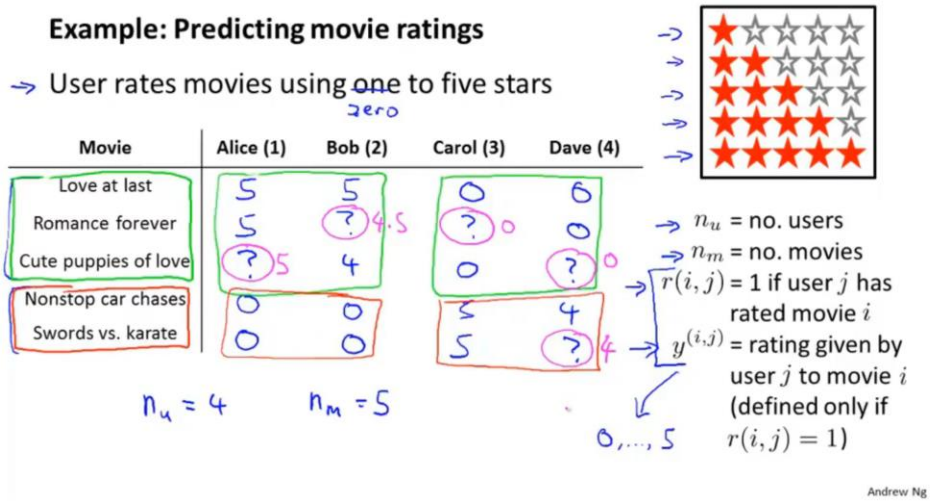
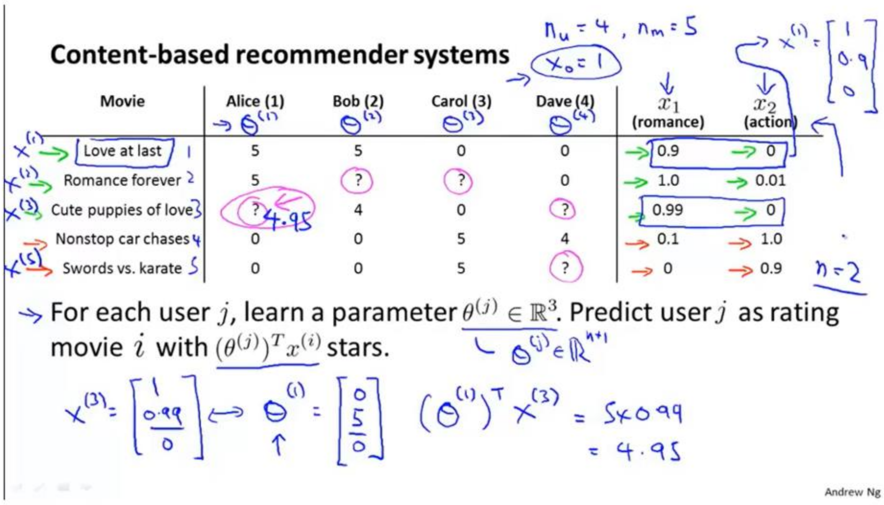
Recommender Systems

1 Problem formulation



2 Content-based recommendations



Problem formulation

- $r(i,j) = 1$ if user j has rated movie i (0 otherwise)
- $y^{(i,j)} =$ rating by user j on movie i (if defined)

- $\theta^{(j)}$ = parameter vector for user j
- $x^{(i)}$ = feature vector for movie i
- For user j, movie i, predicted rating: $(\theta^{(j)})^T(x^{(i)})$ $\theta^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

- $m^{(j)}$ = no. of movies rated by user j

To learn $\theta^{(j)}$:

$$\min_{\theta^{(j)}} \frac{1}{2\cancel{m^{(j)}}} \sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} \left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}\right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2\cancel{m^{(j)}}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\theta_k^{(j)})^2$$

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Optimization objective:

To learn $\theta^{(j)}$ (parameter for user j):

$$\min_{\theta^{(j)}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} \left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}\right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\theta_k^{(j)})^2$$

To learn $\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$:

$$\min_{\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} \underbrace{\sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} \left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}\right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\theta_k^{(j)})^2}_{\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}}$$

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3 Collaborative filtering

Problem motivation

$x_0 = 1$

Movie	Alice (1) $\theta^{(1)}$	Bob (2) $\theta^{(2)}$	Carol (3) $\theta^{(3)}$	Dave (4) $\theta^{(4)}$	x_1 (romance)	x_2 (action)
$x^{(1)}$ Love at last	5	5	0	0	~~?~~ 1.0	~~?~~ 0.0
Romance forever	5	?	?	0	?	?
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?	?	?
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4	?	?
Swords vs. karate	0	0	5	?	?	?

$x^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1.0 \\ 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$

$x^{(1)}$

$$\theta^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \theta^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \theta^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \theta^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\theta^{(j)}$

$(\theta^{(1)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 5$

$(\theta^{(2)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 5$

$(\theta^{(3)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 0$

$(\theta^{(4)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 0$

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Optimization algorithm

Given $\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}$, to learn $x^{(i)}$:

$$\min_{x^{(i)}} \frac{1}{2}\sum_{j:r(i,j)=1}\left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}\right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}\sum_{k=1}^{n}(x_k^{(i)})^2$$

Given $\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}$, to learn $x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)}$:

$$\min_{x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)}} \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n_m}\sum_{j:r(i,j)=1}\left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}\right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n_m}\sum_{k=1}^{n}(x_k^{(i)})^2$$

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Collaborative filtering

$r(i,j)$

$y^{(i,j)}$

Given $x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)}$ (and movie ratings),
can estimate $\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}$

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Guess $\Theta \to x \to \Theta \to x \to \Theta \to x \to \dots$

4 Collaborative filtering algorithm

Collaborative filtering optimization objective

$(i,j): r(i,j)=1$

$\cancel{x_0 = 1}$ $\quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $\quad \cancel{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}}$

$\cancel{\theta_0}$ $\quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $\quad x_1 = 1$

Given $x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)}$, estimate $\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}$:

$$\min_{\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}} \boxed{\frac{1}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{n_u}\sum_{i:r(i,j)=1}\left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}\right)^2} + \boxed{\frac{\lambda}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{n_u}\sum_{k=1}^{n}(\theta_k^{(j)})^2}$$

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Minimizing $x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)}$ and $\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}$ simultaneously:

$$J(x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)},\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}) = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}\sum_{(i,j):r(i,j)=1}\left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}\right)^2} + \boxed{\frac{\lambda}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n_m}\sum_{k=1}^{n}(x_k^{(i)})^2} + \boxed{\frac{\lambda}{2}\sum_{j=1}^{n_u}\sum_{k=1}^{n}(\theta_k^{(j)})^2}$$

$$\boxed{\min_{\substack{x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)}\\ \theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)}}} J(x^{(1)},\dots,x^{(n_m)},\theta^{(1)},\dots,\theta^{(n_u)})}$$

$\Theta \to x \to \Theta \to x \to \dots$

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Collaborative filtering algorithm

$\cancel{x_0 = 1}$ $\quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ \theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1. Initialize $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$ to small random values.
2. Minimize $J(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})$ using gradient descent (or an advanced optimization algorithm). E.g. for every $j = 1, \dots, n_u, i = 1, \dots, n_m$:

$\cancel{\theta_0}$, θ_1, $\vdots$, θ_n

$$x_k^{(i)} := x_k^{(i)} - \alpha \underbrace{\left(\sum_{j:r(i,j)=1} ((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)})\theta_k^{(j)} + \lambda x_k^{(i)} \right)}_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k^{(i)}} J(\dots)}$$

$$\theta_k^{(j)} := \theta_k^{(j)} - \alpha \left(\sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} ((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)})x_k^{(i)} + \lambda \theta_k^{(j)} \right)$$

3. For a user with parameters θ and a movie with (learned) features x, predict a star rating of $\theta^T x$.

$(\theta^{(j)})^T (x^{(i)})$

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5 Vectorization: Low rank matrix factorization

Collaborative filtering

$n_m = 5$
$n_u = 4$

Movie	Alice (1)	Bob (2)	Carol (3)	Dave (4)
Love at last	5	5	0	0
Romance forever	5	?	?	0
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4
Swords vs. karate	0	0	5	?

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$y^{(i,j)}$

Collaborative filtering

$X \Theta^T$ $\qquad (\theta^{(j)})^T (x^{(i)})$

Predicted ratings: $\quad (i,j)$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} (\theta^{(1)})^T(x^{(1)}) & (\theta^{(2)})^T(x^{(1)}) & \dots & (\theta^{(n_u)})^T(x^{(1)}) \\ (\theta^{(1)})^T(x^{(2)}) & (\theta^{(2)})^T(x^{(2)}) & \dots & (\theta^{(n_u)})^T(x^{(2)}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\theta^{(1)})^T(x^{(n_m)}) & (\theta^{(2)})^T(x^{(n_m)}) & \dots & (\theta^{(n_u)})^T(x^{(n_m)}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} - (x^{(1)})^T - \\ - (x^{(2)})^T - \\ \vdots \\ - (x^{(n_m)})^T - \end{bmatrix} \qquad \Theta = \begin{bmatrix} - (\theta^{(1)})^T - \\ - (\theta^{(2)})^T - \\ \vdots \\ - (\theta^{(n_u)})^T - \end{bmatrix}$$

→ Low rank matrix factorization

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Finding related movies

For each product i, we learn a feature vector $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

→ x_1 = romance, x_2 = action, x_3 = comedy, x_4 = ...

How to find movies j related to movie i?

small $\|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|$ → movie j and i are "similar"

5 most similar movies to movie i:

→ Find the 5 movies j with the smallest $\|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|$.

6 Implementational detail: Mean normalization

Users who have not rated any movies

Movie	Alice (1)	Bob (2)	Carol (3)	Dave (4)	Eve (5)
→ Love at last	5	5	0	0	? 0
Romance forever	5	?	?	0	? 0
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?	? 0
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4	? 0
→ Swords vs. karate	0	0	5	?	? 0

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 & ? \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 & ? \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\min_{\substack{x^{(1)},\ldots,x^{(n_m)} \\ \theta^{(1)},\ldots,\theta^{(n_u)}}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{(i,j):r(i,j)=1} ((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (x_k^{(i)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\theta_k^{(j)})^2$$

$n=2$ $\quad \Theta^{(5)} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \Theta^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\lambda}{2}\left[(\Theta_1^{(5)})^2 + (\Theta_2^{(5)})^2\right]$ ←

$(\Theta^{(5)})^T x^{(i)} = 0$

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Mean Normalization:

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 & ? \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 & ? \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & ? \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow 2.5 \\ \leftarrow 2.5 \\ \leftarrow 2 \\ \vdots \\ \\ \end{matrix} \qquad \mu = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 2 \\ 2.25 \\ 1.25 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 2.5 & -2.5 & -2.5 & ? \\ 2.5 & ? & ? & -2.5 & ? \\ ? & 2 & -2 & ? & ? \\ -2.25 & -2.25 & 2.75 & 1.75 & ? \\ -1.25 & -1.25 & 3.75 & -1.25 & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

learn $\Theta^{(j)}, x^{(i)}$

For user j, on movie i predict:

→ $(\Theta^{(j)})^T (x^{(i)}) + \mu_i$

User 5 (Eve):

$\Theta^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \underbrace{(\Theta^{(5)})^T (x^{(i)})}_{=0} + \boxed{\mu_i}$

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