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# VASP (2021)

Deep Variational Autoencoder with Shallow Parallel  
Path for Top-N Recommendation (VASP)



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# Background

논문 선정 배경 및 간단한 모델 소개



# 01 Background

## MovieLens
















Introduced by F. Maxwell Harper et al. in [The MovieLens Datasets: History and Context](#)

The **MovieLens** datasets, first released in 1998, describe people's expressed preferences for movies. These preferences take the form of tuples, each the result of a person expressing a preference (a 0-5 star rating) for a movie at a particular time. These preferences were entered by way of the MovieLens web site<sup>1</sup> — a recommender system that asks its users to give movie ratings in order to receive personalized movie recommendations.

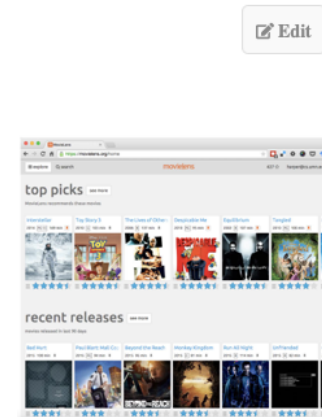
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### Benchmarks

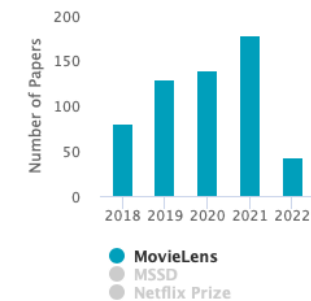
Trend	Task	Dataset Variant	Best Model	Paper	Code
	<b>Recommendation Systems</b>	MovieLens 1M	GLocal-K		
	<b>Recommendation Systems</b>	MovieLens 20M	VASP		
	<b>Recommendation Systems</b>	MovieLens 10M	Bayesian timeSVD++ flipped		
	<b>Recommendation Systems</b>	MovieLens 100K	GHRS		
	<b>Link Prediction</b>	MovieLens 25M	PEAGAT		

Show all 10 benchmarks



Source: [http://files.grouplens.org/papers/...](http://files.grouplens.org/papers/)

### Usage



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 Custom

출처 : <https://paperswithcode.com/dataset/movielens>

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1	VASP	0.448		0.414	0.552						×	Deep Variational Autoencoder with Shallow Parallel Path for Top-N Recommendation (VASP)	<a href="#">Code</a>	<a href="#">Result</a>
2	H+Vamp Gated	0.44522		0.41308	0.55109						×	Enhancing VAEs for Collaborative Filtering: Flexible Priors & Gating Mechanisms	<a href="#">Code</a>	<a href="#">Result</a>
3	RecVAE	0.442		0.414	0.553						×	RecVAE: a New Variational Autoencoder for Top-N Recommendations with Implicit Feedback	<a href="#">Code</a>	<a href="#">Result</a>
4	RaCT	0.434		0.403	0.543						×	Towards Amortized Ranking-Critical Training for Collaborative Filtering	<a href="#">Code</a>	<a href="#">Result</a>
5	Multi-VAE PR	0.426		0.395	0.537						×	Variational Autoencoders for Collaborative Filtering	<a href="#">Code</a>	<a href="#">Result</a>
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출처 : <https://paperswithcode.com/sota/collaborative-filtering-on-movielens-20m>



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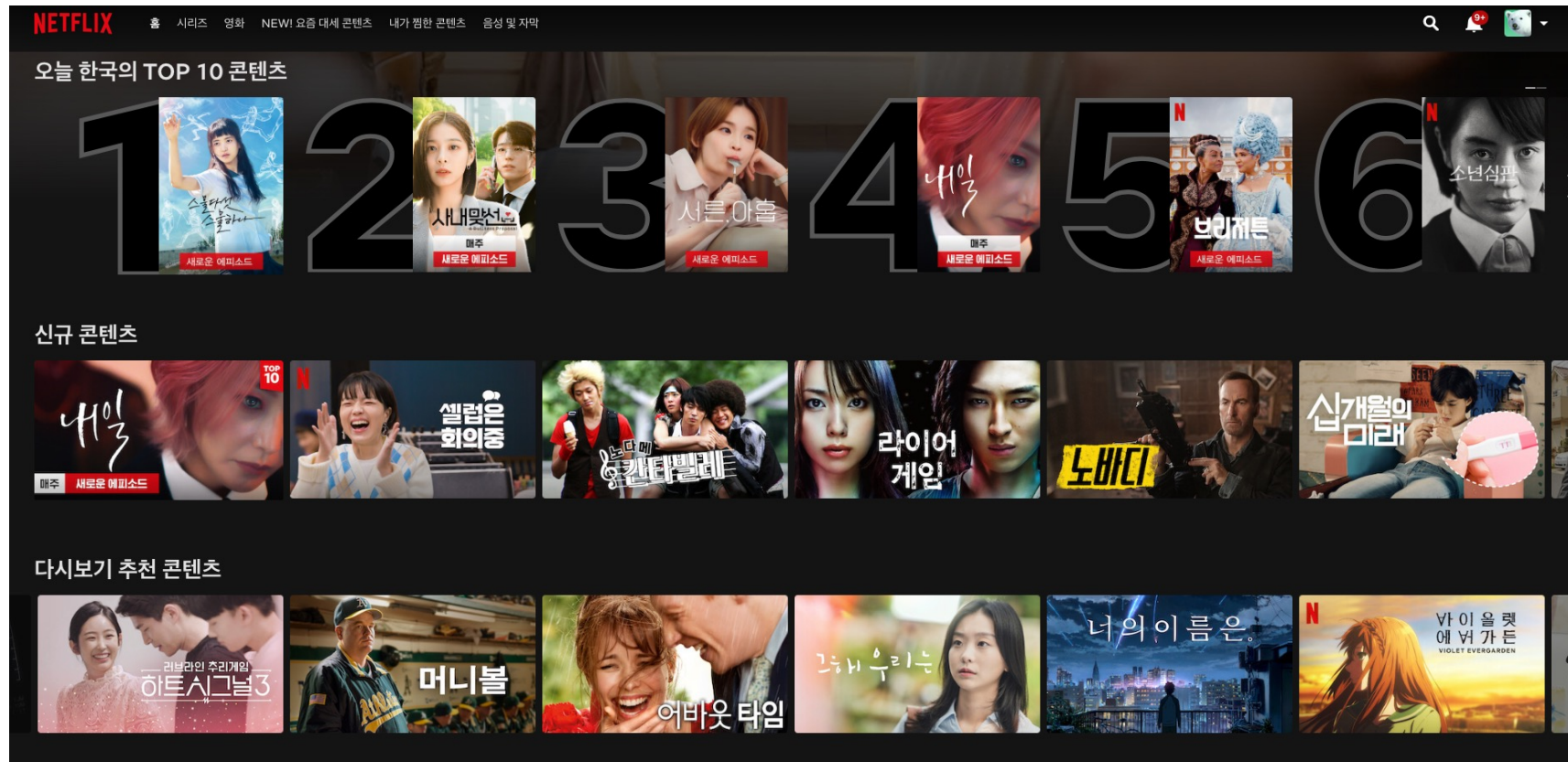
# Introduction

논문의 문제제기와 핵심 포인트



## 02 Introduction

### 최근 동향



많은 아이템에서 빠른 시간 학습하여 실시간으로 추천

# 02 Introduction

최근 동향

## Embarrassingly Shallow Autoencoders for Sparse Data\*

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### ABSTRACT

Combining simple elements from the literature, we define a linear model that is geared toward sparse data, in particular implicit feedback data for recommender systems. We show that its training objective has a closed-form solution, and discuss the resulting conceptual insights. Surprisingly, this simple model achieves better ranking accuracy than various state-of-the-art collaborative-filtering approaches, including deep non-linear models, on most of the publicly available data-sets used in our experiments.

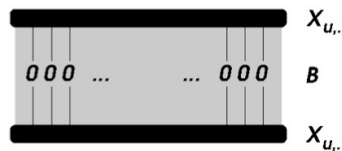















Figure 1: The self-similarity of each item is constrained to zero between the input and output layers.

Top-N 추천에 강한 EASE 모델의 등장  
강하고 explainable하고  
identity에 overfitting  
하지만 linear model이라는 한계 존재



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8	HyperML	0.6404		0.8736	×	HyperML: A Boosting Metric Learning Approach in Hyperbolic Space for Recommender Systems			
9	LRML	0.6152		0.8447	×	Latent Relational Metric Learning via Memory-based Attention for Collaborative Ranking			
10	CML	0.5301	0.4665	0.6022	0.7764	×	Collaborative Metric Learning		

AutoEncoder / VAE 연구 증가

# 02 Introduction

## Problems

- RS have to scale to millions of active users and millions of items. Speed of training and recall are also increasingly important as available content often change dynamically and RS need to be able to react in real- time.
- We had to overcome several issues, most importantly, the overfitting towards identity.
- Traditionally, overfitting towards identity is addressed by using dropout in the input layer. However, this approach is not effective enough and is not enabling the usage of really deep architectures.
- It is more difficult to recommend niche items as they do not have many interactions. Higher loss for these items push recommender system to focus more on cold start and niche items.

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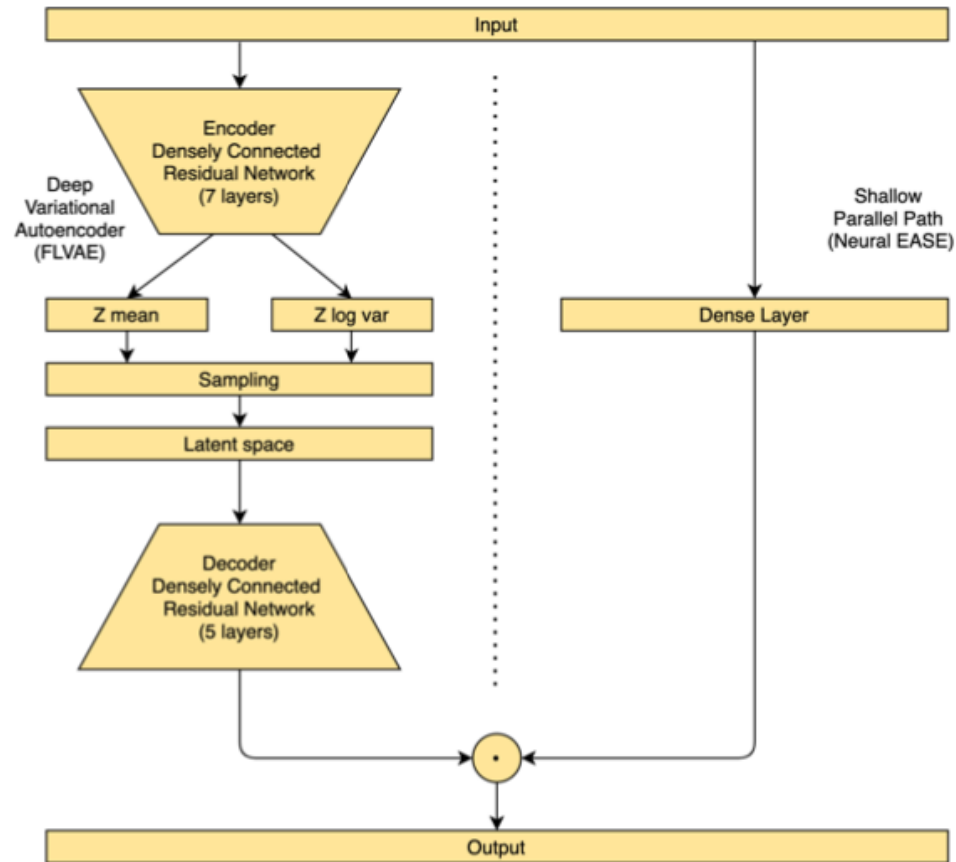


Fig. 1. VASP Architecture

## Points

1. EASE + VAE
2. Focal Loss
3. Data Augmentation
4. Joint Learning



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# Solutions

Long-tail / Identity Overfitting / Ensemble



# 03 Solutions

## Problem1 : Niche Item

$$FL(p_t) = -\alpha_t(1 - p_t)^\gamma \log(p_t),$$

$$p_t = \begin{cases} \hat{x}_{ui} & \text{if } x_{ui} = 1 \\ 1 - \hat{x}_{ui} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Long-tail Problem = Class imbalance

CV / NLP에서 이미 많이 사용된 사례를 차용

1. Residual Networks
2. Focal Loss (FL)

Item attribute 대신 interaction을 활용

# 03 Solutions

## Problem2 : Identity Overfitting

$$\mathbf{x}_u = [x_{u1}, x_{u2}, \dots, x_{uI}]^T \in \mathbb{N}^I$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_u = [\hat{x}_{u1}, \hat{x}_{u2}, \dots, \hat{x}_{uI}]^T \in \mathbb{N}^I$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_u = W \cdot \mathbf{x}_u,$$

$W : I \times I$  weight matrix

Diagonal of  $W$  is constrained to zero to prevent learning identity function between the input and the output.

# 03 Solutions

## Problem3 : New Data Augmentation

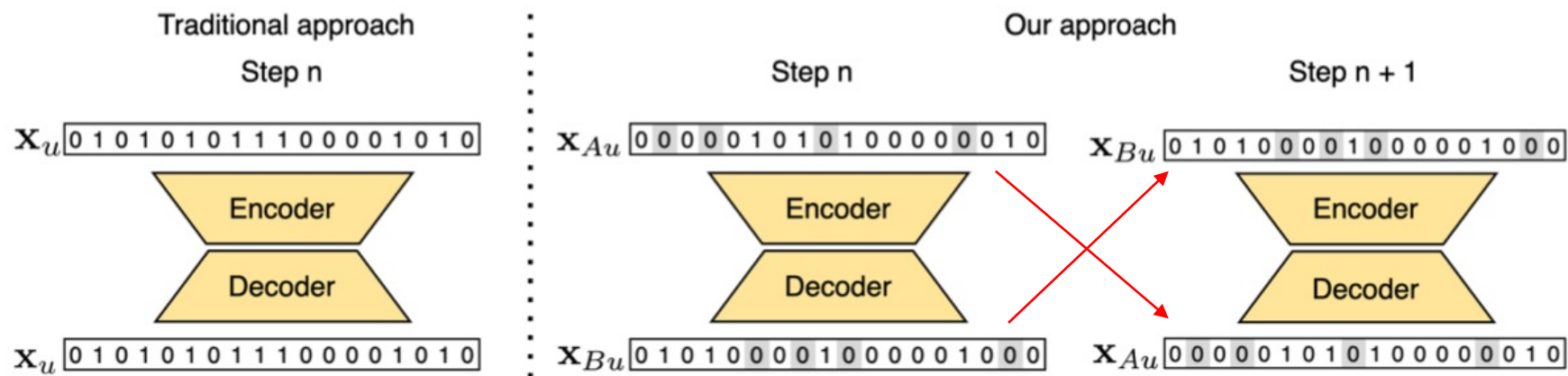


Fig. 2. Data augmentation to prevent overfitting towards identity

# 03 Solutions

## Problem3 : New Data Augmentation

$$x_{Aui} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_{ui} = 0 \\ 1 - x_{Bui} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{Bui} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_{ui} = 0 \\ 1 - x_{Aui} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^I x_{Aui} \approx \sum_{i=1}^I x_{Bui}$$

사용자에 대해 A와 B로 나눠서

$x_{Bui}$ 를 학습할 때는  $x_{Aui}$ 를 보여주고

$x_{Aui}$ 를 학습할 때는  $x_{Bui}$ 를 활용하여 학습

사용자를 split할 때 반드시 반반이 되게 나눠줘야 함





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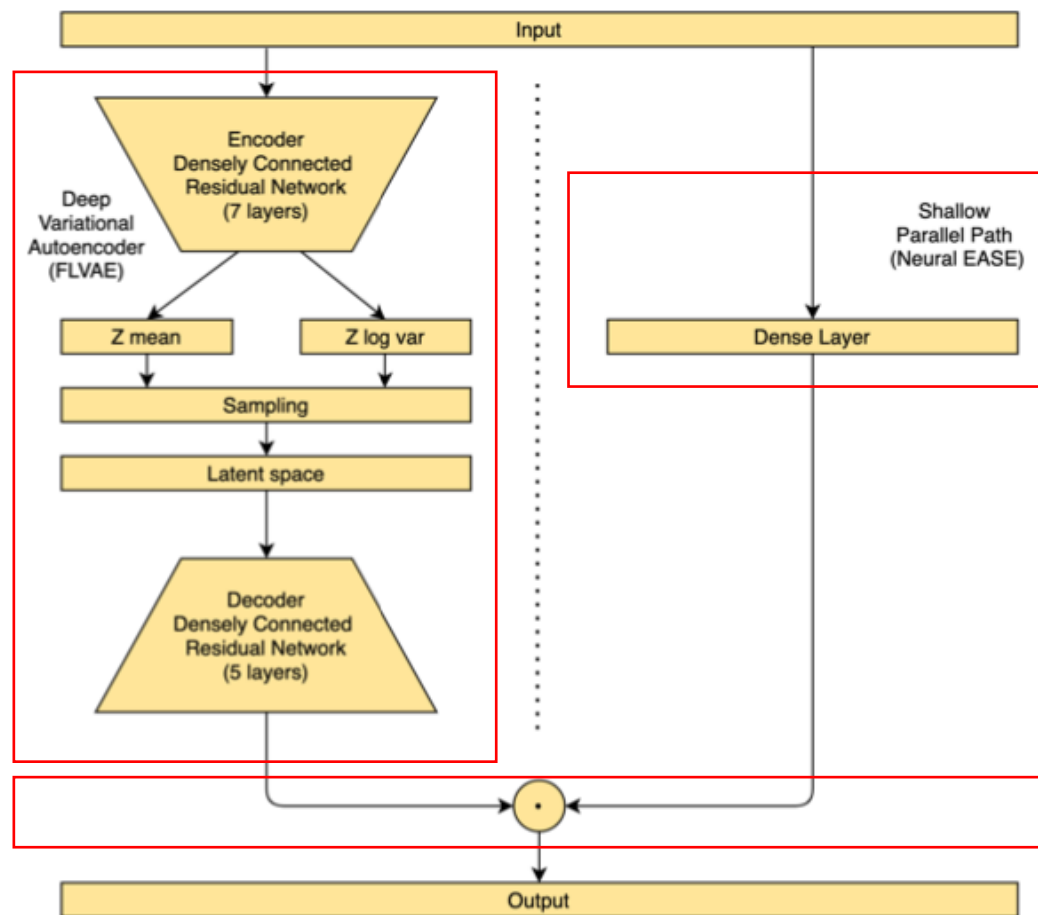
# VASP 구조

VASP 모델 구조와 수식



# 04 VASP 구조

Focal Loss with VAE (FLVAE)



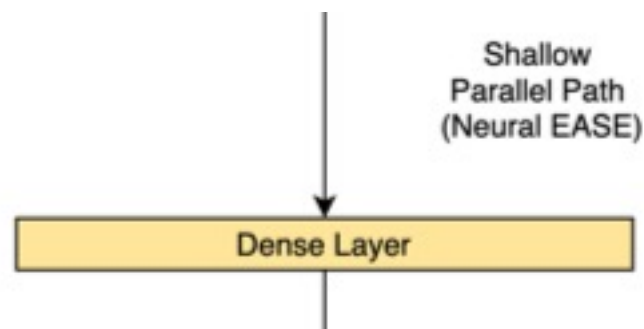
Neural EASE

VASP (Joint-learning by Hadamard product)

Fig. 1. VASP Architecture

# 04 VASP 구조

## Neural EASE



$$\mathbf{x}_u = [x_{u1}, x_{u2}, \dots, x_{uI}]^T \in \mathbb{N}^I$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_u = [\hat{x}_{u1}, \hat{x}_{u2}, \dots, \hat{x}_{uI}]^T \in \mathbb{N}^I$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_u = W \cdot \mathbf{x}_u,$$

기존의 EASE를 single layer model로 구현

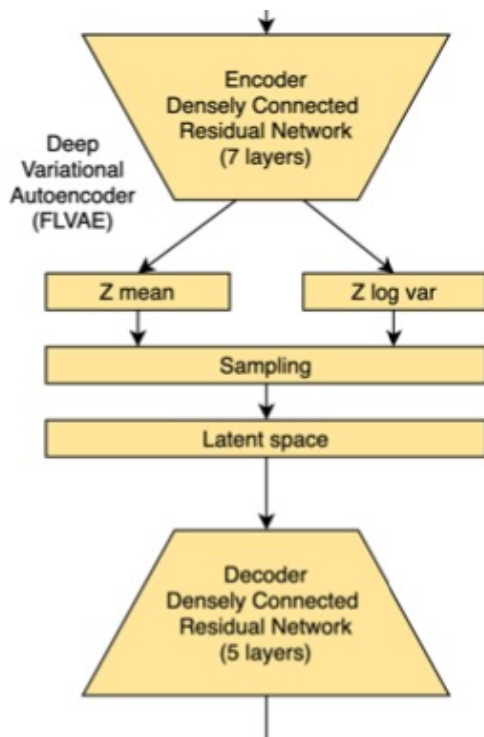
*Embarrassingly shallow autoencoders for sparse data. Harald Steck* 에 따르면 data와 prediction의 square loss는 closed-form이라 training objective

**Diagonal of  $W$  is constrained to zero** to prevent learning identity function between the input and the output.

→ a single-layer perceptron without bias nodes and with forced zeros on the diagonal

# 04 VASP 구조

## Deep VAE (FLVAE)



$$\mathbf{z}_u \sim N(0, \mathbf{I}_k),$$
$$\pi(\mathbf{z}_u) \propto \exp\{f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_u)\},$$
$$\mathbf{x}_u \sim Mult(N_u, \pi(\mathbf{z}_u))$$

$$FL(p_t) = -\alpha_t(1 - p_t)^{\gamma} \log(p_t),$$

$$p_t = \begin{cases} \hat{x}_{ui} & \text{if } x_{ui} = 1 \\ 1 - \hat{x}_{ui} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

VAE는  $p(z_u|x_u) = \int p(x_u|z_u)p(z_u)dz$ 를 최대화하는 것이 목적

# 04 VASP 구조

VASP : Joint-learning

$$m_n(\mathbf{x}_u) = \bigodot_{j=1}^n m_j = m_1(\mathbf{x}_u) \odot m_2(\mathbf{x}_u) \odot \dots \odot m_n(\mathbf{x}_u)$$

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$$m_n(\mathbf{x}_u) = \hat{x}_{nu} = \bigodot_{j=1}^n \hat{x}_{ju}$$

$$\hat{x}_{nu} \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle.$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{VASP}(\mathbf{x}_u) &= m_{FLVAE}(\mathbf{x}_u) \odot m_{EASE}(\mathbf{x}_u) \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{FLVAEu} \odot \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{NEASEu} \end{aligned}$$

Wide & Deep에서 사용된 아이디어를 차용

최종 output에는 sigmoid function 적용하여  
0~1로 결과값이 나옴

Wide & Deep에서는 summation의 형태 (OR) 연산  
VASP에서는 Hadamard product (AND) 연산



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**THANK YOU**

