative Filtering: Matrix Factorization (Model-Based)

 Matrix Factorization (MF) algorithms work by decomposing the user-item interaction matrix into the product of two dimensionality rectangular matrices.

- This MF model enables the integration of additional information.



Overfitting

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Recommendation System Problems of Matrix Factorization

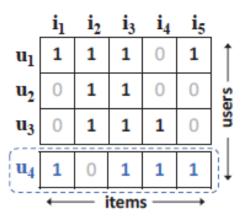
- NCF model emphasizes the matrix factorization limitation caused by using an inner product.
- The most limitation of Matrix Factorization caused by the use of a simple and fixed inner product is that estimate complex user-item interactions in the low-dimensional latent space.
- Show the example (fig 04)

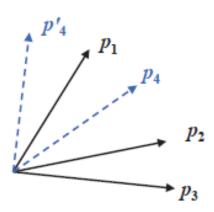
new user u4 measure the similarity with Jaccard coefficient (left).

$$\rightarrow$$
 s41(0.6) > s43(0.4) > s42(0.2)

In the latent space (right), placing p4 closet to p1 makes p4 closer to p2 than p3, incurring a large ranking loss.

$$\hat{y}_{ui} = f(u, i | \mathbf{p}_u, \mathbf{q}_i) = \mathbf{p}_u^T \mathbf{q}_i = \sum_{k=1}^K p_{uk} q_{ik}$$





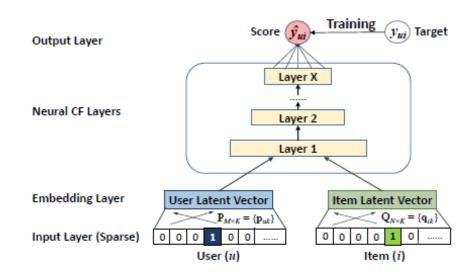
[fig 04]Limitation of matrix factorization

Jaccard coefficient similarity

Let Ru be the set of items that user u has interacted with, then the Jaccard similarity of users i and j is defined as

$$s_{ij} = \frac{|\mathcal{R}_i| \cap |\mathcal{R}_j|}{|\mathcal{R}_i| \cup |\mathcal{R}_j|}$$

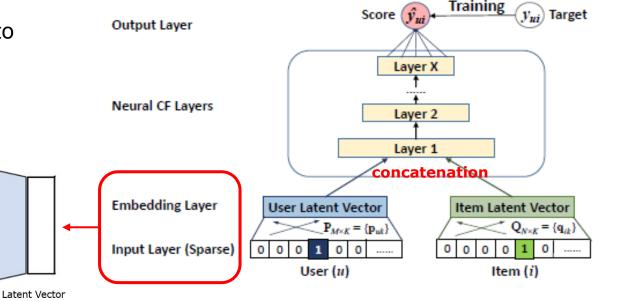
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- NCF explore the central theme of how to utilize
 DNNs to model noisy implicit feedback signals.
- Binary classification: interaction \rightarrow 1, no interaction \rightarrow 0
- Paper proposes three NCF methods
 - [1] Generalized Matrix Factorization (GMF)
 - [2] Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)
 - [3] Ensemble of GMP and MLP (NeuMF)



[fig 05] NCF framework

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)

- Input Layer: user (or item) one hot-encoding
- Embedding Layer: Input Sparse Layer Mapping to K(<m) layer → User (or Item) Latent Vector
- Neural CF Layers: Fully-Connected Layer



[fig 06] NCF framework

- Output Layers

$$\hat{y}_{u,i} = f(P^T v_u^U, Q^T v_i^I | P, Q, \Theta_f) = \phi_{out}(\phi_X(\dots \phi_2(\phi_1(P^T v_u^U, Q^T v_i^I)) \dots)), \quad 0 \leq \hat{y}_{u,i} \leq 1$$

→ Predicted value means how user u and item I interact on each other.

He, Xiangnan, et al. "Neural collaborative filtering." Proceedings of the 26th international conference on world wide web. 2017.

Input

 $(M \times 1)$

 $(M \times k)$

hidden

(k x 1)

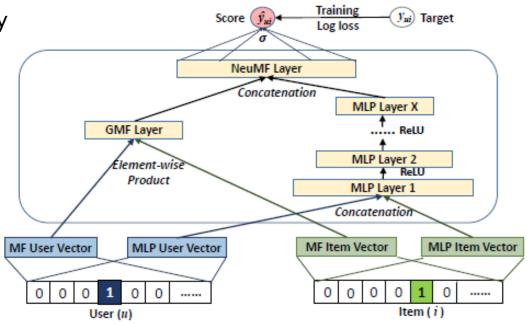
Neural Matrix Factorization: GMP + MLP

 It unifies the strengths of linearity of MF and non-linearity of MLP for modeling the user-item latent structures.

$$\phi^{GMF} = \mathbf{p}_{u}^{G} \odot \mathbf{q}_{i}^{G},$$

$$\phi^{MLP} = a_{L}(\mathbf{W}_{L}^{T}(a_{L-1}(...a_{2}(\mathbf{W}_{2}^{T}\begin{bmatrix}\mathbf{p}_{u}^{M}\\\mathbf{q}_{i}^{M}\end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{b}_{2})...)) + \mathbf{b}_{L}),$$

$$\hat{y}_{ui} = \sigma(\mathbf{h}^{T}\begin{bmatrix}\phi^{GMF}\\\phi^{MLP}\end{bmatrix}),$$



[fig 07] NeuMF Framework

Experiments

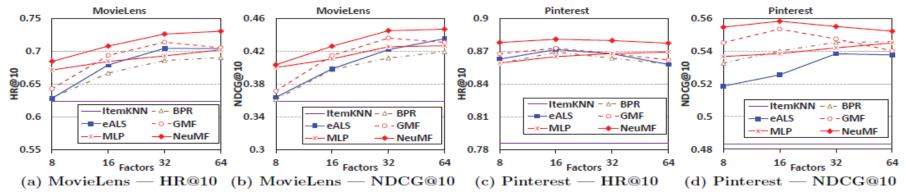


Figure 4: Performance of HR@10 and NDCG@10 w.r.t. the number of predictive factors on the two datasets.

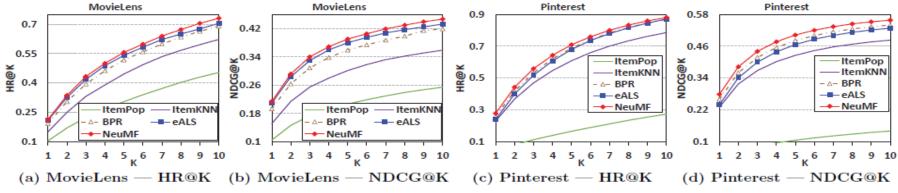
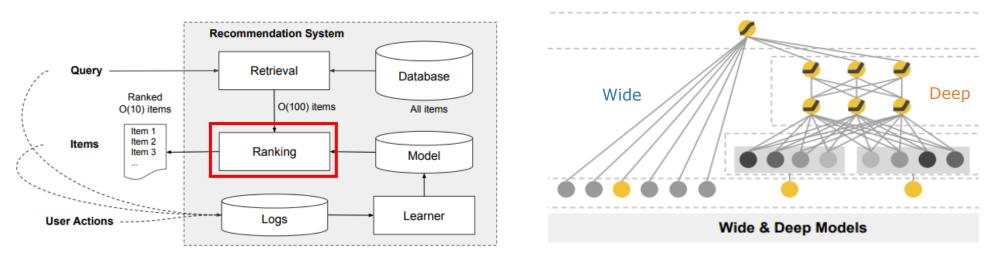


Figure 5: Evaluation of Top-K item recommendation where K ranges from 1 to 10 on the two datasets.

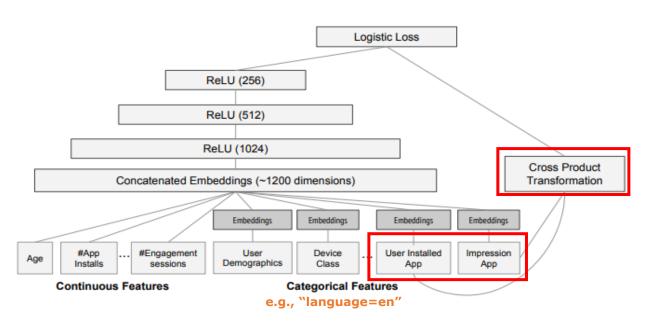
- Wide & Deep Learning
- It was initially introduced for an app recommendation for Google play.
- Memorization: It can achieve through wide learning component (linear wide model)
- Generalization: Deep learning model can catch generalization by producing more general and abstract representations. (non-linear deep learning model) → That is wide and deep model.



[fig 08] App pipeline & Wide Deep Models Architecture

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Wide & Deep Learning – Wide component



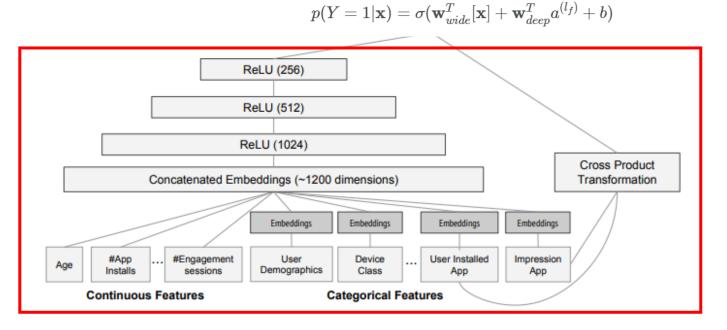
[fig 09] Wide learning components

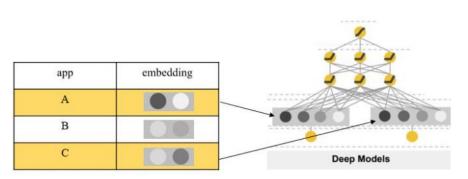
where,
$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_d]$$

 $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, ..., w_d]$
 $b = \text{bias}$

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Wide & Deep Learning – Deep component

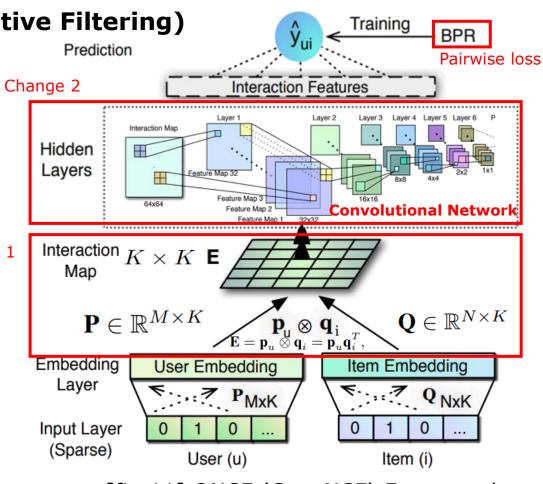




[fig 10] Wide component

ONCF (Outer Product-based Neural Collaborative Filtering)

- This model is also called ConvNCF.
- NeuMF conducts concatenation two vectors(user&item latent vector), but ConvNCF proposes to outer product operation to obtain the interaction map.
- Hidden layer: Convolutional network with 6 layers
 → 64X64X1 feature map change to 1X1X32.
- ConvNCF applies a linear projection on the 1X1X32 tensor to obtain the prediction. $\hat{y}_{ui} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{g}$
- ConvNCF is the first work that uses CNN to learn the interaction function between user embedding and item embedding.



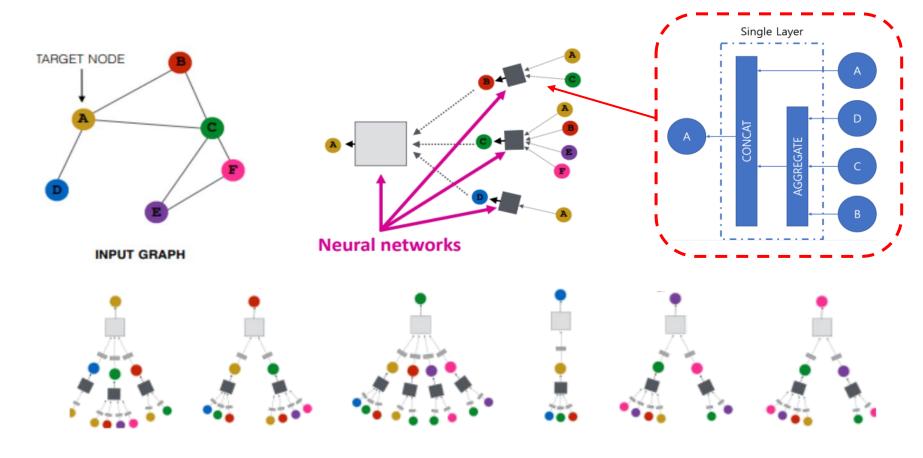
Change 3

[fig 11] ONCF (ConvNCF) Framework

ONCF Experiments

	Gowalla					Yelp							
	HR@k			NDCG@k		HR@k		NDCG@k			RI		
	k = 5	k = 10	k = 20	k=5	k = 10	k = 20	k=5	k = 10	k = 20	k=5	k = 10	k = 20	
ItemPop	0.2003	0.2785	0.3739	0.1099	0.1350	0.1591	0.0710	0.1147	0.1732	0.0365	0.0505	0.0652	+227.6%
MF-BPR	0.6284	0.7480	0.8422	0.4825	0.5214	0.5454	0.1752	0.2817	0.4203	0.1104	0.1447	0.1796	+9.5%
MLP	0.6359	0.7590	0.8535	0.4802	0.5202	0.5443	0.1766	0.2831	0.4203	0.1103	0.1446	0.1792	+9.2%
JRL	0.6685	0.7747	0.8561	0.5270	0.5615	0.5821	0.1858	0.2922	0.4343	0.1177	0.1519	0.1877	+3.9%
NeuMF	0.6744	0.7793	0.8602	0.5319	0.5660	0.5865	0.1881	0.2958	0.4385	0.1189	0.1536	0.1895	+3.0%
ConvNCF	0.6914*	0.7936*	0.8695*	0.5494*	0.5826*	0.6019*	0.1978*	0.3086*	0.4430*	0.1243*	0.1600*	0.1939*	-

Graph Neural Network

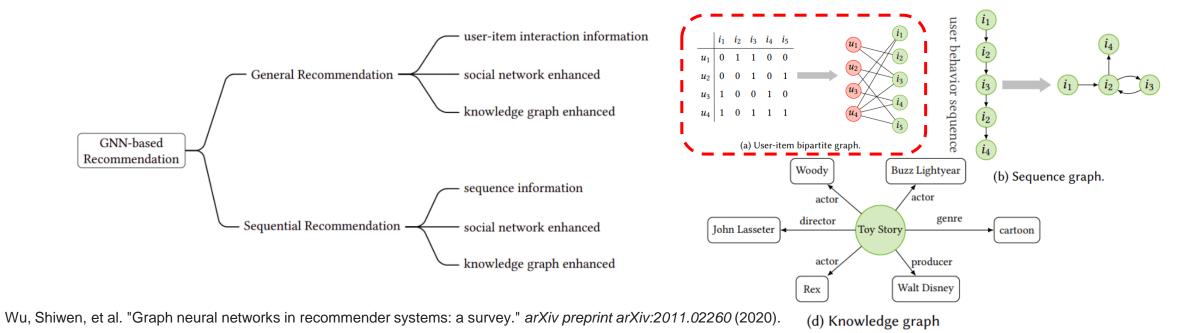


- Each node is characterized by having a different neural network structure.
- Node Aggregation methods are various. (e.g. Mean-pooling, Normalization,...)

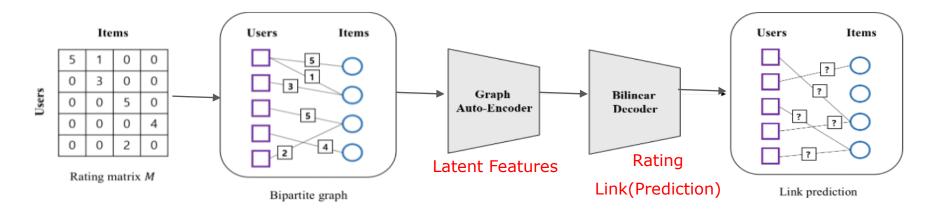
Wu, Shiwen, et al. "Graph neural networks in recommender systems: a survey." arXiv preprint arXiv:2011.02260 (2020).

Graph Neural Networks for Recommendations

- Graph neural networks can be used to model feature interactions and generate high-quality embeddings for all users and items.
- GNNs can be used for different types of recommendations. General recommendations disregard the notion of time and deals with user-item interactions but sequential recommendation seeks to capture transitional patterns in the user's behavior.
- The knowledge graph can explain why user was recommended the item. (explainable AI)

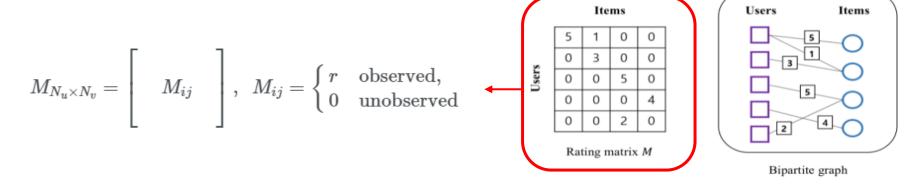


Graph Convolutional Matrix Completion (GC-MC)



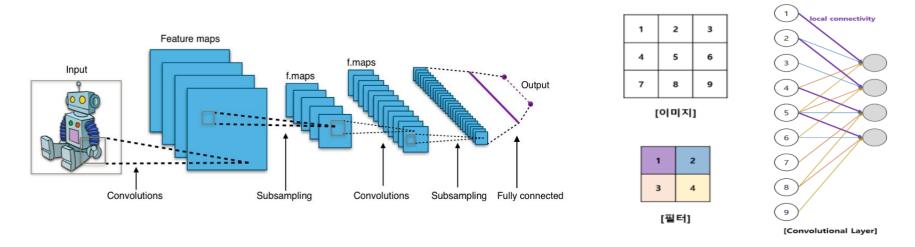
- **Graph Auto-Encoder**: The auto-encoder produces latent features of user and item nodes through a form of message passing on the bipartite interaction graph.
- **Bilinear Decoder**: Latent user and item representations are used to reconstruct the rating links through a bilinear decoder. (Link prediction)

- Graph Convolutional Matrix Completion (GC-MC)
 - Step 1) User-Item Rating Matrix



- Creating user-item rating matrix M: row users and column items
- Matrix encode either an observed rating from a set of discrete possible rating values, or unobserved rating fill in 0.
- Users & Items: Node Rating value: edge

- Graph Convolutional Matrix Completion (GC-MC)
 - **Step 2) Graph auto-encoders :** graph auto-encoder produces latent features of user and item nodes with graph convolutional network (GCN).
 - Graph Convolutional Network also has two characteristics: abstract feature + weight sharing

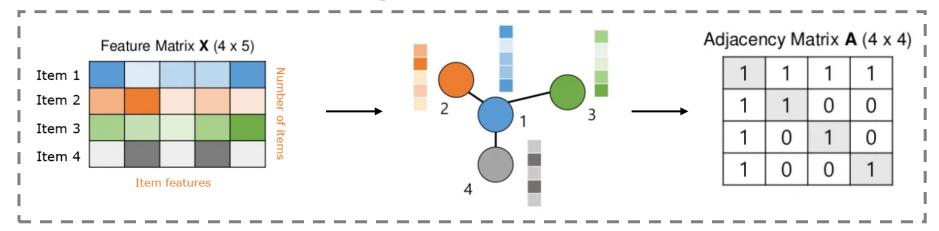


[fig 12] Convolutional Neural Network characteristics

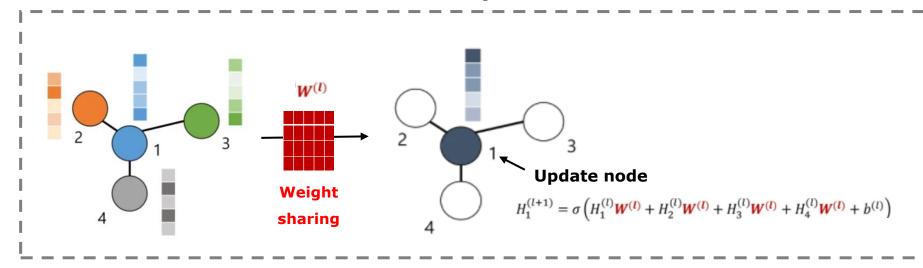
Graph Convolutional Network (GCN)



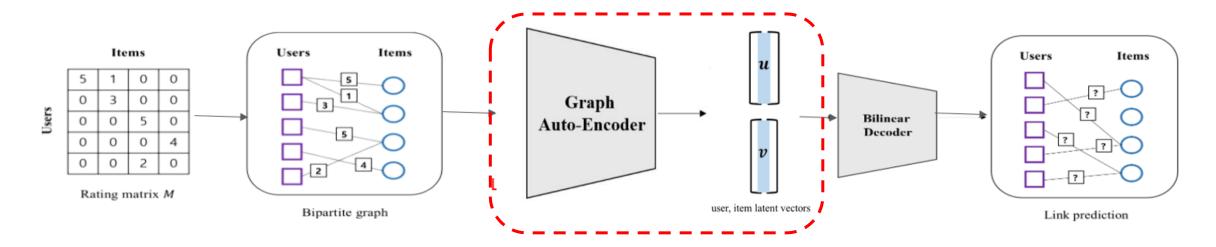
$$H = \psi(X, A) = \sigma(AXW)$$



Node Update



Graph Convolutional Matrix Completion (GC-MC) - Encoder

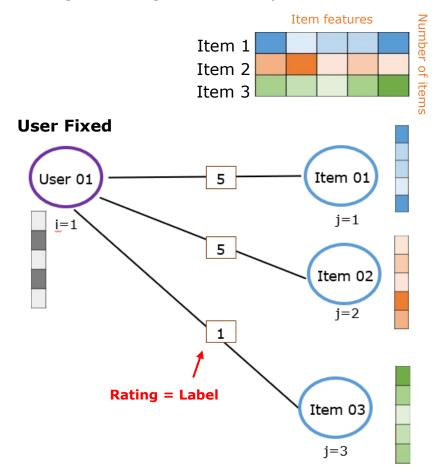


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Graph Convolutional Encoder Example

User latent vectors example

→ Message Passing, Hidden Layer, Transformation three step

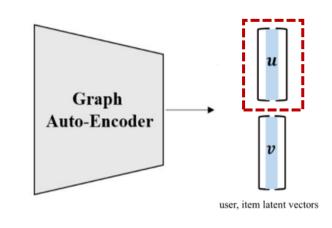


- 1. Message Passing

$$\mu_{j o i,r}:=W_rx_j^T$$

(User i & Item j & rating edge r)

$$\sigma\left[\operatorname{accum}(\mu_{3\to1,1},\mu_{2\to1,5},\mu_{1\to1,5})\right]$$



$$\bullet \; \mu_{1 \to 1,5} = W_{r=5} x_{j=1}^T = \begin{bmatrix} W_{11}^5 & W_{12}^5 & \dots & W_{1D}^5 \\ W_{21}^5 & W_{22}^5 & \dots & W_{2D}^5 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ W_{E1}^5 & W_{E2}^5 & \dots & W_{ED}^5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ \dots \\ x_{1D} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{11}^5 \\ s_{12}^5 \\ \dots \\ s_{1E}^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \; \mu_{2 \to 1,5} = W_{r=5} x_{j=2}^T = \begin{bmatrix} W_{11}^5 & W_{12}^5 & \dots & W_{1D}^5 \\ W_{21}^5 & W_{22}^5 & \dots & W_{2D}^5 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ W_{E1}^5 & W_{E2}^5 & \dots & W_{ED}^5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{21} \\ x_{22} \\ \dots \\ x_{2D} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{21}^5 \\ s_{22}^5 \\ \dots \\ s_{2E}^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Identical Rating → Weight Sharing

$$egin{aligned} ullet \mu_{\mathbf{3} o 1, 1} &= W_{r=1} x_{j=3}^T \ egin{aligned} ullet W_{11}^1 & W_{12}^1 & \dots & W_{1D}^1 \ W_{21}^1 & W_{22}^1 & \dots & W_{2D}^1 \ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \ W_{E1}^1 & W_{E2}^1 & \dots & W_{ED}^1 \ \end{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} x_{31} \ x_{32} \ \dots \ x_{3D} \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} s_{21}^1 \ s_{22}^1 \ \dots \ s_{2E}^1 \ \end{bmatrix}$$

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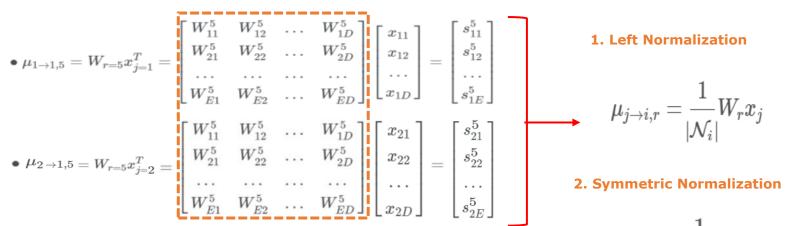
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Identical Rating → **Weight Sharing**

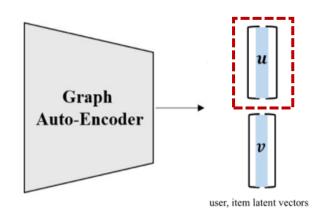
$$\bullet \ \mu_{\mathbf{3} \rightarrow 1,1} = W_{r=1} x_{j=\mathbf{3}}^T = \begin{bmatrix} W_{11}^1 & W_{12}^1 & \dots & W_{1D}^1 \\ W_{21}^1 & W_{22}^1 & \dots & W_{2D}^1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ W_{E1}^1 & W_{E2}^1 & \dots & W_{ED}^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{31} \\ x_{32} \\ \dots \\ x_{3D} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{21}^1 \\ s_{22}^1 \\ \dots \\ s_{2E}^1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalization method

1. Left Normalization

$$\mu_{j
ightarrow i,r} = rac{1}{|\mathcal{N}_i|} W_r x_j$$

$$\mu_{j
ightarrow i,r} = rac{1}{|\mathcal{N}_i||\mathcal{N}_j|} W_r x_j$$



$$\sigma[\operatorname{accum}(\mu_{3\to 1,1},\mu_{2\to 1,5},\mu_{1\to 1,5})]$$

$$\operatorname{accum}(.) = \operatorname{sum}(.)$$

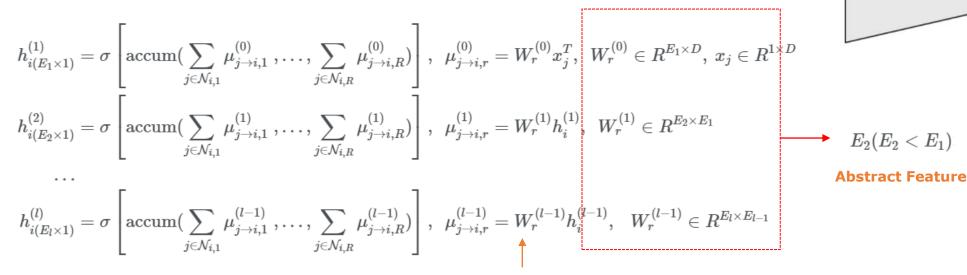
$$h_1 = egin{bmatrix} \sigma(s_{21}^1 + s_{11}^5) \ \sigma(s_{22}^1 + s_{12}^5) \ \cdots \ \sigma(s_{2E}^1 + s_{1E}^5) \end{bmatrix}$$

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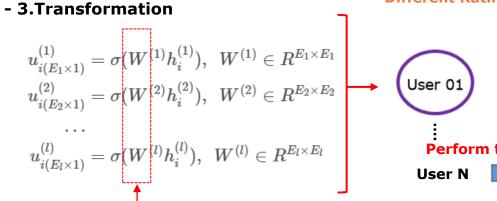
Graph Convolutional Encoder Example

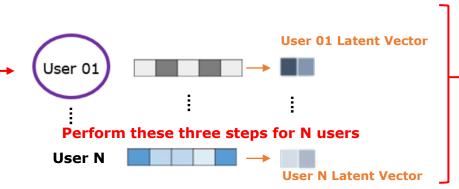
User latent vectors example

- 2.Hidden Layer (Layer & weight dimension → hyperparameter)



Different Rating → **Different Weight Parameter**





Concatenate User Latent Vector

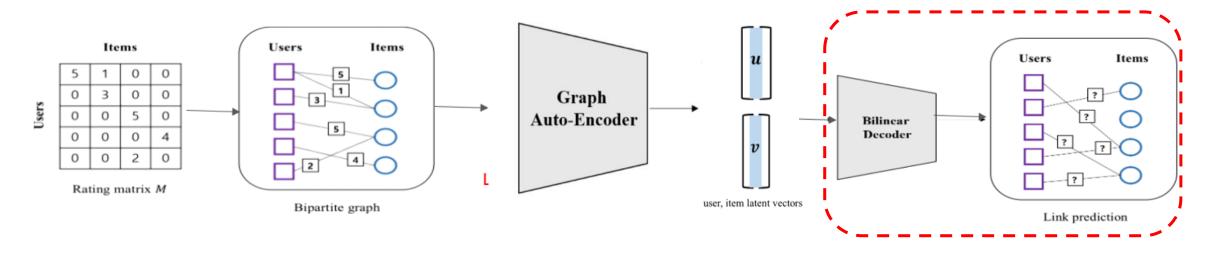
user, item latent vectors

Graph Auto-Encoder

By multiplying all user i by the same weight W, all users are represented in the same space.

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Graph Convolutional Matrix Completion (GC-MC) - Decoder



- **Bilinear Decoder**: Latent user and item representations are used to reconstruct the rating links through a bilinear decoder. (Link prediction)

GC-MC Bilinear Decoder & Model Training

Bilinear Decoder – Predict Link

$$\hat{M}_{N_u \times N_v} = g(U, V)$$

$$\hat{M}_{ij} = \sum_{r \in R} r \ p(\hat{M}_{ij} = r), \ \text{ where } \ p(\hat{M}_{ij} = r) = \frac{e^{u_i^T Q_r v_j}}{\sum_{s \in R} e^{u_i^T Q_s v_j}}$$
Softmax

Rating of the user i for item j is predicted by weighted average of the rating.

Model Training – Negative log likelihood

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{i,j;\;\Omega_{i,j}=1}\sum_{r=1}^R I[r=M_{ij}]\log p(\hat{M}_{ij}=r),\;\;\Omega\in\{0,1\}^{N_u imes N_v}$$

mask

Items

Link prediction

To calculate the loss only for links with ratings, multiply the mask matrix filled with 1 for the observed element and 0 for the unobserved element.

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GC-MC Experiments

Model	Flixster	Douban	YahooMusic
GRALS	1.313/1.245	0.833	38.0
sRGCNN	1.179/0.926	0.801	22.4
GC-MC	0.941/0.917	0.734	20.5

Table 3: Average RMSE test set scores for 5 runs on Flixster, Douban, and YahooMusic, all of which include side information in the form of user and/or item graphs. We replicate the benchmark setting as in [22]. For Flixster, we show results for both user/item graphs (right number) and user graph only (left number). Baseline numbers are taken from [22].

GNN Model

Model	ML-1M	ML-10M
PMF [20]	0.883	_
I-RBM [26]	0.854	0.825
BiasMF [16]	0.845	0.803
NNMF [7]	0.843	_
LLORMA-Local [17]	0.833	0.782
I-AUTOREC [27]	0.831	0.782
CF-NADE [32]	0.829	0.771
GC-MC (Ours)	0.832	0.777

Table 4: Comparison of average test RMSE scores on five 90/10 training/test set splits (as in [32]) without the use of side information. Baseline scores are taken from [32]. For CF-NADE, we report the best-performing model variant. **MF Model**

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