# Song Recommendation Collaborative Filtering System Trained on Million Song Dataset

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In this jupyter notebook, I will be training 2 SVD model for collaborative filtering on Million Song Dataset, and compared result for both model's prediction on top 1 and top 5 hit rate. My report is at the end of the file.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
# from sklearn.decomposition import TruncatedSVD
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from surprise import SVD
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import time

In [2]: from surprise import SVD
from surprise import Dataset, Reader
from surprise import accuracy
from surprise.model_selection import train_test_split
from surprise.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from surprise.model_selection import cross_validate
In [3]: import sys
print(sys.executable)
```

/mnt/c/Users/17343/Desktop/Song recommendation/env/bin/python3

## **Extract Data**

in this section, I extract raw data from datasets downloaded from Million Song Dataset website(http://millionsongdataset.com/). I downloaded:

- 1. train\_triplets.txt, a dataset containing user preference information, including user id, song id, and play count
- 2. track\_metadata.db, SQLite database containing most metadata about each track

I will be using the play\_count attribute in train\_triplet dataset as a implicit rating, and the metadata is only used for me to better learn about the data set as a whole.

```
In [4]: # Load the dataset
data df = pd.read csv('train triplets.txt', sep='\t', names=['user id', 'sor
```

```
# Number of unique users
        num users = data df['user id'].nunique()
        print(f"Number of Users: {num users}")
        # Number of unique songs (items)
        num items = data df['song id'].nunique()
        print(f"Number of Items (Songs): {num items}")
        # Number of ratings (play counts)
        num ratings = len(data df)
        print(f"Number of Ratings (Play Counts): {num ratings}")
       Number of Users: 209542
       Number of Items (Songs): 307782
       Number of Ratings (Play Counts): 10000000
In [5]: data df.head()
Out[5]:
                                             user_id
                                                                  song_id play_coul
        0 b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e
                                                      SOAKIMP12A8C130995
        b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOAPDEY12A81C210A9
        2 b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOBBMDR12A8C13253B
        3 b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOBFNSP12AF72A0E22
        4 b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOBFOVM12A58A7D494
In [6]: import sqlite3
        import pandas as pd
        # Connect to the track metadata.db SQLite database
        conn = sqlite3.connect('track metadata.db')
        # Extract the song IDs from the data df to use in the SQL query
        song ids = tuple(data df['song id'].unique())
        # SQL query to fetch song details for the given song IDs
        query = f"""
        SELECT song id, title, artist name, release, year
        FROM songs
        WHERE song id IN {song ids};
        # Execute the guery and load the results into a pandas DataFrame
        song metadata df = pd.read sql query(query, conn)
        # Close the database connection
        conn.close()
```

Out[7]:		song_id	title	artist_name	release	year	
	0	SOBNYVR12A8C13558C	Si Vos Querés	Yerba Brava	De Culo	2003	
	1	SOYGNWH12AB018191E	L'antarctique	3 Gars Su'l Sofa	Des cobras des tarentules	2007	
	2	SOGPCJI12A8C13CCA0	N Gana	Waldemar Bastos	Afropea 3 - Telling Stories To The Sea	0	
	3	SOSDCFG12AB0184647	006	Lena Philipsson	Lena 20 År	1998	
	4	SOKOVRQ12A8C142811	Ethos of Coercion	Dying Fetus	Descend Into Depravity	2009	
In [8]:	<pre>merged_df = pd.merge(data_df, song_metadata_df, on='song_id', how='left')</pre>						
In [9]:	merged_df.head()						
Out[9]:			user_id		song_id	play_cou	
	<b>0</b> b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOAKIMP12A8C13099						
	<b>1</b> b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOAPDEY12A81C210				DEY12A81C210A9		
	2	b80344d063b5ccb3212f7	6538f3d9e43d87	7dca9e SOBBM	1DR12A8C13253B		
	<b>3</b> b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOBFNSP12AF72A				NSP12AF72A0E22		

**4** b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e SOBFOVM12A58A7D494

# **Data Preprocessing**

In this part, I will do analysis on how many songs does users normally listen to, and how many listening count does a song usually gets. By filtering out the small values, I could improve the train dataset quality.

```
In [10]: data_df = merged_df.copy()
In []:
```

#### Analyzing dataset: look at how many songs does a user listen to

```
In [11]: # Count how many unique songs each user has listened to
    user_song_counts = data_df.groupby('user_id')['song_id'].nunique()

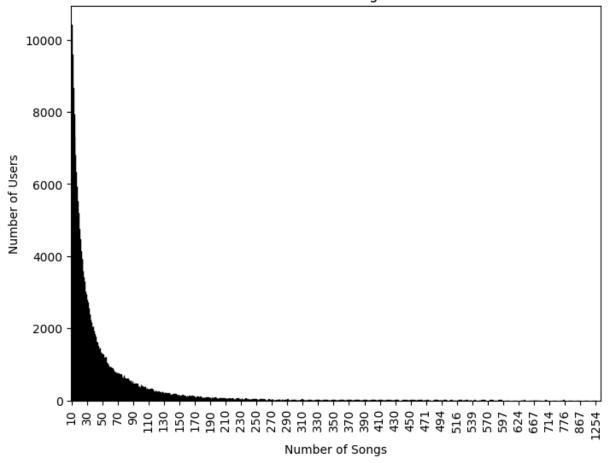
# Plot a bar chart of the number of songs listened to by each user
    ax = user_song_counts.value_counts().sort_index().plot(kind='bar', figsize=())

# Set x-axis labels to display only every nth label
    step_size = 20 # Change this value to control the frequency of x-tick label
    ax.set_xticks(range(0, len(user_song_counts.value_counts()), step_size))
    ax.set_xticklabels(user_song_counts.value_counts().sort_index().index[::step

# Add labels and title
    plt.title('Distribution of Number of Songs Users Listened To')
    plt.xlabel('Number of Songs')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Users')

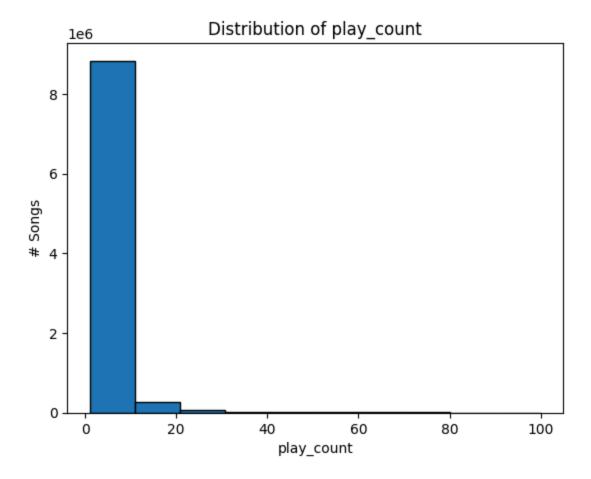
# Show the plot
    plt.show()
```

#### Distribution of Number of Songs Users Listened To



from the plot, we can see that most people listen to 1-150 songs. I will filter out users who listens to < 20 songs since their data would potentially be misleading to the model

```
In [12]: len(data df)
Out[12]: 10266784
In [13]: # Step 1: Count how many unique songs each user has listened to
         user song counts = data df.groupby('user id')['song id'].nunique()
         # Step 2: Filter out users who listened to fewer than 10 songs
         users with 20 or more songs = user song counts[user song counts >= 20].index
         # Step 3: Filter the original data df to keep rows where the user id is in u
         filtered data df = data df[data df['user id'].isin(users with 20 or more sor
In [14]: len(filtered data df)
Out[14]: 9215728
         Analyzing dataset: look at how many play count each song has
In [15]: # Mean and median play counts
         mean play count = filtered data df['play count'].mean()
         median play count = filtered data df['play count'].median()
         print(f"Mean Play Count: {mean play count:.2f}")
         print(f"Median Play Count: {median_play_count}")
        Mean Play Count: 2.83
        Median Play Count: 1.0
In [16]: # Sample data: a list of numbers
         data = filtered data df['play count']
         # Create a histogram with a specific range
         plt.hist(data, bins=10, range=(1, 100), edgecolor='black')
         # Add title and labels
         plt.title("Distribution of play count")
         plt.xlabel("play count")
         plt.ylabel("# Songs")
         # Show the plot
         plt.show()
```



we should filter out songs with too litte play\_count, because it may not have enough use data to be accurately representated in the model. In this case, I choose to filter out songs with < 100 play count

```
In [17]: len(filtered_data_df)
Out[17]: 9215728
In [18]: # Count how many times each song has been listened to song_listening_counts = filtered_data_df.groupby('song_id')['user_id'].nunic # Filter out songs with fewer than a minimum threshold of interactions (>= 1 songs_with_enough_interactions = song_listening_counts[song_listening_counts # Filter the original data_df to keep only rows where the song has enough in filtered_data_df2 = filtered_data_df[filtered_data_df['song_id'].isin(songs_In [19]: len(filtered_data_df2)
Out[19]: 6047430
```

### Rate Scale Conversion

since the dataset only contains play count as implicit rating, I looked at data distribution, and tried using a custom binning technique to convert listening

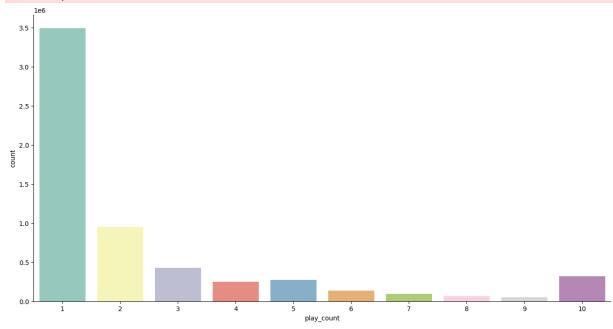
counts to rating.

```
In [20]: # Checking the maximum rating
         max rating = filtered data df2['play count'].max()
         print(f"Maximum Listening Count: {max rating}")
         # Checking the minimum rating
         min rating = filtered data df2['play count'].min()
         print(f"Minimum Listening Count: {min rating}")
         # Checking the mean rating
         mean rating = filtered data df2['play count'].mean()
         print(f"Mean Listening Count: {mean rating:.2f}")
         # Checking different percentiles (e.g., 25th, 50th, 75th, 90th)
         percentiles = [0.25, 0.50, 0.75, 0.90]
         percentile values = filtered data df2['play count'].quantile(percentiles)
         # Print the percentile values
         for p, value in zip(percentiles, percentile values):
             print(f"{int(p*100)}th Percentile: {value}")
        Maximum Listening Count: 2213
        Minimum Listening Count: 1
        Mean Listening Count: 2.93
        25th Percentile: 1.0
        50th Percentile: 1.0
        75th Percentile: 3.0
        90th Percentile: 6.0
         custom binning
In [21]: binning data2 = filtered_data_df2.copy()
         bins = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 2214]
In [22]: binning_data2['play_count'] = pd.cut(binning data2['play count'], bins=bins,
         listen counts custom = pd.DataFrame(binning data2.groupby('play count').size
        /tmp/ipykernel 41343/959787700.py:3: FutureWarning: The default of observed=
        False is deprecated and will be changed to True in a future version of panda
        s. Pass observed=False to retain current behavior or observed=True to adopt
        the future default and silence this warning.
          listen counts custom = pd.DataFrame(binning data2.groupby('play count').si
        ze(), columns=['count']).reset index(drop=False)
In [23]: plt.figure(figsize=(16, 8))
         sns.barplot(x='play_count', y='count', palette='Set3', data=listen_counts_cu
         plt.gca().spines['top'].set visible(False)
         plt.gca().spines['right'].set visible(False)
         plt.show();
```

/tmp/ipykernel\_41343/1763205556.py:2: FutureWarning:

Passing `palette` without assigning `hue` is deprecated and will be removed in v0.14.0. Assign the `x` variable to `hue` and set `legend=False` for the same effect.

sns.barplot(x='play\_count', y='count', palette='Set3', data=listen\_counts\_
custom)



In [24]: binning\_data2

0 1 50 4 3							
Out[24]:		user_id	song_id				
	0	b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e	SOAKIMP12A8C130995				
	1	b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e	SOAPDEY12A81C210A9				
	2	b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e	SOBBMDR12A8C13253B				
	6	b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e	SOBSUJE12A6D4F8CF5				
	8	b80344d063b5ccb3212f76538f3d9e43d87dca9e	SOBXALG12A8C13C108				
	10266739	fd7fba879e036460b1c7cf18ae84ffb70d2166f4	SOSZJFV12AB01878CB				
	10266740	fd7fba879e036460b1c7cf18ae84ffb70d2166f4	SOUPCXQ12A81C222D9				
	10266741	fd7fba879e036460b1c7cf18ae84ffb70d2166f4	SOUVTSM12AC468F6A7				
	10266743	fd7fba879e036460b1c7cf18ae84ffb70d2166f4	SOWCKVR12A8C142411				
	10266744	fd7fba879e036460b1c7cf18ae84ffb70d2166f4	SOWCKVR12A8C142411				
6047430 rows × 7 columns							
In [25]:	<pre>binning_data2[['user_id', 'song_id', 'play_count']].to_csv("train-test-data.</pre>						
In [4]:	<pre># binning_data2 = pd.read_csv("train-test-data.csv")</pre>						
In [5]:	<pre># Prepare data for Surprise from surprise import Dataset, Reader</pre>						
	<pre>reader = Reader(rating_scale=(1, 5)) data = Dataset.load_from_df(binning_data2[['user_id', 'song_id', 'play_count</pre>						
In [6]:	<pre>trainset, testset = train_test_split(data, test_size=.25)</pre>						
In [7]:	len(testset)						

# **Model Training**

#### Model 1:

```
In [31]: # Initialize the SVD algorithm
    algo = SVD(n_factors=100, n_epochs=50, lr_all=0.01, reg_all=0.1)
    # Record the start time
    start_time = time.time()
# Train the model
    algo.fit(trainset)

# Record the total completion time
    training_time = time.time() - start_time
    print(f"Total Training Time: {training_time:.2f} seconds")
```

Total Training Time: 147.78 seconds

#### Model 2:

```
In [34]: # Initialize the SVD algorithm
    algo2 = SVD(n_factors=150, n_epochs=100, lr_all=0.005, reg_all=0.1)
    # Record the start time
    start_time = time.time()
    # Train the model
    algo2.fit(trainset)

# Record the total completion time
    training_time2 = time.time() - start_time
    print(f"Total Training Time: {training_time2:.2f} seconds")
```

Total Training Time: 367.42 seconds

#### Model 3:

```
In [11]: # Initialize the SVD algorithm
  algo3 = SVD(n_factors=100, n_epochs=50, lr_all=0.01, reg_all=0.5)
  # Record the start time
  start_time = time.time()
  # Train the model
  algo3.fit(trainset)

# Record the total completion time
```

```
training_time3 = time.time() - start_time
print(f"Total Training Time: {training_time3:.2f} seconds")
```

Total Training Time: 159.46 seconds

#### Test the Model and Report Top 1 and Top 5 Accuracy

```
In [46]: def save(predictions,idx):
             # Convert predictions to DataFrame
             predictions df = pd.DataFrame(predictions, columns=['user id', 'item id']
             # Save to CSV (excluding the 'details' column)
             predictions df[['user id', 'item id', 'true r', 'est']].to csv(f'predict
In [36]: predictions = algo.test(testset)
         # print(f"The rmse is {accuracy.rmse(test predictions, verbose=True)}")
In [37]: predictions2 = algo2.test(testset)
In [12]: predictions3 = algo3.test(testset)
In [14]: def calculate top hits(predictions):
             Optimized function to calculate Top-1 and Top-5 hits from prediction res
             :param predictions: List of prediction tuples from the Surprise model (U
             :return: DataFrame with columns: user id, top 1 hit, top 5 hit.
             import pandas as pd
             # Convert predictions to a DataFrame
             pred df = pd.DataFrame(predictions, columns=['user id', 'item id', 'true')
             # Sort by user id and estimated rating (descending)
             pred df sorted = pred df.sort values(by=['user id', 'est'], ascending=[1
             # Group by user id and collect item ids into lists
             grouped = pred df sorted.groupby('user id')['item id'].apply(list).reset
             # Extract top 1 and top 5 items
             grouped['top 1 items'] = grouped['item id'].apply(lambda x: x[:1])
             grouped['top 5 items'] = grouped['item id'].apply(lambda x: x[:5])
             # Prepare DataFrame with true items
             true items = pred df[['user id', 'item id']].drop duplicates()
             # Merge to align true items with their top recommendations
             merged_df = pd.merge(true_items, grouped[['user_id', 'top_1_items', 'top
             # Calculate hits using vectorized operations
             merged df['top 1 hit'] = merged df.apply(lambda row: int(row['item id']
             merged df['top 5 hit'] = merged df.apply(lambda row: int(row['item id']
```

```
results df = merged df[['user id', 'top 1 hit', 'top 5 hit']]
             return results df
In [18]: def graph result(results df):
             # Assuming your results DataFrame is already created
             # Calculate the average Top-1 and Top-5 hit rates
             top 1 hit rate = results df['top 1 hit'].mean()
             top 5 hit rate = results df['top 5 hit'].mean()
             # Create a DataFrame to store hit rates for plotting
             hit rates df = pd.DataFrame({
                 'Hit Rate Type': ['Top-1 Hit Rate', 'Top-5 Hit Rate'],
                 'Hit Rate': [top 1 hit rate, top 5 hit rate]
             })
             # Plotting the hit rates as a bar chart
             plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
             bars = plt.bar(hit rates df['Hit Rate Type'], hit rates df['Hit Rate'],
             # Add labels on top of each bar
             for bar in bars:
                 yval = bar.get height()
                 plt.text(bar.get x() + bar.get width()/2, yval + 0.01, f'{yval:.2f}'
             # Add titles and labels
             plt.title('Top-1 and Top-5 Hit Rates')
             plt.ylabel('Hit Rate')
             plt.ylim(0, 1) # Hit rate ranges from 0 to 1
             plt.show()
 In [ ]: result = calculate top hits(predictions)
 In [ ]: result2 = calculate top hits(predictions2)
In [15]: result3 = calculate top hits(predictions3)
         Result 1:
In [71]: top 1 hit rate = result['top 1 hit'].mean()
         top 5 hit rate = result['top 5 hit'].mean()
         print(top 1 hit rate, top 5 hit rate)
```

# Select relevant columns

### Result 2:

0.08924316966275933 0.39896604046147194

```
In [73]: top_1_hit_rate = result2['top_1_hit'].mean()
top_5_hit_rate = result2['top_5_hit'].mean()
print(top_1_hit_rate, top_5_hit_rate)
```

#### Result 3:

In [24]: **import** pandas **as** pd

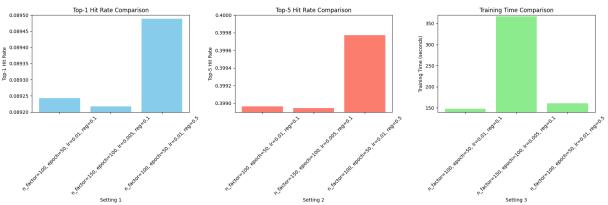
```
In [16]: top_1_hit_rate = result3['top_1_hit'].mean()
  top_5_hit_rate = result3['top_5_hit'].mean()
  print(top_1_hit_rate, top_5_hit_rate)
```

0.08948849972745637 0.3997707427081218

# **Result Graphs**

```
# Define the updated data
         data = {
             'Setting': [
                  'n factor=100, epoch=50, lr=0.01, reg=0.1',
                 'n factor=150, epoch=100, lr=0.005, reg=0.1',
                 'n factor=100, epoch=50, lr=0.01, reg=0.5'
             ],
              'Top 1 Hit Rate': [0.08924316966275933, 0.0892180350270991, 0.0894884997
              'Top 5 Hit Rate': [0.39896604046147194, 0.3989461973280559, 0.3997707427
             'Training Time': [147.78, 367.42, 160.46]
         }
         # Convert to DataFrame
         df = pd.DataFrame(data)
In [23]: # Set up the figure and subplots
         fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))
         # Bar chart for Top-1 Hit Rate
         ax[0].bar(df['Setting'], df['Top 1 Hit Rate'], color='skyblue')
         ax[0].set title('Top-1 Hit Rate Comparison')
         ax[0].set xlabel('Setting 1')
         ax[0].set ylabel('Top-1 Hit Rate')
         ax[0].tick params(axis='x', rotation=45)
         ax[0].set ylim(0.0892, 0.0895) # Set the y-axis range to focus on different
         # Bar chart for Top-5 Hit Rate
         ax[1].bar(df['Setting'], df['Top 5 Hit Rate'], color='salmon')
         ax[1].set title('Top-5 Hit Rate Comparison')
         ax[1].set xlabel('Setting 2')
         ax[1].set ylabel('Top-5 Hit Rate')
         ax[1].tick params(axis='x', rotation=45)
         ax[1].set_ylim(0.3989, 0.400) # Set the y-axis range to focus on difference
         # Bar chart for Training Time
         ax[2].bar(df['Setting'], df['Training_Time'], color='lightgreen')
         ax[2].set title('Training Time Comparison')
         ax[2].set xlabel('Setting 3')
         ax[2].set ylabel('Training Time (seconds)')
```

```
ax[2].tick_params(axis='x', rotation=45)
ax[2].set_ylim(140, 370) # Set the y-axis range to better show differences
# Adjust layout for better display
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



# Result Report

## **Dataset Description**

I utilized the first 10,000,000 pieces of data from the raw file(train\_triplets.txt) as a raw dataset, which is around 1/4 size of the origional dataset. Then, I keep only users who listened to over 20 songs, and only keep songs with more than 200 listener(these decisions are made along the way when I was observing the data, detailed thought process shown above in 'Data Preprocessing' section).

After the filter, the dataset contains 6,047,430 data. The filtered data has a minimum listening count of 1 and a maximum of 2213(this is max number of times 1 person listen to 1 song), and based on the percentile data, I noticed that 90% of data is within range of 1-6. Therefore, in order to convert the listening count to rating, I binned them into 10 bins with ranges of [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 2214], this makes sure all count that are > 0, <= 1 becomes rating 1, all counts that are >1, <=2 becomes rating 2....all counts >9, <= 2214 becomes rating 10. As shown in the graph below, this conversion technique shows a reasonable distribution of rating.

Listening Count Stats

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Maximum Listening Count: 2213

Minimum Listening Count: 1

Mean

Listening Count: 2.93

Percentile: 1.0

50th Percentile: 1.0

75th

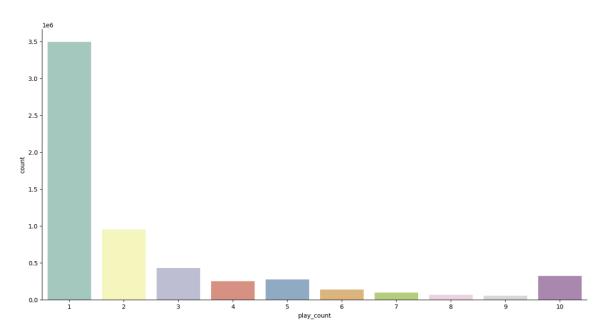
Percentile: 3.0 90th

Percentile: 6.0

Bar Graph of

25th

#### Rating Distribution After Binning



## Train Setting and Result Analysis

I split the filtered data set to a 0.25 train-test split, which means the test set contains in total of 1,511,857 pieces of data. I stored all test data into testset.csv. Then, I ran 3 hyperparameter setting to test the moddel's effectiveness and try to tune it to its best possible hit rate.

For the first model, I use the initial hyperparameter setting is shown below.

The first setting's result has a top 1 hit rate of 0.08924316966275933 and a top 5 hit of 0.39896604046147194. To interpret both hit rate: A top 1 hit rate of 0.08924316966275933 means that about 9% of the time, the system correctly

predicted the exact song the user listens to the most in the ranked list of all songs he listens to. A top 5 hit rate of 0.39896604046147194 means that about 40% of the time, the system correctly predicted the song the user listens to as one of the top 5 song he listens to the most.

I believe both scores are not high enough for the system to be put into real world use. This result is within my expectation, because due to the computational resource limitation, I'm training on 1/4 size of the original full dataset, which means the model might not have enough information to learn to make its best possible prediction. Another thing to note is that the top 1 hit rate is significantly lower than top 5 hit rate. This is also reasonable, since it is inherently more challenging for the model to predict the exact song a user will like compared to predicting top five songs and having 1 matching song.

After analyzing the first result, I aimed to improve the model's performance. I identified several potential reasons for the low hit rate:

n\_factor (Latent Factors): The small number of latent factors (n\_factor) may limit the model's ability to learn complex relationships between users and items. Increasing the number of latent factors would allow the model to learn more precise relation ship betweeen users and musics in a higher-dimensional feature space.

Number of Epochs: The low number of epochs might have caused the model to stop training before converging to the optimal solution. By increasing the number of epochs, the model will have more time to adjust the latent factors and potentially achieve better performance.

Learning Rate: The learning rate may have been too high, causing the model to make large updates to the parameters and miss the global optimum during training. A smaller learning rate allows the model to make more gradual updates, which will improve the chances of finding the optimal set of parameters.

Therefore, I increased the n factor and num epochs, and decrease the learning rate, as shown below:

```
n_factors = 150
n_epochs = 100
lr_all = 0.005
reg all = 0.1
```

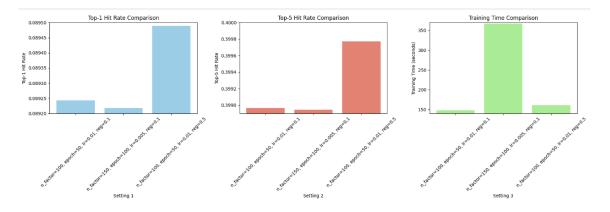
The second model's result has a top 1 hit of 0.0892180350270991, top 5 hit of 0.3989461973280559, which are both worse than the first setting. What's worth noticing is that the training time increases significantly by more than 50% compare to the first setting. This is expected, because with more number of

epochs and more complex setting, more time is needed for the model to finish computing all epochs. The slight decrease in result shows that the model is potentially overfitting. Therefore, for the third model, I increased the regulation factor to reduce overfitting, rest of the setting is identical to model 1.

```
n_factors = 100
n_epochs = 50
lr_all = 0.01
reg all = 0.5
```

The third model's scores are top 1 hit: 0.08948849972745637, and top 5 hit: 0.3997707427081218, which show a improvement over the first model. This confirms my hypothesis of the model overfitting during the first and second hyperparameter setting.

Result Graph



Lastly, What's worth mentioning is that, even though changes in hyperparameters such as n\_factor, number of epochs, and learning rate led to some observable differences in the results, the improvements were too small to make significant impact on the model's overall performance. This suggests that either the current dataset size is too small or the model architecture itself may not be sufficient to capture the full complexity of relationship between users and

songs. It is also possible that further tuning or other advanced techniques (e.g., cross-validation, different feature engineering) are needed to make meaningful improvements.

## Reference

I referenced this github repo for my implementation: https://github.com/TejalBalyan/Music\_Recommender

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