

Music Recommendation System

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Introduction



Problem Statement & Objectives

► Problem

Finding new music that matches personal taste is difficult for users.

► Objective

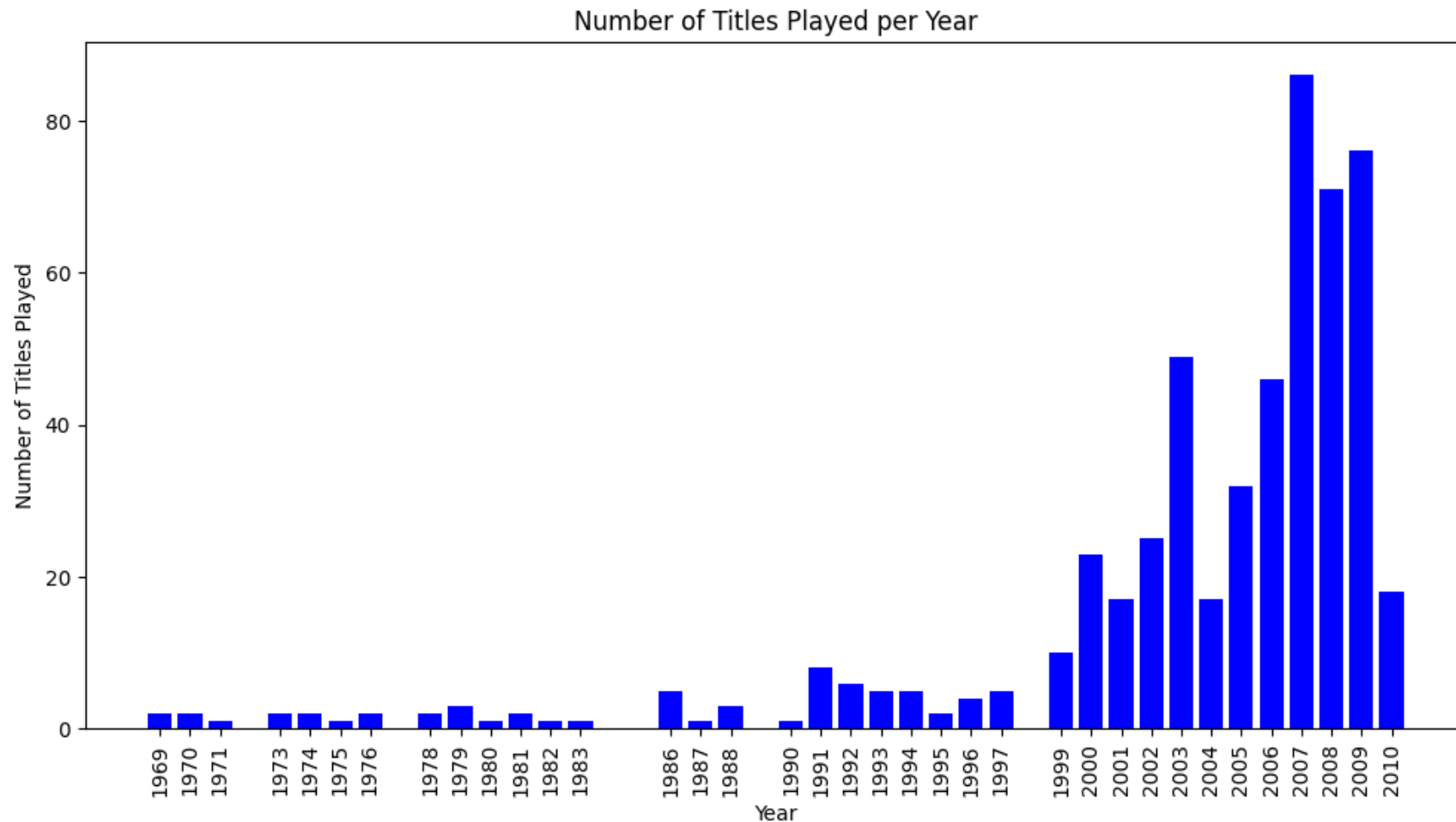
Develop a recommendation system that suggests songs based on listening habits.

Dataset & Data collection









- ▶ 337 unique users
- ▶ 620 unique songs
- ▶ 247 artists
- ▶ 93.32% Sparsity

	song_id	release	artist_name	year	user_id	play_count	text
title							
Van Helsing Boombox	7900	Six Demon Bag	Man Man	2006	44689	1	Van Helsing Boombox Six Demon Bag Man Man
Sincerité Et Jalousie	617	Simple Et Funky	Alliance Ethnik	<NA>	34225	3	Sincerité Et Jalousie Simple Et Funky Alliance...
The Maestro	4954	Check Your Head	Beastie Boys	1992	27018	5	The Maestro Check Your Head Beastie Boys
Too Much Love	2557	LCD Soundsystem	LCD Soundsystem	2005	27018	4	Too Much Love LCD Soundsystem LCD Soundsystem
Porno Disaster	6482	Identification Parade	Octopus Project	2002	3139	2	Porno Disaster Identification Parade Octopus P...

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)



Modeling Techniques

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Proposed Model Solution

► Hybrid Recommendation System (SVD & User-User Based)

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Challenges

- ▶ Computational Costs
- ▶ Scalability:
- ▶ Data Bias
- ▶ Privacy & Security
- ▶ Sustainability



Summary:

- ▶ Built a Hybrid Recommendation System using SVD & User-Based Filtering.
- ▶ Balanced accuracy & diversity, improving recommendations.
- ▶ Enhanced user engagement, making the system scalable for streaming services.
- ▶ Future improvements: Deep learning & real-time updates.

Thank You 😊

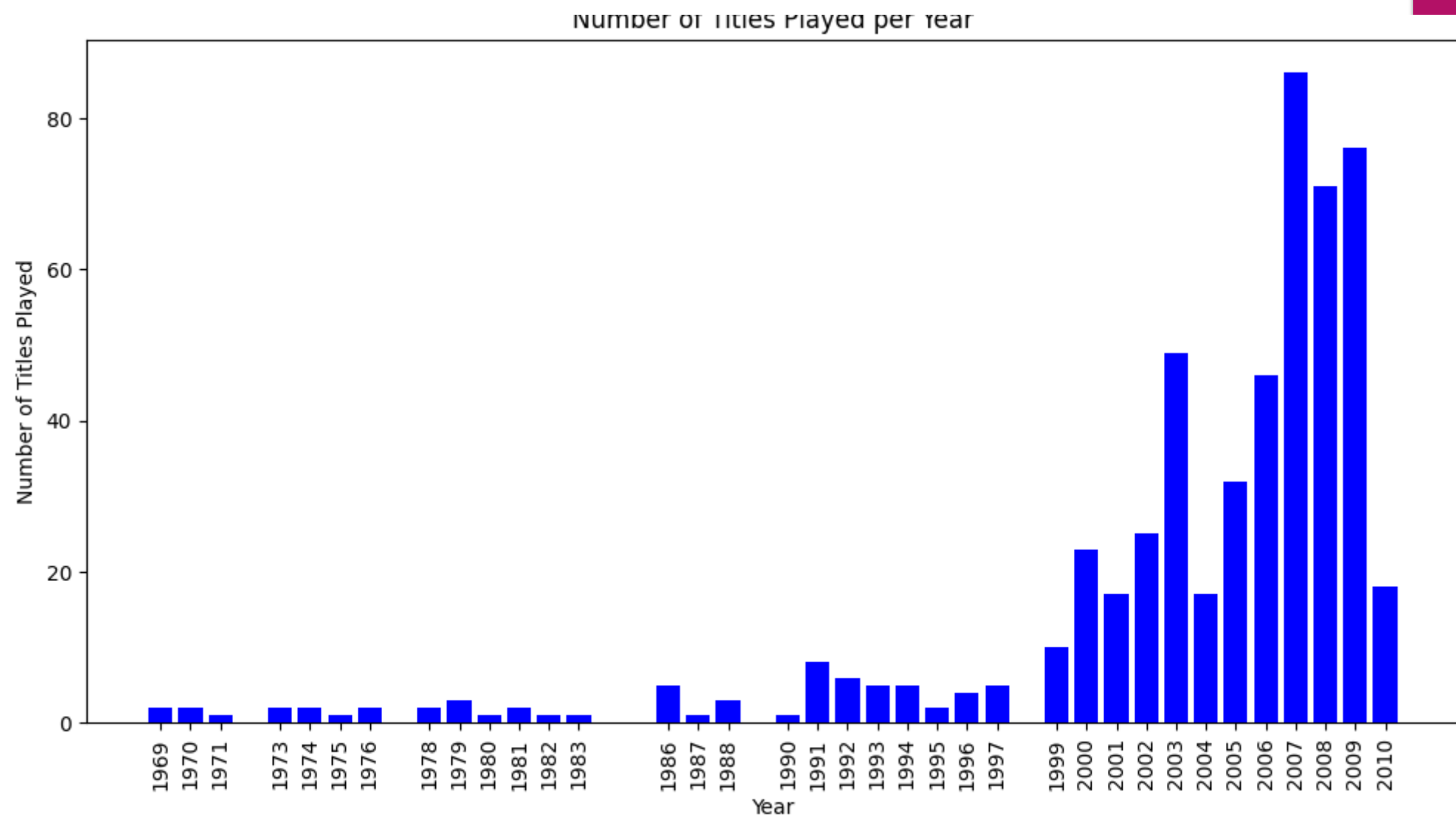
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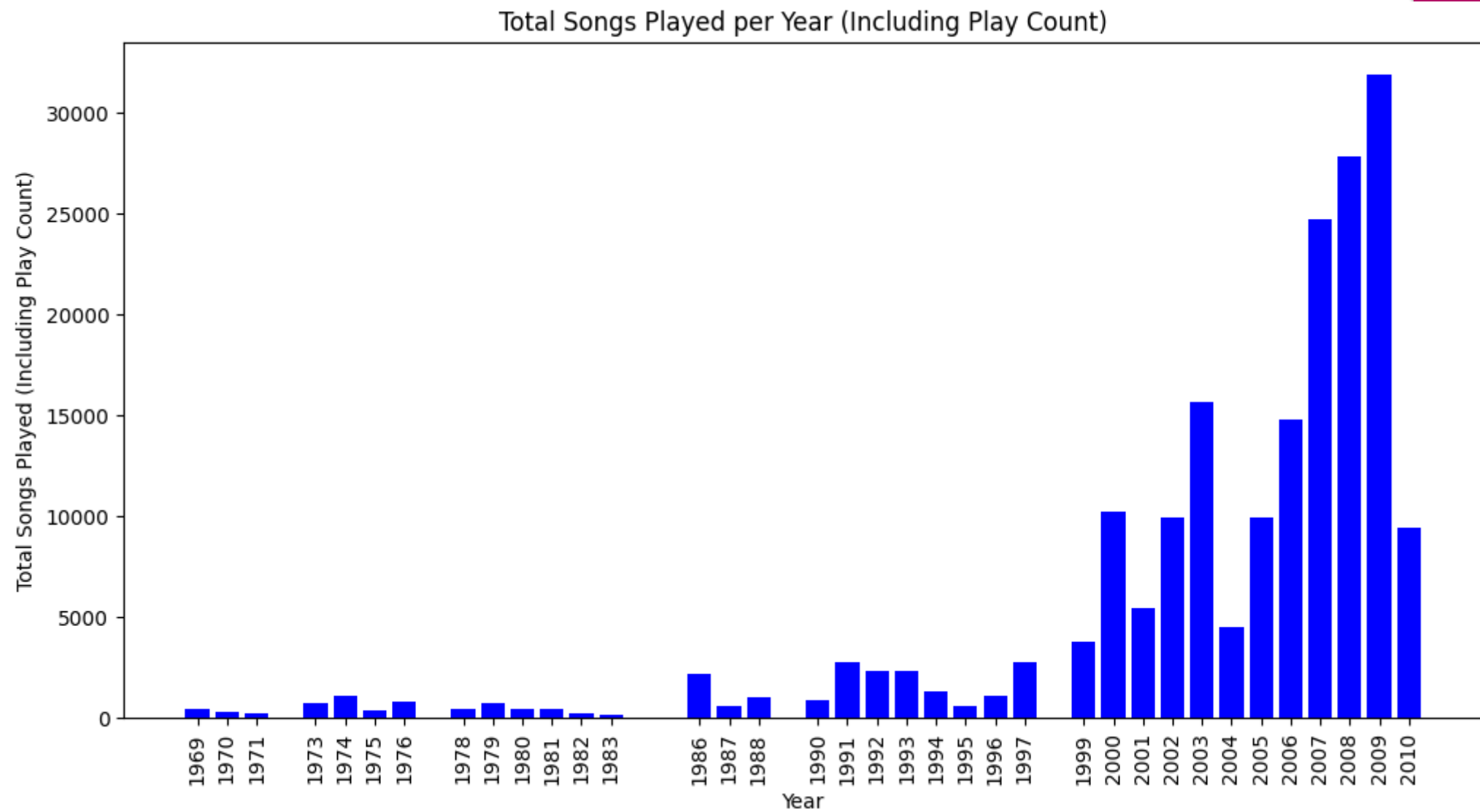
	Count	Percentage
title		
Use Somebody	1602	1.16

Column: release		
	Count	Percentage
release		
My Worlds	1967	1.42

Column: artist_name		
	Count	Percentage
artist_name		
Coldplay	6527	4.72

Number of unique values in song_id: 620
 Number of unique values in title: 629
 Number of unique values in release: 453
 Number of unique values in artist_name: 247
 Number of unique values in year: 37
 Number of unique values in user_id: 3337
 Number of unique values in play_count: 5





Solution Code 1

```
.. # Build baseline model using svd
hybrid_svd = SVD(n_factors=150, biased=True, random_state=1)
# n_factor: Latent factors (user & item features extracted from interactions)
# biased: Determines whether to include user and item biases in the prediction
# True: model learns biases for users and items to improve accuracy

# Training the algorithm on the training dataset
hybrid_svd.fit(trainset)
```

```
.. <surprise.prediction_algorithms.matrix_factorization.SVD at 0x79264c874c10>
```

```
.. # Let us compute precision@k, recall@k, and f_1 score with k = 10
precision_recall_at_k(hybrid_svd)
```

RMSE: 0.9743

Precision: 0.424

Recall: 0.613

F_1 score: 0.501

Solution Code 2

Compute User-Based Similarity

```
# Aggregate duplicate entries by summing play counts
df_cleaned = df.groupby(['user_id', 'song_id'])['play_count'].sum().reset_index()

# Create user-song matrix
user_song_matrix = df_cleaned.pivot(index='user_id', columns='song_id', values='play_count').fillna(0)

# Compute cosine similarity between users
user_similarity = cosine_similarity(user_song_matrix)

# Convert similarity matrix into DataFrame
user_sim_df = pd.DataFrame(user_similarity, index=user_song_matrix.index, columns=user_song_matrix.index)
```


Solution Code 3

Hybrid Recommendation Function

```
def hybrid_recommend(user_id, song_id):  
    # Get SVD predicted rating  
    pred_rating = hybrid_svd.predict(user_id, song_id).est  
  
    # Get user-based similarity score  
    if user_id in user_sim_df.index:  
        similar_users = user_sim_df[user_id].sort_values(ascending=False)[1:6] # Top 5 similar users  
        user_based_score = df_cleaned[  
            (df_cleaned['user_id'].isin(similar_users.index)) &  
            (df_cleaned['song_id'] == song_id)  
        ][['play_count']].mean()  
    else:  
        user_based_score = 0 # Default score if no similar users  
  
    # Hybrid Score: Weighted sum of SVD prediction and user-based score  
    hybrid_score = (0.7 * pred_rating) + (0.3 * (user_based_score if not np.isnan(user_based_score) else 0))  
  
    return hybrid_score
```

Solution Code Predictions

Make Predictions for Specific Users & Songs

```
# Making prediction for user (user_id=6958) to song (song_id=1671), r_ui=2  
hybrid_svd.predict(6958, 1671, r_ui=2, verbose=True)
```

```
user: 6958      item: 1671      r_ui = 2.00   est = 1.31   {'was_impossible': False}
```

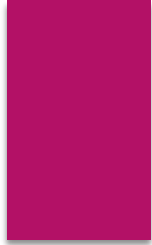
```
Prediction(uid=6958, iid=1671, r_ui=2, est=1.3136149649009117, details={'was_impossible': False})
```

Predict Play Count for a User Who Has NOT Listened to a Song

```
# Predict play count for a user who has NOT listened to a song  
hybrid_svd.predict(37684, 7737, verbose=True)
```

```
user: 37684      item: 7737      r_ui = None   est = 2.16   {'was_impossible': False}
```

```
Prediction(uid=37684, iid=7737, r_ui=None, est=2.161421864352362, details={'was_impossible': False})
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