# FIXED Hybrid VAE Recommendation System - Cloud

### Training

This notebook trains a Hybrid VAE recommendation model with **CRITICAL FIXES** to improve RMSE from  $1.21 \rightarrow 0.85$ -0.95

# Key Fixes Applied:

- 1. MSE loss uses 'mean' instead of 'sum' reduction (CRITICAL FIX)
- 2.  $\checkmark$  KL weight reduced from 1.0  $\rightarrow$  0.1
- 3. Learning rate increased from 1e-4 → 5e-4
- 4. **Dropout reduced from 0.3 \rightarrow 0.15**
- 5. Better weight initialization and scheduler

# Setup Instructions

from google.colab import drive

- 1. **Runtime**: Change runtime to GPU (Runtime → Change runtime type → GPU)
- 2. Data: Upload your pre-split data files to Colab
- 3. Libraries: Run the installation cell below

• GPU: NVIDIA A100-SXM4-40GB

💾 GPU Memory: 42.5 GB

4. Training: Configure parameters and run training

```
drive.mount('/content/drive')

Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mc
```

```
# Install required packages
!pip install wandb -q

# Check GPU availability
import torch
print(f" PyTorch version: {torch.__version__}")
print(f" CUDA available: {torch.cuda.is_available()}")
if torch.cuda.is_available():
    print(f" GPU: {torch.cuda.get_device_name(0)}")
    print(f" GPU Memory: {torch.cuda.get_device_properties(0).total_memory / 1e9:.1f} Glelse:
    print(" No GPU detected - training will be slower")

PyTorch version: 2.6.0+cu124
    CUDA available: True
```

```
# 🛎 Import libraries
import os
import sys
import time
import pickle
from pathlib import Path
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, TensorDataset
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
# Optional: wandb for experiment tracking
try:
    import wandb
   WANDB AVAILABLE = True
    print("♥ wandb available for experiment tracking")
except ImportError:
   WANDB AVAILABLE = False
   print("i wandb not available - training metrics won't be logged")
wandb available for experiment tracking
# 🐨 Set random seeds for reproducibility
def set random seed(seed=42):
   np.random.seed(seed)
   torch.manual seed(seed)
   torch.cuda.manual seed all(seed)
   torch.backends.cudnn.deterministic = True
   torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = False
   print(f" Random seed set to {seed}")
# Set seed immediately
set_random_seed(42)
Random seed set to 42
```

### Data Upload

Upload your pre-split training data files. You need:

- train data.csv
- val data.csv
- data mappings.pkl

#### **Option 1: Upload files manually**

1. Click the folder icon in the sidebar

2. Upload the three files above

Option 2: Mount Google Drive (if files are in Drive) Uncomment and run the cell below:

```
# 💾 Option 2: Mount Google Drive (uncomment if needed)
# from google.colab import drive
# drive.mount('/content/drive')
# # Update data path to point to your Drive folder
data_path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/PROJECTS/MovieLens RecSys' # Update this path
# Check uploaded files
print(" Checking uploaded files...")
required files = ['train data.csv', 'val data.csv', 'data mappings.pkl']
missing files = []
for file in required files:
   file_path = os.path.join(data_path, file)
    if os.path.exists(file_path):
       size = os.path.getsize(file_path) / 1e6 # MB
       print(f"♥ {file} ({size:.1f} MB)")
   else:
        print(f"X {file} - NOT FOUND")
       missing files.append(file)
if missing_files:
    print(f"\n⚠ Please upload missing files: {missing files}")
else:
   print(f"\n All required files found in {data path}")

→ Checking uploaded files...

▼ train data.csv (319.1 MB)

    ✓ val data.csv (79.8 MB)

✓ data_mappings.pkl (6.6 MB)

    All required files found in /content/drive/MyDrive/PROJECTS/MovieLens RecSys
```

### Model Definition

Hybrid VAE + Embedding architecture for collaborative filtering

```
self.movie embedding = nn.Embedding(n movies, n factors)
    self.embedding dropout = nn.Dropout(dropout rate * 0.5)
    # Encoder network
    encoder_layers = []
    input_dim = n_factors * 2
    for hidden dim in hidden dims:
        encoder_layers.extend([
            nn.Linear(input dim, hidden dim),
            nn.BatchNorm1d(hidden dim),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Dropout(dropout rate)
        ])
        input dim = hidden dim
    self.encoder = nn.Sequential(*encoder layers)
    # VAE latent space
    self.mu_layer = nn.Linear(hidden_dims[-1], latent_dim)
    self.logvar_layer = nn.Linear(hidden_dims[-1], latent dim)
    # Decoder network
    decoder layers = []
    input dim = latent dim
    for hidden_dim in reversed(hidden_dims):
        decoder_layers.extend([
            nn.Linear(input_dim, hidden_dim),
            nn.BatchNorm1d(hidden_dim),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Dropout(dropout rate)
        ])
        input_dim = hidden_dim
    decoder_layers.append(nn.Linear(input_dim, 1))
    self.decoder = nn.Sequential(*decoder_layers)
    self._init_weights()
def _init_weights(self):
    """Improved weight initialization"""
    for m in self.modules():
        if isinstance(m, nn.Linear):
            nn.init.xavier_normal_(m.weight)
            if m.bias is not None:
                nn.init.constant (m.bias, 0)
        elif isinstance(m, nn.Embedding):
            nn.init.normal (m.weight, 0, 0.1)
def encode(self, users, movies):
    user emb = self.user embedding(users)
    movie_emb = self.movie_embedding(movies)
    features = torch.cat([user emb, movie emb], dim=1)
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features = self.embedding dropout(features)
        encoded = self_encoder(features)
        mu = self.mu layer(encoded)
        logvar = self.logvar_layer(encoded)
        return mu, logvar
   def reparameterize(self, mu, logvar):
        if self.training:
            std = torch.exp(0.5 * logvar)
            eps = torch.randn like(std)
            return mu + eps * std
        else:
            return mu
   def decode(self, z):
        decoded = self_decoder(z)
        return decoded # FIXED: Remove sigmoid, let the model learn the full range
   def forward(self, users, movies, minmax=None):
        mu, logvar = self.encode(users, movies)
        z = self.reparameterize(mu, logvar)
        rating pred = self.decode(z)
        if minmax is not None:
            min rating, max rating = minmax
            rating pred = torch.sigmoid(rating pred) * (max rating - min rating) + min rat
        return rating_pred, mu, logvar
print("@ FIXED HybridVAE model class defined")
→ FIXED HybridVAE model class defined
def vae_loss_function(predictions, targets, mu, logvar, kl_weight=0.1, beta=1.0):
   Enhanced VAE loss with beta-VAE approach for better balance.
    Beta helps scale the KL term relative to reconstruction loss.
   # Reconstruction loss - keep as mean
   recon_loss = F.mse_loss(predictions.squeeze(), targets, reduction='mean')
   # KL divergence with stability check
   kl loss = -0.5 * torch.mean(1 + logvar - mu.pow(2) - logvar.exp())
   # Prevent KL explosion
   kl_loss = torch.clamp(kl_loss, min=0, max=100)
   # Beta-VAE approach: beta controls the pressure for disentangled representations
   total loss = recon loss + beta * kl weight * kl loss
   return total loss, recon loss, kl loss
print("■ Enhanced VAE loss function defined")
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print("

■ Scheduled dropout function defined")

→ II Enhanced VAE loss function defined KL annealing function defined

■ Scheduled dropout function defined

### ✓ II Data Loading

Load pre-split training data to prevent data leakage

```
def create_data_loaders(data_path, batch_size=1024):
   """Load pre-split training data to prevent data leakage"""
   print(" Loading pre-split training data...")
   # Load the pre-split CSV files (NO newer data included)
   train_path = os.path.join(data_path, 'train_data.csv')
   val_path = os.path.join(data_path, 'val_data.csv')
   mappings_path = os.path.join(data_path, 'data_mappings.pkl')
   if not all(os.path.exists(p) for p in [train_path, val_path, mappings_path]):
        raise FileNotFoundError(
            f"Required files not found in {data_path}:\n"
            f"- train_data.csv\n- val_data.csv\n- data_mappings.pkl\n"
            f"Please upload these files first!"
        )
   # Load training and validation data
   train df = pd.read csv(train path)
   val_df = pd.read_csv(val_path)
   # Load mappings
   with open(mappings path, 'rb') as f:
       mappings = pickle.load(f)
```

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print(f"▼ Training data: {len(train df):,} samples")
   print(f"♥ Validation data: {len(val df):,} samples")
   print(f"
✓ Users: {len(mappings['user to index']):,}")
   print(f"☑ Movies: {len(mappings['movie_to_index']):,}")
   print(" NOTE: Newer (ETL test) data excluded to prevent leakage!")
   n users = len(mappings['user to index'])
   n movies = len(mappings['movie to index'])
   # Map user id and movie id to indices using the mappings
   train_df['user_idx'] = train_df['user_id'].map(mappings['user_to_index'])
   train df['movie idx'] = train df['movie id'].map(mappings['movie to index'])
   val_df['user_idx'] = val_df['user_id'].map(mappings['user_to_index'])
   val_df['movie_idx'] = val_df['movie_id'].map(mappings['movie_to_index'])
   # Convert to tensors
   X_train = torch.LongTensor(train_df[['user_idx', 'movie_idx']].values)
   y_train = torch.FloatTensor(train_df['rating'].values)
   X_val = torch.LongTensor(val_df[['user_idx', 'movie_idx']].values)
   y_val = torch.FloatTensor(val_df['rating'].values)
   # Create datasets and loaders
   train dataset = TensorDataset(X train, y train)
   val dataset = TensorDataset(X val, y val)
   train_loader = DataLoader(
       train_dataset,
       batch_size=batch_size,
       shuffle=True,
       pin_memory=True,
       num workers=4, # A100 can handle more workers
       persistent workers=True,
       prefetch_factor=2,
                            # Prefetch batches
       # For A100 specifically:
       multiprocessing_context='spawn', # Better for large batches
   )
   val loader = DataLoader(
       val dataset,
       batch size=batch size,
       shuffle=True,
       pin_memory=True,
       num_workers=4, # Reverted to original value
       persistent_workers=True,
       prefetch_factor=2,  # Prefetch batches
       # For A100 specifically:
       multiprocessing_context='spawn', # Better for large batches
    )
    return train_loader, val_loader, n_users, n_movies
print("

FIXED Data loading function defined")
```

→ II FIXED Data loading function defined

```
# Load additional data needed for recommendations
print(" Loading movie metadata and mappings...")
try:
   # 1. Load pre-split training data (already loaded above, but we'll recreate X and y)
   train_df = pd.read_csv(os.path.join(data_path, 'train_data.csv'))
   val_df = pd.read_csv(os.path.join(data_path, 'val_data.csv'))
   # Combine for full user history (for recommendation context)
   full_data = pd.concat([train_df, val_df], ignore_index=True)
   X = full_data[['user_id', 'movie_id']].copy()
   v = full data['rating'].copy()
   print(f" X shape: {X.shape}")
   print(f" y shape: {y.shape}")
   # 2. Load mappings (contains user_to_index, movie_to_index, etc.)
   with open(os.path.join(data_path, 'data_mappings.pkl'), 'rb') as f:
       mappings = pickle.load(f)
   user_to_index = mappings['user_to_index']
   movie to index = mappings['movie to index']
   print(f" user to index loaded: {len(user to index):,} users")
   print(f"

movie_to_index loaded: {len(movie_to_index):,} movies")
   # 3. Create reverse mapping for movie recommendations
   index to movie = {v: k for k, v in movie to index.items()}
   # 4. Load original MovieLens movies data for titles and metadata
   # Check if movies.csv exists in the data path
   movies_path = os.path.join(data_path, 'movies.csv')
   if os.path.exists(movies_path):
       movies = pd.read_csv(movies_path)
       print(f"

movies.csv loaded: {len(movies):,} movies with titles")
   else:
       # If movies.csv not available, we'll need to download it or create a fallback
       print("⚠ movies.csv not found. Creating minimal movie metadata...")
       # Create basic movie metadata from mappings
       unique_movie_ids = list(movie_to_index.keys())
       movies = pd.DataFrame({
           'movieId': unique_movie_ids,
           'title': [f'Movie {mid}' for mid in unique movie ids], # Placeholder titles
           'genres': ['Unknown'] * len(unique movie ids) # Placeholder genres
       })
       print(f" ✓ Created placeholder movie metadata: {len(movies):,} movies")
       # 5. Verify data consistency
   print(f"\nQ Data consistency check:")
```

```
print(f" Mappings n users: {mappings['n users']:,}")
   print(f" Mappings n_movies: {mappings['n_movies']:,}")
   print(f" Actual n users from data: {n users:,}")
   print(f" Actual n_movies from data: {n_movies:,}")
   if mappings['n_users'] == n_users and mappings['n_movies'] == n_movies:
       print("▼ Data consistency verified!")
   else:
       print("▲ Data size mismatch detected!")
   print(f"\n Recommendation system data ready!")
   print(f" | {len(X):,} user-movie interactions")
   except Exception as e:
   print(f"X Error loading recommendation data: {e}")
   print(" Make sure you have uploaded all required files:")
   print(" - train_data.csv")
   print(" - val_data.csv")
   print(" - data mappings.pkl")
   print(" - movies.csv (optional, for movie titles)")
   # Set fallback values to prevent errors
   X, y = None, None
   movies = None
   movie_to_index = None
   user to index = None
Loading movie metadata and mappings...

✓ X shape: (25600163, 2)

    ✓ y shape: (25600163.)

✓ user_to_index loaded: 200,948 users
    movie_to_index loaded: 84,432 movies
    ■ movies.csv loaded: 87,585 movies with titles
    Q Data consistency check:
     Mappings n_users: 200,948
     Mappings n_movies: 84,432
     Actual n users from data: 200,948
     Actual n movies from data: 84,432
    ✓ Data consistency verified!
    Recommendation system data ready!
     1 25,600,163 user-movie interactions
     200,948 unique users
     84,432 unique movies
     87,585 movies with metadata
# 🍽 OPTIONAL: Download MovieLens movies.csv for real movie titles
# Run this cell if you want actual movie titles instead of placeholder names
def download_movies_metadata(data_path):
   """Download the original MovieLens movies.csv file for movie titles"""
```

```
import urllib.request
    import os
   movies url = "https://files.grouplens.org/datasets/movielens/ml-32m.zip"
   movies_path = os.path.join(data_path, 'movies.csv')
   # Check if movies.csv already exists
   if os.path.exists(movies path):
       print(f"▼ movies.csv already exists at {movies path}")
       return True
   try:
       print("♣ Downloading MovieLens 32M dataset to extract movies.csv...")
       # Download the zip file
       zip_path = os.path.join(data_path, 'ml-32m.zip')
       if not os.path.exists(zip path):
            urllib.request.urlretrieve(movies url, zip path)
           print("✓ Dataset downloaded")
       # Extract just the movies.csv file
       import zipfile
       with zipfile.ZipFile(zip_path, 'r') as zip_ref:
           # Extract movies.csv to the data path
           zip ref.extract('ml-32m/movies.csv', data path)
           # Move it to the right location
           import shutil
           extracted_path = os.path.join(data_path, 'ml-32m', 'movies.csv')
           shutil.move(extracted_path, movies_path)
           # Clean up the ml-32m folder
           import shutil
            shutil.rmtree(os.path.join(data path, 'ml-32m'))
       print(f"▼ movies.csv extracted to {movies_path}")
       # Clean up zip file
       os.remove(zip path)
        return True
   except Exception as e:
        print(f"X Error downloading movies metadata: {e}")
       print(" You can manually upload movies.csv from the MovieLens dataset")
       return False
# Uncomment the line below if you want to download movies.csv automatically
# download_movies_metadata(data_path)
```

### Training Configuration

Configure your training parameters here

```
# / FIXED EXPERIMENT CONFIGURATION
# Choose which experiment to run:
# 'fixed_baseline' - FIXED configuration with critical improvements
# 'experiment 1' - Stronger Regularization
# 'experiment_2' - Different Architecture
# 'experiment 3' - Learning Rate Tuning
EXPERIMENT = 'experiment_5' # 🍗 CHANGE THIS TO RUN DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTS
# Define FIXED experiment configurations
experiment_configs = {
    'fixed baseline': {
        'name': 'FIXED Baseline Configuration',
        'description': 'Critical fixes applied: mean reduction, lower KL weight, reduced dr
        'dropout_rate': 0.15,  # FIXED: Reduced from 0.3
        'weight decay': 1e-5,
                              # FIXED: Reduced from 1.0
        'kl weight': 0.1.
        'hidden_dims': [512, 256, 128], # IMPROVED: Added third layer
        'latent_dim': 64,
        'lr': 5e-4,
                                # FIXED: Increased from 1e-4
        'patience': 20, # FIXED: Increased from 16 # IMPROVED: More patience
    },
    'experiment 4': {
        'name': 'Stronger Regularization',
        'description': 'Higher dropout, weight decay, and KL weight to prevent overfitting'
        'dropout_rate': 0.3,
        'weight_decay': 5e-5,  # Increase from 1e-5
'kl_weight': 0.25,  # Increase from 0.1
        'kl_warmup_epochs': 15, # KL annealing period
        'lr warmup epochs': 5, # LR warm-up period
        'beta': 1.0, # Beta-VAE parameter (try 0.5-2.0)
        'hidden_dims': [512, 256, 128], # Keep same
        'latent_dim': 64,
        'lr': 2e-4,
        'patience': 15,
    },
    'experiment 5': {
        'name': 'Fine Tuning Experiment 4',
        'description': 'the quest for .77-.75 Val RMSE',
        'dropout rate': 0.35,
        'weight_decay': 1e-4,
        'kl weight': 0.3,
        'kl_warmup_epochs': 10, # KL annealing period
        'lr warmup epochs': 3, # LR warm-up period
        'beta': 1.0,
        'hidden_dims': [512, 256, 128],
        'latent_dim': 64,
        'lr': 4e-4,
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            'patience': 15,
       },
        'experiment 3': {
            'name': 'Learning Rate Tuning',
            'description': 'Lower learning rate with more patience',
            'dropout_rate': 0.2,
            'weight_decay': 1e-5,
            'kl_weight': 0.1,
            'hidden_dims': [512, 256, 128],
            'latent_dim': 64,
            'lr': 3e-4,
                                    # Lower initial LR
            'patience': 25,
                                  # Even more patience
       }
   }
   # Select experiment configuration
   exp config = experiment configs[EXPERIMENT]
   print(f" RUNNING EXPERIMENT: {exp config['name']}")
   print(f" Description: {exp_config['description']}")
   print("=" * 60)
   # 🔐 FIXED Training Configuration
   config = {
       # Experiment info
        'experiment name': EXPERIMENT,
        'experiment_description': exp_config['description'],
       # Data and paths
        'data path': data path, # Uses the path set above
        'save_path': f'/content/hybrid_vae_{EXPERIMENT}_best.pt',
       # FIXED Training hyperparameters
        'batch size': 8192,
        'n epochs': 150,
                                # FIXED: More epochs
        'lr': exp config['lr'],
        'weight_decay': exp_config['weight_decay'],
        'patience': exp_config['patience'],
       # Model architecture
        'n factors': 150,
        'hidden dims': exp config['hidden dims'],
        'latent dim': exp config['latent dim'],
        'dropout rate': exp config['dropout rate'],
       # FIXED VAE specific
        'kl weight': exp_config['kl_weight'],
       # Reproducibility
        'seed': 42,
       # Experiment tracking (set to True if you want to use wandb)
        'use wandb': True
   }
```

```
print("* FIXED Training configuration:")
for key, value in config.items():
   print(f" {key}: {value}")
print("\n Key fixes applied:")
print("✓ MSE loss uses 'mean' instead of 'sum' reduction")
print("✓ KL weight reduced from 1.0 → 0.1")
print("✓ Learning rate increased from 1e-4 → 5e-4")
print("✓ Dropout reduced from 0.3 → 0.15")
print("✓ Improved weight initialization and scheduler")
print("▼ Expected RMSE: 0.85-0.95 (significant improvement from 1.21)")
🚘 🖊 RUNNING EXPERIMENT: Fine Tuning Experiment 4
    Description: the quest for .77-.75 Val RMSE
    FIXED Training configuration:
      experiment name: experiment 5
      experiment_description: the quest for .77-.75 Val RMSE
      data_path: /content/drive/MyDrive/PROJECTS/MovieLens RecSys
      save_path: /content/hybrid_vae_experiment_5_best.pt
      batch_size: 8192
      n epochs: 150
      lr: 0.0004
      weight_decay: 0.0001
      patience: 15
      n_factors: 150
      hidden_dims: [512, 256, 128]
      latent_dim: 64
      dropout_rate: 0.35
      kl weight: 0.3
      seed: 42
      use_wandb: True
    Key fixes applied:
    ☑ MSE loss uses 'mean' instead of 'sum' reduction
    KL weight reduced from 1.0 → 0.1
    Learning rate increased from 1e-4 → 5e-4
    ✓ Dropout reduced from 0.3 → 0.15

▼ Improved weight initialization and scheduler

    Expected RMSE: 0.85-0.95 (significant improvement from 1.21)
# 🖊 Optional: Setup wandb for experiment tracking
if config['use wandb'] and WANDB AVAILABLE:
   # Login to wandb (you'll need to paste your API key)
   wandb.login()
   # Initialize wandb project with experiment name
    run name = f"{config['experiment name']}-{int(time.time())}"
   wandb.init(
       project="movielens-hybrid-vae-experiments",
       name=run name,
       config=config,
       tags=[config['experiment_name'], 'hybrid-vae'],
       notes=config['experiment description']
    print(f"♥ wandb initialized for {config['experiment name']} experiment")
```

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elif config['use wandb'] and not WANDB AVAILABLE:
    print("▲ wandb requested but not available - disabling")
    config['use wandb'] = False
else:
    print("i wandb tracking disabled")
wandb: WARNING Calling wandb.login() after wandb.init() has no effect.
     Finishing previous runs because reinit is set to 'default'.
     View run experiment 5-1755054750 at: https://wandb.ai/nolanrobbins/movielens-hybrid-vae-
     experiments/runs/mhlm9quc
     View project at: https://wandb.ai/nolanrobbins/movielens-hybrid-vae-experiments
     Synced 5 W&B file(s), 0 media file(s), 0 artifact file(s) and 0 other file(s)
     Find logs at: ./wandb/run-20250813_031230-mhlm9quc/logs
     Tracking run with wandb version 0.21.0
     Run data is saved locally in /content/wandb/run-20250813 032631-x3go84ll
     Syncing run experiment_5-1755055591 to Weights & Biases (docs)
     View project at <a href="https://wandb.ai/nolanrobbins/movielens-hybrid-vae-experiments">https://wandb.ai/nolanrobbins/movielens-hybrid-vae-experiments</a>
     View run at https://wandb.ai/nolanrobbins/movielens-hybrid-vae-experiments/runs/x3qo84ll
     ▼ wandb initialized for experiment 5 experiment
```

### Model Training

Load data, create model, and start training

```
# Load training data
print("Loading data...")
train_loader, val_loader, n_users, n_movies = create_data_loaders(
   config['data path'], config['batch size']
→ Loading data...
    Loading pre-split training data...
    ✓ Training data: 20,480,130 samples
    ✓ Validation data: 5,120,033 samples
    ✓ Users: 200,948
    ▼ Movies: 84,432
    NOTE: Newer (ETL test) data excluded to prevent leakage!
    Data loaded successfully!
# Create and setup FIXED model
device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is available() else 'cpu')
print(f"Using device: {device}")
# Create FIXED model with improved hyperparameters
model = HybridVAE(
   n_users=n_users,
   n movies=n movies,
   n_factors=config['n_factors'],
   hidden dims=config['hidden dims'],
   latent dim=config['latent dim'],
   dropout rate=config['dropout_rate'] # Now using reduced dropout
).to(device)
```

```
print(f" FIXED Model created with {sum(p.numel() for p in model.parameters()):,} parame
# FIXED: Better optimizer settings
optimizer = optim.AdamW(model.parameters(),
                       lr=config['lr'],
                       weight_decay=config['weight_decay'])
# Learning rate warm-up scheduler
def get lr multiplier(epoch, warmup epochs=5):
    """Learning rate multiplier for warm-up"""
    if epoch < warmup_epochs:</pre>
        return (epoch + 1) / warmup epochs
    return 1.0
# Create both schedulers
warmup epochs = 5
plateau_scheduler = optim.lr_scheduler.ReduceLROnPlateau(
    optimizer, 'min', patience=8, factor=0.5, min_lr=1e-6, verbose=True
print(f"♥ Dual scheduler ready: {warmup_epochs} epochs warmup, then ReduceLROnPlateau")
print("▼ Expected RMSE improvement: .75 - .77")
# Stochastic Weight Averaging setup
from torch.optim.swa utils import AveragedModel, SWALR
swa_start_epoch = 25  # Start SWA after initial training
swa model = None # Will initialize when needed
swa scheduler = None
print(f"♥ SWA ready to activate after epoch {swa_start_epoch}")
→ Using device: cuda
    FIXED Model created with 43,318,873 parameters
    ☑ Dual scheduler ready: 5 epochs warmup, then ReduceLROnPlateau
    Expected RMSE improvement: .75 - .77
    ✓ SWA ready to activate after epoch 25
    /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/torch/optim/lr scheduler.py:62: UserWarning: 1
      warnings.warn(
```

# Experiment Configuration Guide

To run different experiments, change the EXPERIMENT variable in the configuration cell above.

### Available Experiments:

#### **Experiment 1 - Stronger Regularization:**

- Goal: Prevent overfitting with stronger regularization
- Changes: Higher dropout (0.5), weight decay (5e-5), and KL weight (0.02)
- Expected: Better generalization, potentially higher validation loss initially

#### **Experiment 2 - Different Architecture:**

- Goal: Test deeper network with larger latent space
- Changes: Deeper network [512, 256, 128], larger latent dimension (64)
- Expected: More model capacity, longer training time

#### **Experiment 3 - Learning Rate Tuning:**

- Goal: More stable training with lower learning rate
- Changes: Lower LR (3e-4), more patience (20), moderate dropout (0.4)
- **Expected:** Smoother convergence, potentially better final performance

#### How to Run Experiments:

- 1. Change the experiment: Set EXPERIMENT = 'experiment\_1' (or 2, 3)
- 2. Run the configuration cell to load the experiment settings
- 3. **Run training** results will be saved with experiment-specific names
- 4. Compare results using the experiment comparison cell

### **Results Organization:**

- Each experiment saves to /checkpoints/{experiment\_name}/
- Models named: {experiment}\_epoch{X}\_val{loss}.pt
- Results comparison automatically loads all completed experiments

```
from torch.cuda.amp import autocast, GradScaler
```

```
# 💅 ENHANCED Training Loop with Dynamic Regularization
print(" Starting ENHANCED training with dynamic regularization...")
print(f"
         KL warm-up: 15 epochs")
print(f"
         LR warm-up: 5 epochs")
print(f" Dropout scheduling: Base {config['dropout rate']} → Max 0.4")
print(f"
          SWA activation: After epoch 25")
print()
# Training variables
best val loss = float('inf')
patience_counter = 0
minmax = (0.5, 5.0)
start time = time.time()
warmup epochs = 5
kl_warmup_epochs = 15
beta = 1.0
swa_start_epoch = 25
swa_activated = False
# Training history
train losses = []
val losses = []
kl_weights_history = []
lr\ history = []
```

```
aropout_nistory = []
scaler = GradScaler()
print("✓ Mixed precision training enabled with AMP")
# Helper function to update dropout in model
def update model dropout(model, dropout rate):
    """Dynamically update dropout rate in all dropout layers"""
    for module in model.modules():
        if isinstance(module, nn.Dropout):
            module.p = dropout rate
for epoch in range(start epoch, config['n epochs']):
    # ====== DYNAMIC REGULARIZATION ADJUSTMENTS ========
    # 1. Learning rate warm-up
    if epoch < warmup_epochs:</pre>
        lr_multiplier = get_lr_multiplier(epoch, warmup_epochs)
        for param group in optimizer.param groups:
            param group['lr'] = config['lr'] * lr multiplier
        current_lr = config['lr'] * lr_multiplier
    else:
        current_lr = optimizer.param_groups[0]['lr']
    # 2. KL weight annealing
    current kl weight = get kl weight(epoch,
                                      max weight=config['kl weight'],
                                      warmup_epochs=kl_warmup_epochs)
    # 3. Dynamic dropout scheduling
    current_dropout = get_dropout_rate(epoch,
                                       base_rate=config['dropout_rate'],
                                       max rate=0.4,
                                       warmup=20)
    update model dropout(model, current dropout)
    # 4. SWA activation check
    if epoch == swa start epoch and not swa activated:
        print(f"\n❷ Activating SWA at epoch {epoch + 1}")
        swa model = AveragedModel(model)
        swa_scheduler = SWALR(optimizer, swa_lr=1e-4, anneal_epochs=10)
        swa activated = True
    # Store history
    kl weights history.append(current kl weight)
    lr_history.append(current_lr)
    dropout_history.append(current_dropout)
    # ======= TRAINING PHASE =======
    model.train()
    train loss = 0.0
    train recon loss = 0.0
    train_kl_loss = 0.0
    train_batches = 0
```

```
tor batcn_idx, (batcn_x, batcn_y) in enumerate(train_loader):
    batch_x, batch_y = batch_x.to(device), batch_y.to(device)
    # Mixed Precision Forward Pass and Loss Calculation
    with autocast():
        # Forward pass
        predictions, mu, logvar = model(batch_x[:, 0], batch_x[:, 1], minmax)
        # Calculate loss (all inside autocast context)
        total loss, recon loss, kl loss = vae loss function(
            predictions, batch_y, mu, logvar,
            kl weight=current kl weight,
            beta=beta
        )
        # Add L2 regularization on embeddings (still inside autocast)
        if epoch >= kl_warmup_epochs:
            l2_lambda = 1e-5
            12 reg = torch.tensor(0.).to(device)
            for name, param in model.named parameters():
                if 'embedding' in name:
                    12 reg += torch.norm(param, 2)
            total_loss += l2_lambda * l2_reg
    # Backward pass with gradient scaling
    optimizer.zero grad()
    # Scale the loss and call backward
    scaler.scale(total loss).backward()
    # Unscale gradients before clipping
    scaler.unscale_(optimizer)
    # Gradient clipping (on unscaled gradients)
    max norm = 0.5 if epoch >= kl warmup epochs else 1.0
    torch.nn.utils.clip grad norm (model.parameters(), max norm=max norm)
    # Step the optimizer with scaled gradients
    scaler.step(optimizer)
    # Update the scale for next iteration
    scaler.update()
    # SWA model update (if activated)
    if swa_activated and batch_idx % 10 == 0:
        swa_model.update_parameters(model)
    # Accumulate losses for logging (use .item() to get Python numbers)
    train loss += total loss.item()
    train_recon_loss += recon_loss.item()
    train kl loss += kl loss.item()
    train batches += 1
# ======= VALIDATION PHASE ========
model.eval()
```

```
val_loss = 0.0
val_recon_loss = 0.0
val kl loss = 0.0
val batches = 0
# Choose which model to evaluate
eval_model = swa_model if swa_activated else model
with torch.no_grad():
    # Use autocast for validation too (for consistency)
    # with autocast():
        for batch_x, batch_y in val_loader:
            batch_x, batch_y = batch_x.to(device), batch_y.to(device)
            predictions, mu, logvar = eval_model(batch_x[:, 0], batch_x[:, 1], minmax)
            total_loss, recon_loss, kl_loss = vae_loss_function(
                predictions, batch_y, mu, logvar,
                kl_weight=current_kl_weight,
                beta=beta
            )
            val_loss += total_loss.item()
            val_recon_loss += recon_loss.item()
            val_kl_loss += kl_loss.item()
            val batches += 1
# ======= SCHEDULER UPDATE ========
if swa activated:
    swa scheduler.step()
elif epoch >= warmup_epochs: # Regular scheduler after warm-up
    plateau_scheduler.step(avg_val_loss)
# ======= LOGGING =======
if config.get('use_wandb', False) and WANDB_AVAILABLE:
    wandb.log({
        'epoch': epoch + 1,
        'train_loss': avg_train_loss,
        'val_loss': avg_val_loss,
        'train_rmse': train_rmse,
        'val_rmse': val_rmse,
        'train kl': train kl loss / train batches,
        'val_kl': val_kl_loss / val_batches,
        'learning rate': current lr,
        'kl_weight': current_kl_weight,
        'dropout_rate': current_dropout,
        'swa_active': swa_activated,
        'experiment': config['experiment_name']
    })
# ====== CHECKPOINTING =======
if avg_val_loss < best_val_loss:</pre>
    best_val_loss = avg_val_loss
    patience_counter = 0
```

```
# Save the best model (SWA if active, regular otherwise)
    save_model = swa_model if swa_activated else model
    checkpoint_filename = f'{config["experiment_name"]}_epoch{epoch+1:03d}_val{avg_val_
    versioned checkpoint path = os.path.join(base save dir, checkpoint filename)
    torch.save({
        'model_state_dict': save_model.state_dict() if not swa_activated else model.sta
        'swa model state dict': swa model.state dict() if swa activated else None,
        'optimizer_state_dict': optimizer.state_dict(),
        'epoch': epoch,
        'val_loss': avg_val_loss,
        'val rmse': val rmse,
        'config': config,
        'regularization_state': {
            'kl_weight': current_kl_weight,
            'dropout_rate': current_dropout,
            'lr': current_lr,
            'swa active': swa activated
        }
    }, versioned checkpoint path)
    print(f' Epoch {epoch+1:03d}: Val RMSE improved to {val rmse:.4f} '
          f'(KL: {current_kl_weight:.3f}, Dropout: {current_dropout:.2f}, LR: {current_
else:
    patience counter += 1
# ====== PROGRESS PRINTING =======
if (epoch + 1) % 5 == 0 or epoch == 0:
    elapsed = (time.time() - start time) / 60
    # Status indicators
    status parts = []
    if epoch < kl_warmup_epochs:</pre>
        status_parts.append(f"KL warmup: {epoch+1}/{kl_warmup_epochs}")
    if epoch < warmup epochs:</pre>
        status_parts.append(f"LR warmup: {epoch+1}/{warmup_epochs}")
    if swa_activated:
        status parts.append("SWA active")
    status str = f"[{', '.join(status parts)}]" if status parts else ""
    print(f'Epoch {epoch+1:03d}/{config["n_epochs"]:03d} {status_str} | '
          f'Train RMSE: {train_rmse:.4f} | Val RMSE: {val_rmse:.4f} | '
          f'KL: {current_kl_weight:.3f} | Dropout: {current_dropout:.2f} | '
          f'LR: {current_lr:.2e} | Time: {elapsed:.1f}min')
# Early stopping (more patient during warm-up and SWA)
if swa activated:
    early_stop_patience = config['patience'] * 1.5 # More patient with SWA
elif epoch < kl warmup epochs:</pre>
    early_stop_patience = config['patience'] * 2 # More patient during warm-up
else:
    early_stop_patience = config['patience']
```

```
if patience_counter >= early_stop_patience:
        print(f' Early stopping at epoch {epoch+1}')
        if swa_activated:
            print('I Final model uses SWA weights')
        break
# ======= POST-TRAINING ========
total_time = (time.time() - start_time) / 60
final rmse = np.sgrt(best val loss)
print(f'\n Training completed in {total time:.1f} minutes')
print(f' Best validation RMSE: {final_rmse:.4f}')
print(f' Final regularization state: ')
print(f' KL weight: {current_kl_weight:.3f}')
print(f' Dropout: {current_dropout:.2f}')
print(f' Learning rate: {current_lr:.2e}')
if swa activated:
    print(f'
              SWA: Activated at epoch {swa start epoch}')
→ 🚀 Starting ENHANCED training with dynamic regularization...
       KL warm-up: 15 epochs
       LR warm-up: 5 epochs
       Dropout scheduling: Base 0.35 → Max 0.4
       SWA activation: After epoch 25
    Mixed precision training enabled with AMP
    /tmp/ipython-input-683275370.py:29: FutureWarning: `torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler(args...)
      scaler = GradScaler()
    /tmp/ipython-input-683275370.py:86: FutureWarning: `torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)`
      with autocast():
    /tmp/ipython-input-683275370.py:147: FutureWarning: `torch.cuda.amp.autocast(args...)`
      with autocast():
    Epoch 001: Val RMSE improved to 0.8021 (KL: 0.000, Dropout: 0.35, LR: 8.00e-05)
    Epoch 001/150 [KL warmup: 1/15, LR warmup: 1/5] | Train RMSE: 0.6823 | Val RMSE: 0.802
    Epoch 005/150 [KL warmup: 5/15, LR warmup: 5/5] | Train RMSE: 0.6823 | Val RMSE: 0.802
    Epoch 010/150 [KL warmup: 10/15] | Train RMSE: 0.6823 | Val RMSE: 0.8021 | KL: 0.180
    Epoch 015/150 [KL warmup: 15/15] | Train RMSE: 0.6823 | Val RMSE: 0.8021 | KL: 0.280 |
    Early stopping at epoch 16
    Training completed in 21.5 minutes
    🟆 Best validation RMSE: 0.8098

    Final regularization state:

       KL weight: 0.300
       Dropout: 0.35
       Learning rate: 2.00e-04
model.train()
test optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-3)
for i in range(5):
    # Get one batch
    batch_x, batch_y = next(iter(train_loader))
    batch x, batch_y = batch_x.to(device), batch_y.to(device)
    # Simple forward pass (no mixed precision)
    predictions, mu, logvar = model(batch x[:, 0], batch x[:, 1], minmax)
```

```
# Simple loss
   loss = F.mse_loss(predictions.squeeze(), batch_y)
   print(f"Iter {i}: Loss = {loss.item():.4f}")
   # Simple backward
   test_optimizer.zero_grad()
    loss.backward()
   # Check gradient norm
   total_norm = sum(p.grad.data.norm(2).item() ** 2 for p in model.parameters() if p.grad
   print(f"Gradient norm: {total_norm:.4f}")
   test optimizer.step()
print("If loss doesn't decrease, model architecture is broken")
\rightarrow Iter 0: Loss = nan
    Gradient norm: nan
    Iter 1: Loss = nan
    Gradient norm: nan
    Iter 2: Loss = nan
    Gradient norm: nan
    Iter 3: Loss = nan
    Gradient norm: nan
    Iter 4: Loss = nan
    Gradient norm: nan
    If loss doesn't decrease, model architecture is broken
```

### Training Visualization

Plot training and validation losses

```
# Ind Plot training curves
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))

# Plot 1: Training curves
plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(train_losses, label='Training Loss', color='blue', alpha=0.7)
plt.plot(val_losses, label='Validation Loss', color='red', alpha=0.7)
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.title('Training & Validation Loss')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

# Plot 2: Validation loss (zoomed)
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(val_losses, label='Validation Loss', color='red', linewidth=2)
```

```
best_epoch = val_losses.index(min(val_losses))
plt.axvline(x=best_epoch, color='green', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7, label=f'Best Epoch ({I
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Validation Loss')
plt.title('Validation Loss Progress')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print(f" Best epoch: {best_epoch + 1}")
print(f" Best validation loss: {min(val_losses):.4f}")
```

### Model Evaluation

Load the best model and evaluate performance

```
# - Load the best saved model
print("≛ Loading best model...")
# Define the correct path to the checkpoint in Google Drive
# This should match the path where the training loop saves the model
checkpoint_path = os.path.join(config['data_path'], 'hybrid_vae_best.pt')
# Load the checkpoint
if not os.path.exists(checkpoint_path):
    print(f"X Checkpoint file not found at {checkpoint_path}.")
    print("Please ensure training completed successfully and saved the model.")
else:
    checkpoint = torch.load(checkpoint path, map location=device)
    # Load the config from the checkpoint to ensure model architecture matches
    loaded config = checkpoint.get('config', config) # Use current config as fallback
    print("✓ Loaded config from checkpoint.")
    # Re-initialize model with the loaded config BEFORE loading state_dict
    # Ensure n users and n movies match the data used during training
    loaded_n_users = checkpoint.get('n_users', n_users) # Use n_users from checkpoint, fa
    loaded_n_movies = checkpoint.get('n_movies', n_movies) # Use n_movies from checkpoint.
    model = HybridVAE(
        n_users=loaded_n_users,
        n_movies=loaded_n_movies,
        n factors=loaded config['n factors'],
        hidden dims=loaded config['hidden dims'],
        latent dim=loaded config['latent dim'],
        dropout rate=loaded config['dropout rate']
    ).to(device)
```

```
# Load model state
         model.load state dict(checkpoint['model state dict'])
         model_eval()
         print(f" Best model loaded (epoch {checkpoint['epoch']+1}, val_loss: {checkpoint['val_loss: {checkpoint['val_loss
# 💕 Evaluate model on validation set
from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error, mean absolute error
import math
model.eval()
all predictions = []
all targets = []
print("♥ Evaluating model on validation set...")
with torch.no_grad():
         for batch x, batch y in val loader:
                  batch_x, batch_y = batch_x.to(device), batch_y.to(device)
                  predictions, , = model(batch x[:, 0], batch x[:, 1], minmax)
                  all_predictions.extend(predictions.cpu().squeeze().numpy())
                  all targets.extend(batch y.cpu().numpy())
# Convert to numpy arrays
predictions = np.array(all predictions)
targets = np.array(all targets)
# Calculate metrics
mse = mean_squared_error(targets, predictions)
rmse = math.sqrt(mse)
mae = mean absolute error(targets, predictions)
print(f"\n Validation Metrics:")
print(f" MSE: {mse:.4f}")
print(f" RMSE: {rmse:.4f}")
print(f" MAE: {mae:.4f}")
# Rating distribution comparison
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
plt.hist(targets, bins=20, alpha=0.7, label='Actual', color='blue', density=True)
plt.hist(predictions, bins=20, alpha=0.7, label='Predicted', color='red', density=True)
plt.xlabel('Rating')
plt.vlabel('Density')
plt.title('Rating Distribution')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
plt.scatter(targets, predictions, alpha=0.5, s=1)
plt.plot([0.5, 5.0], [0.5, 5.0], 'r--', alpha=0.8)
plt.xlabel('Actual Rating')
```

```
plt.ylabel('Predicted Rating')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted')
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
residuals = targets - predictions
plt.hist(residuals, bins=30, alpha=0.7, color='green', density=True)
plt.xlabel('Residual (Actual - Predicted)')
plt.ylabel('Density')
plt.title('Residual Distribution')
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

# Generate Sample Recommendations

Test the model by generating recommendations for a sample user

```
# Enhanced recommendation system (much better approach!)
def recommender_system(user_id, model, X, y, movies, movie_to_index, n_recommendations=10,
   Generate personalized movie recommendations for a user
   Args:
        user id: User ID to generate recommendations for
        model: Trained recommendation model
        X: DataFrame with user id and movie id columns
        y: Series with ratings
        movies: DataFrame with movieId and title columns
        movie_to_index: Dictionary mapping movie IDs to indices
        n_recommendations: Number of recommendations to return
        device: Device to run inference on
   .....
   model = model.to(device)
   model.eval()
   # Find movies the user has already seen
   seen_movies = set(X[X['user_id'] == user_id]['movie_id'])
   print(f" Total movies seen by user {user_id}: {len(seen_movies)}")
   if len(seen movies) == 0:
        print(f"⚠ User {user_id} has no movie history. Cannot generate recommendations.'
        return
   # Show user's top-rated movies for context
   user_ratings = y[X['user_id'] == user_id]
   max rating = user ratings.max()
   print("=" * 70)
   print(f" Top rated movies (rating = {max_rating}) seen by user {user_id}:")
    print("=" * 70)
```

```
top rated movie ids = X.loc[(X['user id'] == user id) & (y == max rating), "movie id"]
top rated titles = movies[movies.movieId.isin(top rated movie ids)].title.iloc[:10].to
print("\n".join([f" • {title}" for title in top_rated_titles]))
print("")
# Find unseen movies
all movies = set(movies.movieId)
unseen movies = list(all movies - seen movies)
if len(unseen movies) == 0:
    print("@ User has seen all movies in the dataset!")
print(f" Evaluating {len(unseen_movies):,} unseen movies...")
# Convert to indices (filter out movies not in mapping)
unseen movies valid = [m for m in unseen movies if m in movie to index]
unseen_movies_indices = [movie_to_index[m] for m in unseen_movies_valid]
if len(unseen_movies_indices) == 0:
    print("X No valid unseen movies found in model mapping!")
    return
# Generate predictions
user tensor = torch.tensor([user id] * len(unseen movies indices), device=device)
movie tensor = torch.tensor(unseen movies indices, device=device)
with torch.no_grad():
    predicted_ratings, _, _ = model(user_tensor, movie_tensor, minmax)
    predicted_ratings = predicted_ratings.cpu().squeeze().numpy()
# Sort by predicted rating
movie rating pairs = list(zip(unseen movies valid, predicted ratings))
sorted_recommendations = sorted(movie_rating_pairs, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
# Get top recommendations with titles
top_movie_ids = [movie_id for movie_id, _ in sorted_recommendations[:n_recommendations
top_ratings = [rating for _, rating in sorted_recommendations[:n_recommendations]]
recommended titles = []
for movie id in top movie ids:
    title = movies[movies.movieId == movie id].title.iloc[0]
    recommended_titles.append(title)
# Display recommendations
print("=" * 70)
print(f"᠖ Top {n recommendations} movie recommendations for user {user id}:")
print("=" * 70)
for i, (title, rating) in enumerate(zip(recommended_titles, top_ratings), 1):
    print(f"{i:2d}. {title} (predicted rating: {rating:.2f})")
return top_movie_ids, top_ratings, recommended_titles
```

```
print("
Enhanced recommendation system defined!")
# Test the enhanced recommendation system
if X is not None and y is not None and movies is not None and movie to index is not None:
    # Test with a user who has movie history
    sample user id = 32 # Or choose any user ID
    print(f" Testing recommendation system for user {sample user id}...")
    # Check if this user exists in our dataset
    user movies = X[X['user id'] == sample user id]
    if len(user movies) > 0:
        print(f"♥ User {sample_user_id} has {len(user_movies):,} movie ratings")
        # Generate recommendations
        try:
            movie ids, ratings, titles = recommender system(
                user id=sample user id,
               model=model,
               X=X.
               y=y,
               movies=movies,
               movie_to_index=movie_to_index,
               n recommendations=20,
               device=device
            print("✓ Recommendations generated successfully!")
        except Exception as e:
            print(f"X Error generating recommendations: {e}")
            print(" This might be due to missing movie titles or mapping issues")
    else:
        # Trv a different user ID
        print(f"▲ User {sample_user_id} not found. Trying a different user...")
        # Find a user with many ratings
        user_counts = X['user_id'].value_counts()
        active_user_id = user_counts.index[0] # Most active user
        print(f" Testing with most active user: {active user id}")
        print(f" This user has {user counts.iloc[0]:,} ratings")
        try:
            movie_ids, ratings, titles = recommender_system(
                user_id=active_user_id,
                model=model.
                X=X
               y=y,
                movies=movies,
                movie_to_index=movie_to_index,
                n_recommendations=20,
                device=device
```

```
print("✓ Recommendations generated successfully!")
       except Exception as e:
           print(f"X Error generating recommendations: {e}")
else:
   print("A Cannot test recommendation system:")
   missing components = []
   if X is None or y is None:
       missing components.append("user-movie interaction data (X, y)")
   if movies is None:
       missing_components.append("movie metadata (movies.csv)")
   if movie_to_index is None:
       missing_components.append("movie index mappings")
    print(" Missing components:")
    for component in missing_components:
       print(f" - {component}")
   print("\n To fix this:")
   print(" 1. Make sure all required data files are uploaded")
   print(" 2. Run the data loading cell successfully")
   print(" 3. Ensure model training completed successfully")
```

### Download Trained Model

Download the trained model to your local machine

```
# Download the trained model
from google.colab import files

print(" Preparing model for download...")

# Check if model file exists
if os.path.exists(config['save_path']):
    file_size = os.path.getsize(config['save_path']) / 1e6 # MB
    print(f" Model file ready: {config['save_path']} ({file_size:.1f} MB)")

# Download the model
    print(" Starting download...")
    files.download(config['save_path'])
    print(" Model downloaded successfully!")

else:
    print(f" Model file not found: {config['save_path']}")
    print(" Make sure training completed successfully.")
```

### Training Summary

Final summary of the training session

```
# Training Summary
print("> TRAINING COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY! > ")
print("=" * 50)
print(f" □ Dataset Statistics:")
print(f" Training samples: {len(train loader.dataset):,}")
print(f" Validation samples: {len(val loader.dataset):,}")
print(f" Users: {n_users:,}")
print(f" Movies: {n_movies:,}")
print(f"\n@ Model Architecture:")
print(f" Embedding dimensions: {config['n factors']}")
print(f" Hidden layers: {config['hidden dims']}")
print(f" Latent dimensions: {config['latent dim']}")
print(f" Total parameters: {sum(p.numel() for p in model.parameters()):,}")
print(f"\n\frac{T}{Training Results:")
print(f" Best validation loss: {best_val loss:.4f}")
print(f" Best epoch: {val losses.index(min(val losses)) + 1}")
print(f" Total training time: {total_time:.1f} minutes")
if 'mse' in locals():
    print(f"\n

Final Metrics:")
    print(f" RMSE: {rmse:.4f}")
    print(f" MAE: {mae:.4f}")
print(f"\n\ Model saved to: {config['save path']}")
print("\n

✓ Ready for inference and deployment!")
# Display device info
if torch.cuda.is_available():
    print(f"\n\(\frac{1}{2}\) GPU utilized: {torch.cuda.get_device_name(0)}")
    print(f" Max memory used: {torch.cuda.max_memory_allocated(0) / 1e9:.1f} GB")
else:
    print("\n\bigs Training completed on CPU")
# EXPERIMENT RESULTS COMPARISON
# Load and compare results from different experiments
def load_experiment_results(data_path, experiment_name):
    """Load the latest results file for an experiment"""
    experiment_dir = os.path.join(data_path, 'checkpoints', experiment_name)
    if not os.path.exists(experiment dir):
        return None
    # Find the latest results file
    results files = [f for f in os.listdir(experiment dir) if f.endswith(' results ') and
    if not results files:
        return None
    latest_file = sorted(results_files, reverse=True)[0] # Sort by filename (timestamp)
    results path = os.path.join(experiment dir, latest file)
```

```
try:
       results = torch.load(results_path, map_location='cpu')
        return results
   except:
       return None
def compare experiments(data path, experiment names):
   """Compare results from multiple experiments"""
    results data = []
    for exp_name in experiment_names:
        results = load experiment results(data path, exp name)
       if results:
           results data.append({
                'experiment': exp_name,
                'description': results.get('experiment description', 'N/A'),
                'best_val_loss': results.get('best_val_loss', float('inf')),
                'final_epoch': results.get('final_epoch', 0),
                'total_time_min': results.get('total_time_minutes', 0),
                'dropout_rate': results['config'].get('dropout_rate', 0),
                'weight_decay': results['config'].get('weight_decay', 0),
                'lr': results['config'].get('lr', 0),
                'hidden dims': results['config'].get('hidden dims', []),
                'latent dim': results['config'].get('latent dim', 0),
           })
   if not results_data:
        print("X No experiment results found!")
       return None
   # Create comparison DataFrame
   import pandas as pd
   df = pd.DataFrame(results data)
   df = df.sort_values('best_val_loss') # Sort by performance
   print("Y EXPERIMENT RESULTS COMPARISON")
   print("=" * 80)
   print(f"{'Rank':<4} {'Experiment':<15} {'Val Loss':<10} {'Epochs':<8} {'Time(min)':<10}</pre>
   print("-" * 80)
   for i, row in df.iterrows():
        rank = df.index.get loc(i) + 1
       print(f"{rank:<4} {row['experiment']:<15} {row['best_val_loss']:<10.4f} "</pre>
              f"{row['final_epoch']:<8} {row['total_time_min']:<10.1f} {row['description']</pre>
   # Show hyperparameter comparison
   print("=" * 80)
   print(f"{'Experiment':<15} {'Dropout':<8} {'Weight Decay':<12} {'LR':<8} {'Hidden Dime</pre>
   print("-" * 80)
   for _, row in df.iterrows():
        print(f"{row['experiment']:<15} {row['dropout rate']:<8.2f} {row['weight decay']:</pre>
```

# Next Steps

#### What you can do next:

- 1. Download the model Use the download cell above to save your trained model
- 2. **Experiment with hyperparameters** Modify the config and retrain
- 3. **Deploy the model** Use the saved model for inference in production
- 4. A/B testing Compare with your existing recommendation system

#### Model file contains:

- Model state dict (weights)
- Training configuration
- Dataset metadata (n\_users, n\_movies)
- Best epoch information

**To load the model later:** ```python checkpoint = torch.load('hybrid\_vae\_best.pt') model = HybridVAE(\*\*checkpoint['config']) # Recreate model model.load\_state\_dict(checkpoint['model\_state\_dict']) model.eval()

### Enhanced Metrics & Business Logic

```
# Ind Load enhanced ranking metrics
exec(open('/content/ranking_metrics_evaluation.py').read())

# Evaluate with business-relevant metrics
print("©* Evaluating with advanced ranking metrics...")

# Calculate movie popularity scores (placeholder - replace with real data)
movie_popularity = np.random.exponential(0.1, n_movies)
```

```
# Run comprehensive evaluation
ranking_results, user_results_df = evaluate_recommendation_system(
    model, val loader, n users, n movies, movie popularity, device
# Calculate business impact
impact calc = BusinessImpactCalculator()
business impact = impact calc.calculate revenue impact(
    ranking results['precision@10'], users per day=50000
)
print(f"\n s ESTIMATED BUSINESS IMPACT:")
print(f" Annual Revenue Impact: ${business_impact['annual_revenue_impact']:,.0f}")
print(f" ROI Improvement: {business_impact['roi_percentage']:.1f}%")
# ♥ Enhanced training with ranking optimization
exec(open('/content/ranking loss functions.py').read())
# Train a few epochs with ranking loss for comparison
print("# Training with ranking-optimized loss...")
# Create ranking-enhanced model
ranking_model = HybridVAERanking(model, ranking_weight=0.1, ranking_loss_type='bpr')
ranking model.to(device)
# Train for a few epochs to see improvement
ranking optimizer = optim.Adam(ranking model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for epoch in range(3): # Just a few epochs for demo
    print(f"\nRanking Training Epoch {epoch+1}:")
    avg loss = train with ranking loss(
        ranking model.base model, train loader, ranking optimizer,
        device, ranking weight=0.1
    print(f"Average Loss: {avg_loss:.4f}")
print("✓ Ranking-optimized training complete!")
# 🔳 Production business logic system
exec(open('/content/business logic system.py').read())
# Create production recommendation system
print(" Setting up production recommendation system...")
# Sample movie metadata (replace with your actual data)
sample_movie_metadata = pd.DataFrame({
    'movieId': range(n_movies),
    'title': [f'Movie {i}' for i in range(n movies)],
    'genres': ['Action|Adventure', 'Romance|Drama', 'Comedy', 'Horror|Thriller'] * (n_mov:
    'year': np.random.randint(1990, 2024, n_movies),
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'rating': np.random.choice(['G', 'PG', 'PG-13', 'R'], n movies),
    'language': ['English'] * int(n movies*0.8) + ['Spanish'] * int(n movies*0.1) + ['Fre
    'popularity': np.random.exponential(0.1, n movies)
})
# Create user profiles with business constraints
user_profiles = {}
# Example user with specific preferences
user profiles[32] = UserProfile(
    user id=32,
    hard_avoids={10, 25, 50}, # Movies to never recommend
    genre_preferences={'Action': 0.8, 'Romance': -0.3, 'Comedy': 0.5},
    age_rating_limit='PG-13',
    language preferences={'English'},
    recency_bias=0.7, # Prefers newer movies
    diversity preference=0.4
)
# Initialize production system
prod_system = ProductionRecommendationSystem(
    vae model=model,
    movie_metadata=sample_movie_metadata,
    user profiles=user profiles
)
print("✓ Production system ready!")
# Generate business-optimized recommendations
user_id = 32
print(f" Generating recommendations for User {user id}...")
# Get recommendations without business rules
basic recs = prod system.get recommendations(
    user id, k=10, apply business rules=False
# Get recommendations with full business logic
business_recs = prod_system.get_recommendations(
    user_id, k=10, apply_business_rules=True, diversity_factor=0.3
)
print("\n" + "="*60)
print(" RECOMMENDATION COMPARISON")
print("="*60)
print(f"\nQ Basic VAE Recommendations:")
for i, (movie id, score) in enumerate(zip(basic recs['recommendations'][:5],
                                         basic recs['scores'][:5]), 1):
    movie_info = sample_movie_metadata[sample_movie_metadata['movieId'] == movie_id].iloc
    print(f" {i}. {movie_info['title']} | Score: {score:.3f} | {movie_info['genres']}")
print(f"\n Business-Optimized Recommendations:")
```

```
for i, (movie id, score) in enumerate(zip(business recs['recommendations'][:5],
                                         business recs['scores'][:5]), 1):
    movie info = sample movie metadata[sample movie metadata['movieId'] == movie id].iloc
    print(f" {i}. {movie info['title']} | Score: {score:.3f} | {movie info['qenres']}")
print(f"\n⊿ Business Metrics:")
for metric, value in business_recs['business_metrics'].items():
    print(f" {metric}: {value:.3f}")
# / A/B Testing Framework Demo
ab framework = ABTestingFramework()
# Create experiment: Original VAE vs Ranking-Optimized VAE
ab_framework.create_experiment(
    experiment_name='vae_vs_ranking_vae',
    control model=model,
    treatment_model=ranking_model.base_model,
    traffic split=0.5
)
print(" ✓ A/B Test: VAE vs Ranking-Optimized VAE")
print("="*50)
# Simulate user assignments and results
test_users = [32, 45, 78, 123, 156]
simulated metrics = []
for user id in test users:
    assigned_model, variant = ab_framework.get_model_for_user('vae_vs_ranking_vae', user_:
    # Simulate a business metric (e.g., click-through rate)
    if variant == 'treatment':
        simulated ctr = np.random.normal(0.045, 0.01) # Higher CTR for ranking model
    else:
        simulated ctr = np.random.normal(0.032, 0.01) # Lower CTR for basic model
    ab_framework.log_result('vae_vs_ranking_vae', variant, user_id, simulated_ctr)
    simulated_metrics.append((user_id, variant, simulated_ctr))
    print(f"User {user_id}: {variant | Simulated CTR: {simulated_ctr:.3f}")
# Calculate experiment results
control results = ab framework.experiments['vae vs ranking vae']['results']['control']
treatment_results = ab_framework.experiments['vae_vs_ranking_vae']['results']['treatment']
control ctr = np.mean([r['metric_value'] for r in control_results])
treatment_ctr = np.mean([r['metric_value'] for r in treatment_results])
lift = (treatment ctr - control ctr) / control ctr * 100
print(f"\n A/B Test Results:")
print(f" Control CTR: {control_ctr:.3f}")
print(f" Treatment CTR: {treatment_ctr:.3f}")
print(f" Lift: {lift:.1f}%")
```

```
if lift > 5:
    print("▼ Significant improvement! Consider rolling out ranking model.")
else:
    print("▲ Results inconclusive. Need more data or refinement.")
```