Mid Report

Movie Recommendation System

Problem Statement: The goal of this project is to design and implement a recommendation system that utilises AI algorithms to generate personalised content lists for individuals. Leveraging factors such as user profiles, search/browsing history, demographic traits, and similar user preferences, the system aims to provide tailored recommendations to enhance user satisfaction and engagement.

Dataset: The dataset is divided into 4 different files.

- 1. `Links.csv`: Identifiers that can be used to link to other sources of movie data are contained in this file. It contains 3 columns, movield (which is consistent throughout all the files), imdbld and tmdbld through which we can access the movie lens, imdb and tmdb webpage of the particular movie using id as suffix in the url.
- `Movies.csv`: Movie information is contained in this file and each row represents one movie. It contains 3 columns, movield, title and genres. Title of the movie also contains year in which it was released. Genres are divided into 18 different categories and one movie can have multiple.
- `Ratings.csv`: Each row of this file represents one rating of one movie by one user. It has 4 columns, userId, movieId, rating and timestamp. Ratings are made on 5-star scale with half-star increment. Timestamp represents seconds since midnight Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) of January 1, 1970.
- 4. `Tags.csv`: Each row represents one tag applied to one movie by one user. It has 4 columns, userld, movield, tag and timestamp. Tags are user generated metadata about movies. Each tag is typically a short phrase or word. The meaning, value and purpose of a particular tag is determined by each user.

Proposed approach:

After the initial data visualisation and some minor preprocessing we will merge the data of all the 4 files in single file using the consistent userld and movield. Also to utilise the ratings of imdb, tmdb and some other features like popularity we will extract this data from the respective webpages using ids available in links csy file.

We will create 3 different models using different classifiers like XGBRegressor, Random forest regressor and Bagging regressor.

- 1. Model-1: Simple recommender, Generalised for everybody, The idea behind this model is that movies that are more popular and critically acclaimed will have a higher probability of being liked by users and will be recommended thus it does not give personalised recommendations.
- **2.** Model-2: This model is based on collaborative filtering it assumes that user gives similar ratings to similar movies and use this as a fundamental for recommendation.
- **3.** Model-3: This model provides recommendation based on the content provided by user. For example, tags.

Early Results:

We obtained the preprocessed dataset by extracting necessary information from all sites as mentioned earlier.



