• Assignment: 10.2 Recommender System

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Movie Recommender System using Content-Based and Collaborative Filtering

Techniques Used:

- Content-Based Filtering using TF-IDF on genres and tags
- Collaborative Filtering using Truncated SVD and Nearest Neighbors

Step1: Load the necessary packages

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.neighbors import NearestNeighbors
from sklearn.decomposition import TruncatedSVD
from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import cosine_similarity
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Step2: Load and understand the data

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In [9]: # Load data
movies = pd.read_csv('ml-latest-small/movies.csv')
ratings = pd.read_csv('ml-latest-small/ratings.csv')
tags = pd.read_csv('ml-latest-small/tags.csv')
links = pd.read_csv('ml-latest-small/links.csv')
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In [13]: print("*****Movies dataset Sample*****\n")
         print(movies.head(3))
         print("\n****Ratings dataset Sample****\n")
         print(ratings.head(3))
         print("\n*****Tags dataset Sample*****\n")
         print(tags.head(3))
         print("\n*****Links dataset Sample*****\n")
         print(links.head(3))
        ****Movies dataset Sample****
           movieId
                                      title \
                           Toy Story (1995)
        0
                             Jumanji (1995)
                 2
        1
                 3 Grumpier Old Men (1995)
                                                genres
           Adventure | Animation | Children | Comedy | Fantasy
                            Adventure | Children | Fantasy
        1
        2
                                        Comedy | Romance
        ****Ratings dataset Sample****
           userId movieId rating timestamp
        0
                1
                               4.0 964982703
        1
                               4.0 964981247
                         6
                               4.0 964982224
        *****Tags dataset Sample****
           userId movieId
                                        tag
                                             timestamp
                                      funny 1445714994
        0
                     60756
                     60756 Highly quotable 1445714996
                     60756
                               will ferrell 1445714992
        *****Links dataset Sample****
           movieId imdbId
                             tmdbId
        0
                 1 114709
                            862.0
        1
                 2 113497 8844.0
        2
                 3 113228 15602.0
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Key Columns:

movies: movield, title, genres

- ratings: userld, movield, rating
- tags: userld, movield, tag

Links dataset can be ignored as columns imdld and tmdbld are for referencing outer resources

Step3: Content - Based Recommender

3.1 Prepare Movie Content Genre + tag

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In [24]: # Aggregate tags and merge with genres
    agg_tags = tags.groupby('movieId')['tag'].apply(lambda x: ' '.join(set(x))).reset_index()

# Merge with movie genres
    movie_content = pd.merge(movies,agg_tags, on='movieId', how='left')
    movie_content['tag'] = movie_content['tag'].fillna('')
    movie_content['content'] = movie_content['genres'] + ' ' + movie_content['tag']
```

3.2 Vectorize using TfidfVectorizer and Apply Nearest Neighbors

TfidfVectorizer to turn movie content (genres + tags) into numerical vectors

Nearest Neighbor to find the most similar vectors with metric cosine as we are not working in Numerical or user behavior(ratings)

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In [25]: # TfidfVectorizer to turn movie content (genres + tags) into numerical vectors
    tfidf = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')
    tfidf_matrix = tfidf.fit_transform(movie_content['content'])

# Build Nearest Neighbors model
    nn_model = NearestNeighbors(metric='cosine', algorithm='brute')
    nn_model.fit(tfidf_matrix)
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Out[25]: NearestNeighbors

NearestNeighbors(algorithm='brute', metric='cosine')
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3.3 Use Movield for indexing, to perform search by movielD based on title, and Build mappings

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In [27]: # Use MovieId for indexing and build title mappings
movie_content = movie_content.sort_values('movieId').reset_index(drop=True)
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movieId_to_index = {mid: idx for idx, mid in enumerate(movie_content['movieId'])}
index_to_movieId = {idx: mid for mid, idx in movieId_to_index.items()}
movieId_to_title = movies.set_index('movieId')['title'].to_dict()
title_to_movieId = {v: k for k,v in movieId_to_title.items()}
```

3.4 Create Recommender Function

```
In [35]: # Function to recommend top 10 titles based on movie title

def recommend_content_nn(title, top_n=10):
    if title not in title_to_movieId:
        return f"Movie '{title}' not found in."
    movie_id = title_to_movieId[title]
    if movie_id not in movieId_to_title:
        return f"Movie ID for '{title}' not found in content."
    idx=movieId_to_index[movie_id]
    distances, indices_nn = nn_model.kneighbors(tfidf_matrix[idx], n_neighbors=top_n+1)
    similar_ids = [index_to_movieId[i] for i in indices_nn[0][1:]]
    return [movieId_to_title[mid] for mid in similar_ids]
```

3.5 Try a Movie

Step4. Collaborative Filtering - Based Recommender

4.1 Prepare user-Movie Ratings matrix for collaborative filtering

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In [30]: # Pivot ratings into user-movie matrix
user_movie_matrix = ratings.pivot_table(index='userId', columns = 'movieId', values='rating').fillna(0)
# Transpose to get movie-user matrix(rows: movies, columns: users)
movie_user_matrix = user_movie_matrix.T
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4.2 Matrix Factorization using Truncated SVD and fit nearest neighbors on latent factors

- Matrix factorization to estimate user preferences and make recommendations
- Truncated SVD to reduce dimensionality and learn latent features of movies
- · Nearestneighbors to find movies similar to a given movie in latent space

NearestNeighbors(algorithm='brute', metric='cosine')

4.3 Indexing by movield

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In [50]: # Build index <-> movieId mappings
movie_ids = movie_user_matrix.index.tolist()
movieId_to_index_cf = {mid: idx for idx, mid in enumerate(movie_ids)}
index_to_movieId_cf = {idx: mid for mid, idx in enumerate(movie_ids)}
```

4.4 Build Recommendation Function for collaborative filtering

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In [51]: # Function to recommend top 10 titles based on movie title

def recommend_collaborative_nn(title, top_n=10):
    if title not in title_to_movieId:
        return f"Movie '{title}' not found in."
    movie_id = title_to_movieId[title]
    if movie_id not in movieId_to_index_cf:
        return f"Movie ID for '{title}' not found in ratings matrix."
    idx=movieId_to_index_cf[movie_id]
    distances, indices_nn = nn_model_cf.kneighbors([movie_factors[idx]], n_neighbors=top_n+1)
    similar_ids = [movie_ids[i] for i in indices_nn[0][1:]]
    return [movieId_to_title[mid] for mid in similar_ids if mid in movieId_to_title]
```

4.5 Test a movie

Step5. Interactive Recommendation System

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In [60]: def interactive recommender():
            print("Welcome to the Movie Recommender System!")
            print("----")
            print("You can get recommendations using:")
            print("- Content-based Filtering (Genres and Tags)")
            print("- Collaborative Filtering (Ratings by similar users)")
            print("Type 'exit' anytime to guit.\n")
            while True:
                user input = input("Enter a movie title").strip()
               if user input.lower().strip() == 'exit':
                   print("Thank you for using the Recommender. Goodbye!")
                   break
                if user input not in title to movieId:
                   print("Movie not found. Please try again.")
                   continue
               print("\nChoose Recommendation Type:")
               print("1 = Content-Based")
               print("2 = Collaborative Filtering")
               model choice = input("Enter 1 or 2 to select Recommendation Type: ").strip()
               if model_choice == '1':
                   print("\nContent-Based Recommendations:")
                   print("----")
                   recommendations = recommend_content_nn(user_input)
               elif model choice == '2':
                   print("\nCollaborative Filtering Recommendations:")
                   print("-----")
                   recommendations = recommend collaborative nn(user input)
                else:
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print("Invalid choice. Returning to main menu. \\n")
           continue
        for i, movie in enumerate(recommendations,1):
           print(f"{i}. {movie}")
        print("\n----\n")
 # Run the CLI
 interactive recommender()
Welcome to the Movie Recommender System!
_____
You can get recommendations using:

    Content-based Filtering (Genres and Tags)

- Collaborative Filtering (Ratings by similar users)
Type 'exit' anytime to quit.
Choose Recommendation Type:
1 = Content-Based
2 = Collaborative Filtering
Content-Based Recommendations:
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1. Arrival, The (1996)

- 2. Day the Earth Stood Still, The (1951)
- 3. Men in Black (a.k.a. MIB) (1997)
- 4. Signs (2002)
- 5. Astronaut's Wife, The (1999)
- 6. Alien (1979)
- 7. Thing from Another World, The (1951)
- 8. My Stepmother Is an Alien (1988)
- 9. E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982)
- 10. Total Recall (1990)

Choose Recommendation Type:

1 = Content-Based

2 = Collaborative Filtering

Collaborative Filtering Recommendations:

- 1. Mission: Impossible (1996)
- 2. Rock, The (1996)
- 3. Twister (1996)
- 4. Jurassic Park (1993)
- 5. Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)
- 6. Twelve Monkeys (a.k.a. 12 Monkeys) (1995)
- 7. Star Wars: Episode VI Return of the Jedi (1983)
- 8. Toy Story (1995)
- 9. Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope (1977)
- 10. Dragonheart (1996)

Thank you for using the Recommender. Goodbye!

In []: