

Recommender Systems for MovieLens-100k

Bayesian Factorization Machine vs Neural Collaborative Filtering

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1 Introduction

Domain of application



Movie recommendations for online movie streaming platform.



Aims



Recommending movies which users are most likely to watch... mainly for user retention!



Data description [1]



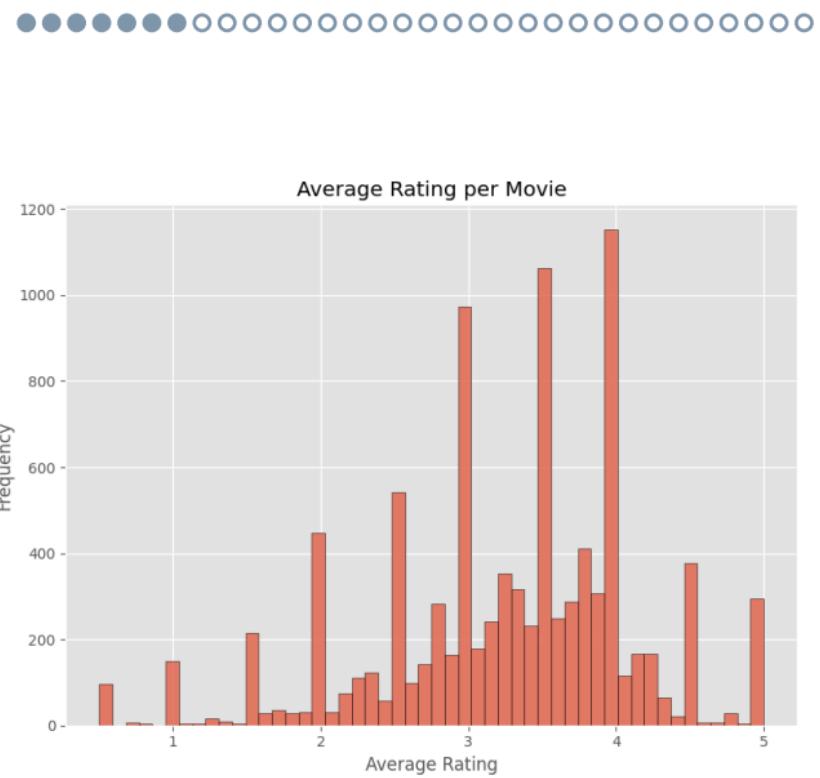
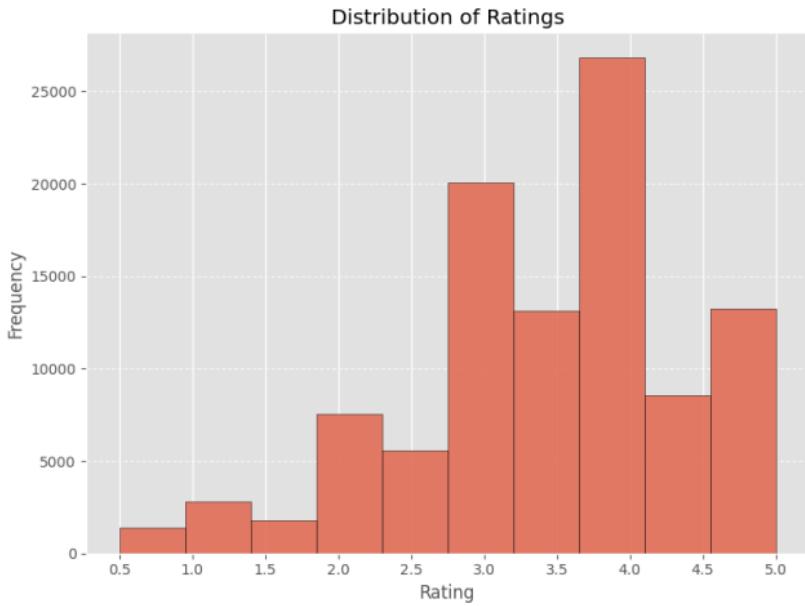
Around 100,000 ratings and 3,600 tag applications applied to 9,000 movies by 600 users.

sparsity: 98.3000%				
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1	1	3	4.0	964981247
2	1	6	4.0	964982224
3	1	47	5.0	964983815
4	1	50	5.0	964982931
...
100831	610	166534	4.0	1493848402
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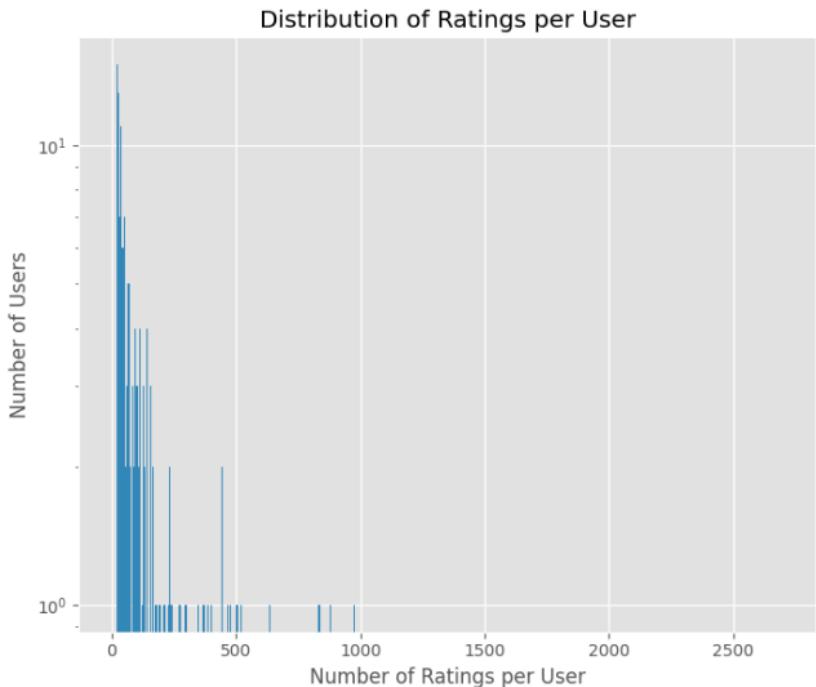
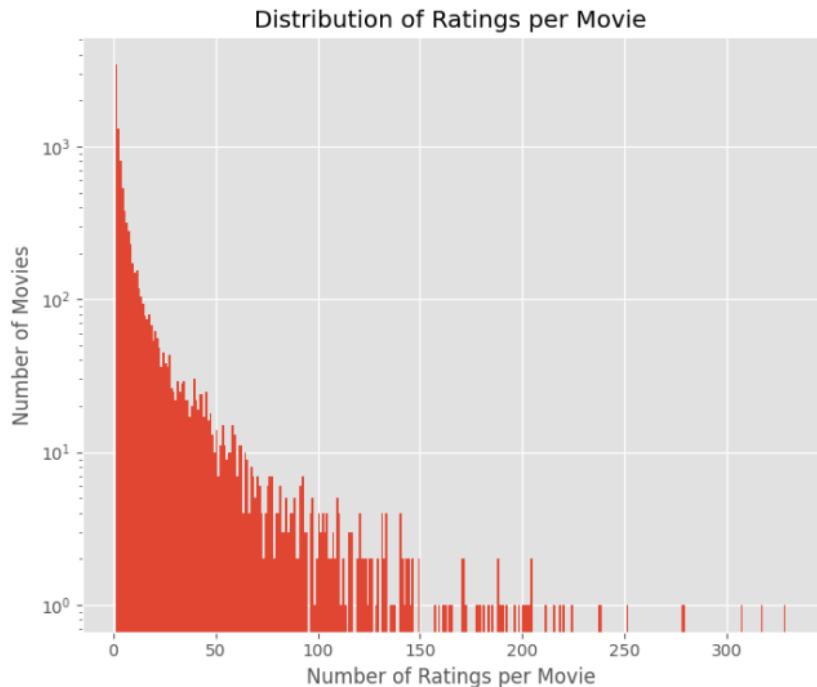
	movieId	title	genres
0	1	Toy Story (1995)	Adventure Animation Children Comedy Fantasy
1	2	Jumanji (1995)	Adventure Children Fantasy
2	3	Grumpier Old Men (1995)	Comedy Romance
3	4	Waiting to Exhale (1995)	Comedy Drama Romance
4	5	Father of the Bride Part II (1995)	Comedy
...
9737	193581	Black Butler: Book of the Atlantic (2017)	Action Animation Comedy Fantasy
9738	193583	No Game No Life: Zero (2017)	Animation Comedy Fantasy
9739	193585	Flint (2017)	Drama
9740	193587	Bungo Stray Dogs: Dead Apple (2018)	Action Animation
9741	193609	Andrew Dice Clay: Dice Rules (1991)	Comedy
9742 rows × 3 columns			

Only ratings and movies data was used. Tags was too complicated to work with.

Data description [1] (ii)



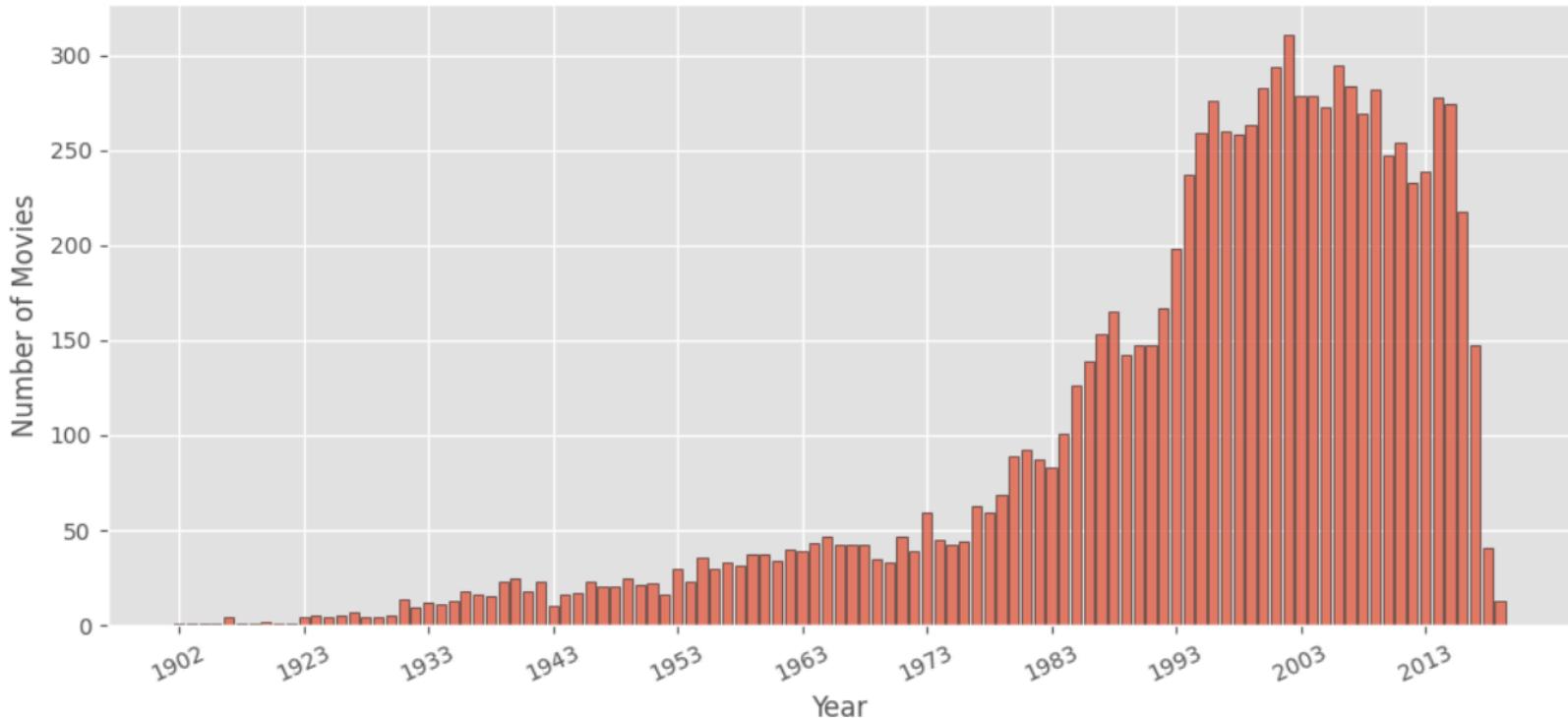
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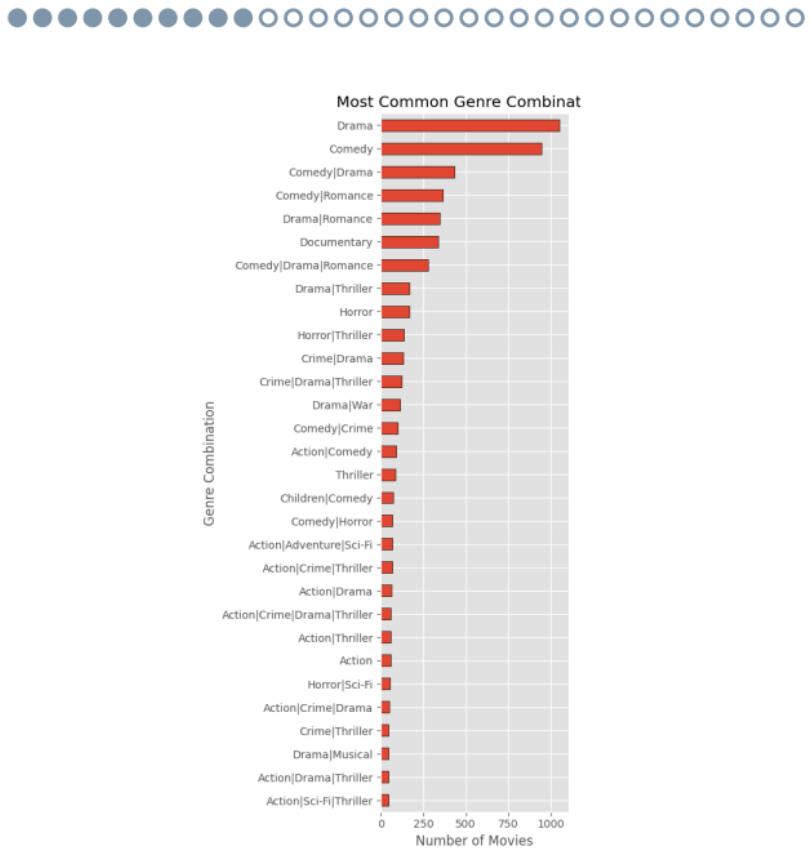
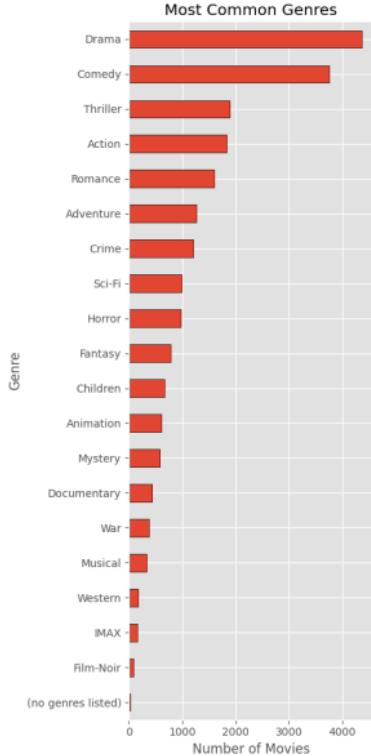
Data description [1] (iv)



Number of Movies Released per Year



Data description [1] (v)



Data preparation



Splitting dates from title and storing in its own column.

	movielid	title	genres	release_year
0	1	Toy Story	Adventure Animation Children Comedy Fantasy	1995
1	2	Jumanji	Adventure Children Fantasy	1995
2	3	Grumpier Old Men	Comedy Romance	1995
3	4	Waiting to Exhale	Comedy Drama Romance	1995
4	5	Father of the Bride Part II	Comedy	1995
...
9737	193581	Black Butler: Book of the Atlantic	Action Animation Comedy Fantasy	2017
9738	193583	No Game No Life: Zero	Animation Comedy Fantasy	2017
9739	193585	Flint	Drama	2017
9740	193587	Bungo Stray Dogs: Dead Apple	Action Animation	2018
9741	193609	Andrew Dice Clay: Dice Rules	Comedy	1991

9742 rows × 4 columns

Data preparation (ii)

Splitting and one-hot encoded the genres.



user	item	label	title	release_year	(no genres listed)	Action	Adventure	Animation	Children	...	Film-Noir	Horror	IMAX	Musical	Mystery	Romance	Sci-Fi	Thriller	War	Western
0	1	1	4.0	Toy Story	1995	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	3	4.0	Grumpier Old Men	1995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	1	6	4.0	Heat	1995	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	1	47	5.0	Seven (a.k.a. Se7en)	1995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
4	1	50	5.0	The Usual Suspects, The	1995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
...	
100831	610	166534	4.0	Split	2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
100832	610	168248	5.0	John Wick: Chapter Two	2017	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
100833	610	168250	5.0	Get Out	2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100834	610	168252	5.0	Logan	2017	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
100835	610	170875	3.0	The Fate of the Furious	2017	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

100836 rows × 25 columns

Mostly just trying to get the data in the right format for the different libraries since they all expect different formats:

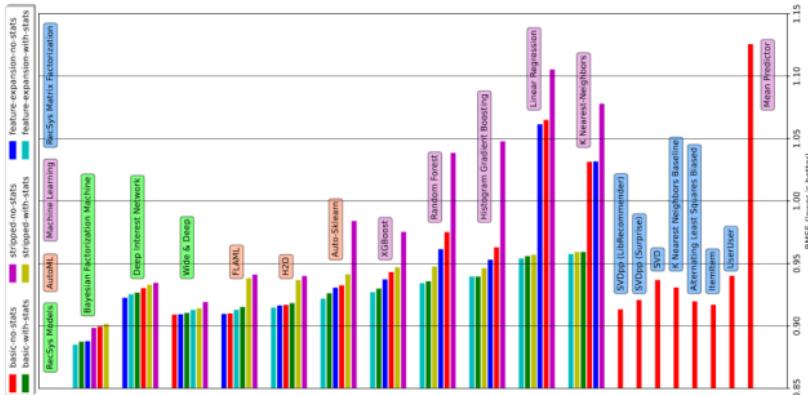
- Surprise
- MyFM
- LibRecommender

2 Methods and Justification

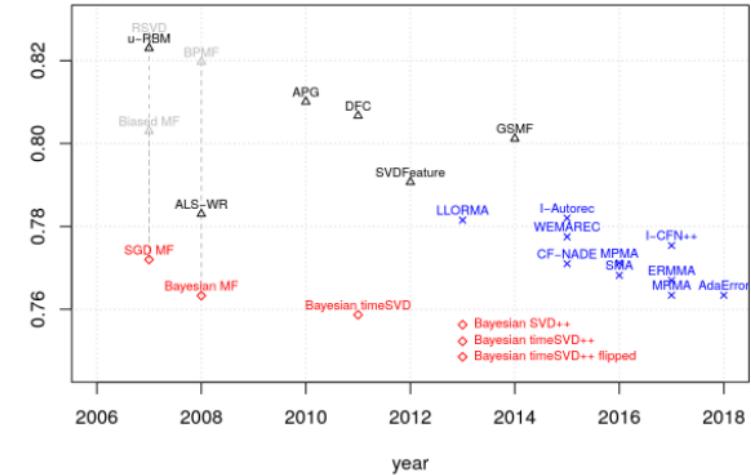
RS1: BFM [2]



BFM chosen as it was overlooked in literature despite it's great performance given proper setup [8], [9].



Progress on Rating Prediction on ML10M (corrected)



RS1: BFM [2] (ii)



Simple version of equation

$$\hat{y} = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \langle v_i v_j \rangle x_i x_j$$

We have: Linear features and latent vectors. Trying to get a predicted ratings from these values.

Bayesian extension

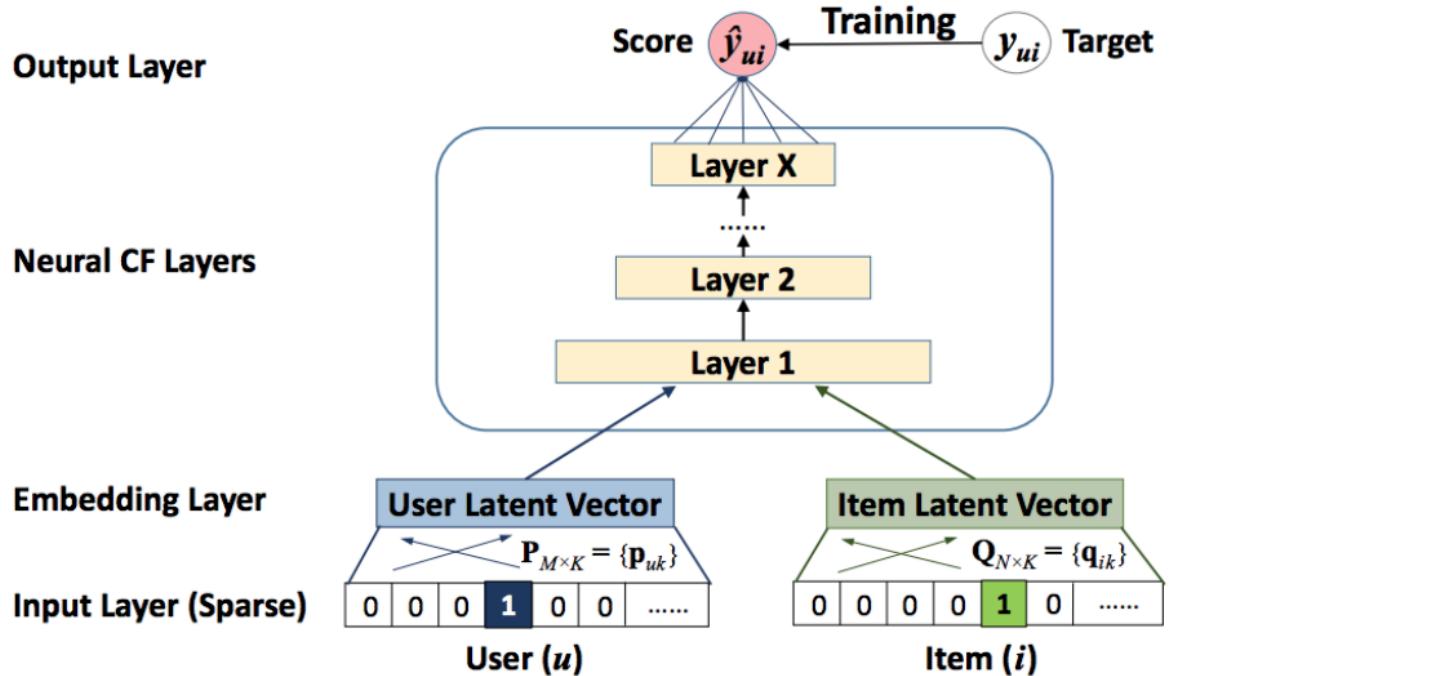
$$v_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_u \Sigma_u)$$

$$v_j \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i \Sigma_i)$$

The latent vectors are drawn from a normal distribution. Why?

- Adds uncertainty
- Allows for confidence intervals

RS2: NCF [3]



3 Evaluation

Evaluation metrics [4], [5]



Root Mean Squared Error

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) \sum_{u,i \in T} (\hat{r}_{ui} - r_{ui})^2}$$

Most popular metric in literature. Shows up in almost all traditional model as THE main metric.

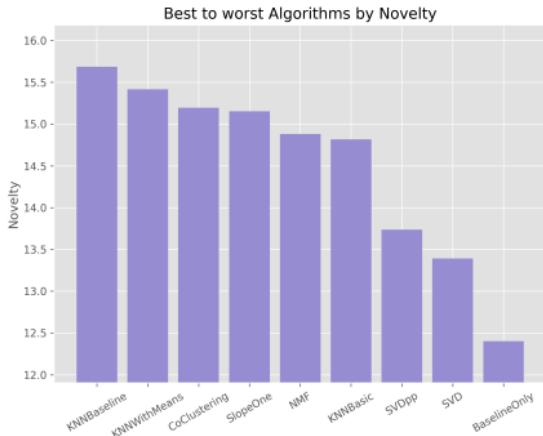
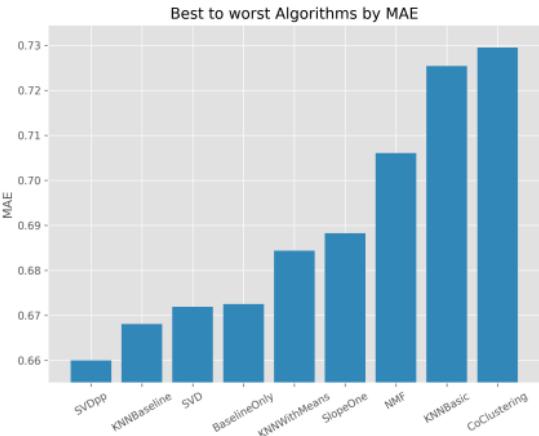
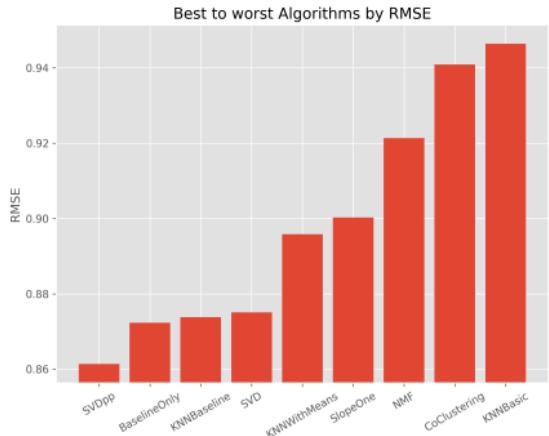
Novelty

$$\text{Novelty} = \frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{i \in R} -\log_2(p(i))$$

$$\text{where } p(i) = \frac{\text{number of interactions with } i}{\text{total interactions}}$$

Gives a value for how well the model is at recommending items which few users have interacted with.

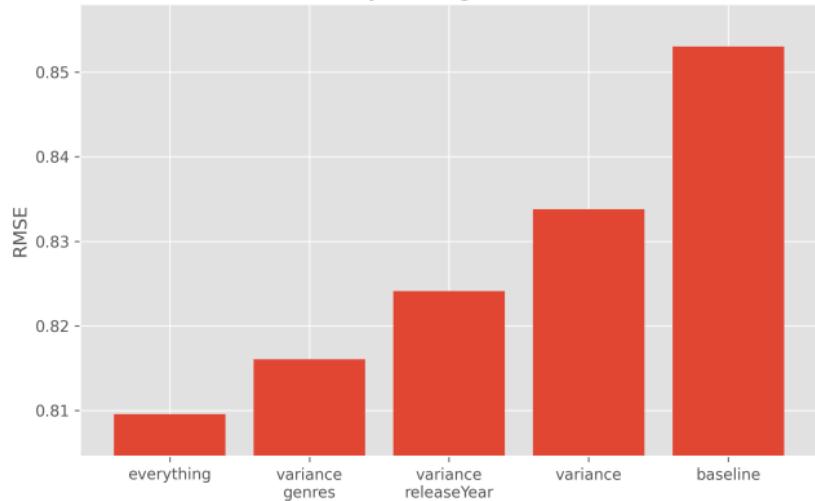
Evaluation results



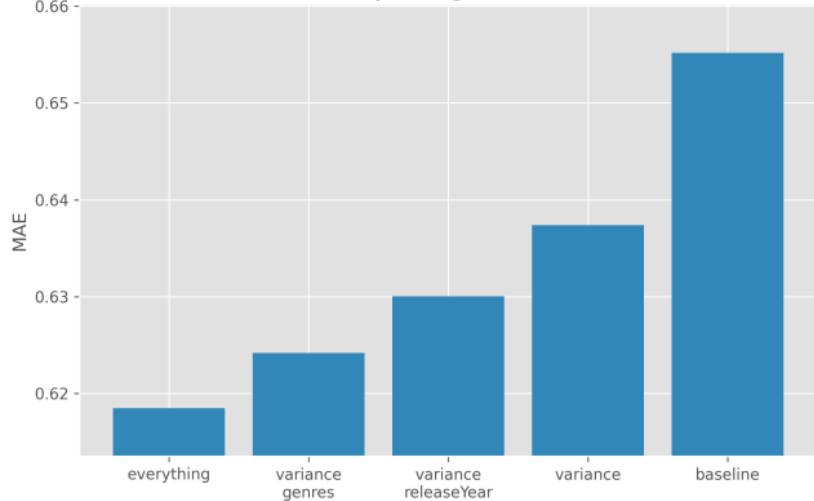
Evaluation results (ii)



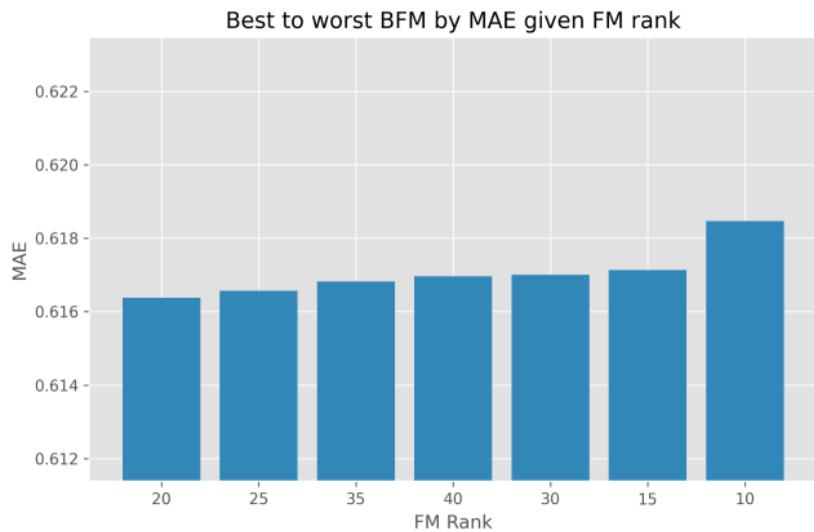
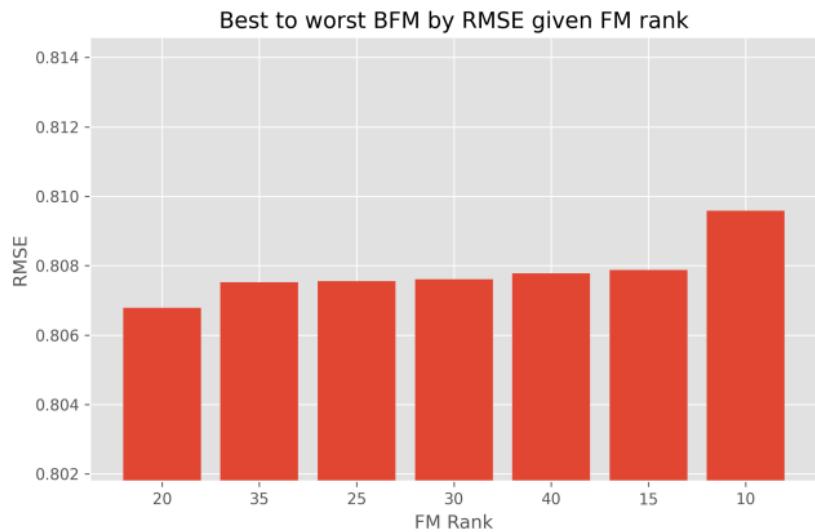
Best to worst BFM by RMSE given additional metadata



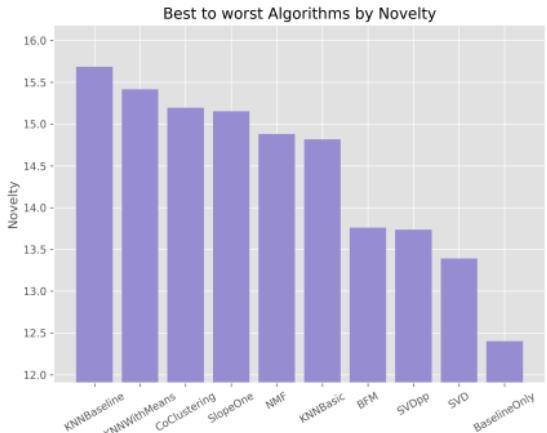
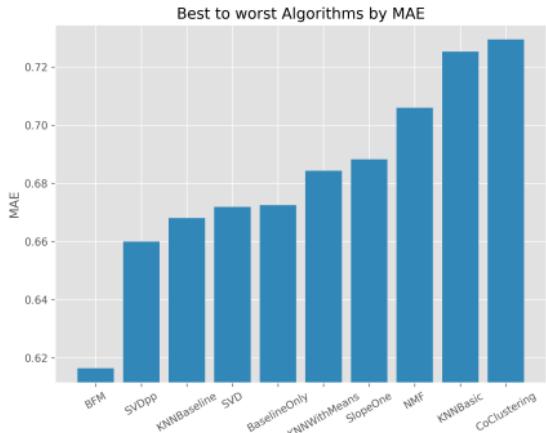
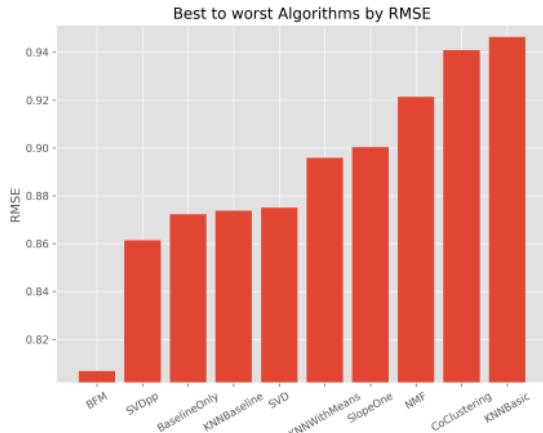
Best to worst BFM by MAE given additional metadata



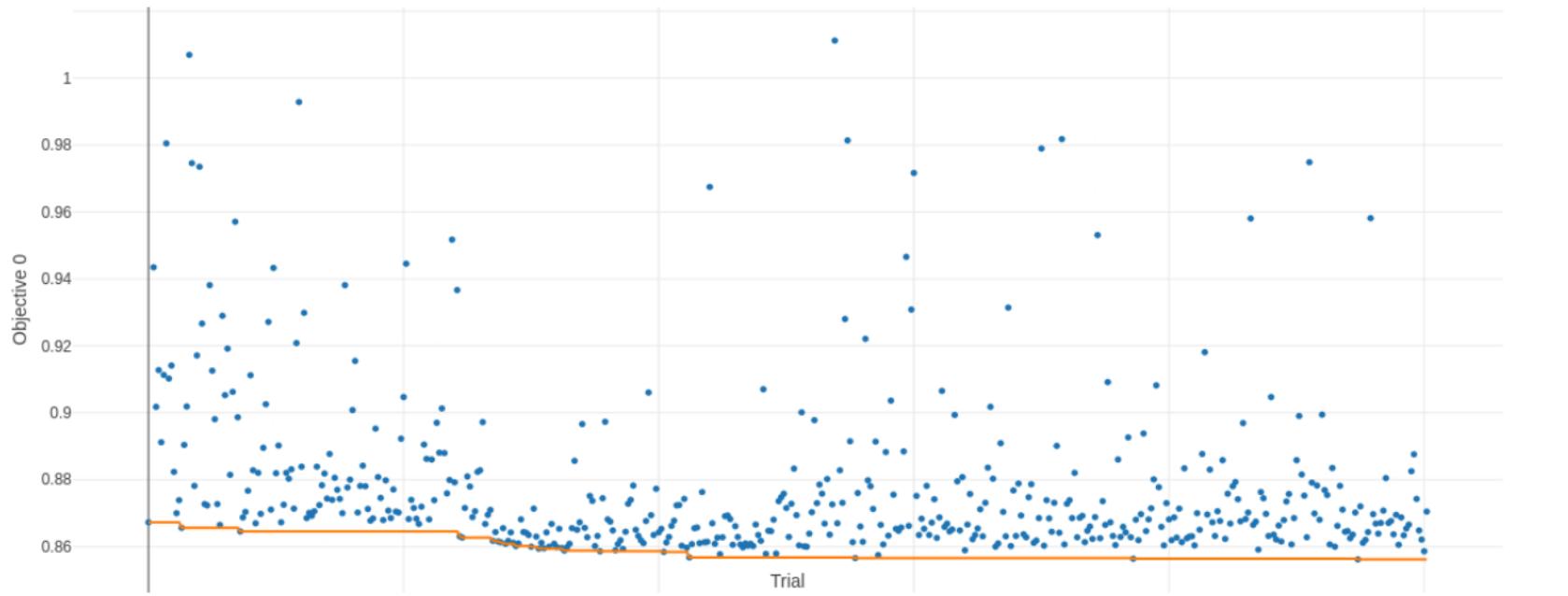
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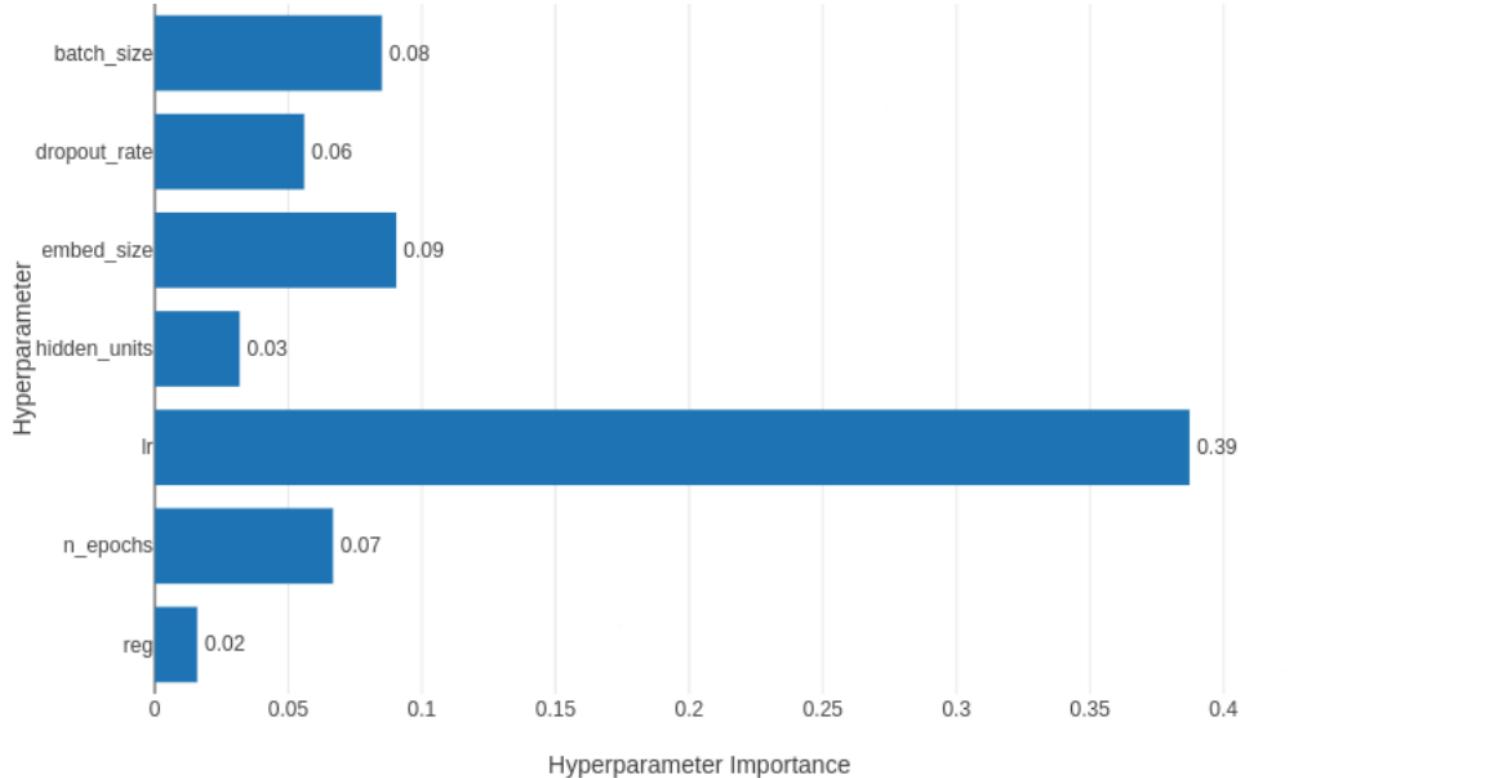
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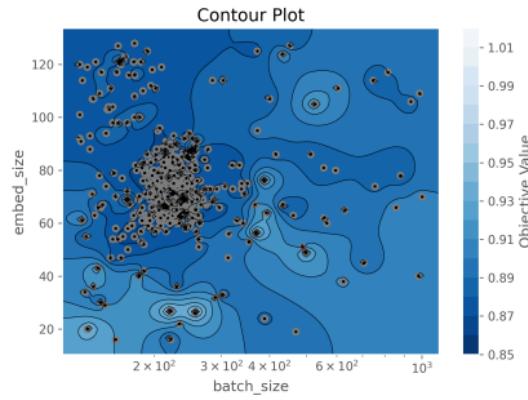
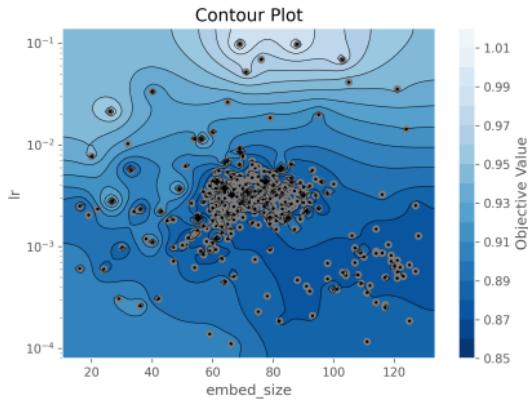
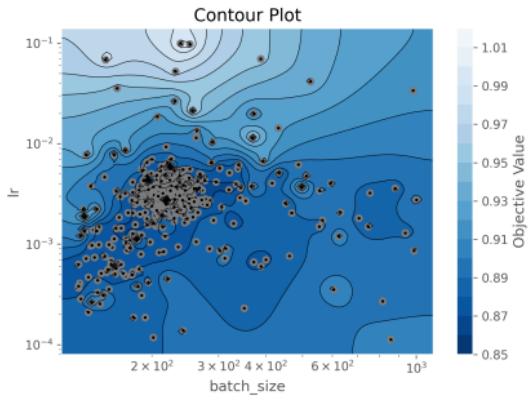
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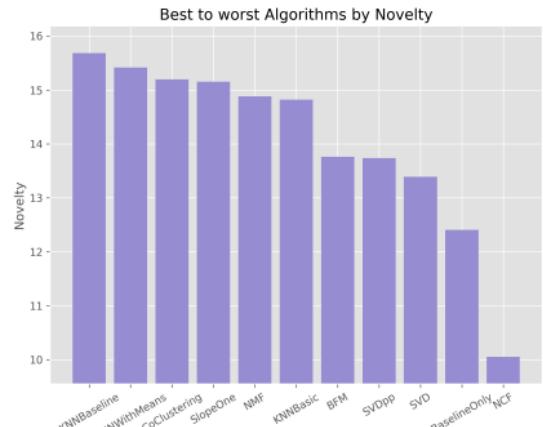
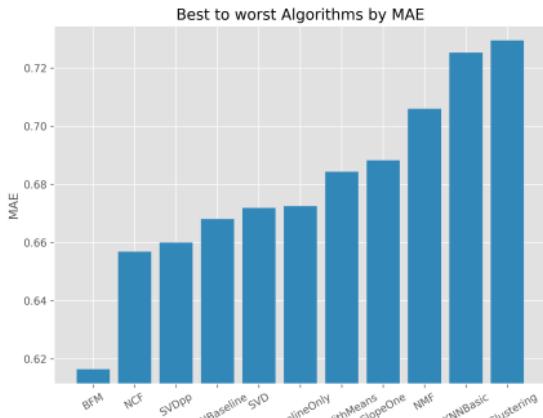
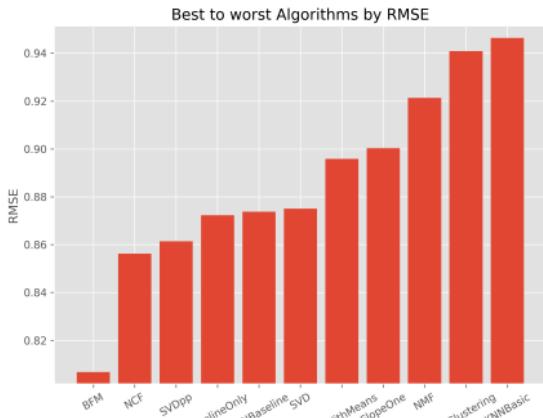
Evaluation results (vi)



Evaluation results (vii)



Evaluation results (viii)



4 Ethical issues

Data leak [6]



Original movielens-100k dataset has all sorts of user data, such as gender, age, zipcode, ...



Behaviour manipulation [7]



Is it worth trying to maximize viewer retention for shareholder value?



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