

Summary of What the Code and Model Do

The project builds a **recommendation system** that combines:

- **Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)** for learning from item-item relationships (global information), and
- **Propositional logic reasoning** for user-specific behavior patterns (local, symbolic reasoning).

This hybrid model is called **GNNLR** and is designed to make **more intelligent recommendations** by combining *pattern learning* with *logical inference*.

How Data Is Represented — Especially Graphs

Input Data

- The dataset is typically from **MovieLens-100k** or Amazon reviews.
- Each user has a **sequence of interactions with items** (e.g., movies watched, products reviewed).

Graph Construction

Instead of traditional user-item bipartite graphs, the GNNLR model builds an **item-item graph**:

- For every user's interaction history (e.g., items [v1, v4, v3]), it creates **edges between adjacent items only**.
- This forms a **dense item-only graph**, where:
 - **Nodes** = items (e.g., movies, products)
 - **Edges** = adjacency in user history (e.g., if v1 and v4 are watched consecutively)
 - **Weights** = how frequently two items are adjacent across all users

 **Why this matters:** it captures **temporal and co-occurrence patterns**, while keeping the graph compact.



How the Formulas and Algorithms Are Applied

1. Graph Neural Network (GNN) Layer

Used to learn embeddings for each item node from the item-item graph.

Formula:

$$X' = D^{-1/2} A D^{-1/2} X \Theta X' = \hat{D}^{-1/2} \hat{A} \hat{D}^{-1/2} X \Theta$$

Where:

- $\hat{A} = A + I$: adjacency matrix + self-loops
- \hat{D} : degree matrix
- X : item features
- Θ : learnable weights

→ This propagates information across neighboring items.

2. Propositional Logic Conversion

User's past interactions are converted into **logic expressions**:

If a user saw items $[v1, v4, v3]$ and we are predicting their preference for $v3$:

$$(v1 \rightarrow v3) \vee (v4 \rightarrow v3) \vee (v1 \wedge v4 \rightarrow v3) \vee (v1 \rightarrow v3) \vee (v4 \rightarrow v3) \vee (v1 \wedge v4 \rightarrow v3)$$

Using logic rules, this becomes:

$$(\neg v1 \vee v3) \vee (\neg v4 \vee v3) \vee (\neg v1 \vee \neg v4 \vee v3) \vee (\neg v1 \vee v3) \vee (\neg v4 \vee v3) \vee (\neg v1 \vee \neg v4 \vee v3)$$

→ This structure can **reason** whether a user would logically prefer an item.

3. Neural Logic Modules

Instead of hard logic rules, logic operators like \neg (**NOT**) and \vee (**OR**) are implemented as **neural networks** (MLPs).

For NOT:

$$\neg e_i = \text{MLP}(e_i) \rightarrow e_i = \text{MLP}(e_i)$$

For OR:

$$e_i \vee e_j = \text{MLP}(e_i \oplus e_j) \rightarrow e_i \vee e_j = \text{MLP}(e_i \oplus e_j)$$

These modules output a **vector representing the logic expression**, which is then compared with a **truth vector** to determine if the recommendation should be made.

4. Prediction and Training

A special vector TT represents "logical truth". If a logic expression evaluates to a vector close to TT , it's likely the user would like the item.

Final similarity score:

$$\text{Sim}(e, T) = \text{sigmoid}(\phi \cdot e \cdot T / \|e\| \cdot \|T\|) \rightarrow \text{Sim}(e, T) = \text{sigmoid}(\phi \cdot \frac{e \cdot T}{\|e\| \cdot \|T\|})$$

Loss includes:

- **Pairwise ranking loss**
- **Logic rule loss**
- **Regularization**



Overall Architecture in Plain Terms

1. **Data Input:** Loads user-item interaction data.

2. **Graph Construction:** Builds an item-only graph from user histories.
3. **Feature Learning:** Uses GNNs to embed each item in vector space.
4. **Logic Reasoning:**
 - a. Converts user history into propositional logic
 - b. Applies neural logic layers (NOT, OR) to reason over preferences
5. **Prediction:**
 - a. Compares logic expression output to a "truth" vector
 - b. Ranks items by how "true" the logic expression seems
6. **Training:**
 - a. Optimizes using negative sampling and logic-aware loss

Takeaways

- **GNNLR** = Graph Neural Network + Logic Reasoning
- **Innovative** in using logic expressions for explainable recommendation
- **Efficient graph:** item-item only, adjacency-based, temporal
- **Neural logic ops:** powerful, trainable NOT and OR networks
- **Flexible:** Can be swapped with different GNN types (GCN, GAT, etc.)