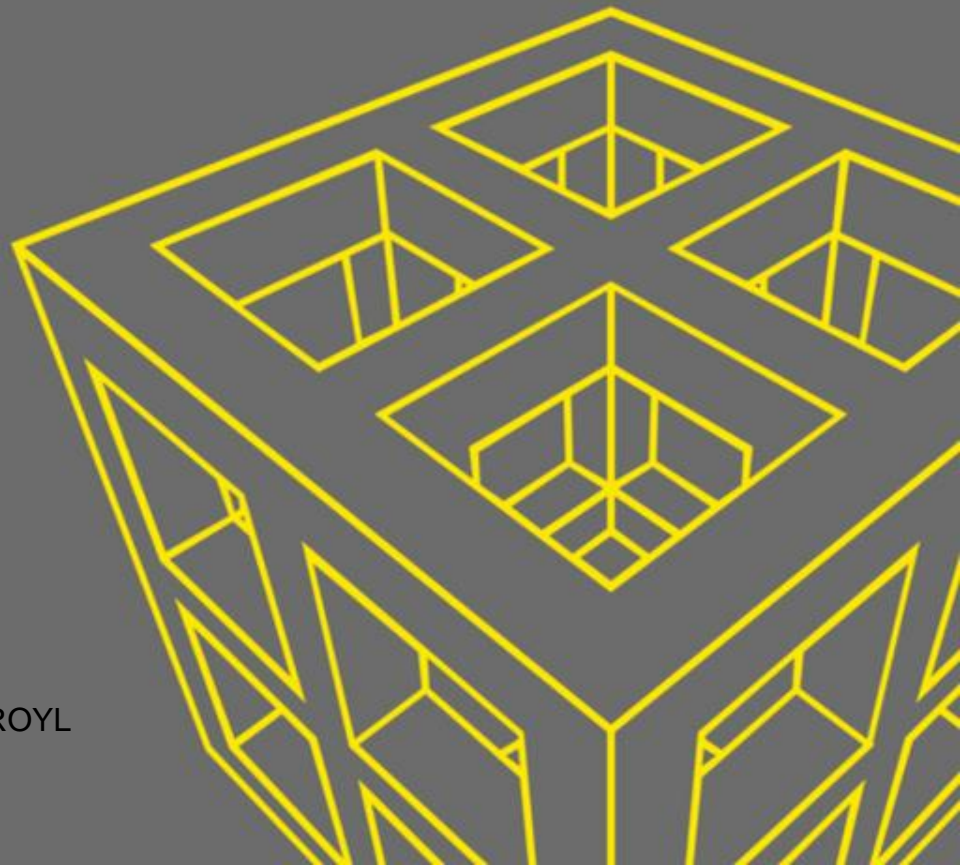


Advanced Topics

Collaborative Filtering

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Romance Action Comedy

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|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
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| | ? | ? | ? | |
| | ? | ? | ? | |
| | ? | ? | ? | |
| | ? | ? | ? | |
| | ? | ? | ? | x _m |

$$\theta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \dots \quad \theta_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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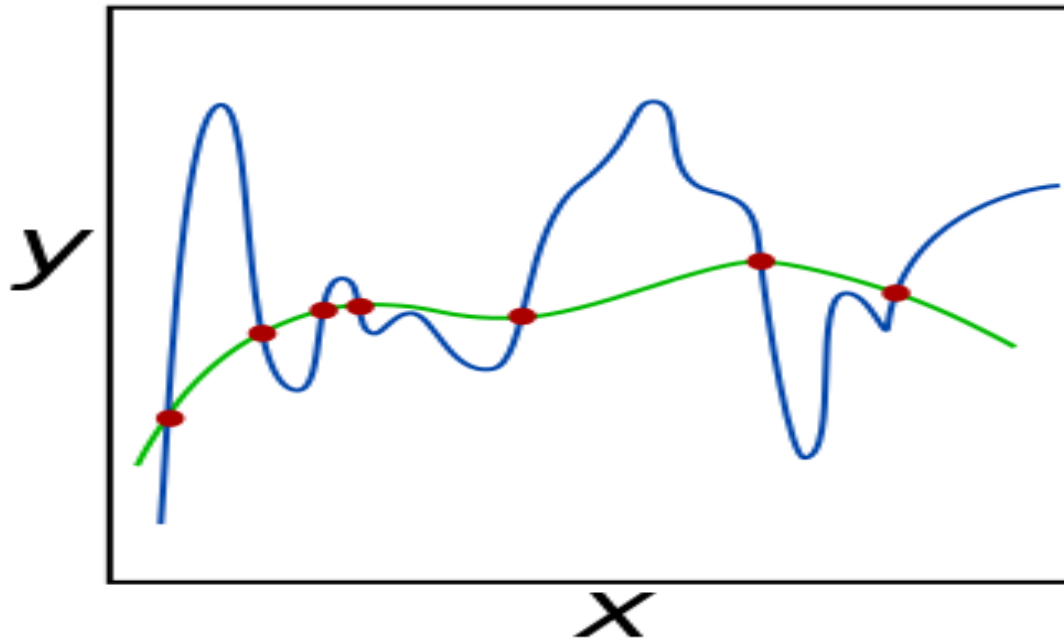
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| | ? | ? | ? | |
| | ? | ? | ? | |
| | 1 | 0.6 | 1 | |
| | ? | ? | ? | x _m |

$$\begin{matrix} 0 \\ \theta_1 = 5 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 5 \\ \theta_2 = 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \quad \dots \quad \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \theta_n = 0 \\ 5 \end{matrix}$$

Formalizing the Problem

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

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



Formalizing the Problem

- Given $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$
- We want to learn all x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m

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$$\min_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j: \exists r(i,j)} (\theta_j^T \cdot x_i - y_{i,j})^2 + \lambda \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^l x_{i,k}^2$$

- Or, alternatively:

Formalizing the Problem

- Or: given x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m
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$$\min_{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i: \exists r(i,j)} (\theta_j^T \cdot x_i - y_{i,j})^2 + \lambda \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^l \theta_{j,k}^2$$

ALS: Collaborative Filtering

- Minimize $J(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ and then $J(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n)$
- $\min_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j: \exists r(i,j)} (\theta_j^T \cdot x_i - y_{i,j})^2 + \lambda \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^l x_{i,k}^2$
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- *Alternating Least Squares (ALS):*
- $x \rightarrow \theta \rightarrow x \rightarrow \theta \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \theta \rightarrow x$

After reaching convergence then for unrated pairs (user_i, movie_j) we set:

• $\text{rating}(i, j) = \theta_i^T x_j$

SGD: Collaborative Filtering

- Another solution is to combine the two objectives

- $J(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n) =$

$$\min_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n} \sum_{(i,j): \exists r(i,j)} (\theta_j^T \cdot x_i - y_{i,j})^2 +$$
$$\lambda \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^l x_{i,k}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^l \theta_{j,k}^2 \right)$$

To solve this Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) can be used

Matrix Factorization?

$$\theta_{n,k}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \overrightarrow{\theta_1^T} \\ \overrightarrow{\theta_2^T} \\ \dots \\ \overrightarrow{\theta_n^T} \end{bmatrix}$$

User feature matrix

$$X_{m,k} = \begin{bmatrix} \overrightarrow{x_1} \\ \overrightarrow{x_2} \\ \dots \\ \overrightarrow{x_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

Movie feature matrix

$$X\Theta^T = \begin{bmatrix} (x_1 \cdot \theta_1^T) & \dots & (x_1 \cdot \theta_n^T) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (x_m \cdot \theta_1^T) & \dots & (x_m \cdot \theta_n^T) \end{bmatrix} \approx Y_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & \dots & ? \\ \vdots & ? & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

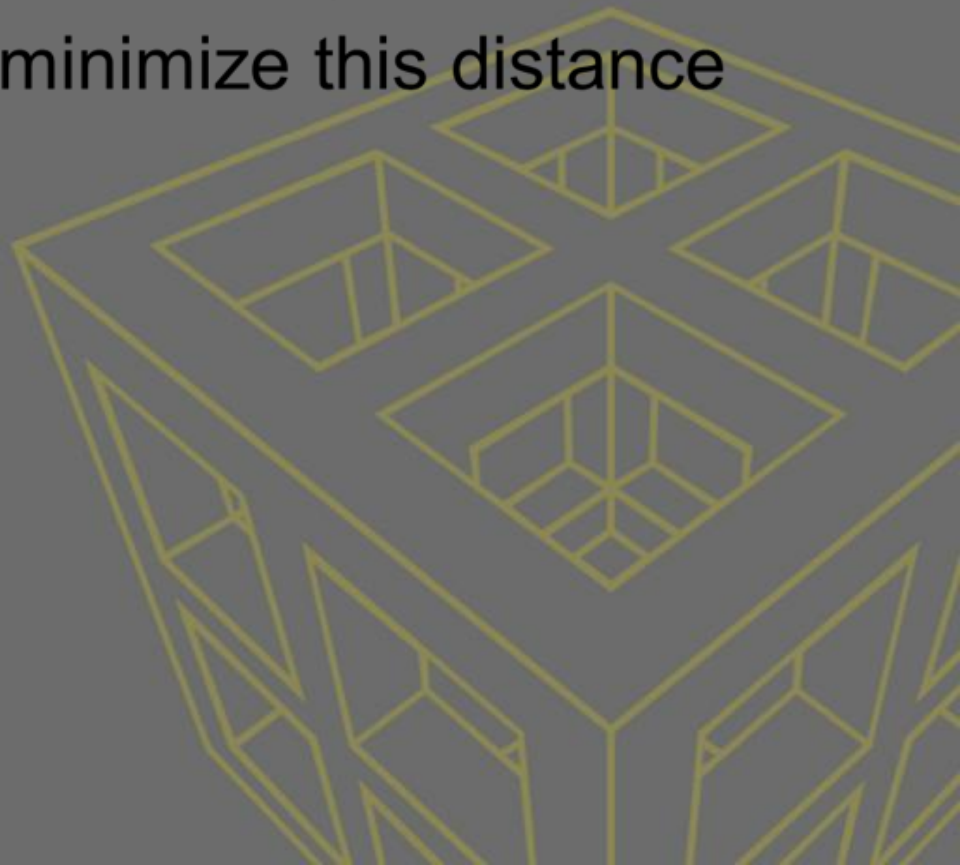
Find X and Θ s.t. difference is minimized

Finding Related Movies

- For each movie $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ we learned a feature vector $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^l$
 - e.g., $x_{i,1} = \text{romantic}$, $x_{i,2} = \text{action}$, $x_{i,3} = \text{comedy}$
 - In practice, these features are commonly not easy to interpret
 - They do however represent the properties that best influence how users rank the movies

Finding Related Movies

- How to find a movie j related to movie i ?
 - Find movies j such that $\|x_i - x_j\|$ is minimized
 - Find top-k x_j s which minimize this distance



Alternating Least Squares in Matrix Form

- We need to solve: $[X\Theta^T]_{m \times n} \approx Y_{m \times n}$
 - (leaving out regularization for simplicity now)

1. Set $X = \hat{X}$

2. Repeat until convergence:

1. $\Theta^T = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$

2. $X = Y \Theta (\Theta^T \Theta)^{-1}$

• For $A : m \times n \mid m > n$ we have a left inverse: $\underbrace{(A^T A)^{-1} A^T}_{A_{\text{left}}^{-1}} A = I_n$

• For $A : m \times n \mid m < n$ we have a right inverse: $A \underbrace{A^T (A A^T)^{-1}}_{A_{\text{right}}^{-1}} = I_m$

User Cold Start Problem

$\theta_3 = ?$

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$$\min_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n} \sum_{(i,j): \exists r(i,j)} (\theta_j^T \cdot x_i - y_{i,j})^2 + \lambda \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^l x_{i,k}^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^l \theta_{j,k}^2 \right)$$

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Mean Normalization

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & ? \\ 4 & ? & ? \\ ? & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow Y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & ? \\ 0 & ? & ? \\ ? & 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, each movie has an average rating of **zero**

How do we now make a prediction of the rating of user j on movie i ?

$$\theta_j^T \cdot x_i + \mu_i$$

CF Using Mean Normalization

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Using Spark MLlib

```
// case Rating(userId, itemId, rate)
```

```
val ratings: RDD[Rating] = ...
```

```
val model = ALS.train(  
  ratings,  
  rank,  
  numIterations,  
  lamda = 0.01)
```

```
val rate: Double = model  
  .predict(myUserId, someProductId)
```

More methods here ...

Is this one useful for recommendation?

CF With **Implicit** Feedback

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