

# Factorization in recommender systems

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# SVD for 2D recommender systems

A: User  $\times$  Item

$$\text{SVD: } A = U\Sigma V^\top = U\Sigma^{1/2}\Sigma^{1/2}V^\top = PQ^\top$$

- U for user latent factors
- $\Sigma$  for the strength of each latent factor
- V for item latent factors

Prediction of rating<sup>[1]</sup>:  $r_{ij} = p_i q_j^\top$

# How we can extend it?

Add more information and work with tensors:

- **feedback** - rating from the particular user for the particular film  
or
- **context** - month when the particular user watched the particular film

# Tensor decomposition

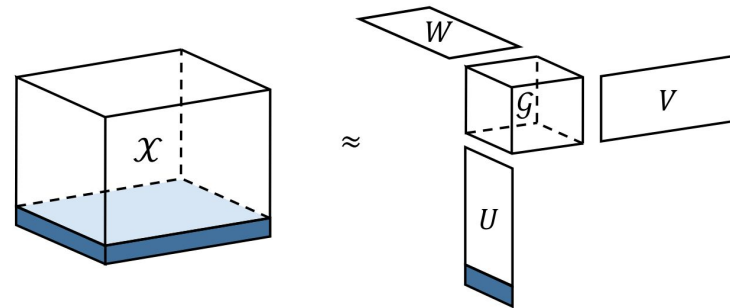
Tucker decomposition:  $X \approx G \times_1 U \times_2 V \times_3 W$

- $U$  for user
- $V$  for film
- $W$  for feedback or context

HOOI method implemented in  
[tensorly.decomposition.tucker](https://www.tensorly.net/decomposition/tucker)

Prediction of rating<sup>[2]</sup>:  $R_{(i)} = VV^\top P_{(i)} WW^\top$

- $P_{(i)}$  is a binary matrix of an  $i$ -th user's preferences
- $R_{(i)}$  is a matrix of recommendations



# Data preprocessing

Dataset [Movielens](#)

Tensor 1:  $\text{user\_id} \times \text{movie\_id} \times \text{rating}$

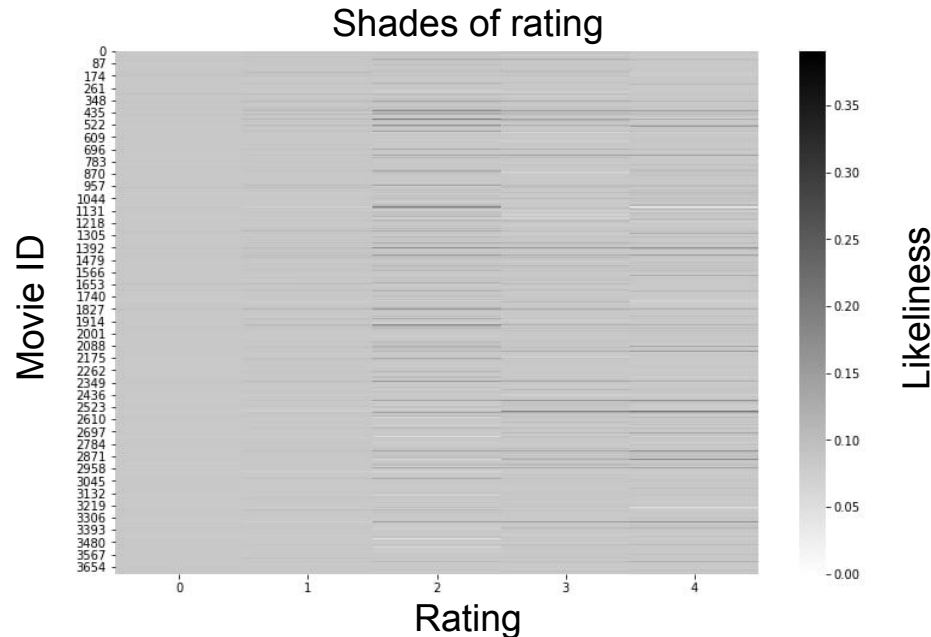
Tensor 2:  $\text{user\_id} \times \text{movie\_id} \times \text{month (when rating was assigned)}$

Train-Test splitting:

1. map tensor axis indices with corresponding ids
2. random shuffle the tensor by  $\text{user\_id}$
3. split by  $\text{user\_id}$ , 70% train and 30% test

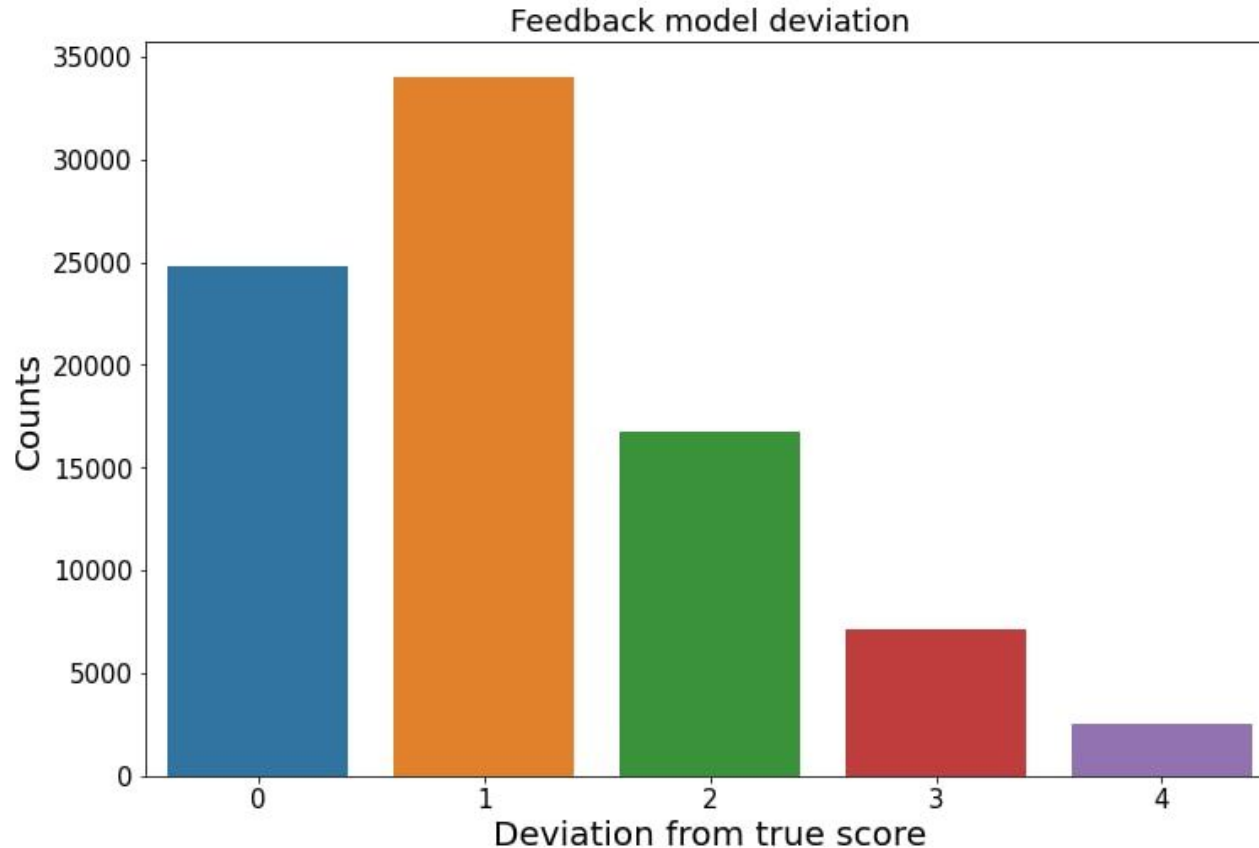
# Recommend process: feedback model

1. Delete 30% of units in a slice for i-th test user
2. Use formula of recommendation  $R_{(i)} = VV^T P_{(i)} W W^T$
3. Get the result

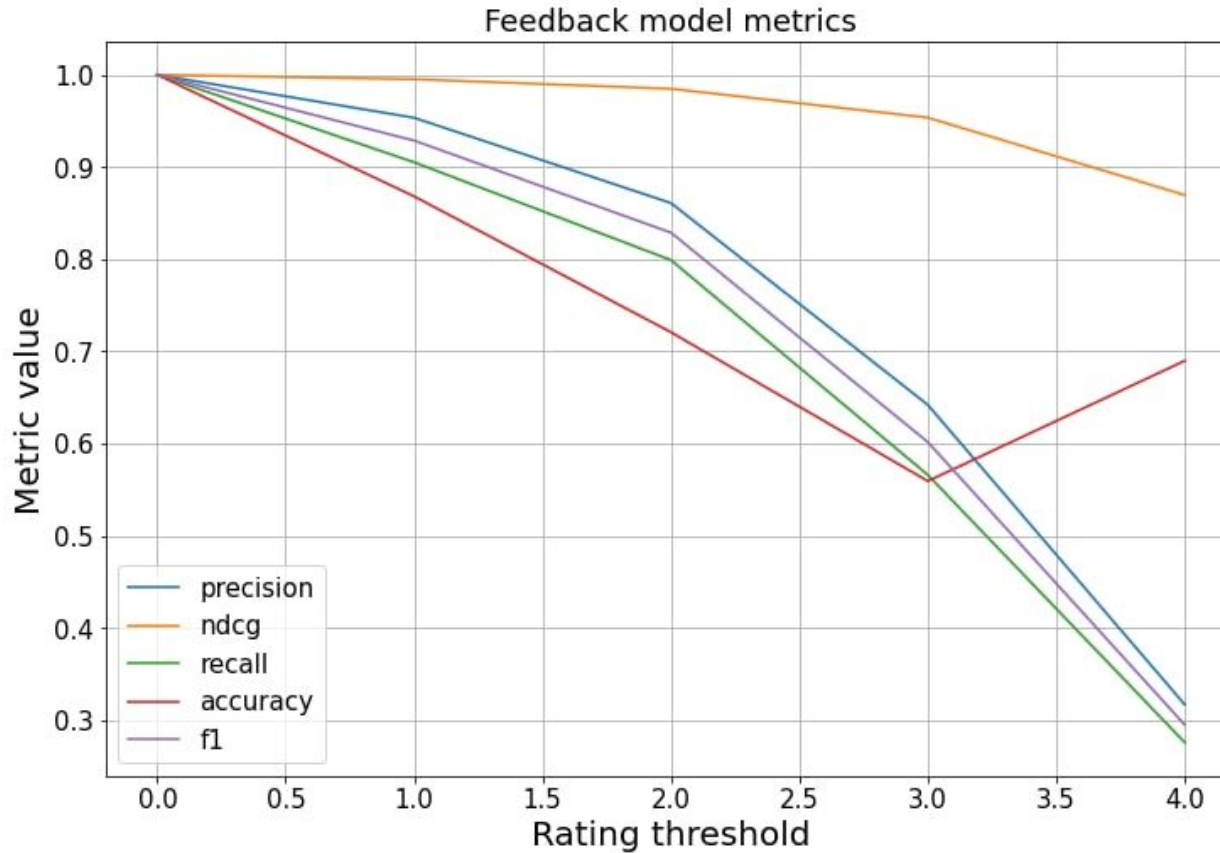




# Validation: feedback model

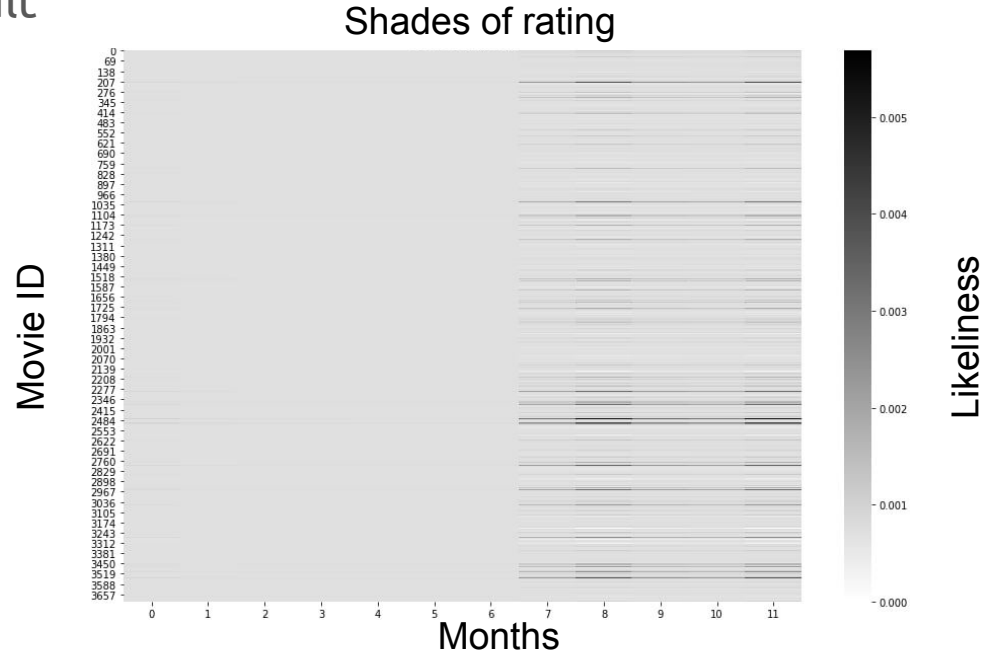


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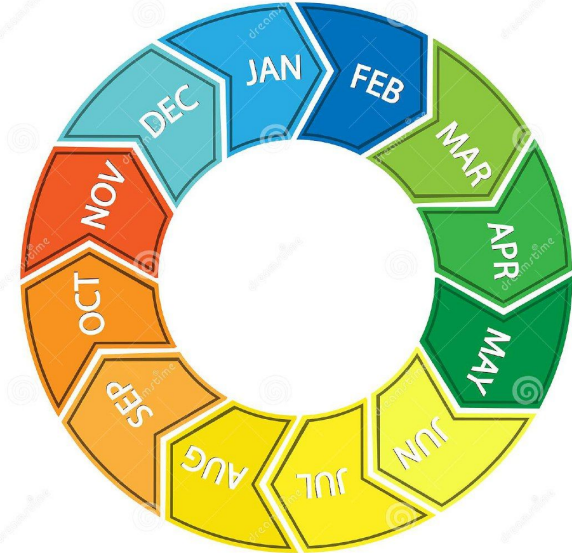
1. Choose parameter  $w$

2.

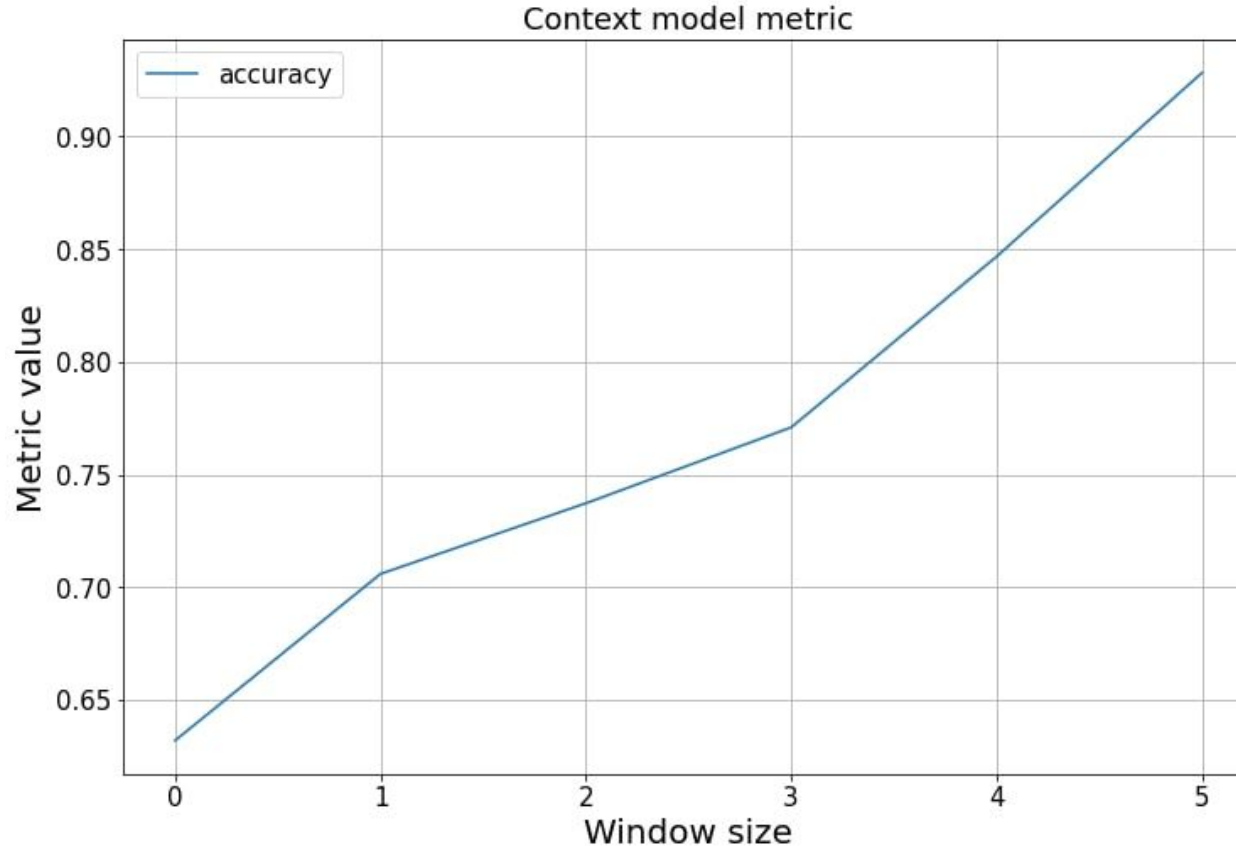
$$m_{pred} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m_{pred} \in [m_{true} - w; m_{true} + w] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3.

$$accuracy = \frac{\sum_n m_{pred,i}}{N}$$



# Validation: context model



# Demo recommendations

## Test user's favorite movies

	name
<b>0</b>	Toy Story (1995)
<b>33</b>	Babe (1995)
<b>436</b>	Dave (1993)
<b>476</b>	Jurassic Park (1993)
<b>496</b>	Mrs. Doubtfire (1993)
<b>583</b>	Ghost (1990)
<b>1000</b>	Parent Trap, The (1961)
<b>1179</b>	Princess Bride, The (1987)
<b>1271</b>	Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989)
<b>2016</b>	101 Dalmatians (1961)
<b>2692</b>	Iron Giant, The (1999)

## We recommend

	name
<b>1</b>	Jumanji (1995)
<b>642</b>	Mission: Impossible (1996)
<b>1219</b>	Local Hero (1983)
<b>1236</b>	Duck Soup (1933)
<b>1263</b>	High Noon (1952)
<b>1899</b>	Breakfast Club, The (1985)
<b>2011</b>	Lady and the Tramp (1955)
<b>2031</b>	Splash (1984)
<b>2124</b>	Willow (1988)
<b>2719</b>	And Now for Something Completely Different (1971)
<b>2728</b>	Big (1988)
<b>3352</b>	Animal House (1978)

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