Evaluation Cases

Two More Examples

- Medical Recommender
 - What can we do without a live system?
- Music Recommender
 - The desire to re-play changes everything!

Medical Recommender

- Here's a thought exercise:
 - You work in the IT group of a large medical group (2500 doctors, with hospitals, specialists, you name it!).
 - Your quality control group has collected data from patients rating their experience with specialists.
 - You want to see if you can recommend specialists based on patients' experiences with other doctors.

Let's think it through ...

- Design:
 - Implicit and Explicit Ratings
 - Doctor = item
- Pre-Evaluation
 - Can we do a reasonable job predicting which specialists are a better match? How to assess?

Music Recommendation

- Imagine you're working for Spotify in the music space:
 - On-demand: recommend artists, albums, tracks
 - Personalized radio: play tracks
- How are these similar or different?
- What techniques might we need to evaluate them.

Remember ...

- It starts with deep understanding of the domain.
- The right metric or evaluation depends upon the question! A useful evaluation depends upon asking the right question.

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