

# Content Based Recommendations

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Movie	Alice	Bob	Carol	Dave	features	
					$x_1$ (romance)	$x_2$ (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
Non-stop Car chases	0	0	5	4	0.1	1.0
Swords v/s karates	0	0	5	[?]	0	0.9

Our objective is to populate the ? with ratings that they did not watch.

$n_u$  = number of users

$n_m$  = number of movies

$x^{(i,j)} = 1$  if user  $j$  has rated movie  $i$ .  $\rightarrow 0 \leq y^{(i,j)} \leq 5$ .

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

$m_j$  = number of movies rated by user  $j$ .

$x_i$  = is the feature corresponding to genre  $i$ .  $x_0$  is the feature associated with intercept term.

Let  $x^i$  be the feature vector associated with movie  $i$ . Thus,

$$x^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.9 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, x^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1.0 \\ 0.01 \end{bmatrix}, x^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.99 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, x^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.1 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}, x^5 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

Regression problem is: For each user  $j$ , learn a parameter  $\theta^j$  belongs to the  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , where  $n$  is the no. of features except the feature associated with the intercept term, predict user  $j$  as rating movie  $i$  with

$(\theta^j)^T x^i$   
inner product

Suppose  $\theta^1$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Since  $x^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.99 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , Alice would rate  $(\theta^1)^T x^3 = 5 \times 0.99 = 4.95$  stars to Cute puppies of love. We need to learn  $\theta^j$ .

Transpose of  $\theta$

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

$$\min_{\theta^{(j)}} \left[ \sum_{i: r(i,j)=1} \left( (\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)} \right)^2 / 2m^{(j)} + \frac{\lambda}{2m^{(j)}} \sum_{k=1}^n (\theta_k^{(j)})^2 \right] \quad (\theta^{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \text{ where } n \text{ is the number of features})$$

regularization term

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

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

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

Extra sum is for all users.

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

Gradient-descent update

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

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

$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k^{(j)}} J(\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})$

It is difficult to have  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  feature because it is not possible for each user to see all the movie. We have no idea how romantic or action each movie is?

$x_1$ (romance)	$x_2$ (action)
?	?
?	?
?	?
?	?
?	?
?	?

However, suppose our users have told us how much they like romantic movies & how much they like action movies?

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

$\theta^{(i)}$  is user  $i$ 's preference over action & romance movies.

Alice (user 1) likes romantic movie.

Carol (user 3) ... action ...

Now, given movie 1, ~~(Love at last)~~  
we need to find  $x'$  such that,

$$(\theta^{(1)})^T x' \approx 5$$

$$(\theta^{(2)})^T x' \approx 5$$

$$(\theta^{(3)})^T x' \approx 0$$

$$(\theta^{(4)})^T x' \approx 0$$

genres, to learn  $x^{(i)}$ :

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

Choose features  $x^i$  so that all users that have rated the movies such that it is not too far in the squared error sense from the actual value that the user has rated.

regularisation term is added to prevent the features from becoming too big

Given  $(\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)}, \dots, \theta^{(n)})$ , to learn  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)}$ :

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



Content Based  $\rightarrow$  Given  $(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}) \rightarrow$  and movie ratings, can estimate  $\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$  (parameters)

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

Guess  $\theta \rightarrow$  Learn  $x \rightarrow \theta \rightarrow x \dots$

Collaborative Filtering  $\Leftrightarrow$  Content based filtering will be used to <sup>back & forth</sup> ~~simultaneously~~ learn about movie ratings & parameters. If used simultaneously <sup>usly</sup>.

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

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

instead of going back & forth.

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

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

\* Here  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  &  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We are doing away with features & parameters associated with intercept term.

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 ~~problem~~ algorithm). E.g. for every  $j = 1, \dots, n_u, i = 1, \dots, n_m$ :

$$x_k^{(i)} := x_k^{(i)} - \alpha \left( \sum_{j: r(i,j)=1} (\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)} \right) \theta_k^{(j)} + \lambda x_k^{(i)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k^{(i)}} J(\cdot)}_{\text{gradient}}$$

$$\theta_k^{(j)} := \theta_k^{(j)} - \alpha \left( \sum_{i: r(i,j)=1} (\theta^{(j)})^T x^{(i)} - y^{(i,j)} \right) x_k^{(i)} + \lambda \theta_k^{(j)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k^{(j)}} J(\cdot)}_{\text{gradient}}$$

Users who have not rated any movies

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

→ Eve (user 5)

Since  $(i,j): r(i,j)=1$  does not happen for user 5, the first term does not apply in the minimization problem in (3).

The only term that user 5 affects is  $\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_u} \sum_{k=1}^n (\theta_k^{(i)})^2$

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

will be minimized if  $\theta^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . So,

$(\theta^{(5)})^T X^{(i)} = 0$  for every movie  $i$ . This does not seem useful.

Mean Normalization

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

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

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

↓  
Learn  $\theta^i, x^i$

For user  $j$ , on movie  $i$  predict;

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

$$\text{User 5 (Eve): } \theta^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$= \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix} \approx \underline{\underline{\mu}} \rightarrow$  for new user who has not rated any movies, the movie will be rated on avg.

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

Alternative to Collaborative Filtering

Take all the elements of the table and create a matrix  $Y$

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

Predicted ratings:

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

Low rank matrix factorization

where  $(\theta^j)^T x^i$  is the rating given by user  $j$  to movie  $i$ .

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

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \theta^{(1)} & \theta^{(2)} & \dots & \theta^{(n_u)} \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

Finding related movies

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

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

How to find movies  $j$  related to movie  $i$ ?

$\|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|$  small  $\Rightarrow$  movie  $j$  &  $i$  are similar.

5 most similar movies to movie  $i$ :

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