Movie Recomemder System.

1.0 Description

The movie recommender system aims to provide personalized movie recommendations to users based on ratings. By using data on movie genres and ratings, the system will predict and suggest movies that users are likely to enjoy.

The system will use collaborative filtering (user - based) to make suggestions for each user.

1.1 Business Problem

Users finds it difficult to choose content that matches thier preferences. Lack of personalized recommendations leads to users disatisfaction.

The recommender system will:

- Help users to discover new content that they may enjoy based on their unique preferences.
- Enhance user experience by providing personalized movie recommendations.
- Ensure viewers are exposed to a variety of relevant movies

1.2 Objectives

- Peformance avaluation of the models
- Personalization
- User engagement

1.3 Shareholders

- End users these are the people who consume the content and are relying on reccomendations.
- Content creators these are people who are producing the content
- marketing team these team will rely on the system to come up with a marketing strategy
- product team these are for integrating the system into the platforms

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2.0 Data loading and data Understanding

2.1 necessary Libraries

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import ing the necessary libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from surprise import Dataset, Reader, accuracy
from surprise.model_selection import train_test_split
from surprise.prediction_algorithms import KNNWithMeans, KNNBasic, KNNBaseline,
from surprise.model_selection import cross_validate
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
from surprise.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from surprise.prediction_algorithms import SVD
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

2.2 Loading the movie and Rating data sets

```
In [21]: # data Loading and checking the head
         movies = pd.read_csv('movies.csv')
         ratings = pd.read_csv('ratings.csv')
         print(movies.head())
         print(ratings.head())
           movieId
                                                 title \
        0
                                      Toy Story (1995)
                                        Jumanji (1995)
        2
                 3
                               Grumpier Old Men (1995)
                              Waiting to Exhale (1995)
                 5 Father of the Bride Part II (1995)
          Adventure | Animation | Children | Comedy | Fantasy
        1
                            Adventure | Children | Fantasy
        2
                                        Comedy Romance
        3
                                  Comedy | Drama | Romance
        4
                                                Comedy
           userId movieId rating timestamp
        0
                1
                  1
                              4.0 964982703
                        3
        1
                               4.0 964981247
                               4.0 964982224
                1
                        6
        3
                1
                        47
                               5.0 964983815
                        50
                              5.0 964982931
```

The datasets have the following colums:

- movieID uniquely identifies a movie
- title name of a movie
- genres genre to which a movie belongs
- userID uniquely identifying each user
- rating a rating given to movies by users

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timestamp - time the movies were released

2.3 Merge the two data sets

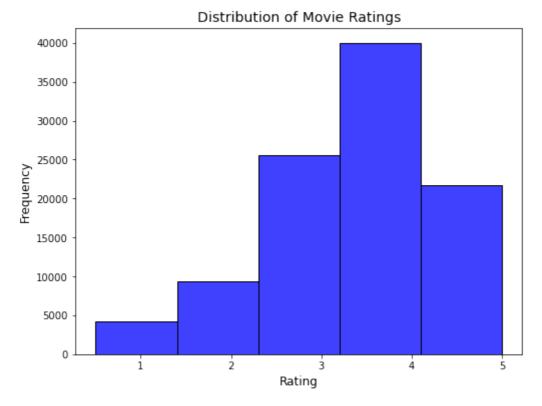
```
movie_ratingv = pd.merge(ratings, movies, on="movieId")
In [22]:
          movie_ratingv.head()
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                                                     (1995)
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                                                            Adventure|Animation|Children|Comedy|Fanta
                                                     (1995)
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           4
                            1
                                                            Adventure|Animation|Children|Comedy|Fanta
                  17
                                   4.5
                                      1305696483
                                                     Story
                                                    (1995)
In [23]: movie_rating = movie_ratingv.drop(columns = ['timestamp', 'title', 'genres'], ax
          movie_rating.head()
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              userld movield
                               rating
           0
                            1
                   1
                                   4.0
                   5
           1
                                   4.0
           2
                   7
                            1
                                   4.5
           3
                  15
                                   2.5
                            1
           4
                  17
                                   4.5
          movie_rating.isnull().sum()
In [24]:
Out[24]:
           userId
                       0
           movieId
                       0
           rating
                       0
           dtype: int64
In [25]: movie_rating['rating'].value_counts()
```

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Out[25]:
                 26818
          4.0
                 20047
          3.0
          5.0
                 13211
          3.5
                 13136
          4.5
                 8551
                  7551
          2.0
          2.5
                  5550
          1.0
                  2811
          1.5
                  1791
          0.5
                  1370
          Name: rating, dtype: int64
```

3.0 Visualizations

3.1 Ratings distribution



• Rating 4 has the highest frequency followed by 3,5,2 and 1 respectively.

3.2 Top 10 Movies by Average rating

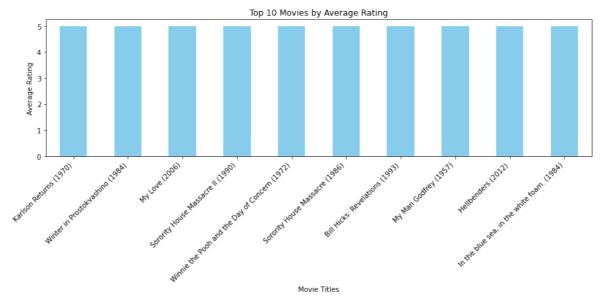
```
In [27]: avg_ratings = movie_ratingv.groupby('title')['rating'].mean()
```

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```
avg_ratings_sorted = avg_ratings.sort_values(ascending=False)

top_n = 10
top_movies = avg_ratings_sorted.head(top_n)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
top_movies.plot(kind='bar', color='skyblue')
plt.title(f'Top {top_n} Movies by Average Rating')
plt.xlabel('Movie Titles')
plt.ylabel('Average Rating')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



3.3 Genre popularity

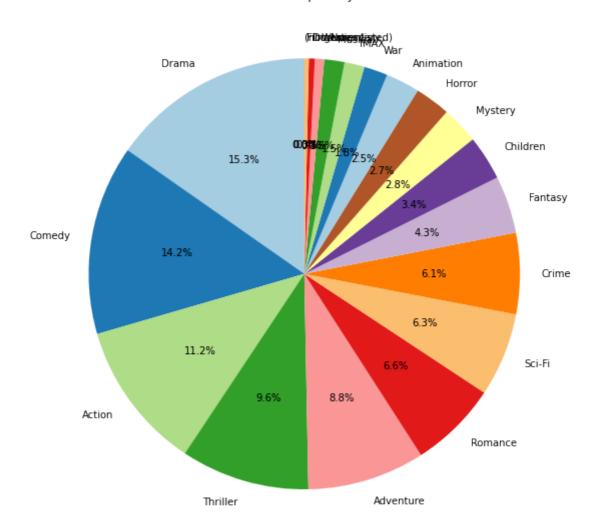
```
In [28]: genres_series = movie_ratingv['genres'].str.split('|', expand=True).stack()

# Count the frequency of each genre
genre_counts = genres_series.value_counts()

#Plot the pie chart for genre popularity
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
genre_counts.plot(kind='pie', autopct='%1.1f%%', colors=plt.cm.Paired.colors, st
plt.title('Genre Popularity')
plt.ylabel('') # Hide the y-label
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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Genre Popularity



• Drama, Comedy and action are the 3 the most popular genres

3.4 Ratings Distribution by Genre

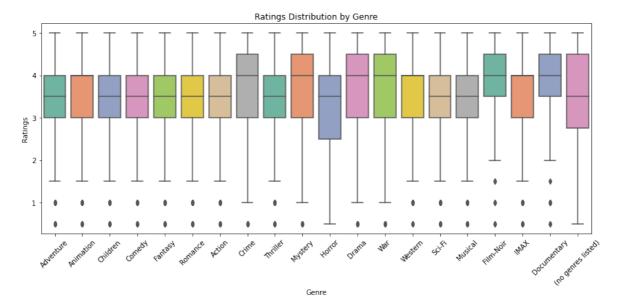
```
In [29]: expanded_movie_rating = movie_ratingv.assign(genres=movie_ratingv['genres'].str.

# Create a box plot for ratings by genre
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.boxplot(x='genres', y='rating', data=expanded_movie_rating, palette='Set2')

plt.title('Ratings Distribution by Genre')
plt.xlabel('Genre')
plt.ylabel('Ratings')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()

# Show the plot
plt.show()
```

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3.5 Genre- Rating correlation heatmap

```
In [30]: expanded_movie_rating = movie_ratingv.assign(genres=movie_ratingv['genres'].str.

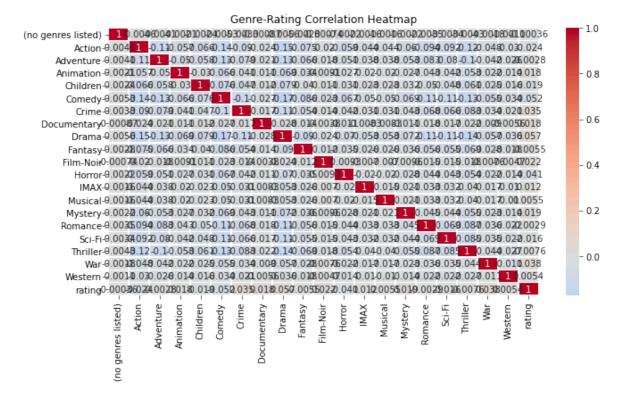
genre_dummies = pd.get_dummies(expanded_movie_rating['genres'])

genre_ratings_df = pd.concat([genre_dummies, expanded_movie_rating['rating']], a

# Calculate the correlation between genres and ratings
correlation_matrix = genre_ratings_df.corr()

# Plot the heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', center=0, linewidth
plt.title('Genre-Rating Correlation Heatmap')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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4.0 Data preparation for surprise

- Surprise is a liblary used to build recommendation systems
- Surprise offers several algorithms for collaborative filtering (e.g., Singular Value Decomposition, K-Nearest Neighbors).
- It provides tools for evaluating the performance of models using standard metrics.

```
In [31]: reader = Reader (rating_scale= (0.5, 5.0))
data = Dataset.load_from_df(movie_rating[["userId", "movieId", "rating"]], reade
data
```

Out[31]: <surprise.dataset.DatasetAutoFolds at 0x162d2509b80>

Reader: This is a class in the surprise library that is used to parse the rating data

rating_scale=(0.5, 5.0): This parameter sets the acceptable range for ratings in the dataset. In this case, ratings can only be between 0.5 and 5.0

Dataset: This is a class in surprise that represents a dataset of user-item interactions (ratings, in this case). It's the format that surprise expects to work with for training models.

load_from_df : This method is used to load a dataset from a pandas DataFrame into a format that surprise can work with.

```
In [32]: dataset = data.build_full_trainset()
```

build_full_trainset() is used to generate a trainset from the Data

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```
In [33]: print('Number of users: ', dataset.n_users, '\n')
print('Number of items: ', dataset.n_items)
Number of users: 610
```

Number of items: 9724

looking at how many users and items we have in our dataset. when using neighborhood-based methods, this helps in determining whether or not we should perform user-user or item-item similarity.

from the dataset, we will be using the user-based systems

4.1 Modeling with SVD using gridsearch

• GridSearch is a technique used to find the best combination of hyperparameters

- rmse for the SVD is around 86.93%
- gridsearch best parameters are n factors = 30 and reg all = 0.03

4.2 cross validating with KNNBasic

```
knn_basic = KNNBasic(sim_options= {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True})
In [36]:
         cv_knn_basic = cross_validate(knn_basic, data, n_jobs = 1)
         cv knn basic['test rmse']
         print(np.mean(cv_knn_basic['test_rmse']))
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        0.972061182269172
```

- test_rmse for this model is around 97.36 % an improvement from SVD
- pearson is the similarity metrics

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- KNNBasic for computing the similarity scores and making predictions
- User_based = TRUE a type of filtering for user_based system

4.3 cross validating with KNNBaseline

```
knn_baseline = KNNBaseline(sim_options={'name':'pearson','user_based': True})
In [37]:
         cv_knn_baseline = cross_validate(knn_baseline, data, n_jobs= 1)
         cv_knn_baseline['test_rmse']
         print(np.mean(cv knn baseline['test rmse']))
        Estimating biases using als...
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Estimating biases using als...
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Estimating biases using als...
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Estimating biases using als...
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        Estimating biases using als...
        Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
        Done computing similarity matrix.
        0.877427329039614
             test_rmse for this model is around 87.67
```

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4.4 cross validating with KNNWithMeans

```
knn with means = KNNWithMeans(sim options={'name':'pearson','user based': True})
 cv_knn_with_means = cross_validate(knn_with_means, data, n_jobs= 1)
 cv knn with means['test rmse']
 print(np.mean(cv_knn_with_means['test_rmse']))
Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
Done computing similarity matrix.
Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
Done computing similarity matrix.
Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
Done computing similarity matrix.
Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
Done computing similarity matrix.
Computing the pearson similarity matrix...
Done computing similarity matrix.
0.8962013839818613
```

test rmse for this model is around 89.74%

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RMSE is used to evaluate the accuracy of predicted ratings. It measures the average difference between predicted and actual ratings (how close or far apart the predictions are from the actual values).

Lower RMSE indicates a better fit of the model

From the above outputs, SVD seems to be the best performing model with a test RMSE of around 86.85 %

We will therefore use SVD to make predictions

5.0 Using the best Model for predictions

```
In [39]: svd = SVD(n_factors= 30, reg_all=0.05)
svd.fit(dataset)
```

Out[39]: <surprise.prediction_algorithms.matrix_factorization.SVD at 0x162ccb33850>

5.1 User ratings

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The function below allows a user to rate a certain number of movies on a scale from
 1 to 5 or skip movies they haven't seen

```
In [40]:
         def movie_rater(movie_df,num, genre=None):
             userID = 1000
             rating_list = []
             while num > 0:
                 if genre:
                     movie = movie_df[movie_df['genres'].str.contains(genre)].sample(1)
                     movie = movie_df.sample(1)
                 print(movie)
                 rating = input('How do you rate this movie on a scale of 1-5, press n if
                 if rating == 'n':
                     continue
                 else:
                     rating one movie = {'userId':userID,'movieId':movie['movieId'].value
                     rating_list.append(rating_one_movie)
                     num -= 1
             return rating list
In [41]: user_rating = movie_rater(movies, 10, 'Comedy')
```

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```
movieId
                                                 title \
99
       112 Rumble in the Bronx (Hont faan kui) (1995)
                          genres
99 Action | Adventure | Comedy | Crime
    movieId
                                          title
                                                       genres
850
       1120 People vs. Larry Flynt, The (1996) Comedy Drama
     movieId
                                        title genres
9273
      157270 Barbershop: The Next Cut (2016) Comedy
     movieId
                            title
                                                genres
       36363 Kin-Dza-Dza! (1986) Comedy Drama Sci-Fi
5976
     movieId
                                                               genres
2890
        3865 Original Kings of Comedy, The (2000) Comedy Documentary
     movieId
                    title
                                       genres
1952
       2587 Life (1999) Comedy|Crime|Drama
     movieId
                     title
                                    genres
2695
        3616 Loser (2000) Comedy Romance
     movieId
                          title
                                         genres
7973
       96530 Conception (2011) Comedy Romance
     movieId
                               title
       5135 Monsoon Wedding (2001) Comedy|Romance
3717
     movieId
                             title
9102 144262 Slow Learners (2015) Comedy Romance
```

5.2 Predictions with the new rating

```
In [42]: user_ratings = pd.DataFrame(user_rating)
  new_ratings_df = pd.concat([movie_rating, user_ratings], axis=0)
  new_data = Dataset.load_from_df(new_ratings_df,reader)
```

Explanation

- Creating a DataFrame (user_ratings) from a list of dictionaries (user_rating).
- Concatenate the movie_rating DataFrame with the newly created user_ratings DataFrame to form a DataFrame (new_ratings_df).
- Load the concatenated DataFrame (new_ratings_df) into the surprise library's Dataset format using Dataset.load_from_df()

5.3 training the model with the new Data

```
In [43]: svd_ = SVD(n_factors= 30, reg_all=0.05)
svd_.fit(new_data.build_full_trainset())
```

Out[43]: <surprise.prediction_algorithms.matrix_factorization.SVD at 0x162ccb33610>

• the model (svd_) is trained and ready to make predictions about how a user might rate movies they haven't seen yet

5.4 making predictions for the user and ordering the predictions from highest to lowest rated

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The ranked_movies list contains a sorted list of tuples, where each tuple consists of a
movie ID and the predicted rating for user 1000. The list is ordered from the movie
with the highest predicted rating to the lowest.

6.0 making recommendations

```
In [45]: def recommended_movies(user_ratings,movie_title_df,n):
                 for idx, rec in enumerate(user_ratings):
                     title = movie_title_df.loc[movie_title_df['movieId'] == int(rec[0])]
                     print('Recommendation # ', idx+1, ': ', title, '\n')
                     if n == 0:
                         break
         recommended_movies(ranked_movies, movies, 5)
        Recommendation # 1: 602
                                      Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worr...
        Name: title, dtype: object
        Recommendation # 2: 277
                                      Shawshank Redemption, The (1994)
        Name: title, dtype: object
        Recommendation # 3: 906
                                      Lawrence of Arabia (1962)
        Name: title, dtype: object
                                      Fight Club (1999)
        Recommendation # 4: 2226
        Name: title, dtype: object
        Recommendation # 5: 922
                                      Godfather: Part II, The (1974)
        Name: title, dtype: object
```

Output Explanation

Recommendation # 1: The code looks for the movie title that corresponds to movield 277, which is "Dr. Strangelove".

Recommendation # 2: It then looks for movield 277, which corresponds to "The Shawshank Redemption (1994)".

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Recommendation # 3 : for movield 906, it finds "Lawrence of Arabia (1962)".
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Recommendation # 4: Next, for movield 2226, it finds "Fight Club (1999)".

Recommendation # 5 : Finally, for movield 922, it finds "Godfather: Part II, The (1974)".

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