

# Algorithm Implementation & Evaluation

Project 4 – Group 3

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# Goal

## A1 vs A2 Given P3

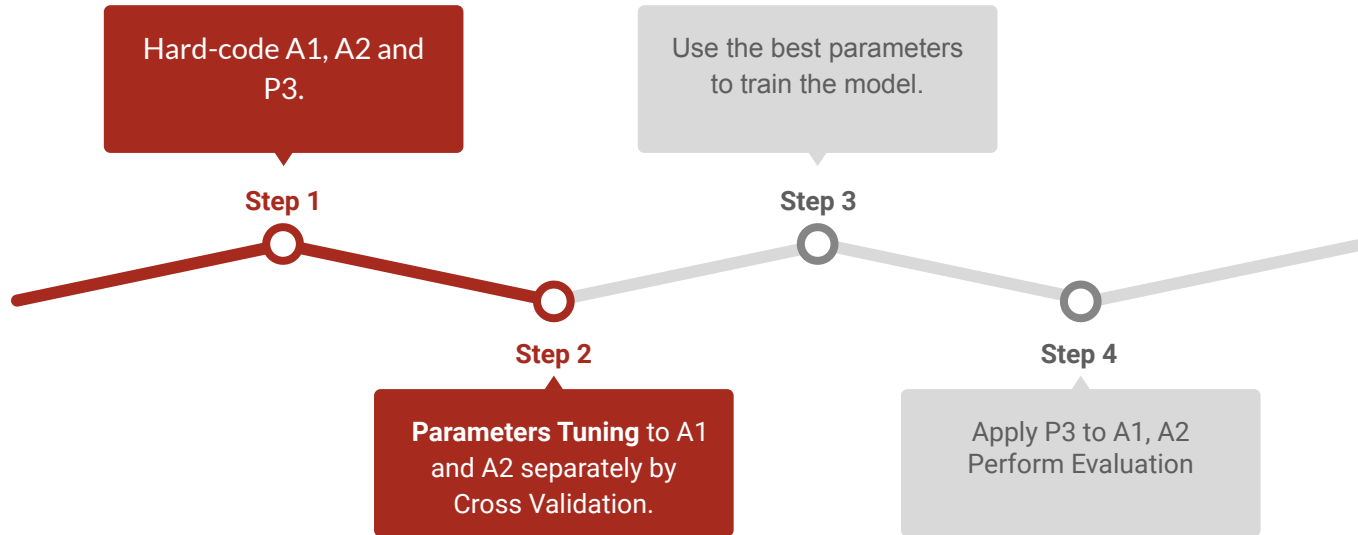
A1 - Stochastic Gradient Descent

A2 - Probabilistic Matrix Factorization

P3 - Post Processing SVD with Kernel Ridge  
Regression

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# Project Workflow



# A1 - Stochastic Gradient Descent

- Minimum possible value
- Sample to run each iteration
- Efficient as compared to batch gradient
- Smaller steps (learning rate)

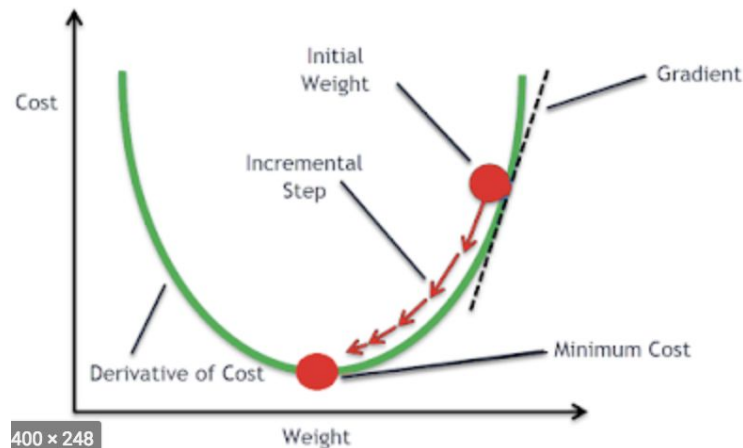
$$e_{ui} = r_{ui} - q_i^T p_u$$

- Partial Derivative

$$q_i = q_i + g(e_{ui} \cdot p_u - \lambda \cdot q_i)$$

$$p_u = p_u + g(e_{ui} \cdot q_i - \lambda \cdot p_u)$$

$$\min_{q^* p^*} \sum_{(u,i) \in K} (r_{ui} - q_i^T p_u)^2 + \lambda(\|q_i\|^2 + \|p_u\|^2)$$



# A1 - Stochastic Gradient Descent

## Tuning Parameters

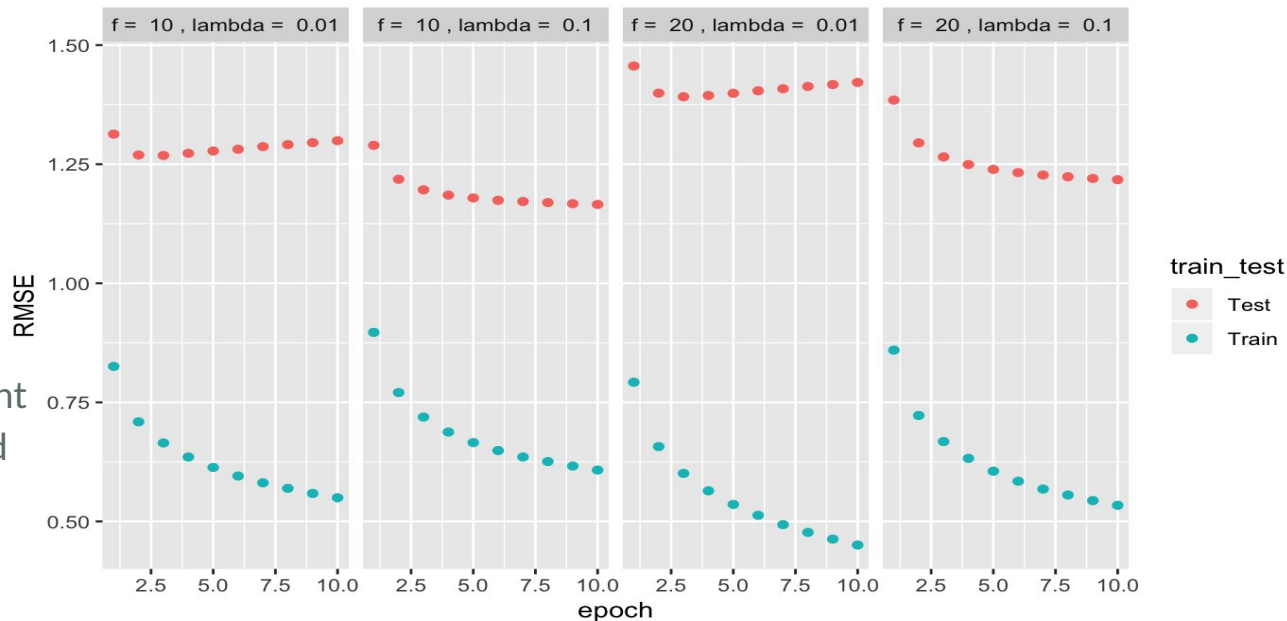
$F = 10$

$\text{Lambda} = 0.1$

Train RMSE: 0.5675

Test RMSE: 1.1673

Tuned by combinations of different  
lambdas and  $f$ , evaluated by speed  
and criterion.



# A2 - Probabilistic Gradient Descent

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{u=1}^U I_{iu} (r_{ui} - q_i^T p_u)^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2\sigma_q} \sum_{i=1}^M ||q_i||^2 + \frac{\sigma}{2\sigma_p} \sum_{u=1}^U ||p_u||^2$$

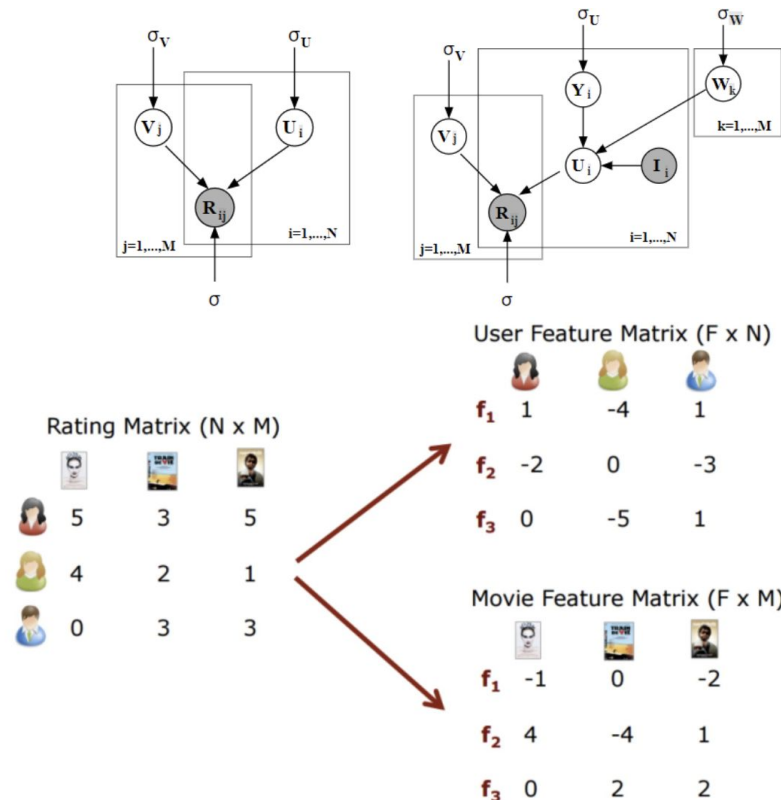
$$p_u = p_u + \text{lr} \cdot (-\text{Grad}_p)$$

$$q_i = q_i + \text{lr} \cdot (-\text{Grad}_q)$$

$$\text{Grad}_p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p_u} = - \sum_{i=1}^I I_{ui} (r_{ui} - p_u^T q_i) q_i + \lambda_p p_u$$

$$\text{Grad}_q = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = - \sum_{u=1}^U I_{ui} (r_{ui} - p_u^T q_i) p_u + \lambda_q q_i$$

$I_{iu}$  = Is an identifier, saying if a user rated some movie its a 1 otherwise it's a 0.



# A2 - Probabilistic Matrix Factorization

## Tuning Parameters

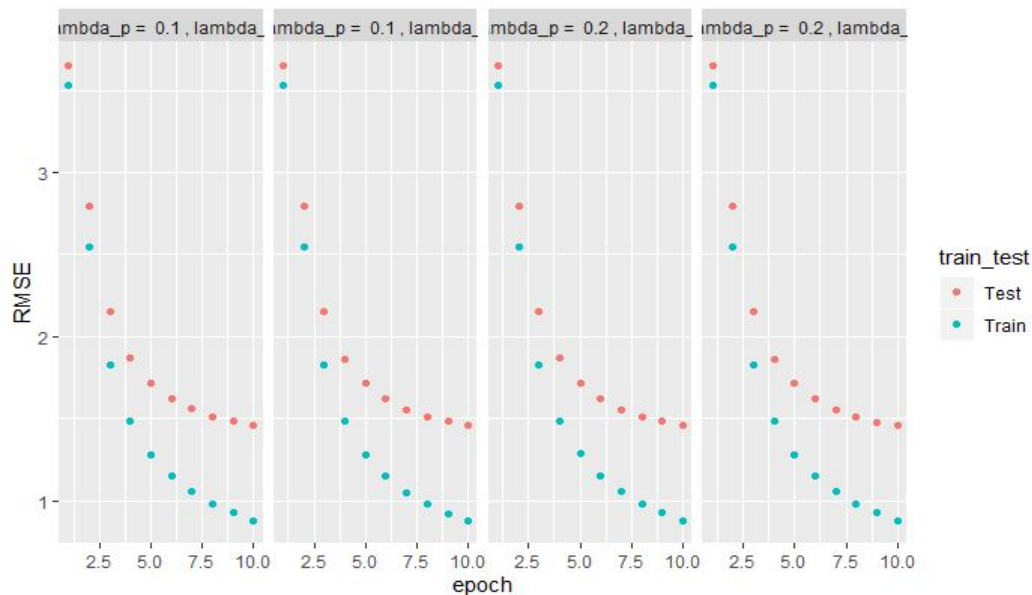
$F = 8$ ,

$\text{Lambda}_p = 0.1$ ,

$\text{Lambda}_q = 0.1$

$\text{lr} = 0.0005$

Tuned by combinations of different lambdas and  $f$ , evaluated by speed and criterion.



# P3 – SVD with Kernel Ridge Regression

Improving SVD by discarding weights of user ( $p_u$  from  $r = q_i^T p_u$  in A1 or A2) after training and predict  $y_{ij}$  for each user  $i$  using ridge regression.

## Steps

### 1. Make $X$

- each row is normalized vector of features of one movie  $j$  rated by user  $i$ .  $x_j = \frac{q_j}{\|q_j\|}$ .

```
# Making X, predictor matrix
X_mat <- function(q){
  V <- t(q)
  X <- apply(V, 2, function(x) x/Norm(x)) # make X using v_j (mxk)
  return(X)
}
```

### 2. Make function $K(X, X)$ , Gaussian kernel

-  $K(x_i^T, x_j^T) = \exp(2(x_i^T x_j - 1))$

```
# Gaussian kernel (t_x_i: transpose of x_i)
K <- function(t_x_i, X){
  return(exp(2*(t_x_i%*%t(X))-1))
}
```

### 3. Get new prediction of rating after postprocessing using the prediction model

-  $\hat{y}_i = K(x_i^T, X)(K(X, X) + \lambda I)^{-1}y$  :

$y$  is the prediction rating from the result of A1 or A2 /  $\lambda = 0.5$ , used same value for  $\lambda$  in the paper.

```
# SVD with kernel ridge regression
svd_krr <- function(n, lamb=0.5, X, pred_rate){
  I <- diag(n)
  return(K(X,X) %*% solve((K(X,X)+lamb*I)) %*% pred_rating)
}
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# A1+P3 Results

Stochastic Gradient Descent post processed by SVD with Ridge Kernel Regression

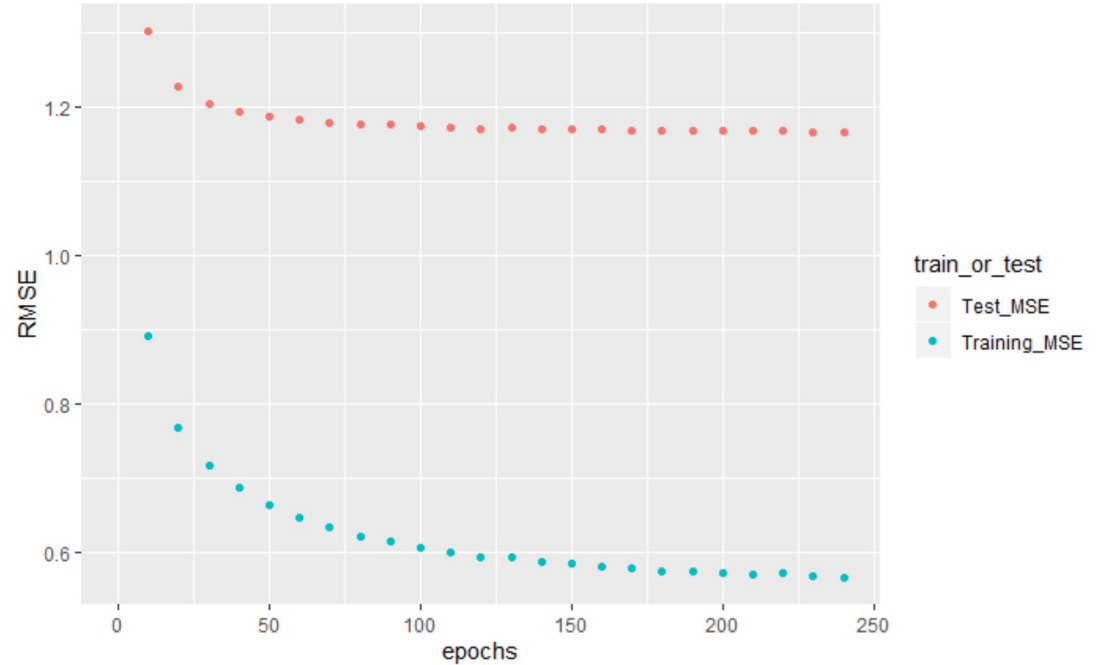
# of Epoch	Training RMSE	Testing RMSE	Testing RMSE After P3	Processing time
240	0.5675	1.167317	0.6954	86:46:29

Parameters:  $f = 10$ ,  $lr = 0.01$ ,  $\lambda = 0.1$

- $f$  is the dimension of the decomposed vectors
- $lr$  is the learning rate for each gradient descent steps.
- $\lambda$  is the coefficient on the regularized term.

## Evaluation (A1+P3)

- The gap between Testing RMSE and Training RMSE is large, but become stable after 50 epochs.
- The Test RMSE at 50 epochs is around 1.1871
- The running time for the first 10 epochs is around 14 mins and the time after the first epoch drastically decreased to average 2mins.



# A<sub>2</sub>+P<sub>3</sub> Results

## Gradient Descent Post processed by SVD with Ridge Kernel Regression

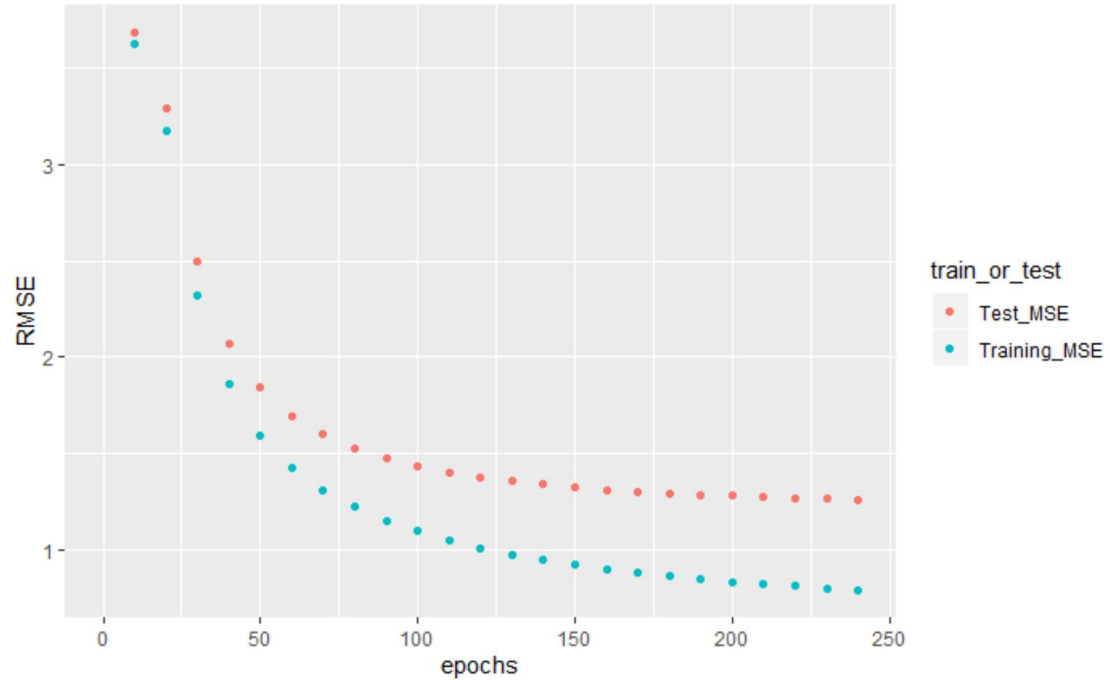
# of Epoch	Training RMSE	Testing RMSE	Testing RMSE after P <sub>3</sub>	Processing time
240	0.7955	1.2641	<b>0.8659</b>	61:54:33

Parameters:  $f = 8$ ,  $lr = 0.0005$ ,  $\lambda_p = 0.1$ ,  $\lambda_q = 0.1$

- $f$  is the dimension of the decomposed vectors
- $lr$  is the learning rate for each gradient descent steps.
- $\lambda_p$ ,  $\lambda_q$  are the coefficients on the regularized terms.

# Evaluation(A2+P3)

- Gap between training RMSE and testing RMSE get wider → Signs of over-fitting
- The testing RMSE starting to become stable after 150 epochs. We should stopped the training process from there.
- Test RMSE at 150 epoch = 1.326
- After Post Processing, the RMSE dropped to 0.8659



# Result

Accuracy: A1 + P3 has better RMSE as compared to A2 + P3

Computation Time: A2 + P3 has better RMSE as compared to A1 + P3

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