# Recommendations\_with\_IBM

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# 1 Recommendations with IBM - Nitin Ramchand Lalwani Project - Data Science Nanodegree

In this notebook, you will be putting your recommendation skills to use on real data from the IBM Watson Studio platform.

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By following the table of contents, you will build out a number of different methods for making recommendations that can be used for different situations.

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At the end of the notebook, you will find directions for how to submit your work. Let's get started by importing the necessary libraries and reading in the data.

```
In [1]: import pandas as pd
        import numpy as np
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import project_tests as t
        import pickle
        %matplotlib inline
        df = pd.read_csv('data/user-item-interactions.csv')
        df_content = pd.read_csv('data/articles_community.csv')
        del df['Unnamed: 0']
        del df_content['Unnamed: 0']
        # Show df to get an idea of the data
        df.head()
Out[1]:
          article_id
       0
               1430.0 using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier...
        1
               1314.0
                            healthcare python streaming application demo
               1429.0
                              use deep learning for image classification
```

```
3
               1338.0
                               ml optimization using cognitive assistant
                               deploy your python model as a restful api
               1276.0
                                              email
          ef5f11f77ba020cd36e1105a00ab868bbdbf7fe7
        1 083cbdfa93c8444beaa4c5f5e0f5f9198e4f9e0b
        2 b96a4f2e92d8572034b1e9b28f9ac673765cd074
          06485706b34a5c9bf2a0ecdac41daf7e7654ceb7
        4 f01220c46fc92c6e6b161b1849de11faacd7ccb2
In [2]: # Show df_content to get an idea of the data
       df_content.head()
Out[2]:
                                                    doc_body \
        O Skip navigation Sign in SearchLoading...\r\n\r...
         No Free Hunch Navigation * kaggle.com\r\n\r\n ...
           * Login\r\n * Sign Up\r\n\r\n * Learning Pat...
        3 DATALAYER: HIGH THROUGHPUT, LOW LATENCY AT SCA...
        4 Skip navigation Sign in SearchLoading...\r\n\r...
                                             doc_description \
        O Detect bad readings in real time using Python ...
        1 See the forest, see the trees. Here lies the c...
        2 Heres this weeks news in Data Science and Bi...
        3 Learn how distributed DBs solve the problem of...
          This video demonstrates the power of IBM DataS...
                                               doc_full_name doc_status article_id
          Detect Malfunctioning IoT Sensors with Streami...
                                                                   Live
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           Communicating data science: A guide to present...
                                                                   Live
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                  This Week in Data Science (April 18, 2017)
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                                                                   Live
          DataLayer Conference: Boost the performance of ...
                                                                                  3
                                                                   Live
               Analyze NY Restaurant data using Spark in DSX
                                                                   Live
                                                                                  4
In [3]: df.shape
Out[3]: (45993, 3)
In [4]: df_content.shape
Out[4]: (1056, 5)
```

## 1.1.1 Part I: Exploratory Data Analysis

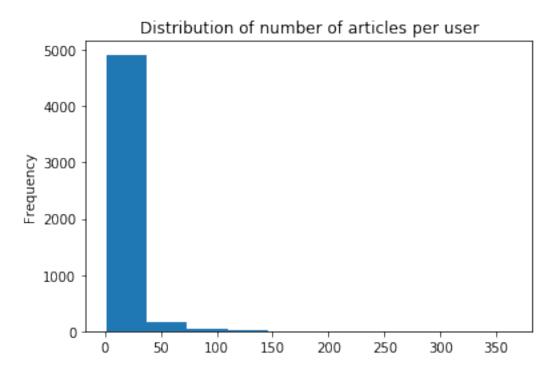
Use the dictionary and cells below to provide some insight into the descriptive statistics of the data.

1. What is the distribution of how many articles a user interacts with in the dataset? Provide a visual and descriptive statistics to assist with giving a look at the number of times each user interacts with an article.

Before plotting the dsitribution we recall that there below we show the total number of unique users, since we assume each user has one email associated.

```
In [5]: print ('Number of total unique email addresses are', len(df.email.unique()))
Number of total unique email addresses are 5149
```

In [6]: plot = df.email.value\_counts().plot(kind='hist', bins=10, title='Distribution of number



This means that most users interact with less than 50 articles but below we give a more detailed statistics of the distribution. We can see that the average is around 9 articles and the maximum is 364 articles amongst other information.

```
In [7]: df.email.value_counts().describe()
```

```
Out[7]: count
                  5148.000000
                     8.930847
        mean
                    16.802267
        std
                     1.000000
        min
        25%
                     1.000000
        50%
                     3.000000
        75%
                     9.000000
                   364.000000
        max
        Name: email, dtype: float64
```

In [8]: df.email.value\_counts().median()

Out[8]: 3.0

- 3. Use the cells below to find:
- **a.** The number of unique articles that have an interaction with a user.
- **b.** The number of unique articles in the dataset (whether they have any interactions or not). **c.** The number of unique users in the dataset. (excluding null values) **d.** The number of user-article interactions in the dataset.

```
In [14]: df_content.nunique()
Out[14]: doc_body
                             1031
         doc_description
                             1019
         doc_full_name
                             1051
         doc status
                                1
                             1051
         article_id
         dtype: int64
In [15]: df.nunique()
Out[15]: article_id
                         714
         title
                         714
         email
                        5148
         dtype: int64
In [16]: df.shape
Out[16]: (45993, 3)
```

4. Use the cells below to find the most viewed article\_id, as well as how often it was viewed. After talking to the company leaders, the email\_mapper function was deemed a reasonable way to map users to ids. There were a small number of null values, and it was found that all of these null values likely belonged to a single user (which is how they are stored using the function below).

```
In [18]: count_article_views = df.article_id.value_counts()
         count_article_views.head()
Out[18]: 1429.0
                   937
         1330.0
                   927
         1431.0
                   671
         1427.0
                   643
         1364.0
                   627
         Name: article_id, dtype: int64
In [19]: print ('The article id that is most viewed is', count_article_views.idxmax())
The article id that is most viewed is 1429.0
In [20]: print ('The number of times the most viewed article is viewed is', count_article_views.
The number of times the most viewed article is viewed is 937
In [21]: most_viewed_article_id = str(count_article_views.idxmax()) # The most viewed article in
         max_views = count_article_views.loc[count_article_views.idxmax()] # The most viewed art
In [22]: ## No need to change the code here - this will be helpful for later parts of the notebo
         # Run this cell to map the user email to a user_id column and remove the email column
         def email_mapper():
             coded_dict = dict()
             cter = 1
             email_encoded = []
             for val in df['email']:
                 if val not in coded_dict:
                     coded_dict[val] = cter
                     cter+=1
                 email_encoded.append(coded_dict[val])
             return email encoded
```

```
email_encoded = email_mapper()
         del df['email']
         df['user_id'] = email_encoded
         # show header
         df.head()
Out [22]:
            article_id
                                                                    title user_id
                1430.0 using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier...
         0
                             healthcare python streaming application demo
         1
                1314.0
         2
                1429.0
                               use deep learning for image classification
                                                                                  3
         3
                1338.0
                                ml optimization using cognitive assistant
                                                                                  4
                1276.0
                                deploy your python model as a restful api
                                                                                  5
In [23]: ## If you stored all your results in the variable names above,
         ## you shouldn't need to change anything in this cell
         sol_1_dict = {
             '`50% of individuals have ____ or fewer interactions.'': median_val,
             '`The total number of user-article interactions in the dataset is _____.`': user_a
             '`The maximum number of user-article interactions by any 1 user is _____.`': max_v
             '`The most viewed article in the dataset was viewed ____ times.`': max_views,
             '`The article_id of the most viewed article is _____.`': most_viewed_article_id,
             '`The number of unique articles that have at least 1 rating ____.`': unique_artic
             '`The number of unique users in the dataset is _____`': unique_users,
             '`The number of unique articles on the IBM platform`': total_articles
         }
         # Test your dictionary against the solution
         t.sol_1_test(sol_1_dict)
```

It looks like you have everything right here! Nice job!

#### 1.1.2 Part II: Rank-Based Recommendations

Unlike in the earlier lessons, we don't actually have ratings for whether a user liked an article or not. We only know that a user has interacted with an article. In these cases, the popularity of an article can really only be based on how often an article was interacted with.

1. Fill in the function below to return the n top articles ordered with most interactions as the top. Test your function using the tests below.

To get the titles of the two most viewed article we would use the following formula

```
Out [25]: ['1429.0', '1330.0']
In [26]: def get_top_articles(n, df=df):
             INPUT:
             n - (int) the number of top articles to return
             df - (pandas dataframe) df as defined at the top of the notebook
             OUTPUT:
             top_articles - (list) A list of the top 'n' article titles
             all_articles_sorted = df.groupby('title').count().sort_values(by='user_id', ascendi
             top_articles_titles = all_articles_sorted.iloc[:n].index
             return top_articles_titles # Return the top article titles from df (not df_content)
         def get_top_article_ids(n, df=df):
             INPUT:
             n - (int) the number of top articles to return
             df - (pandas dataframe) df as defined at the top of the notebook
             OUTPUT:
             top_articles - (list) A list of the top 'n' article titles
             all_articles_sorted = df.groupby('article_id').count().sort_values(by='user_id', as
             top_articles_ids_float = all_articles_sorted.iloc[:n].index
             top_articles_ids_strings = [str(id) for id in top_articles_ids_float]
             return top_articles_ids_strings # Return the top article ids
In [27]: print(get_top_articles(10))
         print(get_top_article_ids(10))
Index(['use deep learning for image classification',
       'insights from new york car accident reports',
       'visualize car data with brunel',
       'use xgboost, scikit-learn & ibm watson machine learning apis',
       'predicting churn with the spss random tree algorithm',
       'healthcare python streaming application demo',
       'finding optimal locations of new store using decision optimization',
       'apache spark lab, part 1: basic concepts',
       'analyze energy consumption in buildings',
```

```
'gosales transactions for logistic regression model'],
   dtype='object', name='title')
['1429.0', '1330.0', '1431.0', '1427.0', '1364.0', '1314.0', '1293.0', '1170.0', '1162.0', '1304]
In [28]: # Test your function by returning the top 5, 10, and 20 articles
        top_5 = get_top_articles(5)
        top_10 = get_top_articles(10)
        top_20 = get_top_articles(20)

# Test each of your three lists from above
        t.sol_2_test(get_top_articles)

Your top_5 looks like the solution list! Nice job.
Your top_10 looks like the solution list! Nice job.
Your top_20 looks like the solution list! Nice job.
```

### 1.1.3 Part III: User-User Based Collaborative Filtering

- 1. Use the function below to reformat the **df** dataframe to be shaped with users as the rows and articles as the columns.
  - Each **user** should only appear in each **row** once.
  - Each **article** should only show up in one **column**.
  - If a user has interacted with an article, then place a 1 where the user-row meets for that article-column. It does not matter how many times a user has interacted with the article, all entries where a user has interacted with an article should be a 1.
  - If a user has not interacted with an item, then place a zero where the user-row meets for that article-column.

Use the tests to make sure the basic structure of your matrix matches what is expected by the solution.

```
In [29]: df.head()
Out[29]:
            article_id
                                                                     title user id
                1430.0 using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier...
         0
                             healthcare python streaming application demo
         1
                1314.0
                                                                                  2
         2
                1429.0
                               use deep learning for image classification
                                                                                  3
                                ml optimization using cognitive assistant
         3
                1338.0
                                                                                  4
                                deploy your python model as a restful api
                1276.0
In [30]: # create the user-article matrix with 1's and 0's
         def create_user_item_matrix(df):
             111
```

```
INPUT:

df - pandas dataframe with article_id, title, user_id columns

OUTPUT:

user_item - user item matrix

Description:

Return a matrix with user ids as rows and article ids on the columns with 1 values an article and a 0 otherwise

'''

user_item = df.groupby(by=['user_id','article_id']).apply(lambda x:1).unstack().fil

return user_item # return the user_item matrix

user_item = create_user_item_matrix(df)

In [31]: ## Tests: You should just need to run this cell. Don't change the code.

assert user_item.shape[0] == 5149, "Oops! The number of users in the user-article matrix assert user_item.shape[1] == 714, "Oops! The number of articles in the user-article matrix assert user_item.sum(axis=1)[1] == 36, "Oops! The number of articles seen by user 1 do print("You have passed our quick tests! Please proceed!")
```

2. Complete the function below which should take a user\_id and provide an ordered list of the most similar users to that user (from most similar to least similar). The returned result should not contain the provided user\_id, as we know that each user is similar to him/herself. Because the results for each user here are binary, it (perhaps) makes sense to compute similarity as the dot product of two users.

Use the tests to test your function.

You have passed our quick tests! Please proceed!

```
for us_id in user_item.index:
                 if us_id != user_id:
                     dot_product = user_item.loc[user_id].dot(user_item.loc[us_id])
                     dict_dot_product[us_id] = dot_product
             most_similar_users = sorted(dict_dot_product, key=lambda x: (-dict_dot_product[x],
             # compute similarity of each user to the provided user
             # sort by similar]ity
             # create list of just the ids
             # remove the own user's id
             return most_similar_users # return a list of the users in order from most to least
In [33]: # Do a spot check of your function
         print("The 10 most similar users to user 1 are: {}".format(find_similar_users(1)[:10]))
         print("The 5 most similar users to user 3933 are: {}".format(find_similar_users(3933)[:
         print("The 3 most similar users to user 46 are: {}".format(find_similar_users(46)[:3]))
The 10 most similar users to user 1 are: [3933, 23, 3782, 203, 4459, 131, 3870, 46, 4201, 49]
The 5 most similar users to user 3933 are: [1, 23, 3782, 203, 4459]
The 3 most similar users to user 46 are: [4201, 23, 3782]
   3. Now that you have a function that provides the most similar users to each user, you will
want to use these users to find articles you can recommend. Complete the functions below to
return the articles you would recommend to each user.
In [34]: df.head()
Out [34]:
            article_id
                                                                      title user_id
         0
                1430.0 using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier...
         1
                1314.0
                             healthcare python streaming application demo
         2
                1429.0
                                use deep learning for image classification
                                                                                   3
                                ml optimization using cognitive assistant
         3
                1338.0
                                                                                   4
                1276.0
                                 deploy your python model as a restful api
                                                                                   5
```

Out[35]: 'using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier data analysis and experimentation'

In [35]: df[df['article\_id'] == 1430]['title'][0]

In [36]: def get\_article\_names(article\_ids, df=df):

111

```
INPUT:
    article_ids - (list) a list of article ids
    df - (pandas dataframe) df as defined at the top of the notebook
    OUTPUT:
    article_names - (list) a list of article names associated with the list of article
                    (this is identified by the title column)
    111
    article_names = []
   for ids in article_ids:
        title = df[df['article_id'] == float(ids)]['title'].values[0]
        article_names.append(title)
   return article_names # Return the article names associated with list of article ids
def get_user_articles(user_id, user_item=user_item):
    INPUT:
    user_id - (int) a user id
    user_item - (pandas dataframe) matrix of users by articles:
                1's when a user has interacted with an article, 0 otherwise
    OUTPUT:
    article_ids - (list) a list of the article ids seen by the user
    article_names - (list) a list of article names associated with the list of article
                    (this is identified by the doc_full_name column in df_content)
    Description:
    Provides a list of the article_ids and article titles that have been seen by a user
    article_ids = [str(id) for id in user_item.loc[user_id] [user_item.loc[user_id] == 1
    article_names = get_article_names(article_ids=article_ids)
    return article_ids, article_names # return the ids and names
def user_user_recs(user_id, m=10):
    INPUT:
    user_id - (int) a user id
   m - (int) the number of recommendations you want for the user
    OUTPUT:
   recs - (list) a list of recommendations for the user
   Description:
```

```
For each user - finds articles the user hasn't seen before and provides them as rec
             Does this until m recommendations are found
             Notes:
             Users who are the same closeness are chosen arbitrarily as the 'next' user
             For the user where the number of recommended articles starts below m
             and ends exceeding m, the last items are chosen arbitrarily
             111
             recs = []
             most_similar_users = find_similar_users(user_id=user_id)
             article_ids_user, article_names_user = get_user_articles(user_id=user_id)
             for similar_user in most_similar_users:
                 article_ids_rec, article_names_rec = get_user_articles(user_id=similar_user)
                 for article_id_rec in article_ids_rec:
                     if article_id_rec not in article_ids_user and article_id_rec not in recs:
                         recs.append(article_id_rec)
                     if len(recs) >= m:
                         break
                 if len(recs) >= m:
                         break
             if len(recs) < m:
                 for ids in df['article_id']:
                     if str(ids) not in article_ids_user:
                         recs.append(ids)
                     if len(recs) >= m:
                             break
             return recs # return your recommendations for this user_id
In [37]: # Check Results
         get_article_names(user_user_recs(1, 10)) # Return 10 recommendations for user 1
Out[37]: ['this week in data science (april 18, 2017)',
          'timeseries data analysis of iot events by using jupyter notebook',
          'got zip code data? prep it for analytics. ibm watson data lab medium',
          'higher-order logistic regression for large datasets',
          'using machine learning to predict parking difficulty',
          'deep forest: towards an alternative to deep neural networks',
```

Loops through the users based on closeness to the input user\_id

```
'graph-based machine learning',

'the 3 kinds of context: machine learning and the art of the frame']

In [38]: # Test your functions here - No need to change this code - just run this cell

assert set(get_article_names(['1024.0', '1176.0', '1305.0', '1314.0', '1422.0', '1427.0'])

assert set(get_article_names(['1320.0', '232.0', '844.0'])) == set(['housing (2015): un

assert set(get_user_articles(20)[0]) == set(['1320.0', '232.0', '844.0'])

assert set(get_user_articles(20)[1]) == set(['housing (2015): united states demographic

assert set(get_user_articles(2)[0]) == set(['1024.0', '1176.0', '1305.0', '1314.0', '1400])

assert set(get_user_articles(2)[1]) == set(['using deep learning to reconstruct high-reprint("If this is all you see, you passed all of our tests! Nice job!")
```

If this is all you see, you passed all of our tests! Nice job!

'using brunel in ipython/jupyter notebooks',

'experience iot with coursera',

- 4. Now we are going to improve the consistency of the user\_user\_recs function from above.
- Instead of arbitrarily choosing when we obtain users who are all the same closeness to a given user choose the users that have the most total article interactions before choosing those with fewer article interactions.
- Instead of arbitrarily choosing articles from the user where the number of recommended articles starts below m and ends exceeding m, choose articles with the articles with the most total interactions before choosing those with fewer total interactions. This ranking should be what would be obtained from the **top\_articles** function you wrote earlier.

```
for neigh_id in user_item.index:
        if neigh_id == user_id:
            continue
        neighbors_df.loc[neigh_id] = [neigh_id, user_item.loc[neigh_id].dot(user_item.l
                                   user_item.loc[neigh_id].sum()]
    neighbors_df.sort_values(by=['similarity', 'num_interactions'], ascending=False, in
    return neighbors_df # Return the dataframe specified in the doc_string
def user_user_recs_part2(user_id, m=10):
    INPUT:
    user_id - (int) a user id
   m - (int) the number of recommendations you want for the user
   OUTPUT:
    recs - (list) a list of recommendations for the user by article id
   rec_names - (list) a list of recommendations for the user by article title
    Description:
   Loops through the users based on closeness to the input user_id
    For each user - finds articles the user hasn't seen before and provides them as rec
    Does this until m recommendations are found
   Notes:
    * Choose the users that have the most total article interactions
    before choosing those with fewer article interactions.
    * Choose articles with the articles with the most total interactions
    before choosing those with fewer total interactions.
    111
   recs = []
   neighbors_df = get_top_sorted_users(user_id)
    article_ids_user, article_names_user = get_user_articles(user_id)
    for neighbor_id in neighbors_df['neighbor_id']:
        article_ids_rec, article_names_rec = get_user_articles(neighbor_id)
        for article_id_rec in article_ids_rec:
            if article_id_rec not in article_ids_user and article_id_rec not in recs:
                recs.append(article_id_rec)
```

```
if len(recs) >= m:
                          break
                 if len(recs) >= m:
                          break
             if len(recs) < m:
                 for ids in get_top_article_ids(m):
                     if ids not in article_ids_user:
                         recs.append(ids)
                     if len(recs) >= m:
                              break
             rec_names = get_article_names(recs)
             return recs, rec_names
In [40]: \# Quick spot check - don't change this code - just use it to test your functions
         rec_ids, rec_names = user_user_recs_part2(20, 10)
         print("The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article ids:")
         print(rec_ids)
         print()
         print("The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article names:")
         print(rec_names)
The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article ids:
['12.0', '14.0', '29.0', '33.0', '43.0', '51.0', '109.0', '111.0', '130.0', '142.0']
The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article names:
['timeseries data analysis of iot events by using jupyter notebook', 'got zip code data? prep it
In [41]: find_similar_users(1)[0]
Out[41]: 3933
In [42]: find_similar_users(131)[9]
Out[42]: 242
   5. Use your functions from above to correctly fill in the solutions to the dictionary below. Then
test your dictionary against the solution. Provide the code you need to answer each following the
comments below.
In [43]: ### Tests with a dictionary of results
```

user1\_most\_sim = 3933# Find the user that is most similar to user 1 user131\_10th\_sim = 242# Find the 10th most similar user to user 131

6. If we were given a new user, which of the above functions would you be able to use to make recommendations? Explain. Can you think of a better way we might make recommendations? Use the cell below to explain a better method for new users.

For a completly new user, the best recommendation we can offer are the top 10 article that are the most viewed articles overall. This is because we don't have any reference of the most read articles by the new user so the best we can recommend is what the whole community is liking the most. Then later on, once we know the most liked articles by this new user, we can tailor the recommendation to be something more apt to the taste of the user.

7. Using your existing functions, provide the top 10 recommended articles you would provide for the a new user below. You can test your function against our thoughts to make sure we are all on the same page with how we might make a recommendation.

```
In [45]: new_user = '0.0'

# What would your recommendations be for this new user '0.0'? As a new user, they have
# Provide a list of the top 10 article ids you would give to
new_user_recs = get_top_article_ids(10)# Your recommendations here

In [46]: assert set(new_user_recs) == set(['1314.0','1429.0','1293.0','1427.0','1162.0','1364.0']
print("That's right! Nice job!")
That's right! Nice job!
```

### 1.1.4 Part IV: Content Based Recommendations (EXTRA - NOT REQUIRED)

Another method we might use to make recommendations is to perform a ranking of the highest ranked articles associated with some term. You might consider content to be the **doc\_body**, **doc\_description**, or **doc\_full\_name**. There isn't one way to create a content based recommendation, especially considering that each of these columns hold content related information.

1. Use the function body below to create a content based recommender. Since there isn't one right answer for this recommendation tactic, no test functions are provided. Feel free to change the function inputs if you decide you want to try a method that requires more input values. The input values are currently set with one idea in mind that you may use to make content based recommendations. One additional idea is that you might want to choose the most popular recommendations that meet your 'content criteria', but again, there is a lot of flexibility in how you might make these recommendations.

1.1.5 This part is NOT REQUIRED to pass this project. However, you may choose to take this on as an extra way to show off your skills.

- 2. Now that you have put together your content-based recommendation system, use the cell below to write a summary explaining how your content based recommender works. Do you see any possible improvements that could be made to your function? Is there anything novel about your content based recommender?
- 1.1.6 This part is NOT REQUIRED to pass this project. However, you may choose to take this on as an extra way to show off your skills.

Write an explanation of your content based recommendation system here.

- 3. Use your content-recommendation system to make recommendations for the below scenarios based on the comments. Again no tests are provided here, because there isn't one right answer that could be used to find these content based recommendations.
- 1.1.7 This part is NOT REQUIRED to pass this project. However, you may choose to take this on as an extra way to show off your skills.

```
In []: # make recommendations for a brand new user

# make a recommendations for a user who only has interacted with article id '1427.0'
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#### 1.1.8 Part V: Matrix Factorization

In this part of the notebook, you will build use matrix factorization to make article recommendations to the users on the IBM Watson Studio platform.

1. You should have already created a  $user\_item$  matrix above in  $question\ 1$  of  $Part\ III$  above. This first question here will just require that you run the cells to get things set up for the rest of  $Part\ V$  of the notebook.

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In [49]: type(user_item_matrix.index.values)
Out[49]: numpy.ndarray
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2. In this situation, you can use Singular Value Decomposition from numpy on the user-item matrix. Use the cell to perform SVD, and explain why this is different than in the lesson.

```
In [51]: # Perform SVD on the User-Item Matrix Here
u, s, vt = np.linalg.svd(user_item_matrix)# use the built in to get the three matrices
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There are differences whilst performing the SVD here and in the lesson. First here we don't have empty values since here we just have two values in the user-item matrix, 1 if the user has viewed the article and 0 otherwise. In the lesson we had the movie ratings rather than binary values and overthere there were users that didn't rate the movei and therefore we had to use Funk SVD whilst getting the u, sigma and v transpoed matrices which is a method that uses gradient descent.

3. Now for the tricky part, how do we choose the number of latent features to use? Running the below cell, you can see that as the number of latent features increases, we obtain a lower error rate on making predictions for the 1 and 0 values in the user-item matrix. Run the cell below to get an idea of how the accuracy improves as we increase the number of latent features.

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# restructure with k latent features
         s_new, u_new, vt_new = np.diag(s[:k]), u[:, :k], vt[:k, :]
         # take dot product
         user_item_est = np.around(np.dot(np.dot(u_new, s_new), vt_new))
         # compute error for each prediction to actual value
         diffs = np.subtract(user_item_matrix, user_item_est)
         # total errors and keep track of them
         err = np.sum(np.sum(np.abs(diffs)))
         sum_errs.append(err)
    plt.plot(num_latent_feats, 1 - np.array(sum_errs)/df.shape[0]);
    plt.xlabel('Number of Latent Features');
    plt.ylabel('Accuracy');
    plt.title('Accuracy vs. Number of Latent Features');
   NameError
                                              Traceback (most recent call last)
    <ipython-input-50-2510757f9cff> in <module>()
           # restructure with k latent features
---> 7 s_new, u_new, vt_new = np.diag(s[:k]), u[:, :k], vt[:k, :]
      9
           # take dot product
   NameError: name 's' is not defined
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4. From the above, we can't really be sure how many features to use, because simply having a better way to predict the 1's and 0's of the matrix doesn't exactly give us an indication of if we are able to make good recommendations. Instead, we might split our dataset into a training and test set of data, as shown in the cell below.

Use the code from question 3 to understand the impact on accuracy of the training and test sets of data with different numbers of latent features. Using the split below:

- How many users can we make predictions for in the test set?
- How many users are we not able to make predictions for because of the cold start problem?
- How many articles can we make predictions for in the test set?

How many articles are we not able to make predictions for because of the cold start problem?

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In [51]: df_train = df.head(40000)
         df_{test} = df.tail(5993)
         def create_test_and_train_user_item(df_train, df_test):
             INPUT:
             df\_train - training dataframe
             df\_test - test dataframe
             OUTPUT:
             user_item_train - a user-item matrix of the training dataframe
                                (unique users for each row and unique articles for each column)
             user_item_test - a user-item matrix of the testing dataframe
                              (unique users for each row and unique articles for each column)
             test_idx - all of the test user ids
             test_arts - all of the test article ids
             # Your code here
             user_item_train = create_user_item_matrix(df_train)
             user_item_test = create_user_item_matrix(df_test)
             test_idx = user_item_test.index.values
             test_arts = user_item_test.columns.values
             return user_item_train, user_item_test, test_idx, test_arts
         user_item_train, user_item_test, test_idx, test_arts = create_test_and_train_user_item(
In [52]: user_item_train.shape
Out[52]: (4487, 714)
In [53]: user_item_test.shape
Out[53]: (682, 574)
   The following shows how many ids in the train set are also in the test set. These would be the
number of predictions we could make in our test set
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In [54]: len(np.intersect1d(user_item_train.index.values, test_idx))
Out[54]: 20
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To calculate the number of users in the test set that we are not able to make predictions, we subtract the total users in the test set minus the ones for which we can make predictions.

```
In [55]: user_item_test.shape[0] - len(np.intersect1d(user_item_train.index.values, test_idx))
Out[55]: 662
   We can see below that all the articles in the test set are in the train set.
In [56]: len(np.intersect1d(user_item_train.columns.values, test_arts))
Out[56]: 574
In [57]: # Replace the values in the dictionary below
         a = 662
         b = 574
         c = 20
         d = 0
         sol_4_dict = {
             'How many users can we make predictions for in the test set?': c,
             'How many users in the test set are we not able to make predictions for because of
             'How many movies can we make predictions for in the test set?': b,
             'How many movies in the test set are we not able to make predictions for because of
         }
         t.sol_4_test(sol_4_dict)
Awesome job! That's right! All of the test movies are in the training data, but there are only
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5. Now use the **user\_item\_train** dataset from above to find U, S, and V transpose using SVD. Then find the subset of rows in the **user\_item\_test** dataset that you can predict using this matrix decomposition with different numbers of latent features to see how many features makes sense to keep based on the accuracy on the test data. This will require combining what was done in questions 2 - 4.

Use the cells below to explore how well SVD works towards making predictions for recommendations on the test data.

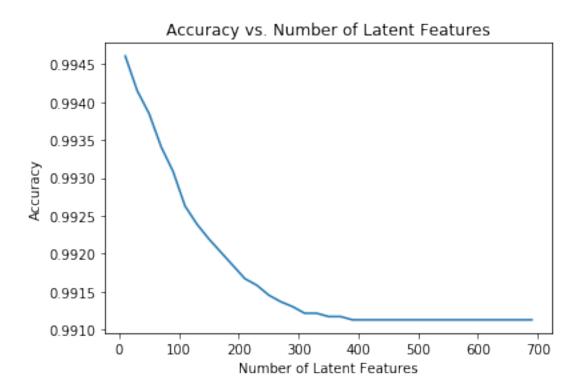
In [61]: vt\_train.shape

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Out[61]: (714, 714)
In [62]: common_ids_train_test = user_item_train.index.isin(test_idx)
In [63]: common_ids_train_test.sum()
Out[63]: 20
In [64]: commons_ids = np.intersect1d(user_item_train.index, test_idx)
         commons ids
Out[64]: array([2917, 3024, 3093, 3193, 3527, 3532, 3684, 3740, 3777, 3801, 3968,
                3989, 3990, 3998, 4002, 4204, 4231, 4274, 4293, 4487])
In [65]: user_item_test.shape
Out[65]: (682, 574)
In [66]: common_articles_train_test = user_item_train.columns.isin(test_arts)
In [67]: commons_articles = np.intersect1d(user_item_train.columns, test_arts)
In [68]: len(common_ids_train_test)
Out[68]: 4487
In [69]: len(common_articles_train_test)
Out[69]: 714
In [70]: u_test = u_train[common_ids_train_test, :]
         vt_test = vt_train[:, common_articles_train_test]
In [71]: num_latent_feats = np.arange(10,700+10,20)
         sum_errs_train = []
         sum_errs_test = []
         for k in num_latent_feats:
             # restructure with k latent features for the train set
             s_train_new, u_train_new, vt_train_new = np.diag(s_train[:k]), u_train[:, :k], vt_t
             \# restructure with k latent features for the test set
             u_test_new, vt_test_new = u_test[:, :k], vt_test[:k, :]
             # take dot product train set
             user_item_train_est = np.around(np.dot(np.dot(u_train_new, s_train_new), vt_train_n
             # take dot product train set
             user_item_test_est = np.around(np.dot(np.dot(u_test_new, s_train_new), vt_test_new)
             # compute error for each prediction to actual value
             diffs_train = np.subtract(user_item_train, user_item_train_est)
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# compute error for each prediction to actual value
diffs_test = np.subtract(user_item_test.loc[commons_ids, commons_articles], user_it

# total train errors and keep track of them
err_train = np.sum(np.sum(np.abs(diffs_train)))
sum_errs_train.append(err_train)
# total test errors and keep track of them
err_test = np.sum(np.sum(np.abs(diffs_test)))
sum_errs_test.append(err_test)

#plt.plot(num_latent_feats, 1 - np.array(sum_errs_train)/df.shape[0]);
plt.plot(num_latent_feats, 1 - np.array(sum_errs_test)/df.shape[0]);
plt.xlabel('Number of Latent Features');
plt.ylabel('Accuracy');
plt.title('Accuracy vs. Number of Latent Features');
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6. Use the cell below to comment on the results you found in the previous question. Given the circumstances of your results, discuss what you might do to determine if the recommendations you make with any of the above recommendation systems are an improvement to how users currently find articles?

We can see that for the train set that the accuracy increases always as we increase the number of latent features, however, it is is not quite the same when we compare to the test set. In fact we have the opposite trend. This may be due to our model, since there are only 20 suers that are in common

between the train and the test set. For this situation we can either use other recommendation methods to increase our recommendation engine such as collaborative filtering.

Another way to improve the model, could be to use a Strasified method to split the train and test datasets since that way we would make sure to shuffle up the sets so that we can have perhaps more users in common betweeb train and test datasets when comparing the predicted model to the actual values.

Finally to test the practicality of our model, we could perform A/B testing on our recommendation engine and see the effect of the new recommendation engine on a valuable metric such as number of users creating an account, or viewing articles.

### Extras Using your workbook, you could now save your recommendations for each user, develop a class to make new predictions and update your results, and make a flask app to deploy your results. These tasks are beyond what is required for this project. However, from what you learned in the lessons, you certainly capable of taking these tasks on to improve upon your work here!

#### 1.2 Conclusion

Congratulations! You have reached the end of the Recommendations with IBM project!

**Tip**: Once you are satisfied with your work here, check over your report to make sure that it is satisfies all the areas of the <u>rubric</u>. You should also probably remove all of the "Tips" like this one so that the presentation is as polished as possible.

### 1.3 Directions to Submit

Before you submit your project, you need to create a .html or .pdf version of this note-book in the workspace here. To do that, run the code cell below. If it worked correctly, you should get a return code of 0, and you should see the generated .html file in the workspace directory (click on the orange Jupyter icon in the upper left).

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