

Recommender Systems in a Nutshell

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Outline

- Introduction to Recommender Systems
- Algorithms
- Product Recommendations at Novomatic

Introduction to Recommender Systems

Trending Now



Because you liked King Arthur



Because you added Mars to your list



Top Picks for Bogdan



Trending Now

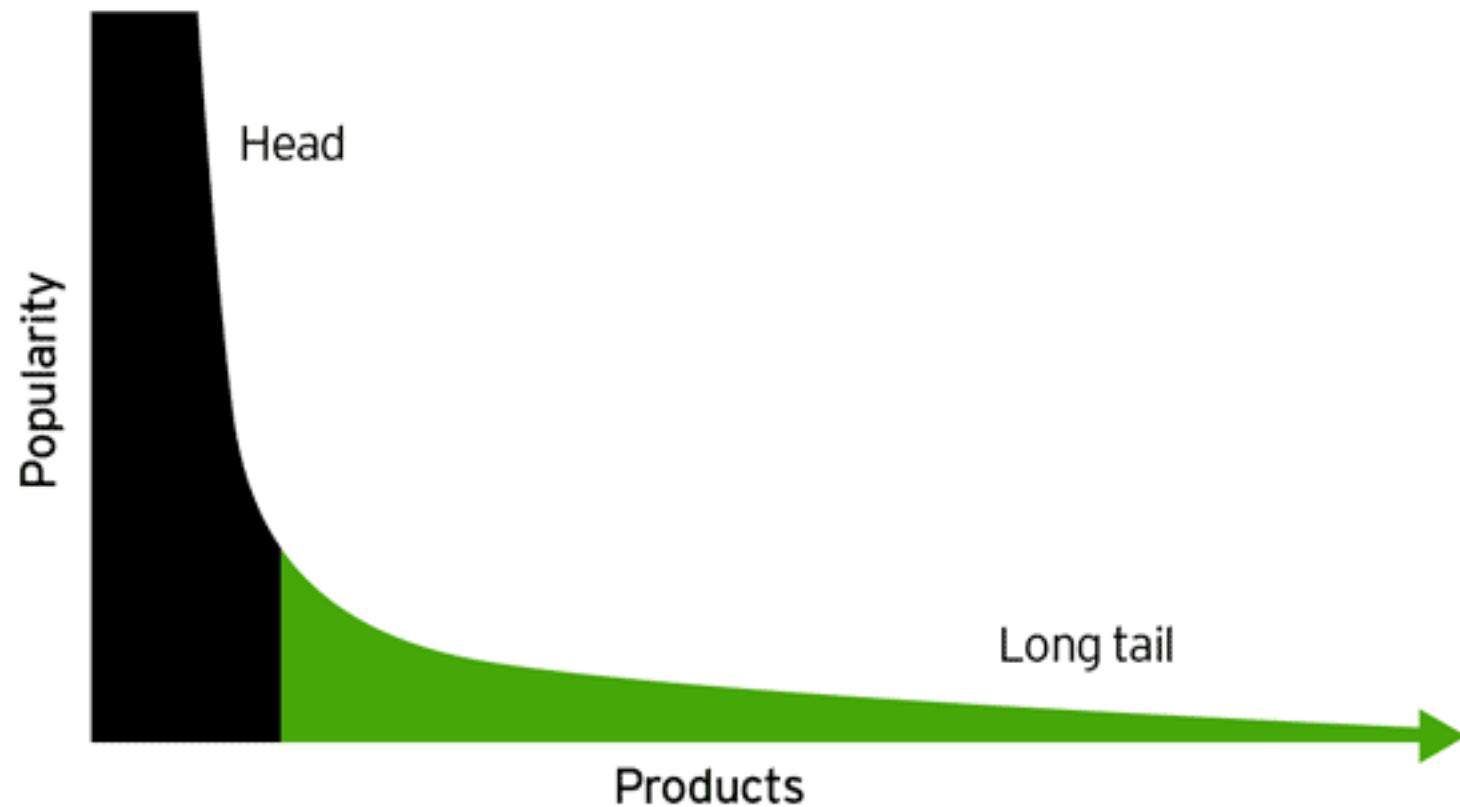


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Why Recommender Systems?

- Online businesses have to opportunity to leverage Long Tail¹ effect



¹ C.Anderson, "The Long Tail", 2008

Why Recommender Systems?

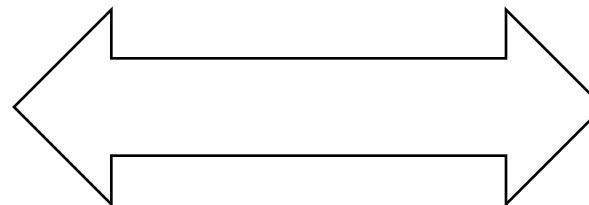
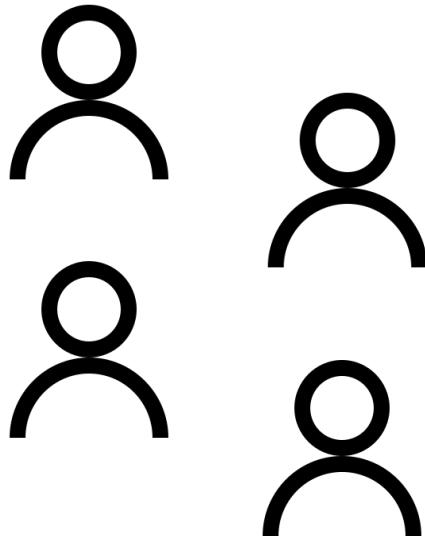
- Personalized Recommendations should improve
 - Conversion Rate
 - User engagement
 - Retention rate
 - Revenue
- The Business Value¹ of Recommendations
 - Netflix: 2/3 of the movies watched are recommended
 - Google News: recommendations generate 38% more click-through
 - Amazon: 35% sales from recommendations

¹ X. Amatriain lectures from 2014 (<http://technocalifornia.blogspot.co.at/2014/08/introduction-to-recommender-systems-4.html>)

Algorithms

Terminology

Users = Players



Items = Games



Target Variable

- Metric for “how much will a user like an item?”
- Explicit ratings
 - 1-5 stars
- Implicit ratings
 - Purchase behavior (purchased/not purchased)
 - Games/Media consumption behavior (how many times played)

Utility Matrix



60		95
	20	
55		
200		50
	48	24
160		40
125	100	150
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	85	

Algorithm Types

- Non-personalized Recommendations
 - Popularity-Based
- Content-Based Filtering
 - Item features necessary
 - Each user is predicted independently
- Collaborative Filtering
 - Features are learned
 - All user ratings help improve the prediction

Collaborative Filtering - Algorithms

- Neighborhood methods
 - User Similarity
 - Item Similarity
- Matrix Factorization

Intuition - User Similarity

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Joe

Implementation

Item Similarity Recommender

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Item Similarity Matrix

			
	1	.5	.7
	.5	1	.4
	.7	.4	1

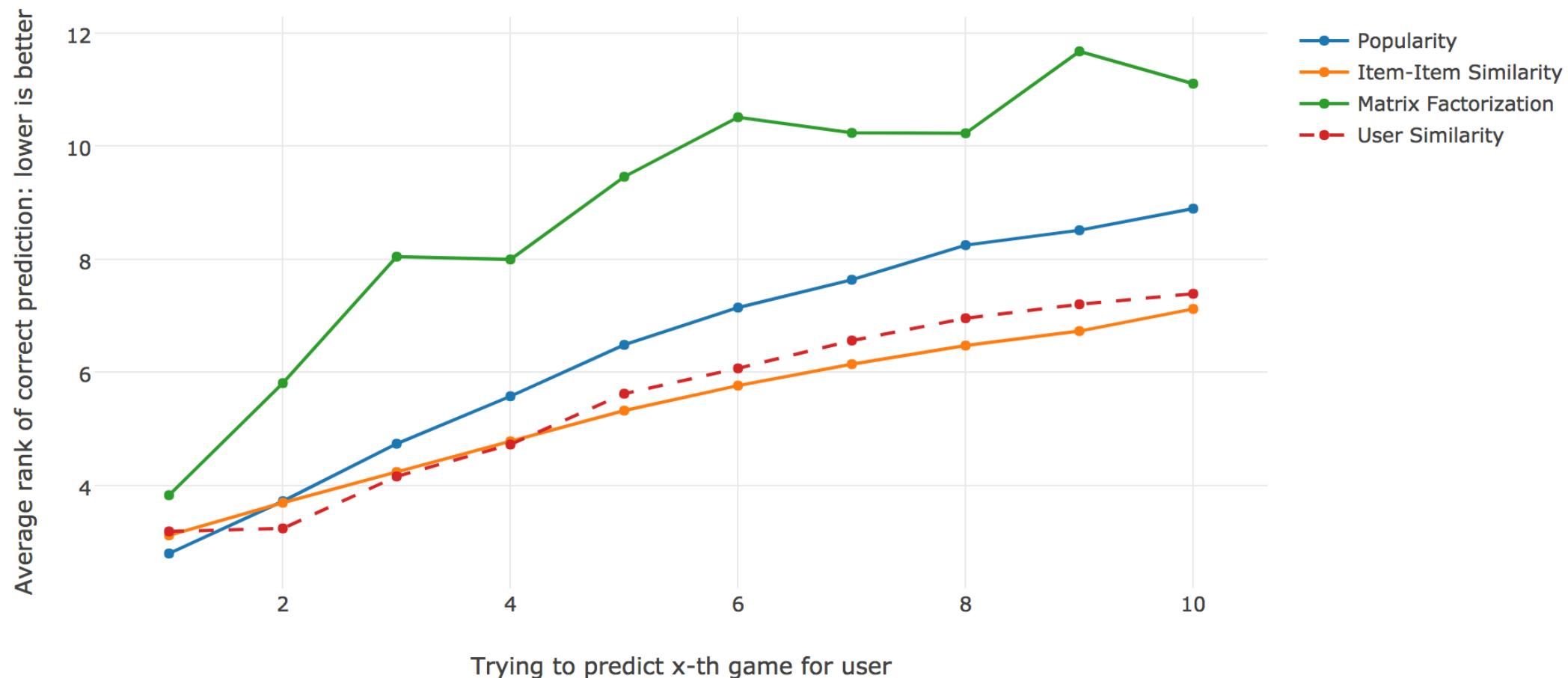
Item Similarity in Slotpark



Recommendations@Novomatic

Slotpark Integration

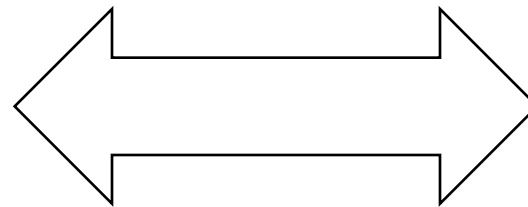
Algorithm Performance



Integration with Slotpark



Test Group



Control Group



Results

- Number of game titles
 - Statistically significant increase
- Number of sessions
 - Statistically significant increase
- Revenue
 - Increase, but not statistically significant

Thank you!

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