

Factored Item Similarity Models ($FISM_{auc}$)

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Recommendation with Implicit Feedback

- We may represent users' implicit feedback in a **matrix** form:

?	1	?	?	?	?
?	?	1	1	1	?
?					1
?					1
?	1	?	1	?	1
1	?	?	1	?	?

- If we can **estimate the missing values** (denoted as “?”) in the matrix or **rank the items directly**, we can make recommendations for each user.

Notations (1/2)

Table: Some notations.

n	user number
m	item number
$u \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$	user ID
$i, i' \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$	item ID
\mathcal{I}	whole set of items
\mathcal{I}_u	a set of items preferred by user u
$\mathcal{A}_u \subset \mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{I}_u$	a sampled set of unobserved items by user u

Notations (2/2)

Table: Some notations.

$b_i \in \mathbb{R}$	item bias
$d \in \mathbb{R}$	number of latent dimensions
$V_{i\cdot}, \mathbf{W}_{j\cdot} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d}$	item-specific latent feature vector
$\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$	item-specific latent feature matrix
\hat{r}_{ui}	predicted rating of user u on item i
T	iteration number in the algorithm

Factored Item Similarity Model (FISM)

FISM with different loss functions,

- $FISM_{rmse}$
- $FISM_{auc}$

Prediction Rule

The predicted rating of user u on item i ($i \in \mathcal{I}_u$),

$$\hat{r}_{ui} = b_i + \bar{U}_{u.}^{-i} V_{i.}^T \quad (1)$$

where,

$$\bar{U}_{u.}^{-i} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}|^\alpha} \sum_{i' \in \mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}} W_{i'.}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

The predicted rating of user u on item j ($j \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{I}_u$),

$$\hat{r}_{uj} = b_j + \bar{U}_{u.} V_{j.}^T \quad (2)$$

where,

$$\bar{U}_{u.} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_u|^\alpha} \sum_{i' \in \mathcal{I}_u} W_{i'.}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

Objective Function

The objective function of $FISM_{auc}$,

$$\min_{\Theta} \sum_{(u,i,\mathcal{A}_u)} f_{ui\mathcal{A}_u} \quad (3)$$

where $\Theta = \{V_{j\cdot}, W_{i'\cdot}, b_i\}$, $i, i' = 1, \dots, m$, and

$$f_{ui\mathcal{A}_u} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}_u|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_u} \frac{1}{2} (1 - (\hat{r}_{ui} - \hat{r}_{uj}))^2 + \frac{\alpha_v}{2} \|V_{i\cdot}\|_F^2 + \frac{\alpha_v}{2} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_u} \|V_{j\cdot}\|_F^2 + \frac{\alpha_w}{2} \sum_{i' \in \mathcal{I}_u} \|W_{i'\cdot}\|_F^2 + \frac{\beta_v}{2} b_i^2 + \frac{\beta_v}{2} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_u} b_j^2.$$

Notes

- \mathcal{A}_u is a **sampled** set of unobserved items by user u
- According to the loss function, we can see that $FISM_{auc}$ is a pairwise method

Gradients

For a triple (u, i, \mathcal{A}_u) , we have the gradients,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla b_j &= \frac{\partial f_{ui, \mathcal{A}_u}}{\partial b_j} = e_{uij} + \beta_v b_j, j \in \mathcal{A}_u \\
 \nabla V_{j.} &= \frac{\partial f_{ui, \mathcal{A}_u}}{\partial V_{j.}} = e_{uij} \bar{U}_{u.} + \alpha_v V_{j.}, j \in \mathcal{A}_u \\
 \nabla b_i &= \frac{\partial f_{ui, \mathcal{A}_u}}{\partial b_i} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_u} (-e_{uij}) + \beta_v b_i \\
 \nabla V_{i.} &= \frac{\partial f_{ui, \mathcal{A}_u}}{\partial V_{i.}} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_u} (-e_{uij}) \bar{U}_{u.}^{-i} + \alpha_v V_{i.} \\
 \nabla W_{i'}. &= \frac{\partial f_{ui, \mathcal{A}_u}}{\partial W_{i'}.} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_u} (-e_{uij}) \left(\frac{V_{j.}}{|\mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}|^\alpha} - \frac{V_{j.}}{|\mathcal{I}_u|^\alpha} \right) + \alpha_w W_{i'}. , i' \in \mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\} \\
 \nabla W_{i.} &= \frac{\partial f_{ui, \mathcal{A}_u}}{\partial W_{i.}} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{A}_u} (-e_{uij}) \frac{-V_{j.}}{|\mathcal{I}_u|^\alpha} + \alpha_w W_{i.}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $e_{uij} = (1 - (\hat{r}_{ui} - \hat{r}_{uj})) / |\mathcal{A}_u|$.

Note that we do NOT have to save $V_{i.}$ and $V_{j.}$ before they are updated, though we should NOT use the recently updated parameters but strictly follow the update rules. Please see the details in Algorithm 1, where we use \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{x}_2 to save the $V_{i.}$ and $V_{j.}$ before they are updated.

Update Rules

For a triple (u, i, \mathcal{A}_u) , we have the gradients,

$$b_j = b_j - \gamma \nabla b_j$$

$$V_{j\cdot} = V_{j\cdot} - \gamma \nabla V_{j\cdot}$$

$$b_i = b_i - \gamma \nabla b_i$$

$$V_{i\cdot} = V_{i\cdot} - \gamma \nabla V_{i\cdot}$$

$$W_{i'\cdot} = W_{i'\cdot} - \gamma \nabla W_{i'\cdot}, i' \in \mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}$$

$$W_i = W_i - \gamma \nabla W_i$$

where γ is the learning rate.

Algorithm

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1: Initialize model parameters  $\Theta$ 
2: for  $t = 1, \dots, T$  do
3:   for each user  $u$  do
4:     for each item  $i \in \mathcal{I}_u$  do
5:       Calculate  $\bar{U}_u^{-i} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}|^\alpha} \sum_{i' \in \mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}} W_{i'}$ .
6:       Calculate  $\bar{U}_u = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_u|^\alpha} \sum_{i' \in \mathcal{I}_u} W_{i'}$ .
7:       Randomly sample a set of items  $\mathcal{A}_u$  from  $\mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{I}_u$ 
8:       Initialize  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_4 = \mathbf{0}$ 
9:       for each item  $j \in \mathcal{A}_u$  do
10:        Calculate  $e_{uij} = (1 - (\hat{r}_{ui} - \hat{r}_{uj})) / |\mathcal{A}_u|$ 
11:        Update  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + (-e_{uij})(\frac{V_j}{|\mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}|^\alpha} - \frac{V_j}{|\mathcal{I}_u|^\alpha})$ 
12:        Update  $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_2 + (-e_{uij})(-\frac{V_j}{|\mathcal{I}_u|^\alpha})$ 
13:        Update  $\mathbf{x}_3 = \mathbf{x}_3 + -e_{uij}$ 
14:        Update  $\mathbf{x}_4 = \mathbf{x}_4 + (-e_{uij})\bar{U}_u^{-i}$ 
15:        Update the  $b_j$ ,  $V_j$ .
16:      end for
17:      Update the  $b_i$ ,  $V_i$ .
18:      Update  $W_{i'}$ ,  $i' \in \mathcal{I}_u \setminus \{i\}$ 
19:      Update  $W_i$ .
20:    end for
21:  end for
22: end for

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Data Set

- We use the files u1.base and u1.test of MovieLens100K¹ as our training data and test data, respectively.
- user number: $n = 943$; item number: $m = 1682$.
- u1.base (training data): 80000 rating records, and the density (or sparsity) is $80000/943/1682 = 5.04\%$.
- u1.test (test data): 20000 rating records.
- **Pre-processing (for simulation)**: we only keep the (user, item) pairs with ratings 4 or 5 in u1.base and u1.test as observed pairs, and remove all other records. Finally, we obtain **u1.base.OCCF** and **u1.test.OCCF**.

¹<http://grouplens.org/datasets/>

Evaluation Metrics

- *Pre@5*: The precision of user u is defined as,

$$Pre_u@k = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{\ell=1}^k \delta(i(\ell) \in \mathcal{I}_u^{te}),$$

where $\delta(x) = 1$ if x is true and $\delta(x) = 0$ otherwise. Then, we have $Pre@k = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}^{te}} Pre_u@k / |\mathcal{U}^{te}|$.

- *Rec@5*: The recall of user u is defined as,

$$Rec_u@k = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_u^{te}|} \sum_{\ell=1}^k \delta(i(\ell) \in \mathcal{I}_u^{te}),$$

which means how many preferred items are recommended in the top- k list. Then, we have $Rec@k = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}^{te}} Rec_u@k / |\mathcal{U}^{te}|$.

Initialization of Model Parameters

We use the statistics of training data to initialize the model parameters,

$$b_i = \sum_{u=1}^n y_{ui}/n - \mu$$

$$b_j = \sum_{u=1}^n y_{uj}/n - \mu$$

$$V_{ik} = (r - 0.5) \times 0.01, k = 1, \dots, d$$

$$W_{i'k} = (r - 0.5) \times 0.01, k = 1, \dots, d$$

where r ($0 \leq r < 1$) is a random variable, and $\mu = \sum_{u=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m y_{ui}/n/m$.

Parameter Configurations

We fix $\alpha = 0.5$, $\gamma = 0.01$ and $|\mathcal{A}_u| = 3$, and search the best values of the following parameters,

- $\alpha_v = \alpha_w = \beta_v \in \{0.001, 0.01, 0.1\}$
- $T \in \{100, 500, 1000\}$

Finally, we use $\alpha = 0.5$, $\gamma = 0.01$, $|\mathcal{A}_u| = 3$, $\alpha_v = \alpha_w = \beta_v = 0.01$ and $T = 1000$, which performs best in our experiments.

Results

Table: Prediction performance of PopRank and $FISM_{auc}$ on MovieLens100K (u1.base.OCCF, u1.test.OCCF).

	PopRank	$FISM_{auc}$
<i>Pre@5</i>	0.2338	0.3803
<i>Rec@5</i>	0.0571	0.1232

Conclusion

- Learning factored (item,item) similarities is helpful.

Homework

- Implement $FISM_{auc}$ and conduct empirical studies on u2.base.OCCF, u2.test.OCCF of MovieLens100K with similar pre-processing
- Read the KDD 2013 paper [Kabbur et al., 2013], and study the algorithm of $FISM_{rmse}$



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