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Recap

Lecture 1-2: Intro to RecSys



- 1. Examples of RecSys
- 2. Formal problem statement
- 3. Feedback types
 - a. Explicit
 - b. Implicit
- 4. Architecture of contemporary RecSys
- 5. Collaborative Filtering
 - a. User2User
 - b. Item2Item
- 6. Problems
 - a. Cold start
 - b. Feedback loop

Types of user representations



In general, we want to recommend items (music/movie/article/product) to the user so that the user is happy (we work on long-term metrics)

A typical simplification of a user's happiness is whether a recommendation is liked at the moment. Or even a bigger simplification —do you like the item as a whole or any item rating for the user

The user himself can also be represented in different ways

- 1. As an unordered set of items that the user interacted with
- 2. As an unordered set of items with ratings
- 3. As a sequence of items with ratings
- 4. As a sequence of interactions taking into account the context



Revise

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Evaluation matrix



Movie

Basically, we will represent the user as an unordered set of items with ratings and try to predict the user's rating on other items





Users







SHERLOCK	HOUSE	(AVENDERS	ARRESTON T	Breaking Bad	WALKING DEAD
2		2	4	5	
5		4			1
		5		2	
	1		5		4
		4			2
4	5		1		

Types of ratings (feedback)



It's ok

I love it

I like it



I hate it!

I don't like it

Explicit (from 1 to 5)



Implicit (have you watched this movie)



Item- and User-based approaches

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Idea



User2User

























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Item2Item























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A few formulas



$$\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ui} = \frac{\sum_{j} s(i,j) (\mathbf{r}_{uj} - \mathbf{r}_{u})}{\sum_{j} |s(i,j)|} + \mathbf{r}_{u}$$

Explicit:
$$\operatorname{corr}(i,j) = \frac{\sum_{u} (r_{ui} - r_i)(r_{uj} - r_j)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u} (r_{ui} - r_i)^2 \sum_{u} (r_{uj} - r_j)^2}}$$
s(i,j)

Implicit:
$$J(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|} = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A| + |B| - |A \cap B|}$$





It strongly depends on the number of ratings per user and per item – the more, the more reliable the similarity.

This also leads to the possibility of pre-calculation: if there are a lot of estimates, then adding a pair of estimates will not change anything. Then you can update once in a while.

The similarities themselves can be used for other tasks (candidate generation, contextual recommendations).

A bit of linear algebra

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Recall the main things about

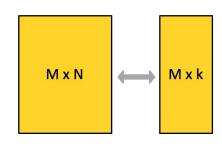


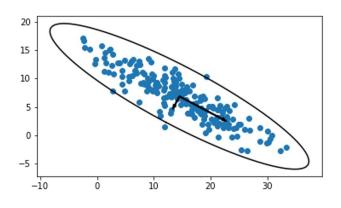
- PCA
- SVD
- Truncated SVD

PCA – staging



$$\sum_{i} dist(x_i, L_k) \to \min$$

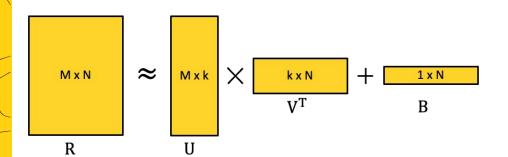


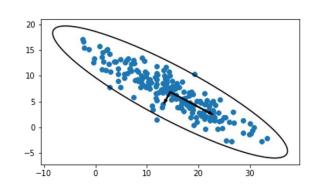




PCA – connection with matrix decompositions

$$r_{ij} = \overline{u_i}^T \overline{v_j} + b_i$$





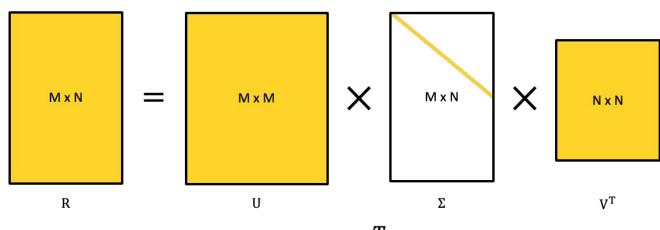
SVD



$$R = U\Sigma V^{T}$$

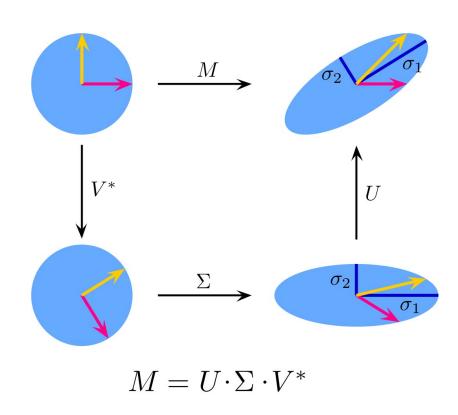
$$UU^{T} = U^{T}U = I_{M}$$

$$VV^{T} = V^{T}V = I_{N}$$



SVD





SVD compact



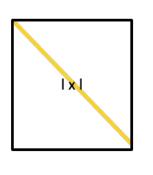
$$R = U\Sigma V^{T}$$

$$l = rank\{R\}$$

$$U^{T}U = V^{T}V = I_{l}$$









 V^{T}

 $r_{ij} = \overline{u_i}^T \Sigma \overline{v_j}$

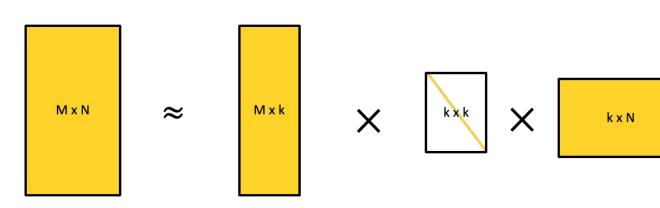


Truncated SVD



$$R \approx U \Sigma V^{T}$$

 $k \ll l = \text{rank}\{R\}$
 $U^{T}U = V^{T}V = I_{k}$



$$r_{ij} = \overline{u_i}^T \Sigma \overline{v_j}$$

Truncated SVD as optimization



$$R \approx U \Sigma V^{T} \qquad \qquad U \Sigma V^{T} = X Y^{T}$$

$$U^{T} U = V^{T} V = I_{k} \qquad X^{T} X \neq I_{k}, Y^{T} Y \neq I_{k}$$

$$\min_{\substack{U^T U = V^T V = I_k \\ \sigma_{ij} = 0, i \neq j}} \sum_{\forall i,j} (r_{ij} - u_i^T \Sigma v_j)^2 \iff \min_{X,Y} \sum_{\forall i,j} (r_{ij} - x_i^T y_j)^2$$

 $\sigma_{ii} > \sigma_{ij}, i < j$

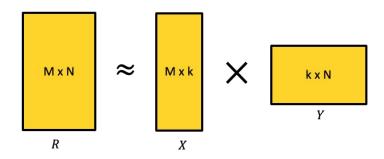
$$\min_{X,Y} \sum_{\forall i,j} (r_{ij} - x_i^T y_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i} ||x_i||^2 C_i + \lambda \sum_{i} ||y_j||^2 C_j$$

$$C_{i} = \frac{\left|\{j | r_{ij} > 0\}\right|^{\alpha} |\{i\}|}{\sum_{i} \left|\{j | r_{ij} > 0\}\right|^{\alpha}}$$

Truncated SVD as optimization



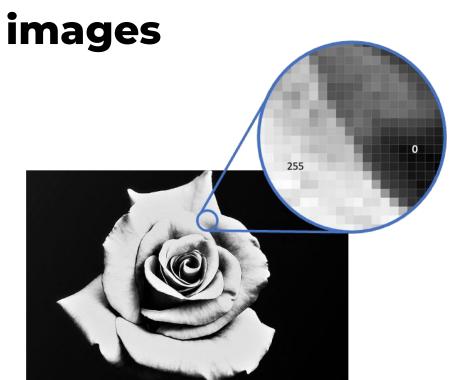
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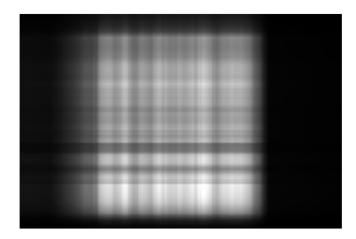
$$r_{i,j} = x_i^T y_j$$

Truncated SVD on the example of





400 x 600 image 240 000 values



400 x 1 / 1 x 1 / 1 x 600 matrices 1001 values

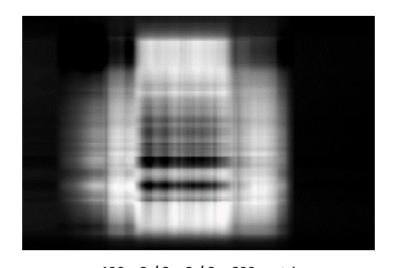


Truncated SVD on the example of images





400 x 600 image 240 000 values



400 x 2 / 2 x 2 / 2 x 600 matrices 2002 values

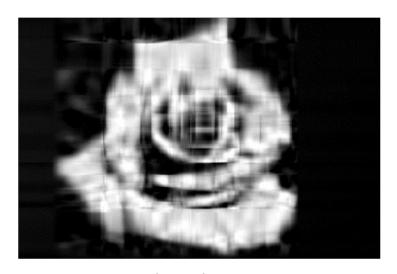


Truncated SVD on the example of images





400 x 600 image 240 000 values



400 x 9 / 9 x 9 / 9 x 600 matrices 9009 values



Matrix factorizations

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Funk SVD



Item







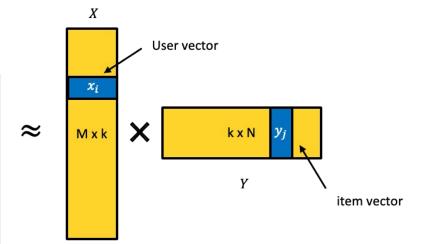
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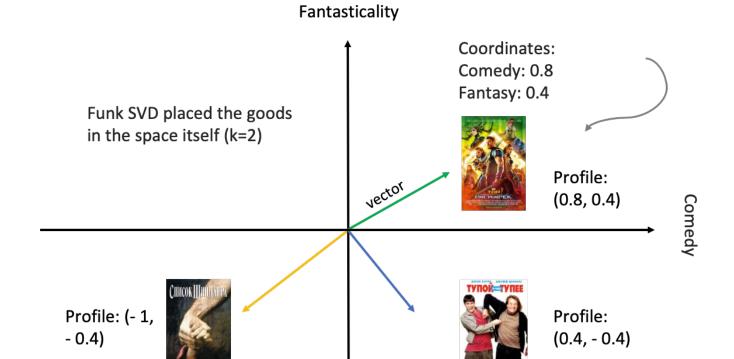
$$\min_{X,Y} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} (r_{ij} - x_i^T y_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_i ||x_i||^2 C_i + \lambda \sum_j ||y_j||^2 C_j$$

Restored matrix

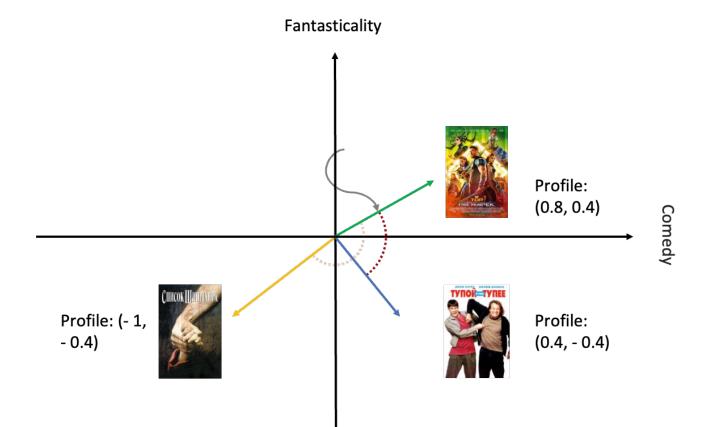


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	4	4	4				.2	-1	0.38	0.6	1.2	-0.7	-1.18
2				1	1		.1	1	-0.11	-0.9	-0.9	1.0	0.91

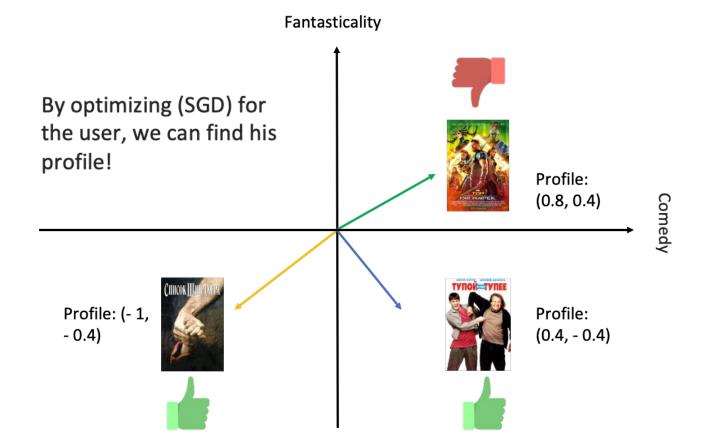




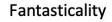


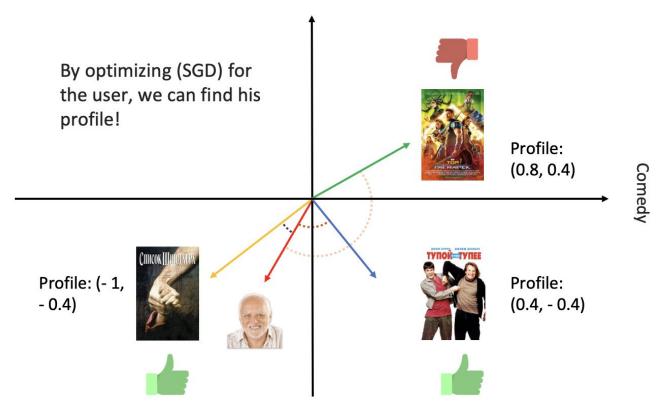




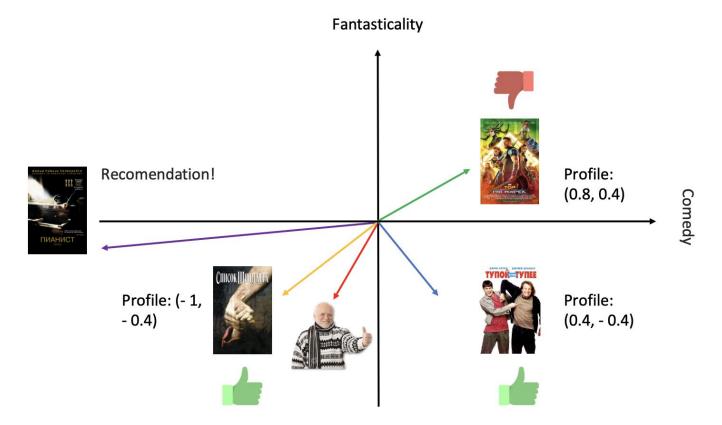












SVD Results



Matrix factorizations (MF) do not read the similarity of goods directly (as in CF).

MF attempts to describe users and products with a small set of characteristics that explain the ratings.

These characteristics may not be interpreted, at least the winds of items and users are determined with precision to the turn.

Unfortunately, SGD is difficult to parallelize.

Alternating Least Squares

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ALS

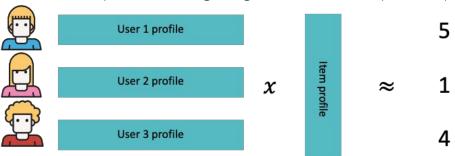


$$\min_{X,Y} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} (r_{ij} - x_i^T y_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_i ||x_i||^2 C_i + \lambda \sum_j ||y_j||^2 C_j$$

Initialize X and Y with random values.

In the loop:

- We fix the matrix X (users)
- Find the optimal matrix Y (solve the ridge regression for each product)



And vice versa

ALS – step by x_i



$$\underset{x_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{(i,j) \in R} (r_{ij} - x_i^T y_j)^2 + \lambda \sum_i ||x_i||^2 C_i + \lambda \sum_j ||y_j||^2 C_j =$$

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$$\underset{x_{i}}{\operatorname{argmin}} -2x_{i}^{T} B_{i} + x_{i}^{T} A_{i} x_{i} = A_{i}^{-1} B_{i}$$



$$\underset{x_{i}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{(i,j)\in R} (r_{ij} - x_{i}^{T} y_{j})^{2} + \lambda \sum_{i} ||x_{i}||^{2} C_{i} + \lambda \sum_{j} ||y_{j}||^{2} C_{j} = \\
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\left(\sum_{j|(i,j)\in R} y_{j} y_{j}^{T} + \lambda C_{i} I\right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{j|(i,j)\in R} r_{ij} y_{j}\right)$$

Implicit Alternating Least Squares

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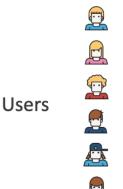






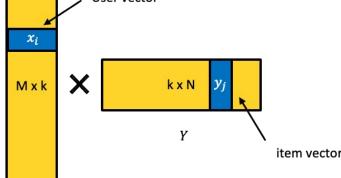






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IALS



$$p_{ij} = egin{cases} 1, & r_{ij} > 0 \ 0, & r_{ij} \leq 0 \ or \ r_{ij} - undefined \end{cases}$$

Did you like it?

IALS



$$p_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & r_{ij} > 0 \\ 0, & r_{ij} \le 0 \text{ or } r_{ij} - undefined \end{cases}$$

$$c_{ij} = 1 + \alpha |r_{ij}|$$

How confident are you in
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IALS



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$$C_i = \frac{\left(\sum_{j|(i,j) \in R} c_{ij}\right)^{\alpha} |\{i\}|}{\sum_{i} \left(\sum_{j|(i,j) \in R} c_{ij}\right)^{\alpha}}$$



IALS: How to optimize



$$\underset{x_{i}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{\forall i,j} c_{ij} (p_{ij} - x_{i}^{T} y_{j})^{2} + \lambda \sum_{i} ||x_{i}||^{2} C_{i} + \lambda \sum_{j} ||y_{j}||^{2} C_{j} = \left(\sum_{\forall j} c_{ij} y_{j} y_{j}^{T} + \lambda C_{i} I \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{\forall j} c_{ij} p_{ij} y_{j} \right) =$$

IALS: How to optimize



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$$\left(\sum_{\forall j | p_{ij} = 0} c_{ij} y_{j} \cdot y_{j}^{T} + \sum_{\forall j | p_{ij} \neq 0} c_{ij} y_{j} y_{j}^{T} + \lambda C_{i} I \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{\forall j | p_{ij} \neq 0} c_{ij} p_{ij} y_{j} \right) =$$

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$$\left(Y^{T}Y + \lambda C_{i}I + \sum_{\forall j | p_{ij} \neq 0} (c_{ij} - 1) y_{j} y_{j}^{T} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{\forall j | p_{ij} \neq 0} c_{ij} p_{ij} y_{j} \right)$$

IALS – generalizations



The target p_{ij} can be not only 1 where there is a signal (we leave the implicit one equal to 0).

In confidence c_{ij} it is not necessary to use 1 as the default, any peer-to-peer matrix.three times.

The model can be slightly complicated by analogy with PCA:

$$r_{ij} \approx x_i y_j$$
 \longrightarrow $r_{ij} \approx x_i y_j + b_i + b_j + \mu$

You can combine several types of assessments with each other.

Other generalizations



ALS

$$r_{ij} \approx x_i y_j + b_i + b_j + \mu$$

$$r_{ij} \approx \left(x_i + \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\{s|p_{is} \neq 0\}|}} \sum_{\forall s|p_{is} \neq 0} \widehat{y_s}\right) y_j + b_i + b_j + \mu$$

$$r_{ij}(t) \approx \left(x_i(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\{s|p_{is} \neq 0\}|}} \sum_{\forall s|n_{is} \neq 0} \widehat{y_s}\right) y_j + b_i(t) + b_j(t) + \mu$$

Sparse matrices

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Types of sparse matrices





Various targets

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Target can be anything



It can be

- likes
- rating
- time spent
- some custom formula

Different targets correspond to different dependencies

Several ALS at time



Functions of embeddings:

- candidate generators
- features in ranking

Incremental training

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Realtime fine tuning



We want our model to update fast, so we update matrices separately



Other generalizations (at the next lecture)

- SLIM
- Factorization machine
- DSSM
- Other losses

ALS implementations



- https://github.com/lyst/lightfm
- https://github.com/benfred/implicit/
- https://github.com/NicolasHug/Surprise
- https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/api/python/reference/api/pyspark.ml.r ecommendation.ALS.html
 - https://spark.apache.org/docs/latest/ml-collaborative-filtering.html
- https://github.com/RUCAIBox/RecBole

https://github.com/metarank/metarank - full system implementation

Thanks for attention!

Questions?



