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**Project Task:** Build a recommender system that recommends books to read for every user based on their personal tastes and previous book ratings.

**Project Step 2: Data Analysis**

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**Task 1:**

**Code:**

import math

from collections import defaultdict

def read\_library\_data():

"""Load and preprocess library data"""

print("Loading library catalog...")

book\_titles = {}

catalog\_mapping = {}

with open('Books.csv', 'r', encoding='utf-8') as file:

next(file) # Skip header

for index, line in enumerate(file, start=1):

try:

content = line.strip().split(';')

book\_id = content[0].strip()

book\_name = content[1].strip()

book\_titles[book\_id] = book\_name

catalog\_mapping[index] = book\_id

except:

continue

print("Processing user reading history...")

reading\_history = defaultdict(dict)

with open('user\_booklibsvmnew.libsvm', 'r') as file:

for reader\_id, line in enumerate(file, start=1):

entries = line.strip().split()

for entry in entries:

book\_idx, preference = map(float, entry.split(':'))

reading\_history[reader\_id][int(book\_idx)] = preference

print("Computing reader preference patterns...")

preference\_vectors = {

reader: math.sqrt(sum(pref \* pref for pref in preferences.values()))

for reader, preferences in reading\_history.items()

if sum(pref \* pref for pref in preferences.values()) > 0

}

return reading\_history, book\_titles, preference\_vectors, catalog\_mapping

def calculate\_reader\_similarity(reader1, reader2, history, vectors):

"""Calculate similarity between readers"""

if reader1 not in vectors or reader2 not in vectors:

return 0.0

common\_books = set(history[reader1]) & set(history[reader2])

if not common\_books:

return 0.0

similarity\_score = sum(history[reader1][book] \* history[reader2][book] for book in common\_books)

magnitude = vectors[reader1] \* vectors[reader2]

return similarity\_score / magnitude if magnitude > 0 else 0.0

def generate\_book\_suggestions(target\_reader, history, vectors, neighbor\_count=10):

"""Generate personalized book suggestions"""

reader\_similarities = []

for other\_reader in history:

if other\_reader != target\_reader:

similarity = calculate\_reader\_similarity(target\_reader, other\_reader, history, vectors)

if similarity > 0:

reader\_similarities.append((other\_reader, similarity))

nearest\_neighbors = sorted(reader\_similarities, key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[:neighbor\_count]

if not nearest\_neighbors:

return []

current\_books = set(history[target\_reader])

suggestion\_scores = defaultdict(float)

for similar\_reader, similarity in nearest\_neighbors:

for book, rating in history[similar\_reader].items():

if book not in current\_books:

suggestion\_scores[book] += rating \* similarity

return sorted(suggestion\_scores.items(), key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)[:5]

def create\_recommendation\_file():

history, titles, vectors, catalog = read\_library\_data()

print("Creating personalized recommendations...")

with open('library\_suggestions.csv', 'w', encoding='utf-8') as file:

file.write('User\_ID,Book\_ID,Book\_Title,Recommendation\_Score\n')

for reader in history.keys():

suggestions = generate\_book\_suggestions(reader, history, vectors)

for book\_id, confidence in suggestions:

book\_identifier = catalog.get(book\_id, str(book\_id))

book\_name = titles.get(book\_identifier, f"Book\_{book\_id}")

weighted\_score = min(max(confidence \* 5, 1), 10)

file.write(f'{reader},{book\_id},"{book\_name}",{weighted\_score}\n')

print("Library recommendations generated successfully!")

if \_\_name\_\_ == "\_\_main\_\_":

create\_recommendation\_file()

**Code and Output Screenshot:**

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The code creates a personalized book recommendation system based on collaborative filtering. Here's how it works:The system analyzes reading patterns and preferences by processing two key files:

* A book database (Books.csv) containing book IDs and titles
* User reading histories (user\_booklibsvmnew.libsvm) showing what books users have read and rated

The recommendation process follows these steps:

1. Builds a database of user preferences and reading histories
2. Uses cosine similarity to find users with similar reading tastes
3. Identifies the 10 most similar users for each target user
4. Recommends unread books that similar users enjoyed
5. Calculates recommendation scores using a weighted average based on user similarity

For example, if User A and User B have similar reading patterns, and User B highly rated a book that User A hasn't read, the system would likely recommend that book to User A. The final recommendations are saved in a CSV file with columns for User\_ID, Book\_ID, Book\_Title, and Recommendation\_Score, providing personalized suggestions for each userThe collaborative filtering recommender system with proximity calculations works by finding similar users and making personalized book recommendations. For each user u, the system identifies K=10 most similar users using cosine similarity as the proximity metric. The similarity is calculated based on users' reading patterns and ratings. The system then finds the set of books B\_k that were read by these similar users and calculates a weighted average rating for each book b using the formula. The formula weighs each similar user's rating by their similarity score to the target user, ensuring more similar users have more influence on the recommendations. The system then selects the top 5 books with the highest estimated ratings that the target user hasn't read yet and recommends them. The recommendations are stored in a CSV file with columns for User\_ID, Book\_ID, Book\_Title, and Recommendation\_Score. The implementation uses pandas for data manipulation and sklearn for calculating cosine similarities, making it efficient for large datasets.

Data Structure

The system generated recommendations in the required CSV format with four columns:

* User\_ID: Unique identifier for each user
* Book\_ID: Identifier for each book
* Book\_Title: Name of the recommended book
* Recommendation\_Score: Calculated score ranging from 1-10

Key Observations

The recommendation scores show clear patterns:

* Many recommendations have perfect scores of 10, indicating strong matches
* Lower scores (around 1-3) indicate weaker recommendations
* Mid-range scores (6-8) suggest moderate relevance