UBS Capstone Project: Portfolio Optimization

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Motivation

- Objective: Use quantitative techniques to manage portfolio
- Senario: PMs want to find an alternative stock under current trend
- Focus: find similar stocks to replace the one in portfolio
- Features: User-friendly interface, interactive explanations

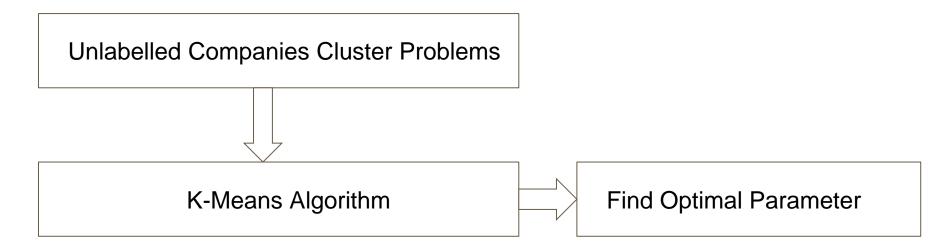
Methodology

- Similar company finder with Barra risk factors
- Similar company finder with revenue and sector data
 - Same company finder by path code
 - Similar company finder by revenue segments
- General recommender system research
- Optimize the portfolio

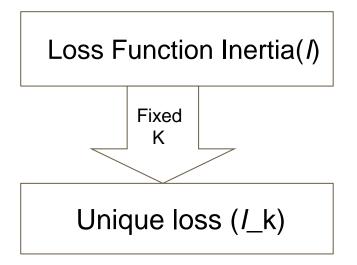
1.1 Barra risk factors data:

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| 2 | 235 | ACC | ENTU | RE PLO | C CLASS | 4 | GROWTH | | 5 | USA4JB1 | 720 | 9 -0.276 | 20 | 21-01-01 | 2021-01 | I-31 | |
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| 2 | 270 | ACCE | ENTU | RE PLO | C CLASS | 4 | DIVYILD | | 5 | USA4JB1 | 721 | 0.008 | 20 | 21-01-01 | 2021-01 | I-31 | |
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1.2 Research Procedures

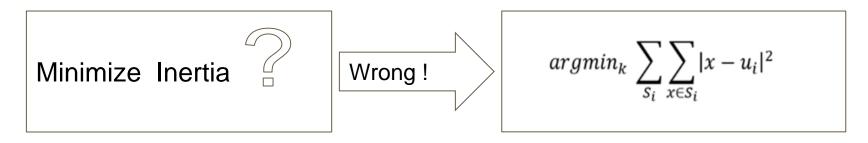


1.3 Find optimal Parameters(k)-----Efficient Turning Point



Inertia(
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):
$$\sum_{S_i} \sum_{x \in S_i} |x - u_i|^2$$

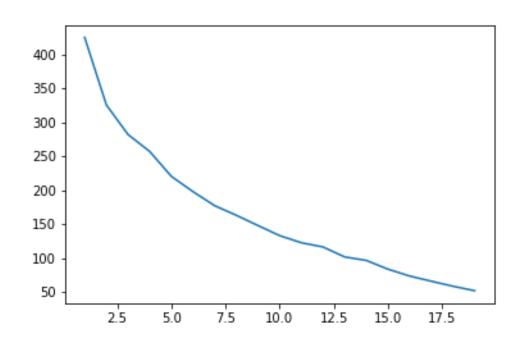
1.3 Efficient Turning Point(Continued)



Find the K with greatest marginal contribution!



• 1.4 Inertia Graph



Best K candidates: 3,4,5

1.5 Example: Find similar stocks using Euclidean distance, for Microsoft

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O : ['ACCENTURE PLC CLASS A', 'AMGEN CORPORATION', 'CISCO SYSTEMS INC',
'COCA COLA', 'DIAGEO PLC ADR', 'HOME DEPOT', 'JOHNSON & JOHNSON', 'LOCKHE
ED MARTIN CORP', 'MCDONALDS CORP', 'MICROSOFT CORP.', 'NEXTERA ENERGY IN
C', 'NOVARTIS AG ADRS', 'PROCTER & GAMBLE CO', 'TEXAS INSTRS INC', 'UNION
PAC CORP', 'UPS']

2 : ['AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER', 'ANALOG DEVICES INC', 'AUTOMATIC DATA P
ROCESSING INC', 'MARSH & MC LENNAN', 'REPUBLIC SERVICES', 'ROCKWELL AUTOM
ATION COM U$1', 'V F CORP']

3 : ['BLACKROCK INC', 'CHUBB LTD', 'COMCAST CORP COM CLASS A', 'INTEL C
ORP', 'JPMORGAN CHASE & COMPANY', 'LINDE PLC', 'MEDTRONIC PLC']

1 : ['CRANE CO', 'EOG RESOURCES', 'PHILLIPS 66', 'RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES
CORP', 'TRUIST FINANCIAL CORP']
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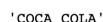
1.5 Example: Factor filter and weights

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Weight of first factor: .4
Weight of second factor: .3
Weight of thrid factor: .2
Weight of forth factor: .1
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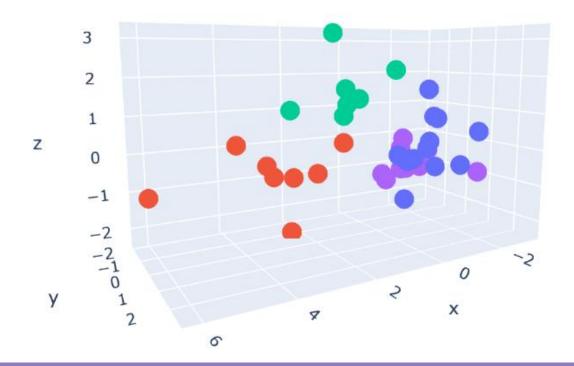
| | BANKS | BETA | ВТОР | SIZE |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| INSTRUMENT_NM | | | | |
| ACCENTURE PLC CLASS A | 0.0 | -0.010161 | -0.128951 | 0.050604 |
| AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER | 0.0 | -0.370197 | 0.189940 | -0.101675 |
| AMGEN CORPORATION | 0.0 | -0.322645 | -0.145719 | 0.023378 |
| ANALOG DEVICES INC | 0.0 | 0.060567 | -0.033433 | -0.072074 |
| AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING INC | 0.0 | -0.089681 | -0.149611 | -0.037566 |
| BLACKROCK INC | 0.0 | 0.146480 | 0.038130 | 0.002483 |

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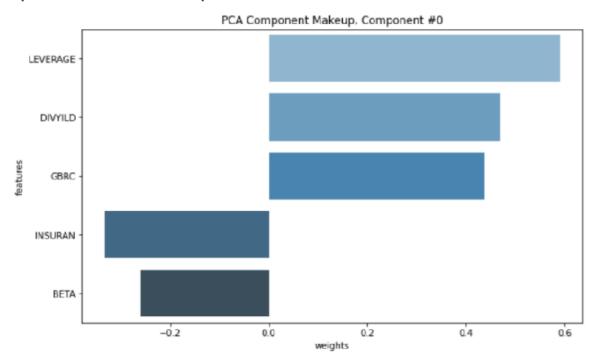
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- 3 : ['CHUBB LTD', 'EOG RESOURCES', 'PHILLIPS 66', 'RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIE'S CORP', 'TRUIST FINANCIAL CORP']
- 2 : ['CRANE CO']



1.5 Example: Results Visualization(3D)



1.5 Example: PCA Decomposition (First dimension Visualization)



2 Similar company finder with revenue and sector data

Goal: For a given large cap company (source dataset), find the similar small cap company (target dataset) which operate in the same/similar category

| ticker | issuername | SEGMENT_PERCENT | PATH | DEPTH | PATH_CODE |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|-------|----------------|
| AAPL-US | Apple Inc. | 54.725299 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wireless Equipment | 4 | 20111115 |
| AAPL-US | Apple Inc. | 54.725299 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wireless Equipment > Mobile > Cellular Phones > Smartphones | 7 | 20111115111012 |
| AAPL-US | Apple Inc. | 54.725299 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment | 3 | 201111 |
| AAPL-US | Apple Inc. | 54.725299 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wireless Equipment > Mobile > Cellular Phones | 6 | 201111151110 |
| AAPL-US | Apple Inc. | 54.725299 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wireless Equipment > Mobile | 5 | 2011111511 |
| 005930-KR | Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 41.561134 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wireless Equipment | 4 | 20111115 |
| 005930-KR | Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 41.561134 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wireless Equipment > Mobile > Cellular Phones > Smartphones | 7 | 20111115111012 |
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| 005930-KR | Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 41.561134 | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wireless Equipment > Mobile > Cellular Phones | 6 | 201111151110 |

- Segment percent: combined revenue percentage of a certain path
- Path: the revenue category which the sector operates in
- Depth: how deep the path goes
- Path code: represents the path in a unique way

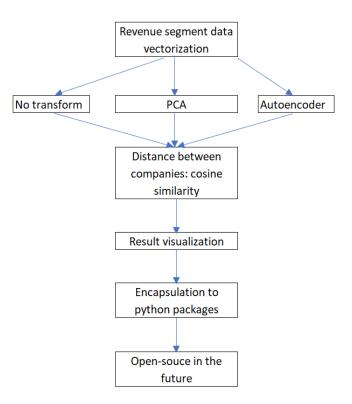
2.1 Same company by path code

Search in target companies using path code to find the exact match

| CSCO-US | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment |
|---------|---|
| CSCO-US | Technology > Hardware > Communications Equipment > Wide Area Networking (WAN) |

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2498-TW : Communications Equipment
088800-KR : Communications Equipment
2342-HK : Communications Equipment
050890-KR : Communications Equipment
ASCN-CH : Communications Equipment
CEL-IL : Communications Equipment
NTGR-US : Communications Equipment
6703-JP : Communications Equipment
EXTR-US : Wide Area Networking (WAN)
HLIT-US : Communications Equipment
5388-TW : Communications Equipment
ADTN-US : Wide Area Networking (WAN)
3681-JP : Communications Equipment
DGII-US : Communications Equipment
3596-TW : Wide Area Networking (WAN)
ATEN-US : Wide Area Networking (WAN)
3380-TW : Communications Equipment
6676-JP : Communications Equipment
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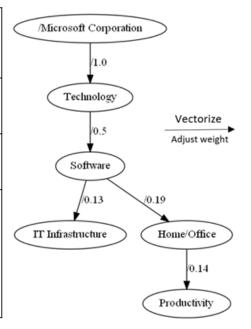
Search in target companies using path, depth and segment percent to find the similar match



Vectorization

| IssuerName | Microsoft Corporation | Microsoft Corporation | Microsoft Corporation | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Segment Percent | 28.93333 | 24.69391 | 40.28249 | |
| Segment Name | IT Infrastructure | Productivity | Home/Office | |
| Path | Technology > Software > IT Infrastructure | Technology > Software > Home/Office > Productivity | Technology > Software > Home/Office | |

 $revenue\ percent\ of\ depth\ i\ adjusted\ for\ weights = \frac{revenue\ percent\ of\ depth\ i}{1+i}$

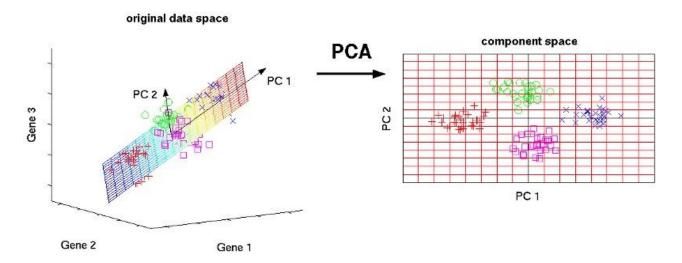


| | | Microsoft Corporation |
|-------|--|-----------------------|
| depth | name | |
| 0 | Technology | 1.00 |
| 1 | Hardware | 0.00 |
| | Software | 0,50 |
| | Communications Equipment | 0.00 |
| 2 | Home/Office | 0.19 |
| | IT Infrastructure | 0.14 |
| | Business Communications Equipment | 0.00 |
| | Games | 0.00 |
| 3 | Handheld/Smart Phone | 0.00 |
| 3 | Network | 0.00 |
| | Productivity | 0.15 |
| | System Software | 0.00 |
| | Applications | 0.00 |
| | Communications | 0.00 |
| | Conferencing Equipment | 0.00 |
| 4 | Desktop Security | 0.00 |
| | Network Security | 0.00 |
| | Online Games | 0.00 |
| | PC Games | 0.00 |
| | Conferencing/Collaboration Tools | 0.00 |
| | Games | 0.00 |
| 5 | Puzzle | 0.00 |
| | Video | 0.00 |
| 529 | Online Conference/Meeting | 0.00 |
| 6 | Server/Infrastructure Equipment | 0.00 |
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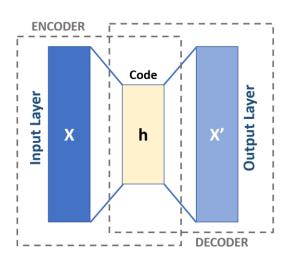
PCA for dimension reduction:

Automatically projects each data point onto only the first few components to obtain lower-dimensional data.

In our model: 1605 components \rightarrow 500 components



Autoencoder for dimension reduction:



| depth | name | AB Dynamics plc | AB Science SA | ABC arbitrage SA | _ |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---|
| | Business and | | | | |
| 0 | Public | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Services | | | | |
| 0 | Consumer | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | Energy | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | Finance | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 0 | Healthcare | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 0 | Industrial and | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| U | Materials | 1 | 0 | U | |
| 0 | Technology | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | Banking | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | Biopharmaceu | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | ticals | U | U | U | |
| 1 | Business | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| - | Services | 0 | Ü | Ü | |
| | Consumer | | | | |
| 1 | Products and | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Services | | | | |
| 1 | Downstream | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | Electronic | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| - | Components | | Ŭ | Ü | |
| 1 | Hardware | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | Healthcare | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Services | _ | _ | | |
| 1 | Hospitality | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | Industrial | | | | |
| 1 | Manufacturin | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | |
| | g | | | | |

| | AB Dynamics plc | AB Science SA | ABC arbitrage SA |
|----------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 0 | -0.027 | -0.028 | -0.027 |
| 1 | 0.092 | 0.090 | 0.090 |
| 2 | -0.098 | -0.099 | -0.099 |
| 3 | 0.069 | 0.069 | 0.069 |
| 4 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| 5 | -0.017 | -0.017 | -0.018 |
| 6 | -0.009 | -0.006 | -0.007 |
| 7 | -0.055 | -0.055 | -0.055 |
| 8 | 0.030 | 0.030 | 0.031 |
| 9 | 0.112 | 0.113 | 0.114 |
| 10 | -0.064 | -0.065 | -0.066 |
| 11 | 0.092 | 0.093 | 0.094 |

| Compare PCA and Autoencoder (AE): | No transform | PCA | AE |
|--|--------------|-----|----------|
| PCA is a linear transformation vectors while AE can be non-linear. | V | V | |
| PCA is faster than AE. | V | V | |
| PCA projects data into dimensions that are orthogonal to each other; AE transformed data doesn't guarantee that. | | V | |
| Rule of thumb: go for AE with larger data sets | | | √ |
| AE with multiple layers and non-activation function is prone to overfitting. | V | V | |

Use Cosine similarity to get similar company:

After we get different vectors for different company, we use cosine similarity to measure the distance between companies.

$$ext{similarity} = \cos(heta) = rac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|} = rac{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n A_i B_i}{\sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n A_i^2} \sqrt{\sum\limits_{i=1}^n B_i^2}},$$

Example:

If our customer wants to find Microsoft's similar company, our model will calculate the cosine distance between Microsoft's vector and other companies' vectors. The result will be presented as a sorted company list according to cosine distance.

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Source Company: Microsoft Corporation
Similar Companies: ['F-Secure Oyj', 'Wemade Co., Ltd.', 'V-cube, Inc.', 'Pexip Holding ASA', 'DoubleUGames Co., Ltd.']
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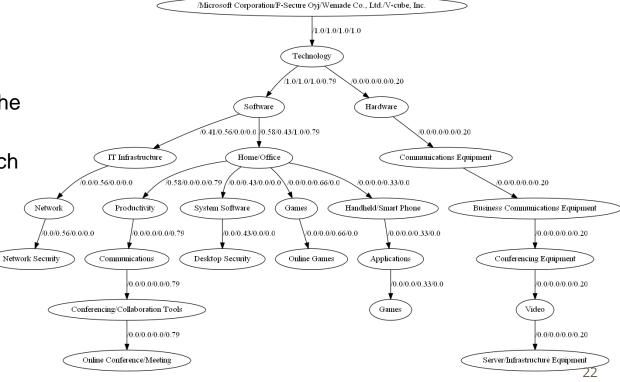
Result presented:

2.2.1 Visual trees

 Similar company list is at the top of the tree.

 Numbers along each branch are segment percent.

 We can know the detailed area for these companies



Result presented:

2.2.2 Table of calculated vectors

We present the result by using table to show the vectors that we calculated at the first step.

Handwritten Model cont.

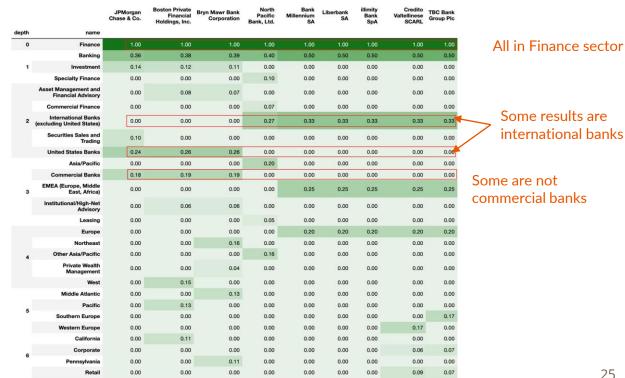
(Detailed path for JPMorgan's similar company)

| | | JPMorgan Chase & Co. | Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. | Bryn Mawr Bank Corporation | First Bancshares, Inc. | Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. | Great Western Bancorp, Inc. | Origin Bancorp, Inc. |
|-------|---|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| depth | name | | | | | | | |
| 0 | Finance | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| | Banking | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| 1 | Investment | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Asset Management and Financial Advisory | 0.00 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Securities Sales and Trading | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | United States Banks | 0.24 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 |
| | Commercial Banks | 0.18 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| 3 | Institutional/High-Net Advisory | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Midwest | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.20 | 0.00 |
| | Northeast | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | Private Wealth Management | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | South | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.20 |
| | West | 0.00 | 0.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Middle Atlantic | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | New England | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5 | Pacific | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | West North Central | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.00 |
| | West South Central | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.17 |
| 6 | California | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 0 | Pennsylvania | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

All in Finance sector

Autoencoder cont.

(Detailed path for JPMorgan's similar company)



Encapsulation to python package:

- 1. Easy to use.
- 2. Support fuzzy search for company name.
- 3. Clients can set flexible threshold.
- 4. Full visualization in Jupyter Notebook.



3 General Recommender System

- Help the user to select the right item by suggesting list of items
- Two most popular ways:
 - Content based filtering
 - based on user preferences for product features
 - Collaborative filtering
 - Mimics user-to-user recommendations (predicts users preferences as a weighted linear combination of other users' preferences)
 - mix the features of the item itself and the preferences of other users

3 General Recommender System -item based

- looks for similar items based on the items users have already liked or positively interacted with
- i.e. Movie recommendations:
 - search for movies that the user has watched/liked (A, B, C)
 - search for movies similar to A, B, C, recommend D
- Based on the similarity between items calculated using the rating users have given to items

3 General Recommender System -item based

Use cosine similarity between item i and j

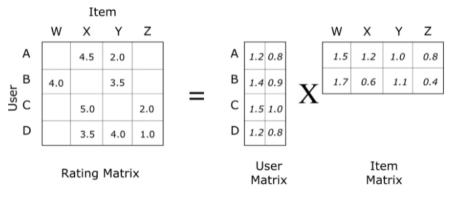
$$similarity(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{u}^{U} r_{(u,i)} r_{(u,j)}}{\sqrt{\sum_{u}^{U} r_{(u,i)}^2} \sqrt{\sum_{u}^{U} r_{(u,j)}^2}}$$

$$score(u, i) = \frac{\sum_{j}^{I} similarity(i, j)(r_{(u, j)} - \bar{r_j})}{\sum_{j}^{I} similarity(i, j)} + \bar{r_i}$$

- Other similarity measures:
 - Mean Squared Difference; Pearson correlation coefficient; Pearson_baseline (shrunk)

3 General Recommender System -user based

- Identify neighboring users based on the similarity with the active user, then the scoring of the items is done based on neighbor's ratings followed by a recommendation of an item based item's scores by the recommendation system
- i.e. "Customers who bought this item also bought..."
- Use Matrix Factorization



3 General Recommender System -potential application

- For portfolio optimization:
 - Different Funds/Portfolio managers are users
 - Different companies/securities/products are items
 - Ratings could be the weights of each product in each fund which reflect different portfolio managers' preferences on different products/firms/securities
 - Apply the recommender system model to recommend alternative choices for portfolio managers based on their preferences

4 Portfolio Optimization

Scenario

After we recommend a stock or find similar stocks for portfolio manager, we will optimize the portfolio again.

Risk factors

We will build the similar portfolio based on barra risk factors.

Example

Microsoft, US company, Technology/Software.

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F(k, m) = Covariance [\widetilde{f}(k), \widetilde{f}(m)]
                          F(k, m) = factor covariance matrix, and
                              k. m = \text{common factors}.
F(1, 1) ... F(1, 48) F(1, 49) ... F(1, 86) F(1, 87) ... F(1, 90)
F (48, 1) ... F (48, 48) F (48, 49) ... F (48, 86) F (48, 87) ... F (48, 90)
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4 Portfolio Optimization

Problem

$$egin{aligned} & \max & \max & \mu^T w - \gamma \left(f^T ilde{\Sigma} f + w^T D w
ight) \ & ext{subject to} & \mathbf{1}^T w = 1, \quad f = F^T w \ & w \in \mathcal{W}, \quad f \in \mathcal{F}, \end{aligned}$$

Variables are the allocations $w \in R_n$ and factor exposures, $f \in R_k$ and F gives the factor exposure constraints.

Solve with cvxpy, OSQP solver

Not enough data provided, we will run the code later.

Conclusion

- We could find similar companies based on their Barra risk factors or revenue and sector data
- Deep learning techniques such as autoencoders could be used for larger datasets.
- User based recommender system and the above similar company finder could be used by portfolio managers
- Packages such as cvxpy and OSQP could be utilised to solve optimization problems