

# Exploiting Music Play Sequence for Music Recommendation

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# Base Paper

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This project is an implementation of the following base paper:

- **Title:** Exploiting Music Play Sequence for Music Recommendation
- **Author:** Zhiyong Cheng and Jialie Shen, Lei Zhu, Mohan Kankanhalli, Liqiang Nie
- **Publication:** Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-17)

# Flow of presentation

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# Introduction

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- Users leave digital footprints when interacting with various music streaming services.
- Music play sequence (MPS), contains rich information about personal music preference and song similarity.
- MPS has been largely ignored in previously developed music recommender systems.



# Motivation

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- Include the much neglected Music Play Sequence (MPS) to make the song recommendation more relevant



# Problem Statement:

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- Incorporate the effect of Music Play Sequence (MPS) along with Matrix Factorization (MF) methods to generate more relevant music recommendations.

# Proposed Solution:

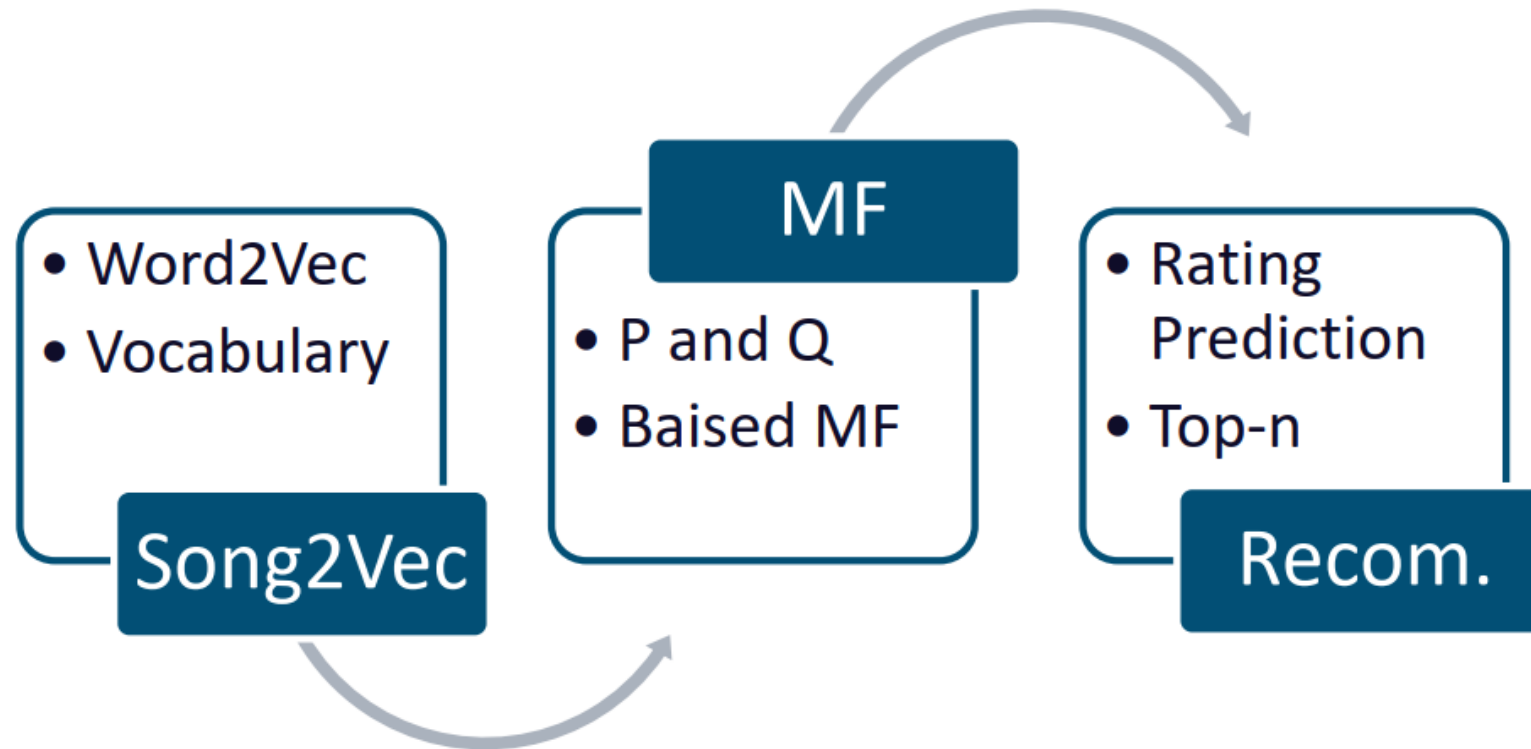
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- Use word embedding techniques in MPS to estimate the similarity between songs.
- Embed learned similarity into matrix factorization
- k-nearest songs in the learning process to avoid the increase in time complexity



# Overview:

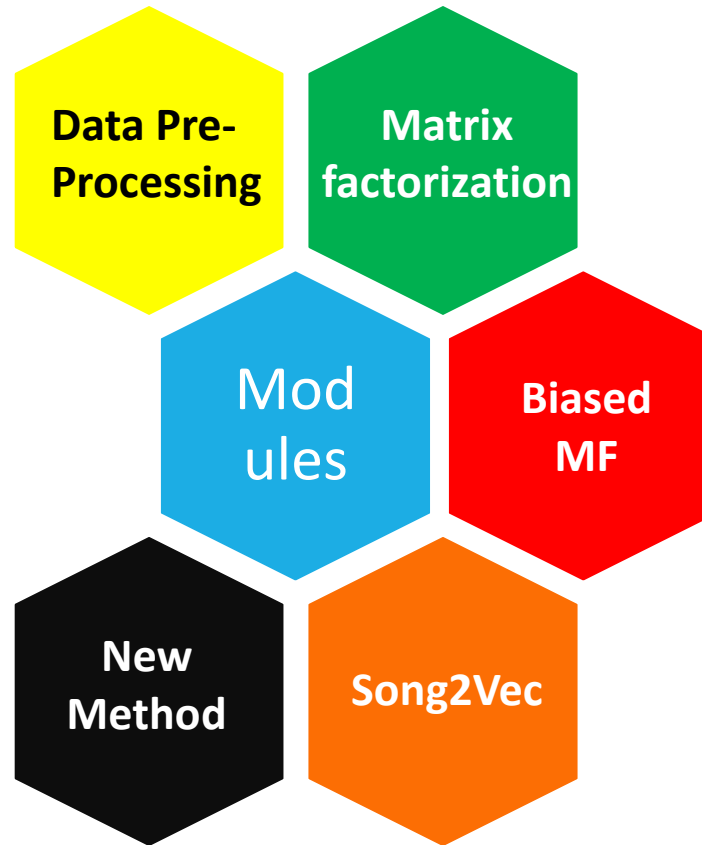
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# Modules

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# Data Processing

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We are using Last.fm dataset, which has the following characteristics:

- No. of data points : 4752899
- No. of unique songs : 72678
- No. of unique users : 249



# Snapshot of Raw Data

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user_000001 d86e2	2009-05-03T15:10:18Z Elysian Fields	463a94f1-2713-40b1-9c88-dcc9c0170cae	Minus 8	4e78efc4-e545-47af-9617-05ff816
user_000001 -77ec38d66859	2009-05-03T15:04:31Z Planetary Deadlock	ad0811ea-e213-451d-b22f-fala7f9e0226	Beanfield	fb51d2c4-cc69-4128-92f5
user_000001 -23fd157f9347	2009-05-03T14:56:25Z Good Morning Love Coffee Is Ready	309e2dfc-678e-4d09-a7a4-8eab9525b669	Dj Linus	4277434f-e3c2-41ae-9ce3
user_000001 -8a4605ce456c	2009-05-03T14:50:51Z Deadly Species	6f3d4a7b-45b2-4c08-9306-8d271e92cb4f	Alif Tree	1151b040-8022-4965-96d2
user_000001 6854e	2009-05-03T14:46:29Z Cold Fusion	463a94f1-2713-40b1-9c88-dcc9c0170cae	Minus 8	f78c95a8-9256-4757-9a9f-213df5c
user_000001 935c2	2009-05-03T14:39:20Z Clouds	45bdb5be-ec03-484f-b58d-d22afc944b24	Wei-Chi	c4fc8802-d186-4c4d-85cd-d5d063b

# Data Processing

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The following are the preprocessing steps used before using the data to train the model.

1. Exclude the users only listened to less than 10 songs
2. Exclude the songs which have been played by less than 10 users.
3. Exclude the irrelevant data columns i.e. song id, artist id, artist name

	UserID	TimeStamp	Song
0	1	2009-05-04T23:08:57Z	Fuck Me Im Famous (Pacha Ibiza)-09-28-2007
1	1	2009-05-04T13:54:10Z	Composition 0919 (Live_2009_4_15)
2	1	2009-05-04T13:52:04Z	Mc2 (Live_2009_4_15)
3	1	2009-05-04T13:42:52Z	Hibari (Live_2009_4_15)
4	1	2009-05-04T13:42:11Z	Mc1 (Live_2009_4_15)

# Music Play Sequence (MPS)

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- Play event to be part of a session if it occurs no later than 800 seconds
- We only keep the listening sessions with no less than 10 songs.
- Number of sessions 125181 (with each session having 10 or more songs)

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{1: [['Lust', 'The Essence', 'Idioteque', 'Change Of Seasons',  
idal Reprise', 'Landing', 'Detchibe', 'Watching Windows', 'Rid  
less', 'Id', 'Zazen Bo', 'What You Gonna Do?', 'Rusty Gears Lo  
'], ['Ozma', 'Hint Oyaji', 'Cow', 'Cow', 'Extra Ignored', 'Hib  
n The Forest (Interlude Mix)', 'Waltz For Jason (Full Nine Yar  
' , 'Gum', 'Clap & Whistle & Walking', 'The Star Spangle-Gayo']  
Tune', 'More Than Ever People', 'Appreciation (Radio Mix)', 'P  
re Is The Line', 'Vökuró', 'Öll Birtan', 'Who Is It', 'Submari  
ss', 'Where Is The Line', 'Vökuró', 'Öll Birtan', 'Who Is It',  
e Down', 'Surrender', 'Misunderstanding', '花狂い', 'Element Wa  
de Mix)', 'Waltz For Jason (Full Nine Yards Re-Edit) (2 Banks  
gle-Gayo', 'Music', 'Gum', 'Clap & Whistle & Walking', 'The St
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# Matrix Factorization

- Collection of feedback can be represented in a form of a matrix.
- **Row** represents users
- **Column** represents different songs.
- Sparse Matrix
- It can incorporate implicit feedback (derived by analyzing user behavior.)

		Item			
		W	X	Y	Z
User	A		4.5	2.0	
	B	4.0		3.5	
	C		5.0		2.0
	D		3.5	4.0	1.0

Rating Matrix

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A	1.2	0.8
B	1.4	0.9
C	1.5	1.0
D	1.2	0.8

User Matrix

X

	W	X	Y	Z
A	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.8
B	1.7	0.6	1.1	0.4

Item Matrix

# Matrix Factorization

- Predicted user Rating :  $\hat{r}_{ui} = \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{p}_u$
- Optimization Objective :  $\min_{\mathbf{q}^*, \mathbf{p}^*} \sum_{(u,i) \in K} (r_{ui} - \mathbf{q}_i^T \mathbf{p}_u)^2 + \lambda (\|\mathbf{q}_i\|^2 + \|\mathbf{p}_u\|^2)$

Item

W X Y Z

A

B

C

D

4.5

2.0

4.0

5.0

3.5

2.0

3.5

4.0

1.0

Rating Matrix

=

User Matrix

A

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1.2

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Item Matrix

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# Matrix Factorization

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- Regularization term:

$$\lambda(\|\mathbf{q}_i\|^2 + \|\mathbf{p}_u\|^2)$$

- Avoid decomposed matrix  $q$  and  $p$  to over-fit to the original matrix.
- Goal is to generalize the previous ratings in a way that predicts future-unknown ratings.



# MF Learning Method

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- Stochastic gradient descent
- Squared error loss function :

$$e_{ui} \triangleq r_{ui} - q_i^T p_u$$

- Update rule :

$$\begin{aligned} q_i &\leftarrow q_i + \gamma \cdot (e_{ui} \cdot p_u + \lambda \cdot q_i) \\ p_u &\leftarrow p_u + \gamma \cdot (e_{ui} \cdot q_i + \lambda \cdot p_u) \end{aligned}$$

# Biased Matrix Factorization

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- Some songs are biased in that it is widely perceived better (or worse) than other song.
- Some users may be biased too.
- Include the bias terms into our original equation.

$$\hat{r}_{ui} = \mu + b_i + b_u + q_i^T p_u$$

- The new objective function would look something like below

$$\min_{q^*, p^*, b^*} \sum_{(u,i) \in K} (r_{ui} - \mu - b_u - b_i - p_u^T q_i)^2 + \lambda (\|p_u\|^2 + \|q_i\|^2 + b_u^2 + b_i^2)$$

# Song2Vec

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- Capture what songs are listened to frequently together in very similar contexts.
- This is where Word2Vec comes in.

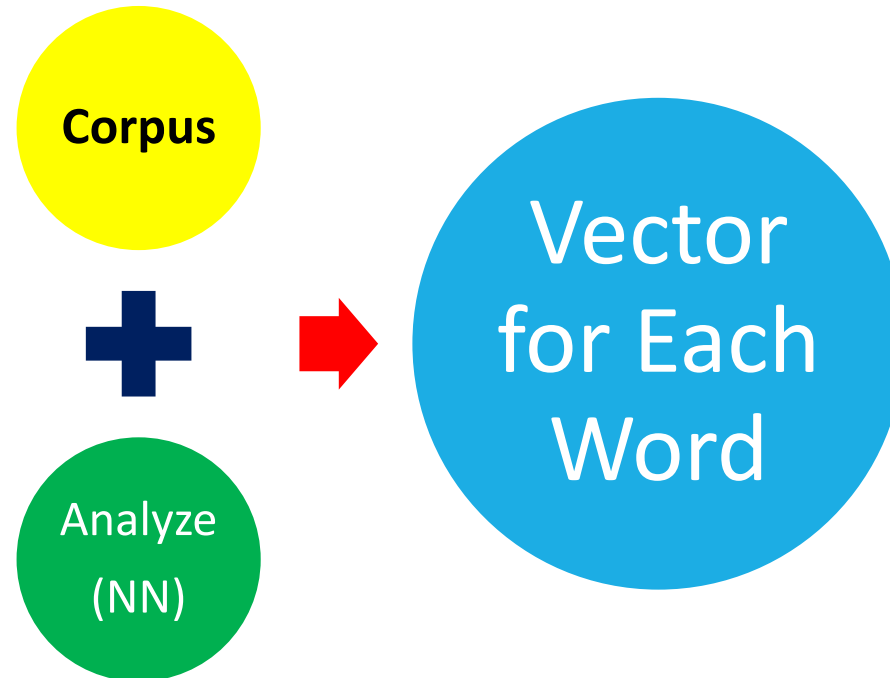


**song2vec**

# Word2Vec

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- Word2vec is a class of neural network models.
- Introduced for learning word embedding's that are highly useful for NLP.



# Word2Vec : Skip Gram Model

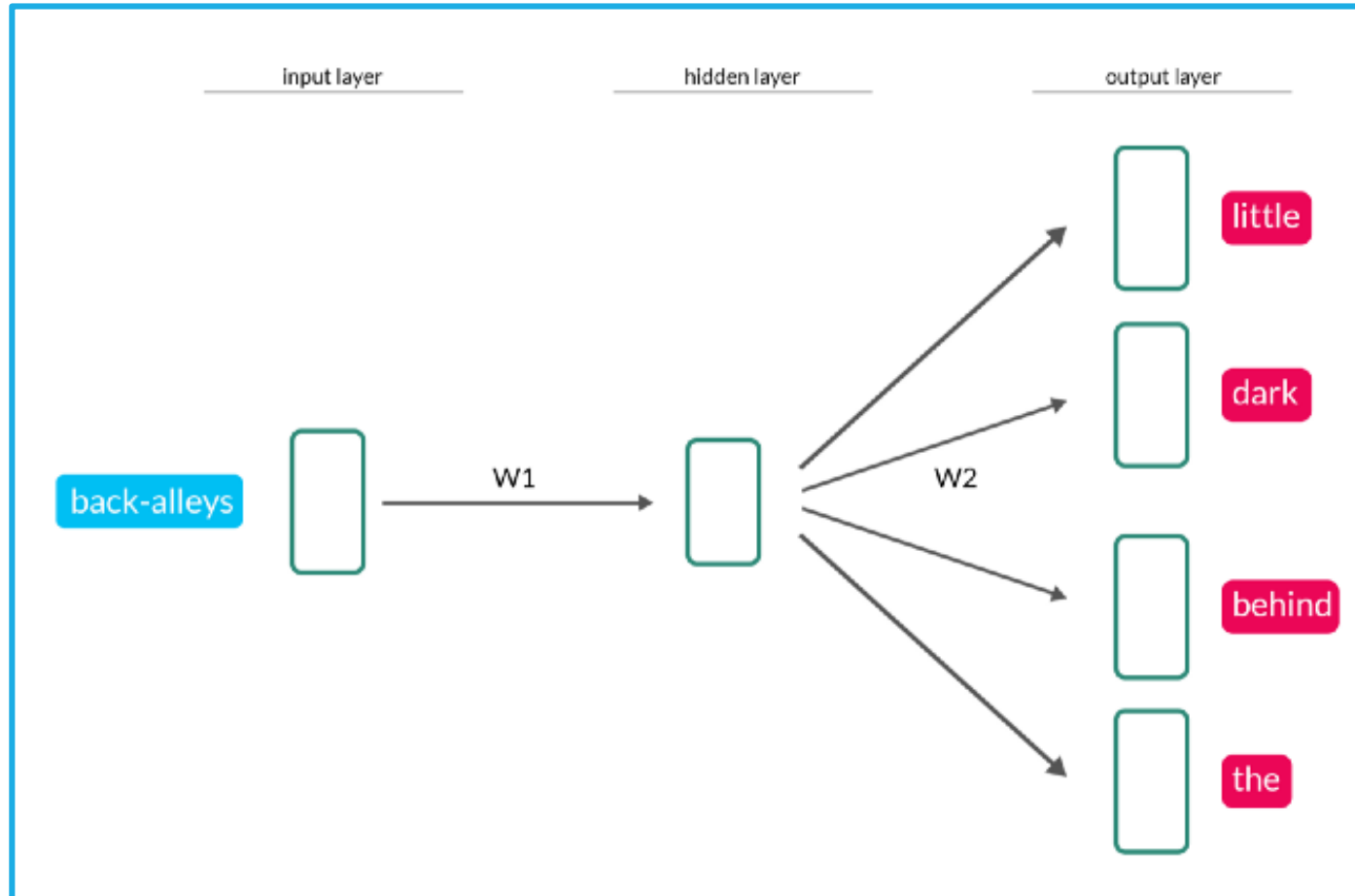
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- Shallow neural network with a single hidden layer.
- Word as input and tries to predict the context

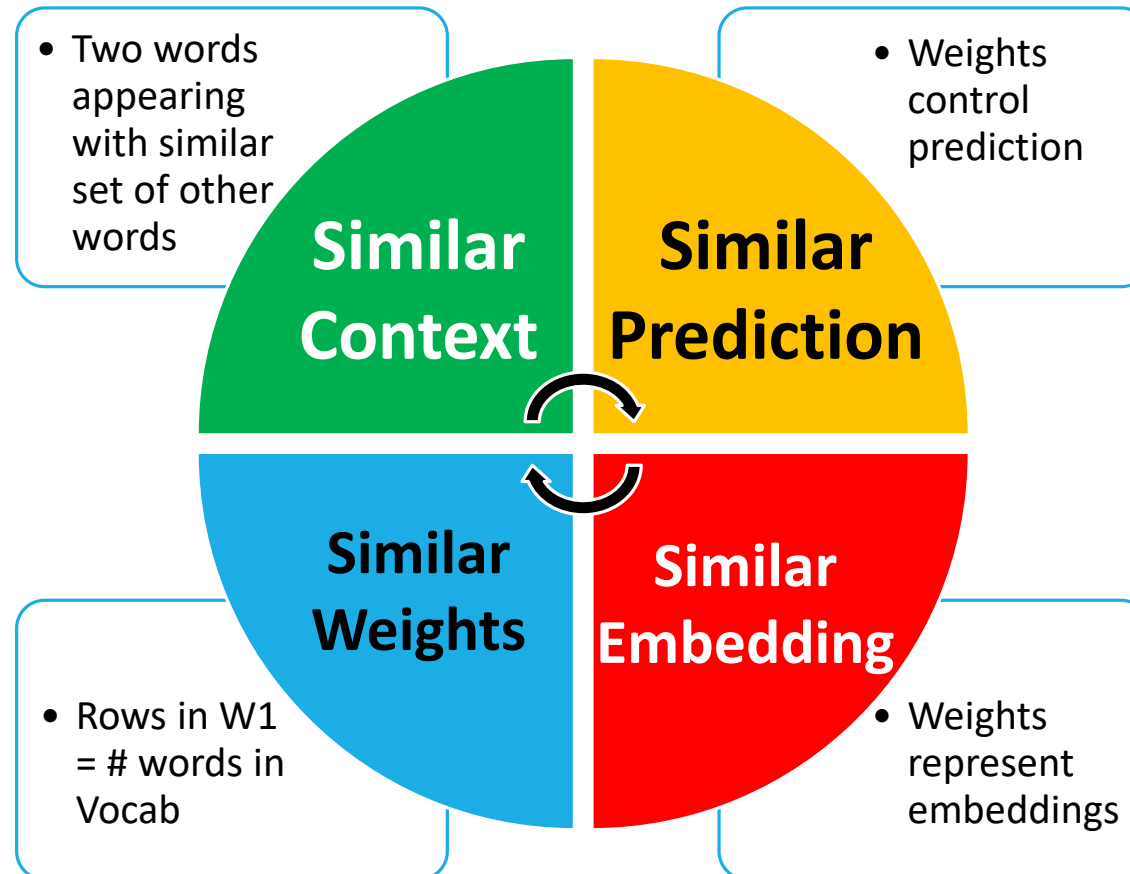
But I always liked side-paths, little dark back-alleys behind the main  
road - there one finds adventures and surprises, and precious metal in  
the dirt.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

# Word2Vec : Skip Gram Model



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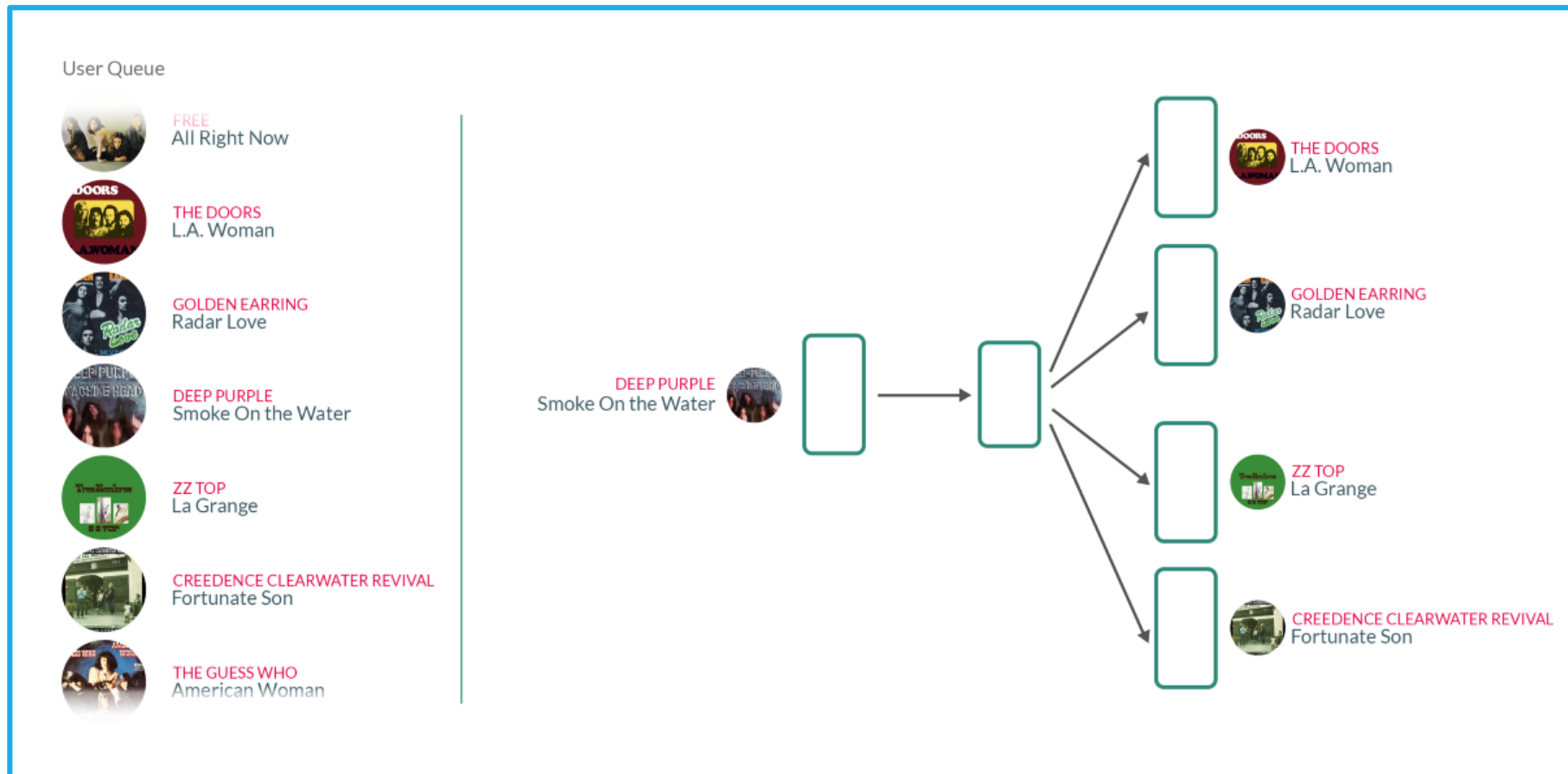


# Song2Vec

Context  Input  Context	Play Queue				
	QUEUE		HISTORY		
TITLE		ARTIST	ALBUM	🕒	
✓	Voyeur	Phantoms, Ni...	Broken Halo	4:40	
✓	Somebodies Something	Tyne	Somebodies ...	3:44	
✓	No Words - Kasbo Remix	Erik Hassle, C...	No Words (Re...	5:08	
✓	I Will Wait	Aaron Krause	I Will Wait	3:54	
✓	Lost	Ficci	Lost	4:07	
✓	Falling Short (Dark0 Remix)	Låpsley, Dark0	Falling Short (...)	4:12	
✓	Self Defined	Maya Payne	The Lucky On...	3:54	
✓	Escape	Tongues.	Kitsuné Hot S...	3:07	

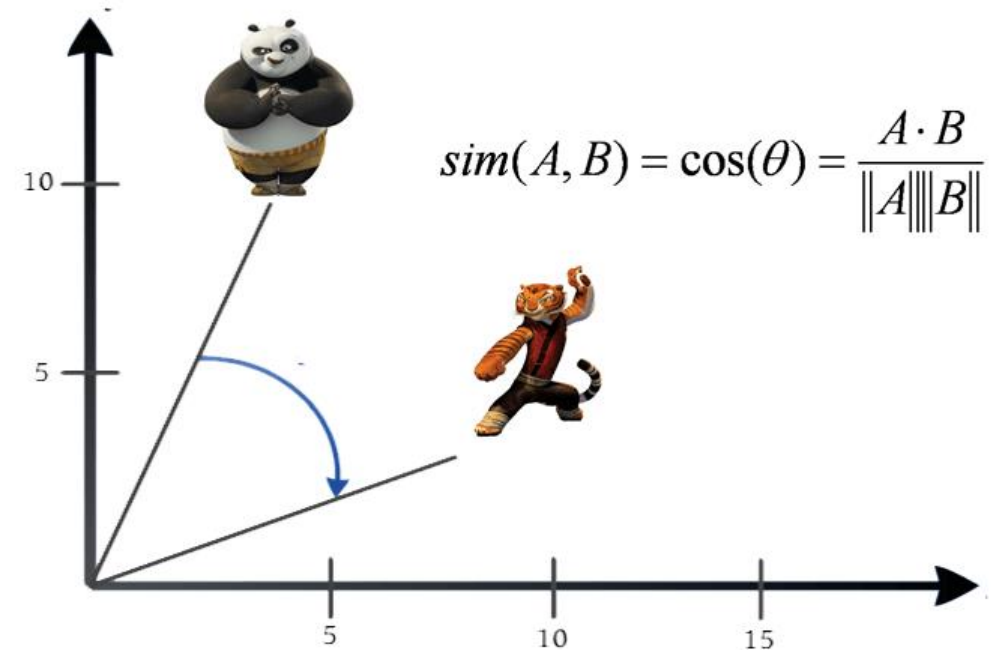


# Song2Vec

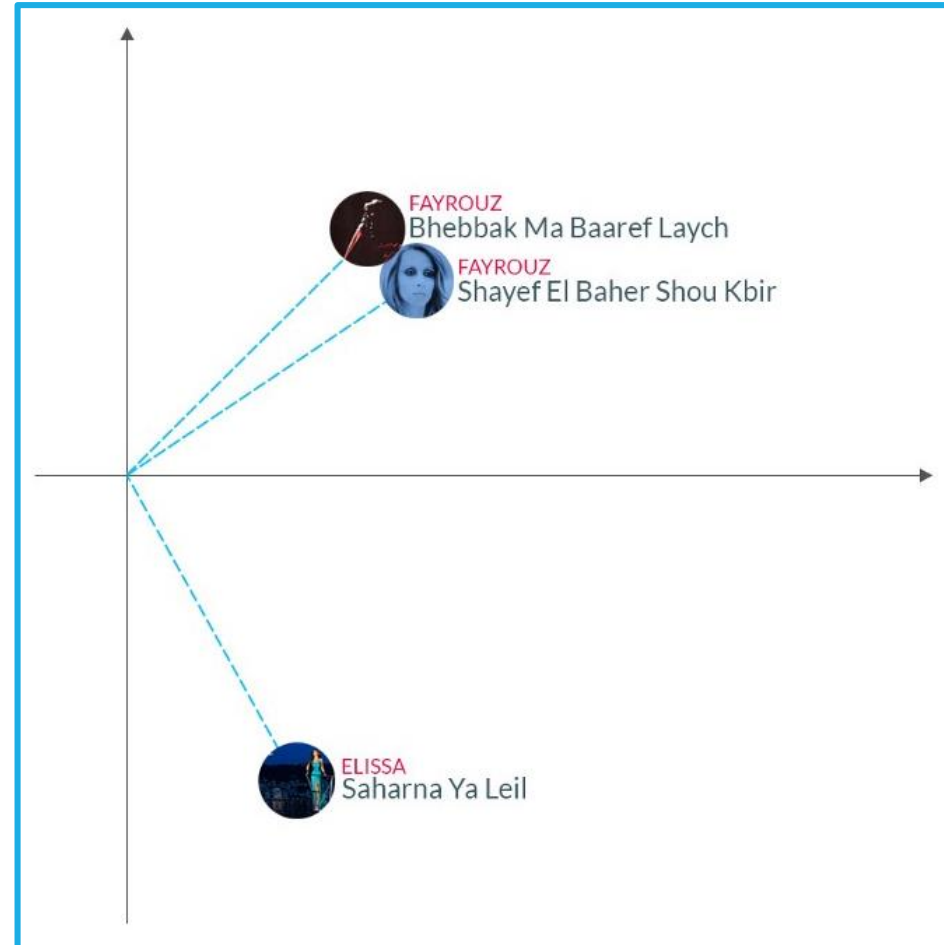


# Song2Vec : Use Case

- Transformed problem of finding song similarity into mathematical numbers.
- Weights as coordinates in a high dimensional space.
- Each song being represented by a point in that space.
- Given a particular seed song, we can find  $k$  other similar songs (cosine similarity).

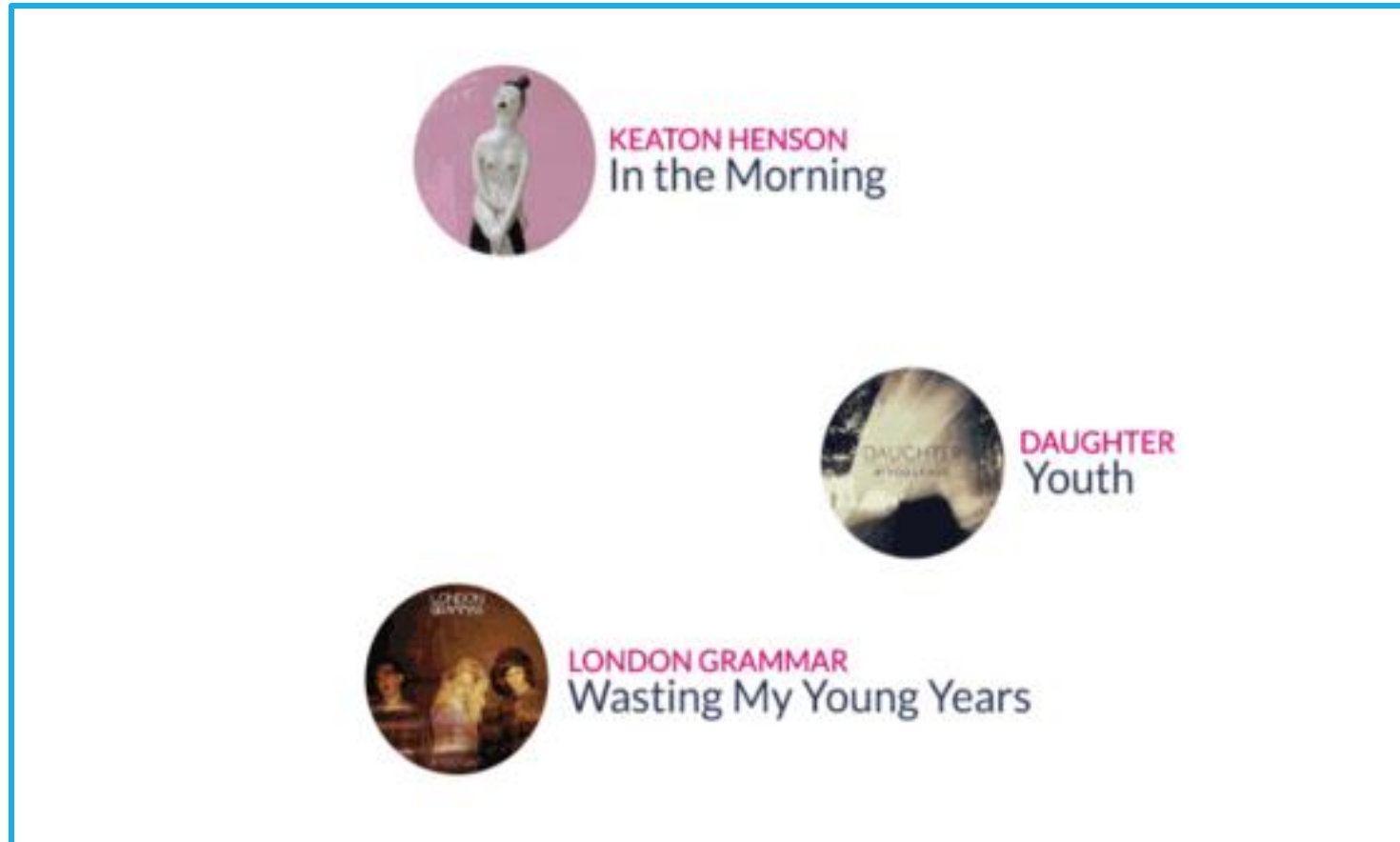


# Song2Vec : Use Case



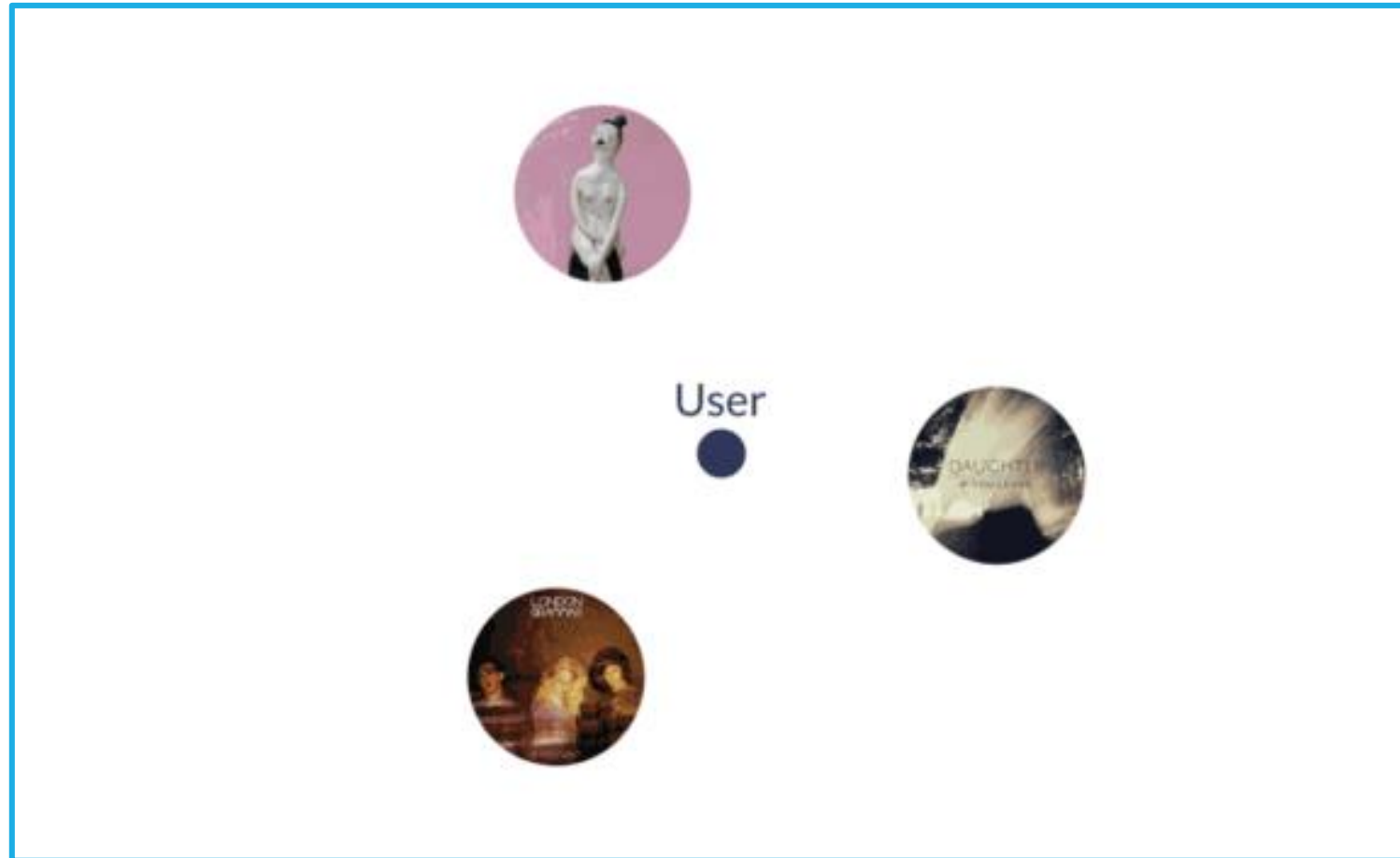
# Song2Vec : *Top-n Recommendation*

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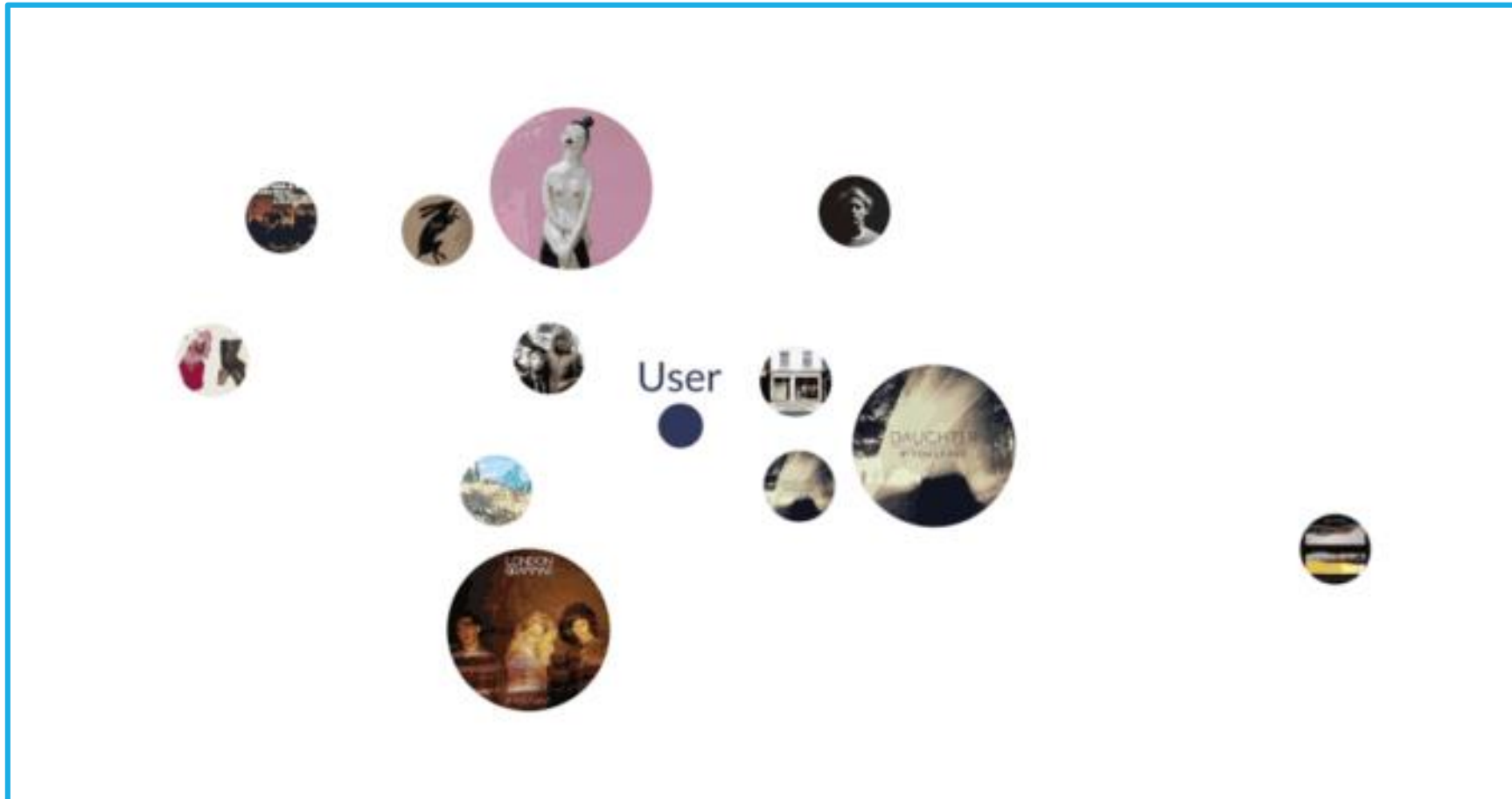


# Song2Vec : *Top-n Recommendation*

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# Final Objective Function

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$$\min_{q^*, p^*, b^*} \sum_{(u,i) \in K} (r_{ui} - \hat{r}_{u,i})^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{i,j \neq i} (s_{i,j} - q_i^T q_j)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \Omega(\Theta)$$

# Song2Vec : Experimental Method

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- Top-n recommendation
  - Given a song from the vocabulary, generate the top n recommended song for the user.
- Rating Prediction
  - Predict rating  $\hat{r}_{u,i}$  (predicted rating of  $u$  song for  $i$  user)
  - Given  $d$  is the dimension of the latent feature vectors learned by MF, what is its effect on RMSE.



# Results

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- Top 6 recommendation for the song *"The Fox"*

```
get_song("The Fox")
```

Top 6 Songs for: The Fox

Name	Similarity Score
Start Toge	0.8167651891708374
Milkshake	0.7961223125457764
Let'S Call	0.795258641242981
Leave You	0.7926040291786194
The End Of	0.7861700057983398
One Song F	0.7859086394309998

# Results

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- Top 6 recommendation for the song "*Bedragaren I Murmansk*"

```
get_song("Bedragaren I Murmansk")
```

Top 6 Songs for: Bedragaren I Murmansk

Name	Similarity Score
Ännu Mera	0.9780382513999939
Bilder Av	0.9775434732437134
M Som I	0.9768289923667908
Sån	0.9757107496261597
Hur Många	0.9739065170288086
Trösta Mig	0.9728430509567261

# Results

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- Top 6 recommendation for the song *"A little Bit Of Pain"*

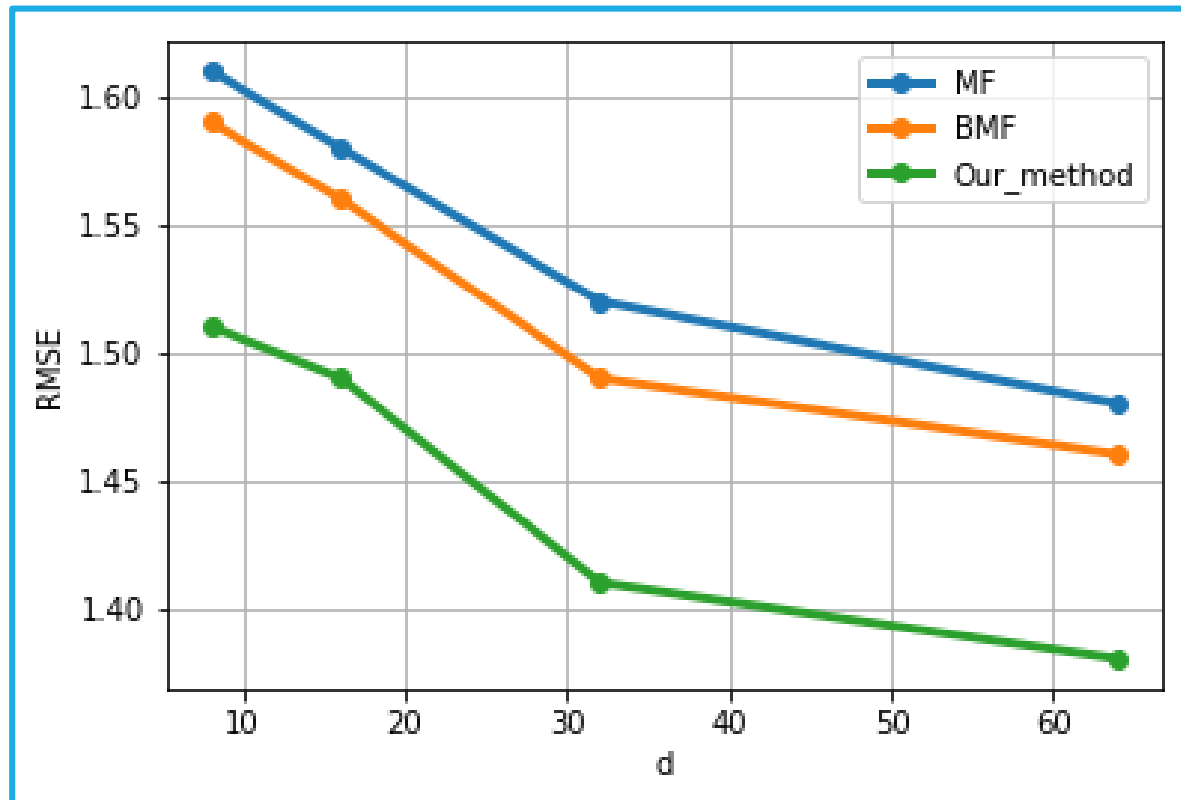
```
get_song("A Little Bit Of Pain")
```

Top 6 Songs for: A Little Bit Of Pain

Name	Similarity Score
Make You L	0.9642292261123657
Ilfracombe	0.9522489309310913
Autumn'S H	0.9332128763198853
Silent Tra	0.9329584836959839
I Would Fo	0.9248721599578857
Aphrodite	0.9218252897262573

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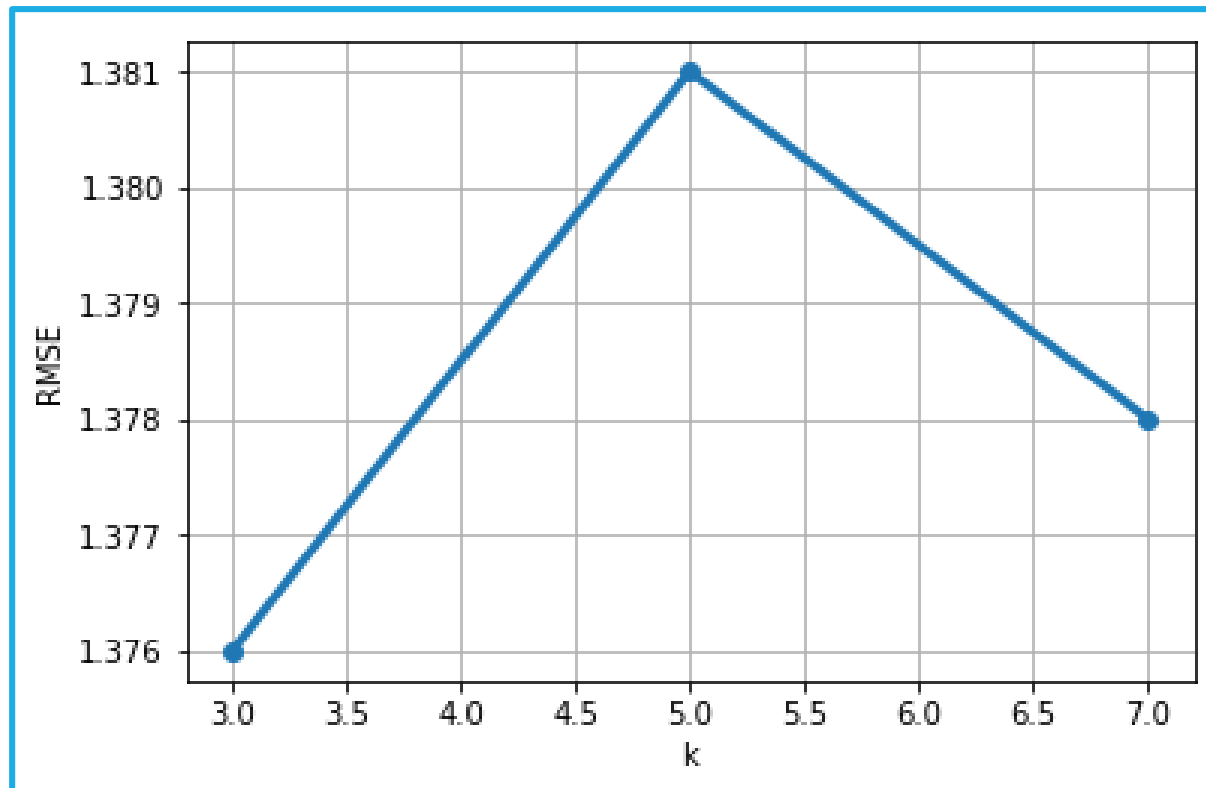
- *RMSE vs  $d$  (No. of dimensions in latent factor space)*



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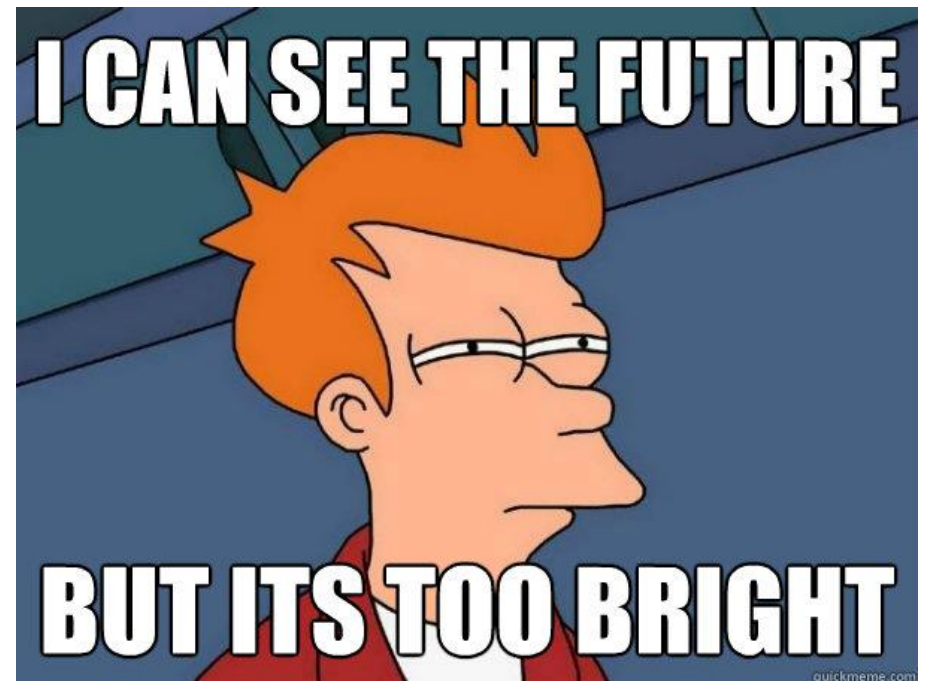
- Variation of RMSE vs k (No. of nearest neighbors)



# Future Direction

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- Why not Artist2Vec ?
- Prediction based on lyrics.
- Develop dataset with more features like demographic information, language etc.



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