

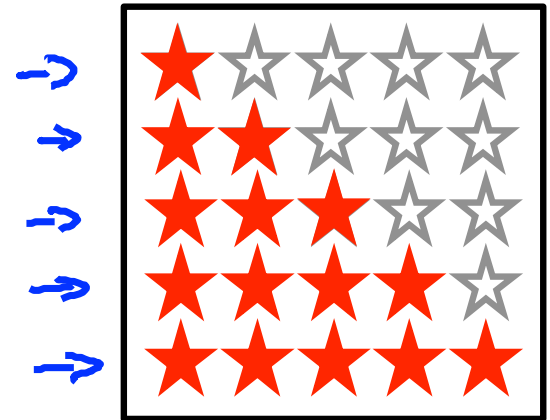
Machine Learning

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Problem formulation

Example: Predicting movie ratings

→ User rates movies using ~~one~~ to five stars
 zero



Movie	Alice (1)	Bob (2)	Carol (3)	Dave (4)
Love at last	5	5	0	0
Romance forever	5	?	?	0
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4
Swords vs. karate	0	0	5	?

$$n_u = 4$$

$$n_m = 5$$

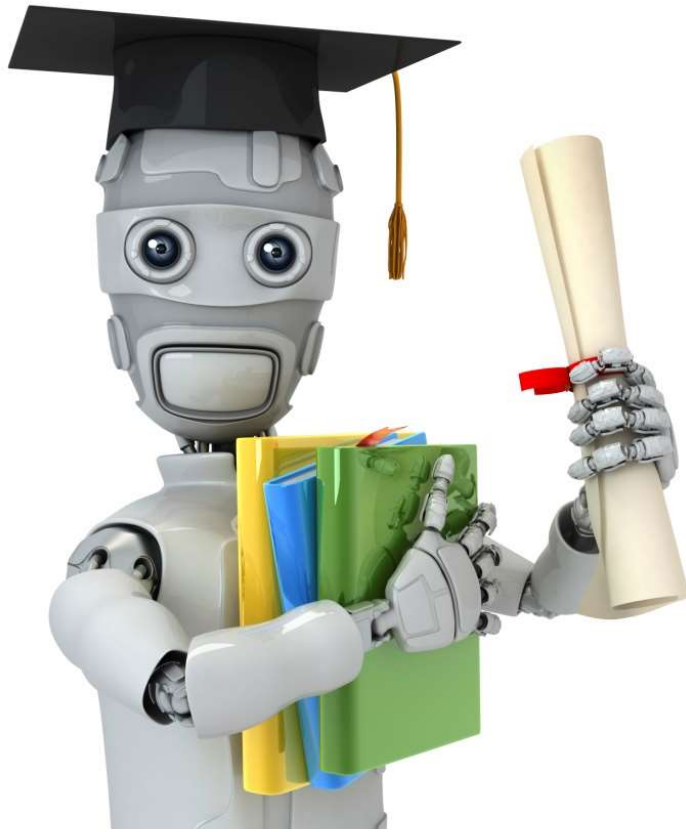
→ n_u = no. users

→ n_m = no. movies

→ $r(i, j) = 1$ if user j has rated movie i

→ $y^{(i, j)}$ = rating given by user j to movie i (defined only if $r(i, j) = 1$)

0, ..., 5



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Content-based
recommendations

Content-based recommender systems

$n_u = 4, n_m = 5$
 $x_0 = 1$

Movie	Alice (1) $\theta^{(1)}$	Bob (2) $\theta^{(2)}$	Carol (3) $\theta^{(3)}$	Dave (4) $\theta^{(4)}$
$x^{(1)} \rightarrow$ Love at last 1	5	5	0	0
$x^{(2)} \rightarrow$ Romance forever 2	5	?	?	0
$x^{(3)} \rightarrow$ Cute puppies of love 3	?	4	0	?
$x^{(4)} \rightarrow$ Nonstop car chases 4	0	0	5	4
$x^{(5)} \rightarrow$ Swords vs. karate 5	0	0	5	?

$x^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 $n = 2$

→ For each user j , learn a parameter $\theta^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Predict user j as rating movie i with $x^{(i)}$ stars. $\theta^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$x^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.99 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \theta^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\theta^{(1)})^T x^{(3)} = 5 \times 0.99 = 4.95$$

Problem formulation

- $r(i, j) = 1$ if user j has rated movie i (0 otherwise)
 - $y^{(i,j)}$ = rating by user j on movie i (if defined)
 - $\theta^{(j)}$ = parameter vector for user j
 - $x^{(i)}$ = feature vector for movie i
 - For user j , movie i , predicted rating: $(\theta^{(j)})^T (x^{(i)})$
 - $m^{(j)}$ = no. of movies rated by user j
- To learn $\theta^{(j)}$:

$$\theta^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

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

Optimization objective:

To learn $\theta^{(j)}$ (parameter for user j):

$$\rightarrow \min_{\theta^{(j)}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} \left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)} \right)^2}_{\text{data fit}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n (\theta_k^{(j)})^2}_{\text{regularization}}$$

To learn $\theta^{(1)}$, $\theta^{(2)}$, ..., $\theta^{(n_u)}$:

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

$\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$

Optimization algorithm:

$$\min_{\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} \sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} \left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)} \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} \sum_{k=1}^n (\theta_k^{(j)})^2}_{J(\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})}$$

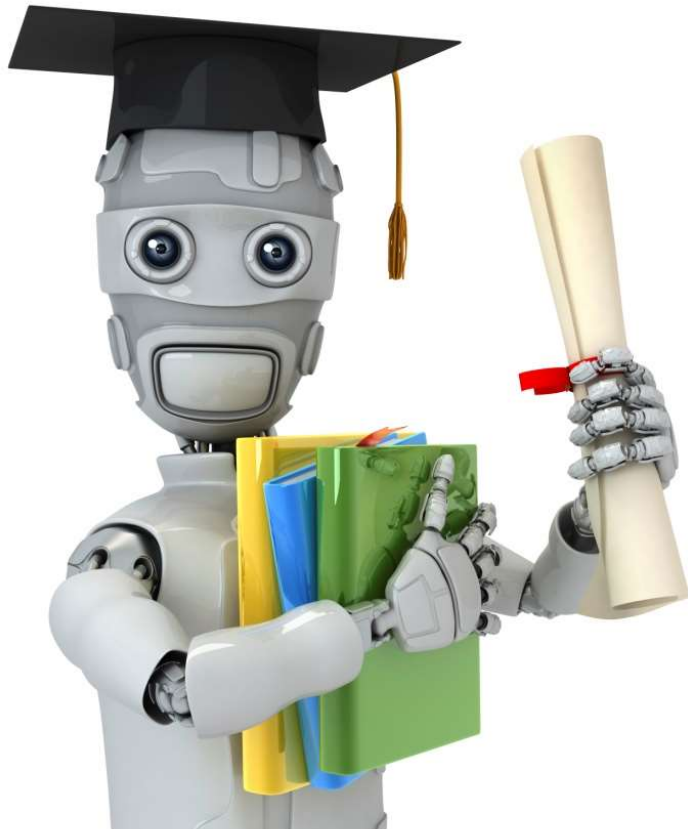
Gradient descent update:

$$\theta_k^{(j)} := \theta_k^{(j)} - \alpha \sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} \left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)} \right) x_k^{(i)} \quad \text{(for } k = 0 \text{)}$$

$$\theta_k^{(j)} := \theta_k^{(j)} - \alpha \left(\sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} \left((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)} \right) x_k^{(i)} + \lambda \theta_k^{(j)} \right) \quad \text{(for } k \neq 0 \text{)}$$

Handwritten notes and annotations:

- A blue arrow points from the α in the first equation to the $\frac{1}{m^{(j)}}$ term in the second equation, which is crossed out with a blue 'X'.
- A blue bracket under the summation in the second equation is labeled $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k^{(j)}} J(\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})$.
- A blue arrow points from the $\lambda \theta_k^{(j)}$ term in the second equation to the $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k^{(j)}} J(\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})$ label.





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Problem motivation

Movie	Alice (1)	Bob (2)	Carol (3)	Dave (4)	 x_1	 x_2
					(romance)	(action)
Love at last	5	5	0	0	0.9	0
Romance forever	5	?	?	0	1.0	0.01
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?	0.99	0
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4	0.1	1.0
Swords vs. karate	0	0	5	?	0	0.9

Problem motivation

Movie	Alice (1) $\theta^{(1)}$	Bob (2) $\theta^{(2)}$	Carol (3) $\theta^{(3)}$	Dave (4) $\theta^{(4)}$	$x_0 = 1$ x_1 (romance) x_2 (action)	
$x^{(1)}$ Love at last	→ 5	→ 5	→ 0	→ 0	→ 1.0	→ 0.0
Romance forever	5	?	?	0	[? ?]	
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?	[? ?]	
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4	[? ?]	
Swords vs. karate	0	0	5	?	[? ?]	

$\theta^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$,
 $\theta^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$,
 $\theta^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$,
 $\theta^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\theta^{(j)}$

$x^{(1)}$
 $(\theta^{(1)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 5$
 $(\theta^{(2)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 5$
 $(\theta^{(3)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 0$
 $(\theta^{(4)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 0$

Optimization algorithm

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

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

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

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

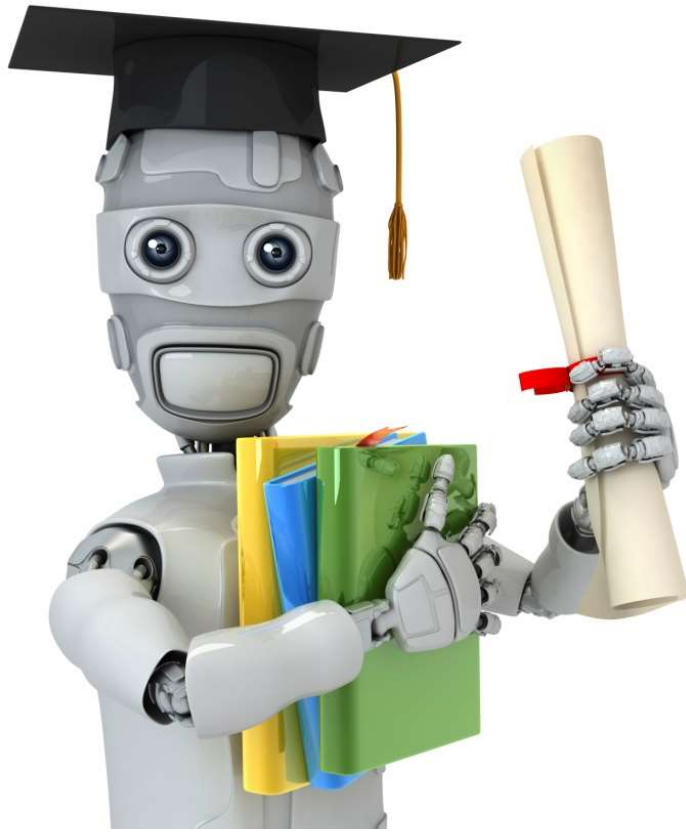
Collaborative filtering

Given $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}$ (and movie ratings),
can estimate $\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$ \nearrow

$\sigma^{(i,j)}$
 $y^{(i,j)}$

Given $\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$,
can estimate $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}$

Guess $\Theta \rightarrow x \rightarrow \Theta \rightarrow x \rightarrow \Theta \rightarrow x \rightarrow \dots$



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Collaborative
filtering algorithm

Collaborative filtering optimization objective

→ Given $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}$, estimate $\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$:

$$\min_{\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} \sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} ((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)})^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_u} \sum_{k=1}^n (\theta_k^{(j)})^2 \right]$$

$(i,j) : r(i,j)=1$
 $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 $x_1 = 1$

→ Given $\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$, estimate $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}$:

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

Minimizing $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}$ and $\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$ simultaneously:

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

$$\min_{\substack{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)} \\ \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}}} J(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})$$

$\theta \rightarrow x \rightarrow \theta \rightarrow x \rightarrow \dots$

Collaborative filtering algorithm

- 1. Initialize $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$ to small random values.
- 2. Minimize $J(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})$ using gradient descent (or an advanced optimization algorithm). E.g. for every $j = 1, \dots, n_u, i = 1, \dots, n_m$:

$$x_k^{(i)} := x_k^{(i)} - \alpha \left(\sum_{j:r(i,j)=1} ((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}) \theta_k^{(j)} + \lambda x_k^{(i)} \right)$$

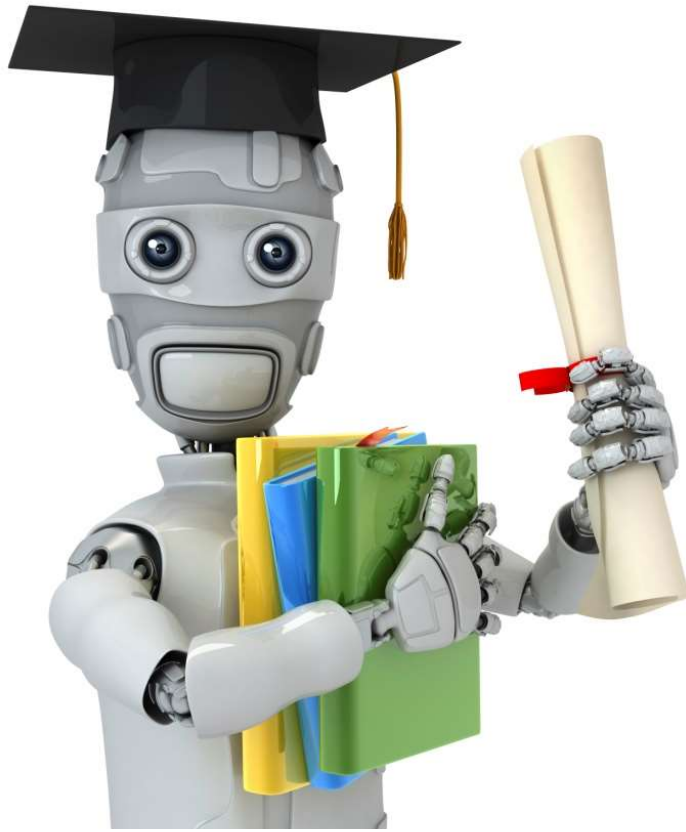
$$\theta_k^{(j)} := \theta_k^{(j)} - \alpha \left(\sum_{i:r(i,j)=1} ((\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)}) x_k^{(i)} + \lambda \theta_k^{(j)} \right)$$

$\frac{\partial J}{\partial x_k^{(i)}}$

- 3. For a user with parameters θ and a movie with (learned) features x , predict a star rating of $\theta^T x$.

$$(\theta^{(j)})^T (x^{(i)})$$

~~$x \in \mathbb{R}^1$~~ $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 \uparrow \uparrow
 ~~$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$~~



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Vectorization:
Low rank matrix
factorization

Collaborative filtering

Movie	Alice (1)	Bob (2)	Carol (3)	Dave (4)
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Romance forever	5	?	?	0
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4
Swords vs. karate	0	0	5	?

Blue arrows point to the ratings for 'Swords vs. karate' in the table above.

$$n_m = 5$$
$$n_u = 4$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Blue arrows point to the ratings for 'Swords vs. karate' in the matrix above.

$y_{(i,j)}$

Collaborative filtering

$$X \Theta^T \leftarrow$$

$$(\Theta^{(i)})^T (x^{(i)})$$

$$(i,j) \rightarrow$$

Predicted ratings:

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\theta^{(1)})^T (x^{(1)}) & (\theta^{(2)})^T (x^{(1)}) & \dots & (\theta^{(n_u)})^T (x^{(1)}) \\ (\theta^{(1)})^T (x^{(2)}) & (\theta^{(2)})^T (x^{(2)}) & \dots & (\theta^{(n_u)})^T (x^{(2)}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\theta^{(1)})^T (x^{(n_m)}) & (\theta^{(2)})^T (x^{(n_m)}) & \dots & (\theta^{(n_u)})^T (x^{(n_m)}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} -(x^{(1)})^T \\ -(x^{(2)})^T \\ \vdots \\ -(x^{(n_m)})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} -(\theta^{(1)})^T \\ -(\theta^{(2)})^T \\ \vdots \\ -(\theta^{(n_u)})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

Low rank matrix factorization

Finding related movies

For each product i , we learn a feature vector $\underline{x^{(i)}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

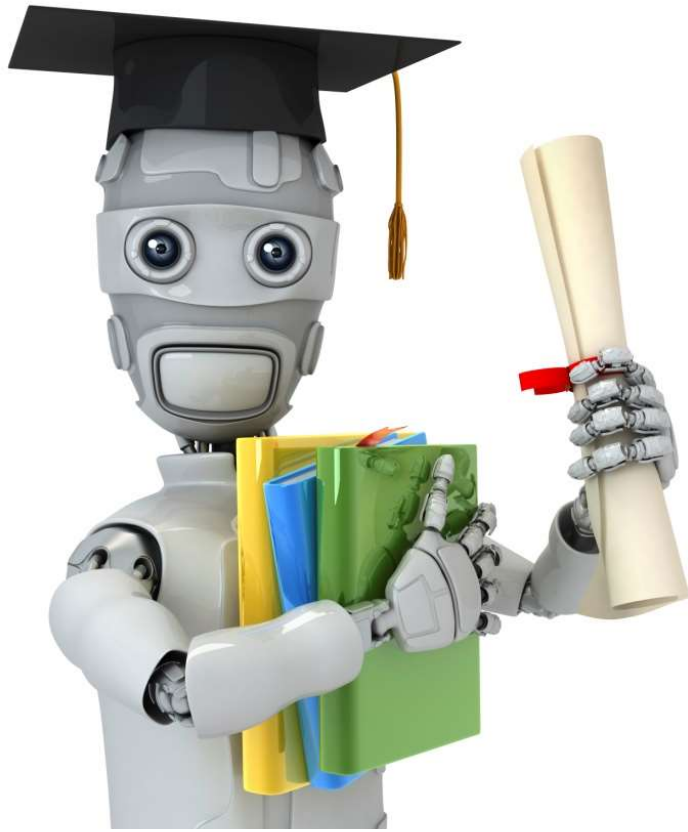
$\rightarrow x_1 = \text{romance}, x_2 = \text{action}, x_3 = \text{comedy}, x_4 = \dots$

How to find movies j related to movie i ?

Small $\|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\| \rightarrow$ movies j and i are "similar"

5 most similar movies to movie i :

Find the 5 movies j with the smallest $\|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|$.



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Implementational
detail: Mean
normalization

Users who have not rated any movies

Movie	Alice (1)	Bob (2)	Carol (3)	Dave (4)	Eve (5)
→ Love at last	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	0	0	<u>?</u>
Romance forever	5	?	?	0	<u>?</u>
Cute puppies of love	?	4	0	?	<u>?</u>
Nonstop car chases	0	0	5	4	<u>?</u>
→ Swords vs. karate	0	0	<u>5</u>	?	<u>?</u>

$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 & ? \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 & ? \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & ? \end{bmatrix}$

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

$$n=2$$

$$\underline{\theta}^{(5)} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\underline{\theta}^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\underline{\theta}^{(5)})^T \underline{x}^{(i)} = 0$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} [(\theta_1^{(5)})^2 + (\theta_2^{(5)})^2] \leftarrow$$

Mean Normalization:

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 0 & 0 & ? \\ 5 & ? & ? & 0 & ? \\ ? & 4 & 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 4 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Handwritten annotations: Blue circles around the first row's values (5, 5, 0, 0) and the last row's values (0, 0, 5, 0). Blue arrows point to the first four columns, indicating the mean calculation for each column.

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 2 \\ 2.25 \\ 1.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Handwritten annotations: Blue circles around the first two elements (2.5, 2.5) and the last element (1.25). Blue arrows point to the first four elements, indicating the mean calculation for each column.

$\rightarrow \underline{Y} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 2.5 & -2.5 & -2.5 & ? \\ 2.5 & ? & ? & -2.5 & ? \\ ? & 2 & -2 & ? & ? \\ -2.25 & -2.25 & 2.75 & 1.75 & ? \\ -1.25 & -1.25 & 3.75 & -1.25 & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

Handwritten annotations: Blue circles around the first row's values (2.5, 2.5, -2.5, -2.5) and the last row's values (-1.25, -1.25, 3.75, -1.25). Blue arrows point to the first four columns, indicating the mean calculation for each column.

For user j , on movie i predict:

$$\rightarrow (\theta^{(j)})^T (x^{(i)}) + \mu_i$$

\downarrow
learn $\underline{\theta^{(j)}}$, $\underline{x^{(i)}}$

User 5 (Eve):

$$\underline{\theta^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$\underbrace{(\theta^{(5)})^T (x^{(i)})}_{= 0} + \boxed{\mu_i}$$