Basic MovieLens recommendation script

HarvardX Data Science Capstone Project

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# PLEASE NOTE
# THIS SCRIPT HAS ONLY BEEN TESTED ON A 6-CORE (12-THREAD), 64GB MEMORY MACHINE
# AND WILL PROBABLY NOT RUN WITH LOWER COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS.
parallel::detectCores()
## [1] 12
memory.limit()
## [1] 65471
# Script settings
knitr::opts_chunk$set(
    message = FALSE,
    warning = FALSE,
    cache = TRUE,
    tidy.opts = list(width.cutoff = 100),
    tidy = TRUE
script_start <- Sys.time()</pre>
# Load required packages
library(tidyverse)
library(lubridate)
library(parallel)
library(doParallel)
```

Loading packages and data

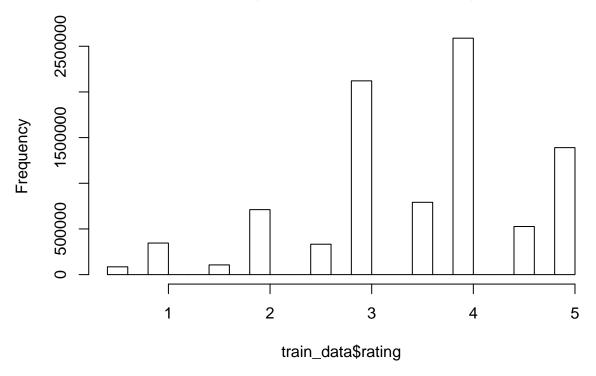
The dataset was downloaded from the GroupLens website using the course provided script and stored locally. Information about the data was found on the [MovieLens README] (http://files.grouplens.org/datasets/movielens/ml-10m-README.html)

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# Load locally stored data
edx_original <- readRDS("edx.RData")
print(str(edx_original))

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## $ userId : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ movieId : num 122 185 292 316 329 355 356 362 364 370 ...</pre>
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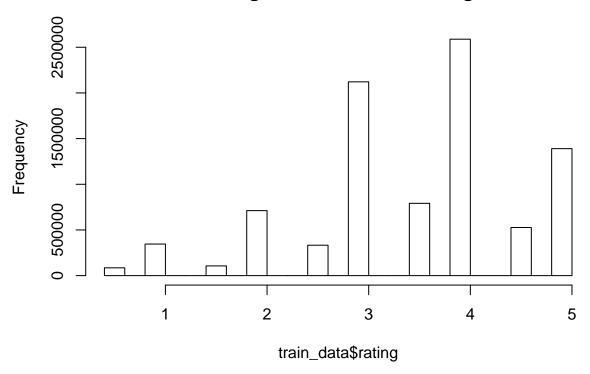
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## NULL
validation_original <- readRDS("validation.RData")</pre>
print(str(validation_original))
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## NULL
# Make sure movies and users are in both train and test sets
train_data <- edx_original</pre>
print(str(train_data))
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test_data <- validation_original %>%
    semi_join(train_data, by = "movieId") %>%
    semi_join(train_data, by = "userId")
print(str(test_data))
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## NULL
all_data <- setNames(list(train_data, test_data), c("train_data", "test_data"))</pre>
# Let's have a quick look at the rating training data
rating_hist <- hist(train_data$rating)</pre>
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Histogram of train_data\$rating



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saveRDS(rating_hist, "rating_hist.rds")
plot(rating_hist)
```

Histogram of train_data\$rating



Preparing data

Calculating statistics

```
calc_movie_stats <- function(rating_data){</pre>
  rating_data %>% group_by(movieId) %>%
                   summarise(movie_ratings = n(),
                              movie_median = median(rating),
                             movie_mean = mean(rating),
                             movie_sd = sd(rating)) %>%
                   select(movieId, movie median, movie mean, movie sd) %>%
                   unique()
}
movie_stats <- parLapply(pcl, rating_data, calc_movie_stats)</pre>
# Merge statistics back
merge_data <- list(list(rating_data[[1]], user_stats[[1]], movie_stats[[1]]), # train data</pre>
                    list(rating_data[[2]], user_stats[[2]], movie_stats[[2]])) # test data
merge_stats <- function(data_stats){</pre>
  rating_data <- data_stats[[1]]</pre>
  user_stats <- data_stats[[2]]</pre>
  movie_stats <- data_stats[[3]]</pre>
 rating data %>% inner join(user stats, by = "userId") %>%
                   inner_join(movie_stats, by = "movieId")
}
rating_data <- parLapply(pcl, merge_data, merge_stats)</pre>
## Rating characteristics
calc_rating_stats <- function(rating_data){</pre>
  rating_mean <- mean(rating_data$rating)</pre>
  rating_data <- rating_data %>% mutate(rating_mean_diff = rating - rating_mean) %>%
                                   mutate(movie_mean_diff = rating - movie_mean) %>%
                                   mutate(user_mean_diff = rating - user_mean)
}
rating_data <- parLapply(pcl, rating_data, calc_rating_stats)</pre>
stopCluster(pcl)
```

Derived models

```
# Let's take the rating data with the added statistics
train_ratings <- rating_data[[1]]
test_ratings <- rating_data[[2]]
saveRDS(train_ratings, "train_ratings.rds")</pre>
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saveRDS(test_ratings, "test_ratings.rds")
# RSME loss function function to evaluate models as prescribed by assignment
RMSE <- function(predicted_ratings, true_ratings){</pre>
     sqrt(mean((true_ratings - predicted_ratings)^2))
# Deried models
# Naive model using average rating
train_mean <- mean(train_ratings$rating)</pre>
train_mean
## [1] 3.512465
naive_rmse <- RMSE(test_ratings$rating, train_mean)</pre>
derived_results <- tibble(method = "Average training rating", RMSE = naive_rmse)</pre>
# Model using fixed number
fixed_number <- rep(3.5, nrow(test_ratings))</pre>
fixed rmse <- RMSE(test ratings$rating, fixed number)</pre>
derived_results <- bind_rows(derived_results,</pre>
                              tibble(method = "Fixed number 3.5",
                                     RMSE = fixed_rmse ))
# Derived predictions
movie_pred <- test_ratings %>% group_by(movieId) %>%
                # Rating effect (effect of rating scale used; looking at differences from rating mean)
                                summarise(rating_mean_diff_avg = train_mean + mean(rating_mean_diff),
               # Movie effect (effect of general movie popularity; looking at differences between user
                                           movie_mean_diff_avg = train_mean + mean(movie_mean_diff),
               # User effect (effect of user rating behaviour; looking at differeces between rating and
                                           user_mean_diff_avg = train_mean + mean(user_mean_diff),
                # User-movie effect (effect of user rating behaviour; looking at differeces between user
                                           user_movie_mean_diff_avg = train_mean + mean(mean(movie_mean_d
der_pred <- test_ratings %>% inner_join(movie_pred, by = "movieId")
# Calculate RMSEs
rating_effect_rmse <- RMSE(test_ratings$rating,</pre>
                            der_pred$rating_mean_diff_avg)
movie_mean_rmse <- RMSE(test_ratings$rating,</pre>
                         test_ratings$movie_mean)
movie_effect_rmse <- RMSE(test_ratings$rating,</pre>
                           der_pred$movie_mean_diff_avg)
user_effect_rmse <- RMSE(test_ratings$rating,</pre>
                          der_pred$user_mean_diff_avg)
user_movie_effect_rmse <- RMSE(test_ratings$rating,</pre>
                                der_pred$user_movie_mean_diff_avg)
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# Print RMSEs
derived_results <- bind_rows(derived_results,</pre>
                              tibble(method = "Rating effect",
                                     RMSE = rating_effect_rmse))
derived_results <- bind_rows(derived_results,</pre>
                              tibble(method = "Movie mean",
                                     RMSE = movie_mean_rmse))
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                              tibble(method = "User effect",
                                     RMSE = user_effect_rmse))
derived_results <- bind_rows(derived_results,</pre>
                              tibble(method = "User-movie effect",
                                      RMSE = user_movie_effect_rmse))
saveRDS(derived_results, "derived_results.rds")
print(derived_results %>% arrange(RMSE))
## # A tibble: 7 x 2
    method
                               RMSE
##
     <chr>
                              <dbl>
                              0.938
## 1 Movie mean
## 2 Rating effect
                              0.938
## 3 User effect
                              0.945
## 4 Average training rating 1.06
## 5 Movie effect
                             1.06
## 6 User-movie effect
                              1.06
```

Train linear models

1.06

7 Fixed number 3.5

```
# Load locally stored data
train_ratings <- readRDS("train_ratings.rds")

# Free up memory
rm(edx_original,
    validation_original,
    train_data,
    test_data,
    all_data,
    user_data,
    movie_data,
    rating_data,
    merge_data,
    der_pred)
invisible(gc()) # garbage collection</pre>
```

```
# Set up parallel processing
no_cores <- detectCores() - 2</pre>
tcl <- makePSOCKcluster(no cores)</pre>
registerDoParallel(tcl)
invisible(clusterEvalQ(tcl, library(caret)))
print(paste("Memory size before garbage collection: ", memory.size()))
## [1] "Memory size before garbage collection: 1006.56"
invisible(gc())
print(paste("Memory size after garbage collection: ", memory.size()))
## [1] "Memory size after garbage collection: 1005.78"
# Define models
user_formulas <- c("rating ~ user_median",</pre>
                    "rating ~ user_median + user_mean",
                    "rating ~ user_median + user_mean + user_sd")
movie_formulas <- c("rating ~ movie_median",</pre>
                    "rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean",
                    "rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean + movie_sd")
combined_formulas <- c("rating ~ movie_mean + user_mean",</pre>
                        "rating ~ movie_median + user_median")
full_formulas <- c("rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean + user_median + user_mean",
                    "rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean + movie_sd + user_median + user_mean + user_sd")
# Model training
e <- simpleError("Catch error")</pre>
train lm <- function(lm formula, lm data){</pre>
 print(paste("Model formula: ", lm_formula))
  print(system.time({
    model <- tryCatch({</pre>
               train(as.formula(lm_formula),
                     data = lm_data, method = "lm",
                     na.action = na.omit)
             }, error = function(e) e, finally = print("Made it!"))
  }))
  # Full train objects are GBs large; save only the final model coefficients
  model_coef <- model$finalModel$coefficients</pre>
  # How's our memory?
  print(paste("Memory size before garbage collection: ", memory.size()))
  gc()
  print(paste("Memory size after garbage collection: ", memory.size()))
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# Save model locally
  saveRDS(model_coef, paste0("models/", lm_formula, ".rds"))
  # Return results
 print(model coef)
 model
# Train and save locally
system.time(user_fits <- parLapply(tcl, user_formulas, train_lm, lm_data = train_ratings))</pre>
##
      user system elapsed
## 233.59 56.56 880.96
#saveRDS(user_fits, "user_fits.rds")
rm(user_fits)
system.time(movie_fits <- parLapply(tcl, movie_formulas, train_lm, lm_data = train_ratings))</pre>
##
      user system elapsed
## 185.73 69.69 857.55
\#saveRDS(movie\_fits, "movie\_fits.rds")
rm(movie_fits)
system.time(combined_fits <- parLapply(tcl, combined_formulas, train_lm, lm_data = train_ratings))</pre>
      user system elapsed
           29.62 775.92
## 113.08
#saveRDS(combined_fits, "combined_fits.rds")
rm(combined_fits)
system.time(full_fits <- parLapply(tcl, full_formulas, train_lm, lm_data = train_ratings))</pre>
##
      user system elapsed
## 147.49 50.88 943.49
#saveRDS(full_fits, "full_fits.rds")
rm(full_fits)
# Stop parallel processing
stopImplicitCluster()
# Clean up before next step
invisible(gc())
```

Final model predictions and results

```
# Read model coeffecients and calculate RMSE
calculate_results <- function(model_formulas, test_ratings){</pre>
  str(test_ratings)
  for(m in 1:length(model_formulas)){
    coefs <- readRDS(paste0("models/", model formulas[[m]], ".rds"))</pre>
    prediction <- rep(coefs[[1]], nrow(test_ratings)) # start with the intercept</pre>
    for(c in 2:length(coefs)){ # then go through each coefficient
      ce <- rep(coefs[[c]], nrow(test_ratings))</pre>
      prediction <- prediction + (ce * test_ratings[, names(coefs[c])]) # and add coef * value to predi
    }
    RMSE <- function(predicted_ratings, true_ratings){</pre>
      rmse <- sqrt(mean((true_ratings - predicted_ratings)^2, na.rm = TRUE))</pre>
      rmse
    model_rmse <- RMSE(prediction, test_ratings$rating)</pre>
    #print(paste("Model RMSE: ", model_rmse))
    #print(paste(model_formulas[[m]], model_rmse))
    results <- data.frame(model = model_formulas[m], rmse = model_rmse)
 results
}
user_results <- lapply(user_formulas, calculate_results, test_ratings = test_ratings)
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                     : num 5553233.54.553...
## $ rating_year
                     : num 1996 1996 1996 1997 1997 ...
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                    : Factor w/ 9809 levels "1","2","3","4",...: 228 475 579 149 834 1477 583 4777 34
## $ rating
                    : num 5 5 5 3 2 3 3.5 4.5 5 3 ...
                    : num 1996 1996 1996 1997 1997 ...
## $ rating_year
## $ user_median
                    : num 5553334433...
## $ user_mean
                    : num 5 5 5 2.67 2.67 ...
## $ user_sd
                    : num 0 0 0 0.577 0.577 ...
                   : num 3 4 3 4 5 3 4 4 4 3 ...
## $ movie_median
                    : num 2.95 3.64 3.07 3.57 4.41 ...
## $ movie mean
## $ movie_sd
                     : num 1.222 0.943 0.98 0.913 0.795 ...
## $ rating_mean_diff: num 1.488 1.488 1.488 -0.512 -1.512 ...
## $ movie_mean_diff : num 2.047 1.356 1.925 -0.572 -2.413 ...
## $ user_mean_diff : num 0 0 0 0.333 -0.667 ...
# Save results locally and print
saveRDS(user_results, "user_results.rds")
saveRDS(movie_results, "movie_results.rds")
saveRDS(combined_results, "combined_results.rds")
saveRDS(full_results, "full_results.rds")
# Lets have a look
lm_results <- bind_rows(c(user_results, movie_results, combined_results, full_results))</pre>
lm results %>% arrange(rmse)
##
                                                                               model
## 1
                          rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean + user_median + user_mean
                                                      rating ~ movie_mean + user_mean
## 3
     rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean + movie_sd + user_median + user_mean + user_sd
## 4
                                                  rating ~ movie_median + user_median
## 5
                                        rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean + movie_sd
## 6
                                                     rating ~ user_median + user_mean
## 7
                                           rating ~ user_median + user_mean + user_sd
## 8
                                                               rating ~ movie_median
## 9
                                                                rating ~ user_median
## 10
                                                   rating ~ movie_median + movie_mean
##
          rmse
## 1 0.8452112
## 2 0.8452248
## 3 0.8467370
```

Automatic Machine Learning with H2O.ai

```
# Shall we explore auto ML?
library(h2o)
h2o.init()
## H2O is not running yet, starting it now...
## Note: In case of errors look at the following log files:
       C:\Users\Codrin\AppData\Local\Temp\Rtmpiuz0Y1/h2o_Codrin_started_from_r.out
##
##
       C:\Users\Codrin\AppData\Local\Temp\Rtmpiuz0Y1/h2o_Codrin_started_from_r.err
##
##
## Starting H2O JVM and connecting: Connection successful!
##
## R is connected to the H2O cluster:
       H2O cluster uptime:
                                   1 seconds 527 milliseconds
##
##
       H2O cluster timezone:
                                   Europe/Berlin
##
       H2O data parsing timezone: UTC
                                   3.24.0.3
##
      H2O cluster version:
##
       H2O cluster version age:
                                   24 days
##
       H2O cluster name:
                                   H2O_started_from_R_Codrin_zsw042
##
       H2O cluster total nodes:
                                   14.21 GB
##
       H2O cluster total memory:
##
       H2O cluster total cores:
##
       H2O cluster allowed cores:
##
       H2O cluster healthy:
                                   TRUE
                                   localhost
##
       H20 Connection ip:
                                   54321
##
       H20 Connection port:
##
                                   NA
       H2O Connection proxy:
       H20 Internal Security:
                                   FALSE
##
       H20 API Extensions:
                                   Amazon S3, Algos, AutoML, Core V3, Core V4
       R Version:
                                   R version 3.5.0 (2018-04-23)
```

```
h2o.no_progress()
# Import train/test set into H20
train <- as.h2o(readRDS("edx.RData"))</pre>
test <- as.h2o(readRDS("validation.RData"))</pre>
# Identify predictors and response
y <- "rating"
x <- setdiff(names(train), y)
# Run AutoML for 10 base models (limited to 1 hour max runtime by default)
print(Sys.time())
## [1] "2019-05-31 22:12:39 CEST"
aml \leftarrow h2o.automl(x = x, y = y,
                  training_frame = train,
                  validation_frame = test,
                  max_models = 10,
                  seed = 1,
                  stopping_metric = "RMSE",
                  sort_metric = "RMSE")
# View the AutoML Leaderboard
lb <- aml@leaderboard</pre>
autoML results <- as.data.frame(lb) %>% select(model id, rmse)
saveRDS(autoML_results, "autoML_results.rds")
print(autoML_results)
##
                                                  model_id
## 1
         StackedEnsemble_AllModels_AutoML_20190531_221239 0.9637109
## 2
      StackedEnsemble_BestOfFamily_AutoML_20190531_221239 0.9638613
## 3
                              GBM_5_AutoML_20190531_221239 0.9763070
## 4
                              DRF_1_AutoML_20190531_221239 0.9889825
## 5
                              XRT_1_AutoML_20190531_221239 0.9930478
## 6
                              GBM_4_AutoML_20190531_221239 1.0087012
## 7
                              GBM_3_AutoML_20190531_221239 1.0196827
## 8
                              GBM_2_AutoML_20190531_221239 1.0240631
## 9
                              GBM_1_AutoML_20190531_221239 1.0277414
## 10
                    DeepLearning_1_AutoML_20190531_221239 1.0471039
## 11
                GBM_grid_1_AutoML_20190531_221239_model_1 1.0569208
## 12
                GLM_grid_1_AutoML_20190531_221239_model_1 1.0596654
# How long did the whole script take?
script_end <- Sys.time()</pre>
print(paste("Total script running time: ", round(difftime(script_end, script_start, units = "mins"), 1)
## [1] "Total script running time: 118.8 minutes"
```

Extended automatic Machine Learning with H2O.ai

```
# What will 10 hours of computation yield?
library(h2o)
h2o.init()
h2o.show_progress()
# Import train/test set into H2O
train <- as.h2o(readRDS("edx.RData"))</pre>
test <- as.h2o(readRDS("validation.RData"))</pre>
# Identify predictors and response
y <- "rating"
x <- setdiff(names(train), y)</pre>
# Run AutoML for 25 models (limited to 10 hour max runtime)
print(Sys.time())
xaml \leftarrow h2o.automl(x = x, y = y,
                   training_frame = train,
                   validation_frame = test,
                   max_models = 25,
                   seed = 1,
                   stopping_metric = "RMSE",
                   sort_metric = "RMSE",
                   max_runtime_secs = 36000)
# View the AutoML Leaderboard
xlb <- xaml@leaderboard</pre>
xautoML_results <- as.data.frame(xlb) %>% select(model_id, rmse)
saveRDS(xautoML_results, "xautoML_results.rds")
print(xautoML_results)
```