

By MONDAY → Dashboard will be updated

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## MATRIX FACTORIZATION

$$6 = 2 \times 3 \quad (\text{factors of } 6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ \end{bmatrix}_{n \times m} = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ \end{bmatrix}_{n \times d} \times \begin{bmatrix} C \\ \end{bmatrix}_{d \times m}$$

$A_{n \times m}$  where,  $n \approx 10^9$  users  
 $m \approx 10^8$  items

$$\text{Total cells in } A = 10^9 \times 10^8 = 10^{17}$$



A is a Sparse Matrix.

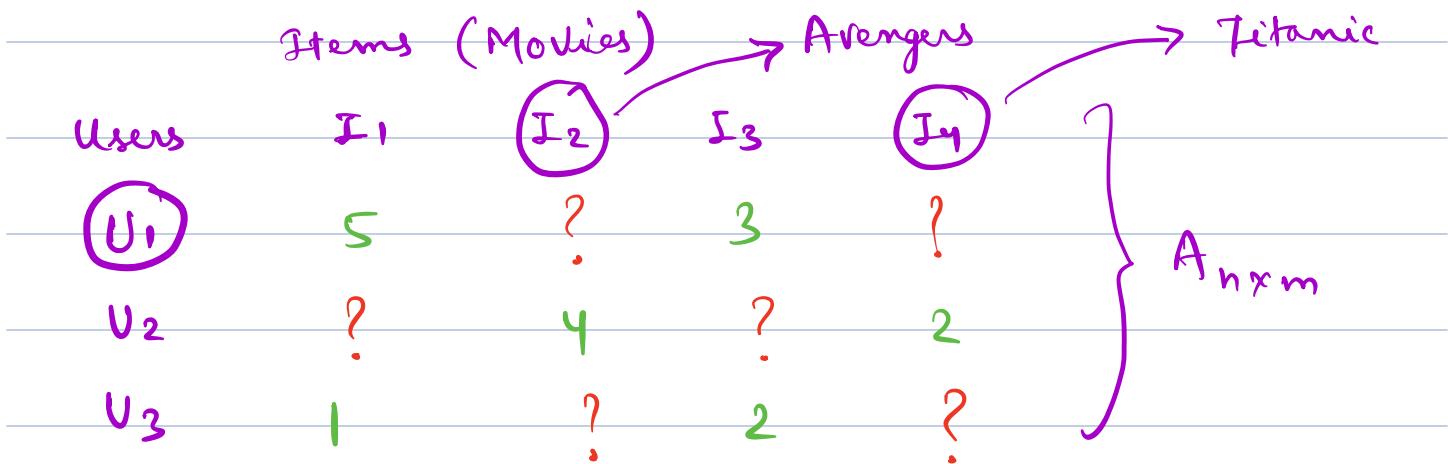
NOTE: Goal is to complete the matrix (fill empty values)

2009 → Netflix Prize Competition → to improve R.S.

Winning Team: 10% improvement

↳ Matrix Factorization

- one of the most important algorithm for R.S.  
 → frequently used in modern R.S.



→ Most values are missing (?) because every user rarely gives a rating.

Goal: Predict the missing ratings

↳ for better recommendations

	Action	Romance
U <sub>1</sub> → User	0.8	0.2

	Action	Romance
I <sub>2</sub> → Avengers	0.9	0.1

	Action	Romance
I <sub>4</sub> → Titanic	0.1	0.9

- Intuition behind M.F:

→ Users and Movies can be represented in a small number of hidden (latent) dimensions

Example :

→ Action v/s Romance preference.

→ Serious v/s light-hearted preference.

→ Old v/s New Movies

→ We don't define these dimensions, algorithm learns them.

- NETFLIX :

$$A_{n \times m} = B_{n \times d} \times C_{d \times m}$$

where,

d → hidden dimensions (latent features)

Suppose, we have 2 latent factors

(i) Action - level

(ii) Romance - level



	Action	Romance
C → Item 1 (Avengers)	0.9	0.1
Item 2 (Titanic)	0.1	0.9
Item 3 (Inception)	0.8	0.2

Predicted Rating →

$$= [s \ i] \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= s(0.9) + i(0.1)$$

Max. ratings = 4.6 ✓

is 5 ↴ very high



User 1 will like Avengers and give 4.6 rating.

M.P rewrites:

Original Big Matrix → A

$$A_{n \times m} = B_{n \times d} \times C_{d \times m}$$

where, d → latent factors (hidden preferences)

$$d \sim [10, 100]$$

$$n \rightarrow 1,000,000 \text{ users}$$

$$m \rightarrow 10,000 \text{ movies}$$

$$\text{Cells in A} \rightarrow 10^5 \times 10^4 \simeq 10^9 \text{ cells}$$

$$d = 50$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= 10^5 \times 50 \\ C &= 10^4 \times 50 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smaller matrices} \\ \downarrow \end{array} \right.$$

captures meaningful

• Benefits of M.F. :

- ① Captures hidden patterns / preferences
- ② Handles sparse data
- ③ Scales to millions of users / items
- ④ Better personalization / recommendation

• How do we learn / make matrix B and C ?

→ Given very few observed ratings (non-empty cells), our goal is to find 'B' and 'C' such that predicted ratings

are close to actual ratings.

## Optimization Problem:

Loss function: actual rating - predicted rating

actual rating =  $r$

user latent vector =  $b_i$

item latent vector =  $c_j$

Item A

$$\text{User} \begin{bmatrix} ? & 1 & ? & 5 \\ 4 & ? & ? & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & ? & ? \end{bmatrix}_{n \times m} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ B \end{bmatrix}_{n \times d} \times \begin{bmatrix} \dots \\ C \end{bmatrix}_{d \times m}$$

$$= B_2 \times C_1$$

$$4 \gg 2$$

$$4 \approx 3.95$$

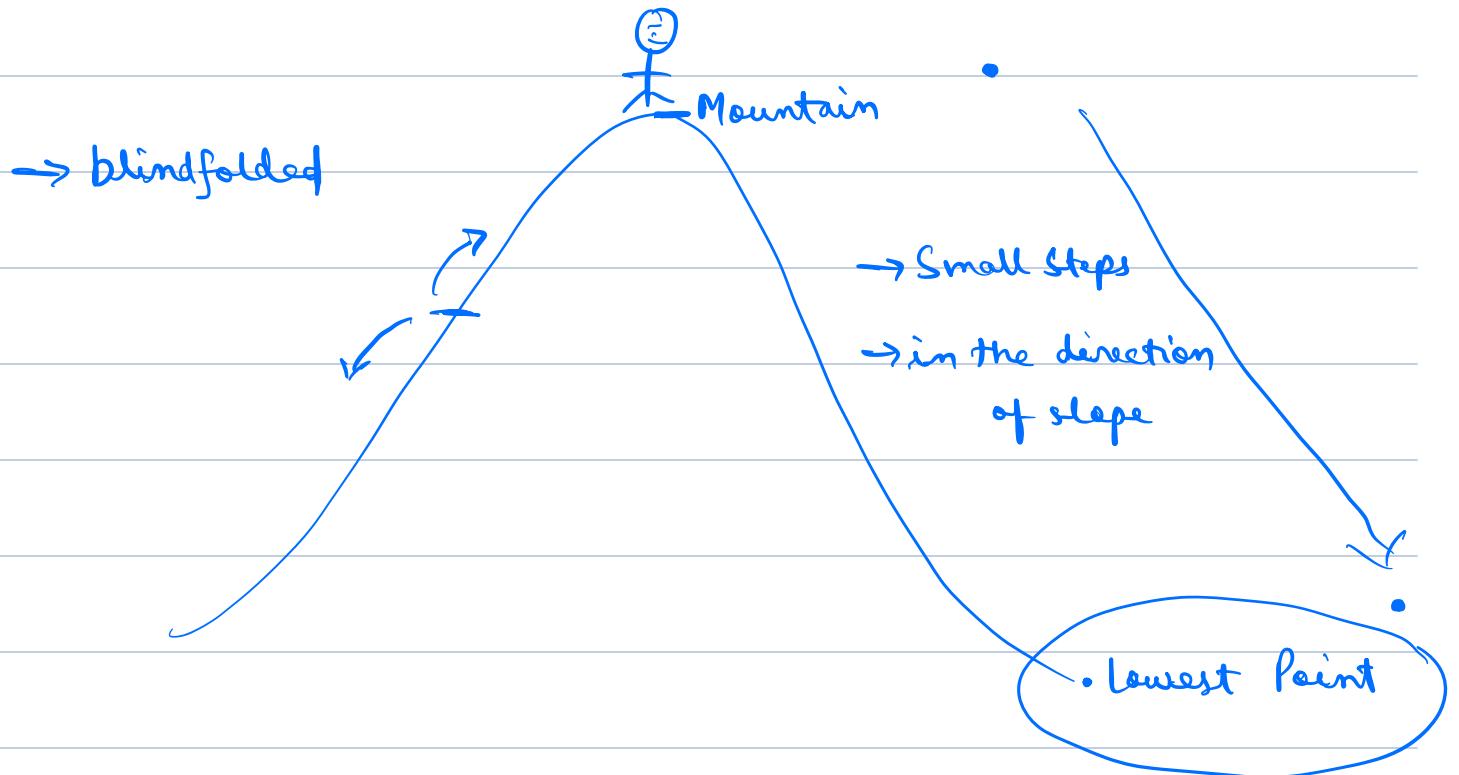
$$L.F = \sum (r - b_i \cdot c_i)^2 + \lambda (\|b_i\|^2 + \|c_i\|^2)$$

$\lambda \Rightarrow$  regularization term (prevents overfitting)

- 2 common Optimization techniques:

① SGD → Stochastic Gradient Descent

② ALS → Alternating Least Squares



$$[B] \quad [c]$$

⑩ ← → ②



④

L.F → error



Modify B and c

Repeat

till

→ error convergence

→ small improvement

⑥

⑨

Steps of SGD:

Stochastic = Random

SGD updates user vector ( $B$ ) and item vector ( $C$ ) directly by the following the gradient of loss function

① Initialise  $\rightarrow$  Randomly assigning values of  $B$  and  $C$ .

② Loop over each known rating :

(i) Store actual rating

(ii) Predict rating using " $B \times C$ "

(iii) Compute the error

③ Update user vector ( $B_i$ ) and item vector ( $C_j$ )

④ Repeat above steps until : (epochs)

$\hookrightarrow$  error convergence

$\hookrightarrow$  improvement becomes small

Mathematically,

① Initialize : user vector  $\rightarrow B_i$  (Assign small values)  
item vector  $\rightarrow C_j$

② For each non-empty rating  $A_{ij} \rightarrow$

(i) Predict Rating  $\rightarrow B_i \times C_j$

(ii) Compute Error

$$\rightarrow e_{ij} = (A_{ij} - B_i \cdot C_j)$$

③ Update user vector

$$= B_i \leftarrow B_i + \eta (e_{ij} \cdot C_j - \lambda B_i)$$

Update item vector

$$= C_j \leftarrow C_j + \eta [e_{ij} B_i - \lambda C_j]$$

$\eta$  = learning rate

$\lambda$  = regularization term (prevents overfitting)

- Repeat above until convergence

NOTE: Happens incrementally, rating by rating

② ALS  $\rightarrow$  Alternating Least Squares

Fix items (C)  $\rightarrow$  Adjust users (B)

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ALS says:



"Let not adjust both together - it's messy"

Loss function =  $\min. \sum (A_{ij} - B_i \cdot C_j)^2$

(Least Squares Problem)

SGD  $\rightarrow$   $B \times C$   $\rightarrow$  getting updated together

(10)

$2 \times 3 \rightarrow$

$3 \times 4 \rightarrow$

ALS  $\rightarrow$

we fix  $B \rightarrow$  adjust  $C \rightarrow$

we fix  $C \rightarrow$  adjust  $B$

SGD

ALS

Update Style

one rating at a time

all users first then items

Math Type

gradient descent

least squares

Speed

slow for huge datasets

faster

Stability

sensitive to learning rate

very stable

Used in

small / medium datasets

Big data

$\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{W}^T$   $\rightarrow$  PCA  $\rightarrow$  Eigen value Decomposition  
 $\hookrightarrow$  SVD  $\rightarrow$  Singular Vector Decomposition

Code Implementation of M.F: