

Introduction

Recommender systems such as Spotify or Apple music are designed to offer suggestions to users for artists or songs that they may be interested in. These recommendations are based on previous listening history, or similar users listening habits. Spotify's recommender system uses Collaborative filtering, Natural Language Processing and audio modelling []. Spotify leverages another algorithm named Bart which manages the home screen by ranking the cards and the shelves for the best engagement, while trying to provide explanations for the suggestions []. Netflix is another example of a widely used recommender system which presents recommendations while explaining the reason for that choice. For example, this can be due to previously watched films or popularity in that region. It does this through a variety of algorithms []. Recommender systems aren't exclusive to music and streaming sites. They are also used across e-commerce, dating apps, news websites and research articles sites alike.

Approaches to Creating a Recommender System

Collaborative filtering and content based filtering are two starting points when it comes to building a recommender system [].

Collaborative filtering

This method was first proposed in 1992 [] and has become a widely used strategy for recommender systems ever since. This relies on the previous ratings of users and their similarity to other users in the past to paint a picture of their potential interests. This method doesn't require any domain information of the product itself as it relies on the premise that users who have similar tastes in music will be a good predictor for a unseen product based on their similarities in the past.

Content based filtering

This method pays more attention to the product itself and can often be of use when the item has a large amount of data available which is linked to the users profile. Products can then be recommended based on previous products that the user has liked.

Our approach

This project seeks to create a music recommender system based on collaborative filtering. The system is created using code available via Google's introduction to recommender systems using Google Colab [here](#). It uses matrix factorisation to learn user and artist embeddings and uses stochastic gradient descent (SGD) to minimise the loss function.

Matrix Factorisation

Matrix factorisation models map users and items to a joint latent factor space of dimensionality such that user-item interactions are modeled as inner products in that space []. In this project, matrix factorisation characterises users and artists by vectors created using artist weighting patterns where a high correspondance will result in a recommendation.

Dataset

This dataset is from [Last.FM](#) and made available thanks to the 2nd International Workshop on Information Heterogeneity and Fusion in Recommender Systems []. It contains 92,800 listening records from 1,892 users across 6 files and can be accessed [here](#).

Data Exploration

We will explore the 6 files of the lastfm data set to further understand the data within and to investigate relationships between the users, artists and tags before we proceed with our recommender system.

Install dependencies

```
from __future__ import print_function
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import collections
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
from IPython import display
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import sklearn
import sklearn.manifold
import tensorflow.compat.v1 as tf
tf.compat.v1.disable_eager_execution()
```

Import data

Import data from our 6 separate files and do some preliminary analysis to better understand what information is contained in this dataset.

We have 6 files:

- artists
- tags
- user_artists
- user_friends
- user_taggedartists-timestamp
- user_taggedartists

Artists

```
# Load artists
artists_cols = ['id', 'name', 'url', 'pictureURL']
artists = pd.read_csv('../Data/artists.dat', sep='|', names=artists_cols,
skiprows=1)
artists.head(5)
```

	id	name	url	pictureURL
0	1	MALICE MIZER	http://www.last.fm/music/MALICE+MIZER	http://userse ak.last.fm/serve/252/10808
1	2	Diary of Dreams	http://www.last.fm/music/Diary+of+Dreams	http://userse ak.last.fm/serve/252/3052066
2	3	Carpathian Forest	http://www.last.fm/music/Carpathian+Forest	http://userse ak.last.fm/serve/252/402227
3	4	Moi dix Mois	http://www.last.fm/music/Moi+dix+Mois	http://userse ak.last.fm/serve/252/5469783
4	5	Bella Morte	http://www.last.fm/music/Bella+Morte	http://userse ak.last.fm/serve/252/147890

```
artists.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 17632 entries, 0 to 17631
Data columns (total 4 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ---
0    id         17632 non-null  int64
1    name       17632 non-null  object
2    url        17632 non-null  object
3    pictureURL 17188 non-null  object
dtypes: int64(1), object(3)
memory usage: 551.1+ KB
```

The picture URL contains some null values but we will not need this column for our analysis and so we can drop this column and the url column.

```
artists.drop('pictureURL', axis=1, inplace=True)
artists.drop('url', axis=1, inplace=True)
```

```
artists.head()
```

	id	name
0	1	MALICE MIZER
1	2	Diary of Dreams
2	3	Carpathian Forest
3	4	Moi dix Mois
4	5	Bella Morte

This dataframe contains one row for each of the 17,632 artist in this data set with their corresponding id

Tags

```
# Load tags
tags_cols = ['tagID', 'tagValue']
tags = pd.read_csv('../Data/tags.dat', sep=' ', encoding='latin-1')
tags.head()
```

	tagID	tagValue
0	1	metal
1	2	alternative metal
2	3	goth rock
3	4	black metal
4	5	death metal

```
tags.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 11946 entries, 0 to 11945
Data columns (total 2 columns):
#   Column      Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ---
0    tagID       11946 non-null  int64
1    tagValue    11946 non-null  object
dtypes: int64(1), object(1)
memory usage: 186.8+ KB
```

```
tags.describe()
```

	tagID
count	11946.000000
mean	6242.315336
std	3667.498057
min	1.000000
25%	3036.250000
50%	6210.500000
75%	9460.750000
max	12648.000000

```
tags1 = tags[tags['tagValue'].str.endswith('metal')]
tags1.value_counts()
```

```
tagID  tagValue
1      metal      1
5999  french death metal  1
6318  canadian metal    1
6317  italian metal     1
6311  us metal          1
..
3135  melodic heavy metal  1
3133  extreme power metal  1
2956  communism death metal  1
2914  transmetal         1
12634 angry metal        1
Length: 306, dtype: int64
```

This dataframe contains one row for each of the 11,946 separate tags that can be applied to each artist. As we can see from above there can be a wide variety of different genres. There are 306 different tags that all contain the word metal. We will need to be mindful of this when doing analysis.

User Artists

```
# Load user-artists
user_artists_cols = ['userID', 'artistID', 'weight']
user_artists = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_artists.dat', sep=' ')
user_artists.head()
```

	userID	artistID	weight
0	2	51	13883
1	2	52	11690
2	2	53	11351
3	2	54	10300
4	2	55	8983

```
user_artists.describe()
```

	userID	artistID	weight
count	92834.000000	92834.000000	92834.00000
mean	1037.010481	3331.123145	745.24393
std	610.870436	4383.590502	3751.32208
min	2.000000	1.000000	1.00000
25%	502.000000	436.000000	107.00000
50%	1029.000000	1246.000000	260.00000
75%	1568.000000	4350.000000	614.00000
max	2100.000000	18745.000000	352698.00000

```
user_artists.value_counts()
```

```
userID  artistID  weight
2        51      13883    1
1390     964       147    1
        863       687    1
        859       196    1
        709       201    1
        ..
676     859       168    1
        856       127    1
        854       283    1
        841       198    1
2100    18730      263    1
Length: 92834, dtype: int64
```

The user artists contains users, the artist they listen to, and the weight which is proportional to how much they have listened to the artist. The weight value goes from 1-352,698 with an average weight of 745. Users may have a weighting for multiple artists.

(README.txt) 92834 user-listened artist relations: avg. 49.067 artists most listened by each user avg. 5.265 users who listened each artist

User Friends

```
# Load user-friends
user_friends_cols = ['userID', 'friendID']
user_friends = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_friends.dat', sep=' ')
user_friends.head()
```

	userID	friendID
0	2	275
1	2	428
2	2	515
3	2	761
4	2	831

```
user_friends.describe()
```

	userID	friendID
count	25434.000000	25434.000000
mean	992.161437	992.161437
std	603.959049	603.959049
min	2.000000	2.000000
25%	441.000000	441.000000
50%	984.000000	984.000000
75%	1514.000000	1514.000000
max	2100.000000	2100.000000

This dataframe contains: 12717 bi-directional user friend relations, i.e. 25434 (user_i, user_j) pairs avg. 13.443 friend relations per user (taken from README.txt with the data)

We will explore this data to see if any clear patterns emerge and to see what the distribution of friendship is like in this data.

```
top_friends = user_friends[['userID',
'friendID']].groupby('userID').count().reset_index()
top_friends.rename({'friendID': 'count'}, axis=1, inplace=True)

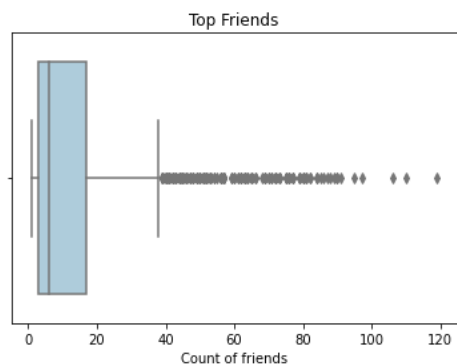
top_friends = top_friends.sort_values('count', ascending=False)
top_friends
```

	userID	count
1394	1543	119
1164	1281	110
772	831	106
169	179	97
1359	1503	95
...
1693	1874	1
535	573	1
1214	1340	1
145	151	1
1718	1904	1

1892 rows × 2 columns

```
r = sns.color_palette('Paired')
sns.boxplot(x=top_friends['count'], palette=r)

plt.title('Top Friends')
plt.xlabel('Count of friends')
plt.show()
```



This boxplot gives us an idea of the relationships between friends. The majority of the users have < 20 friends however there appear to be some outliers who have upwards of 40 and as many as 119 friends. These are very influential users within this dataset

User Tagged Artists Timestamp

```
# Load user-tagged-artists-timestamps
user_tagged_artists_tstamp_cols = ['userID', 'artistID', 'tagID', 'timestamp']
user_tagged_artists_tstamp = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_taggedartists-timestamps.dat',
sep=' ')
user_tagged_artists_tstamp.head()
```

	userID	artistID	tagID	timestamp
0	2	52	13	1238536800000
1	2	52	15	1238536800000
2	2	52	18	1238536800000
3	2	52	21	1238536800000
4	2	52	41	1238536800000

```
user_tagged_artists_tstamp.describe()
```

	userID	artistID	tagID	timestamp
count	186479.000000	186479.000000	186479.000000	1.864790e+05
mean	1035.600137	4375.845328	1439.582913	1.239204e+12
std	622.461272	4897.789595	2775.340279	4.299091e+10
min	2.000000	1.000000	1.000000	-4.287204e+11
25%	488.000000	686.000000	79.000000	1.209593e+12
50%	1021.000000	2203.000000	195.000000	1.243807e+12
75%	1624.000000	6714.000000	887.000000	1.275343e+12
max	2100.000000	18744.000000	12647.000000	1.304941e+12

User Tagged Artists

```
# Load user-tagged-artists
user_tagged_artists_cols = ['userID', 'artistID', 'tagID', 'day', 'month', 'year']
user_tagged_artists = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_taggedartists.dat', sep=' ')
user_tagged_artists.head()
```

	userID	artistID	tagID	day	month	year
0	2	52	13	1	4	2009
1	2	52	15	1	4	2009
2	2	52	18	1	4	2009
3	2	52	21	1	4	2009
4	2	52	41	1	4	2009

```
user_tagged_artists.describe()
```

	userID	artistID	tagID	day	month
count	186479.000000	186479.000000	186479.000000	186479.000000	186479.000000
mean	1035.600137	4375.845328	1439.582913	1.095566	6.524215
std	622.461272	4897.789595	2775.340279	0.712813	3.486855
min	2.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
25%	488.000000	686.000000	79.000000	1.000000	3.000000
50%	1021.000000	2203.000000	195.000000	1.000000	7.000000
75%	1624.000000	6714.000000	887.000000	1.000000	10.000000
max	2100.000000	18744.000000	12647.000000	9.000000	12.000000

The users tagged artist and users tagged artists timestamp are the same data across userID, artistID and tagID columns.

Data Manipulation and Visualisation

We will bring all of our data together and create some visualisations to better understand the data.

```
artists.tail()
```

	id	name
17627	18741	Diamanda Galás
17628	18742	Aya RL
17629	18743	Coptic Rain
17630	18744	Oz Alchemist
17631	18745	Grzegorz Tomczak

It is noted the index and the id don't add up at the end of the dataframe so we need to be aware of this when we come to the recommender system.

```
user_artists.tail()
```

	userID	artistID	weight
92829	2100	18726	337
92830	2100	18727	297
92831	2100	18728	281
92832	2100	18729	280
92833	2100	18730	263

```
tags.tail()
```

	tagID	tagValue
11941	12644	suomi
11942	12645	sybiosis
11943	12646	sverige
11944	12647	eire
11945	12648	electro latino

```
user_tagged_artists.tail()
```


	userID	artistID	tagID	day	month	year
186474	2100	16437	4	1	7	2010
186475	2100	16437	292	1	5	2010
186476	2100	16437	2087	1	7	2010
186477	2100	16437	2801	1	5	2010
186478	2100	16437	3335	1	7	2010

```
user_friends.tail()
```

	userID	friendID
25429	2099	1801
25430	2099	2006
25431	2099	2016
25432	2100	586
25433	2100	607

Merge Data / Visualisations

```
merged_uta_t = pd.merge(user_tagged_artists, tags, on = 'tagID')
```

```
merged_uta_t.head()
```

	userID	artistID	tagID	day	month	year	tagValue
0	2	52	13	1	4	2009	chillout
1	2	63	13	1	4	2009	chillout
2	2	73	13	1	4	2009	chillout
3	2	94	13	1	4	2009	chillout
4	2	6177	13	1	5	2009	chillout

We want to create a calculated field counting how many of each unique tag have been applied. This will show us the most listened to genres.

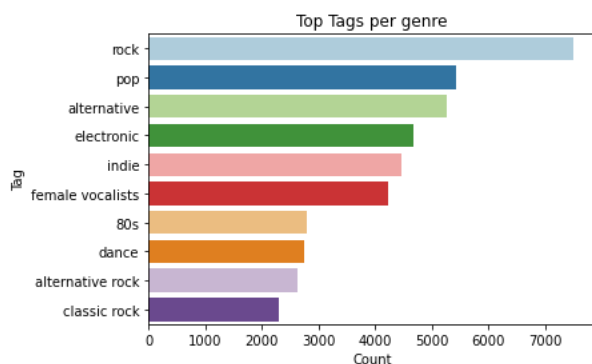
```
top_tag = merged_uta_t[['userID', 'tagValue']].groupby('tagValue').count().reset_index()
top_tag.rename({'userID': 'count'}, axis=1, inplace=True)

#limit top tags to top 10
top_tag = top_tag.sort_values('count', ascending=False).head(10)
top_tag
```

	tagValue	count
7473	rock	7503
6802	pop	5418
441	alternative	5251
2709	electronic	4672
4393	indie	4458
3099	female vocalists	4228
174	80s	2791
2120	dance	2739
457	alternative rock	2631
1834	classic rock	2287

```
#Display top ten tags
r = sns.color_palette('Paired')
ax = sns.barplot(x='count', y='tagValue', data=top_tag,
                label="tagValue", palette=r)

plt.title('Top Tags per genre')
plt.ylabel('Tag')
plt.xlabel('Count')
plt.show()
```



We can see rock is the dominant genre. Rock is the number one choice, but as we alluded to earlier, there is also alternative rock and classic rock as the 9th and 10th most popular choices.

```
merged_u_a = pd.merge(user_artists, artists, how='left', left_on='artistID',
                      right_on='id')
merged_u_a.head()
```

	userID	artistID	weight	id	name
0	2	51	13883	51	Duran Duran
1	2	52	11690	52	Morcheeba
2	2	53	11351	53	Air
3	2	54	10300	54	Hooverphonic
4	2	55	8983	55	Kylie Minogue

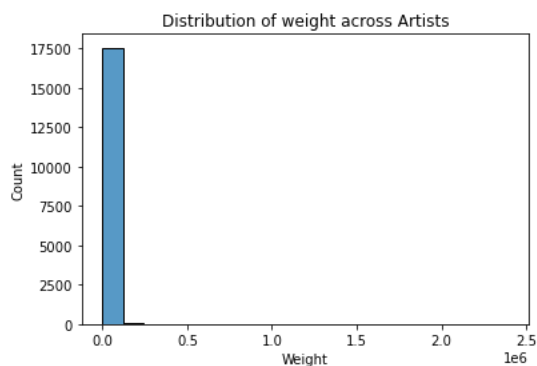
We now look at the different weights given to each of the artists indicating how much each artist has been listened to by users.

```
top_artist = merged_u_a[['weight', 'name']].groupby('name').sum().reset_index()
top_artist
```

	name	weight
0	!!!	2826
1	!DISTAIN	1257
2	!deladap	65
3	#####	3707
4	#2 Orchestra	144
...
17627	R E D	373
17628	V a n e s s A	2172
17629	b o o g i e m a n	378
17630	b o r n	2287
17631	m a c h i n e	1338

17632 rows x 2 columns

```
#Display distribution of artists cumulative weights
sns.histplot(x='weight', data=top_artist, palette=r, bins=20)
plt.title('Distribution of weight across Artists')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xlabel('Weight')
plt.show()
```

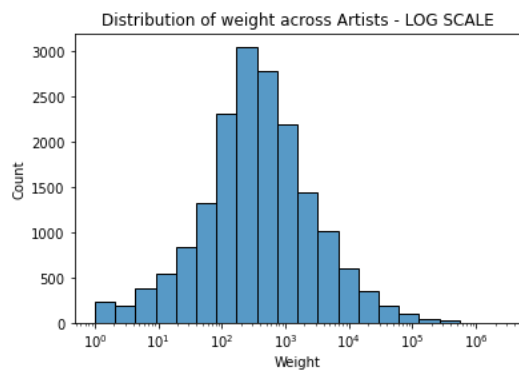


```
top_artist.describe()
```

	weight
count	1.763200e+04
mean	3.923774e+03
std	3.409934e+04
min	1.000000e+00
25%	1.130000e+02
50%	3.500000e+02
75%	1.234250e+03
max	2.393140e+06

This data is extremely right skewed with some large outliers (max value of 2,393,140) which is making it difficult to visualise the distribution. We will use log scale to enable us to do so.

```
#Display artists weights- log
sns.histplot(x='weight', data=top_artist, palette=r, log_scale=True, bins=20)
plt.title('Distribution of weight across Artists - LOG SCALE')
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xlabel('Weight')
plt.show()
```



There appears to be a normal distribution around the log scale of weights assigned to each artist.

Conclusion

We have completed our preliminary analysis of the data provided. We understand the weights value varies greatly across the data set. We also have an indication that there are a large number of highly linked users and friends across the data. We are hopeful that with all of this data we will be able to create a useful music recommender system.

Music Recommender System



This will detail all of the steps involved in creating this music recommender system. This code is based on the google colab notebook and educational code available at:

https://colab.research.google.com/github/google/eng-edu/blob/main/ml/recommendation-systems/recommendation-systems.ipynb?utm_source=ss-recommendation-systems&utm_campaign=colab-external&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=recommendation-systems#scrollTo=StMo4lDmLqpc

The notebook is split into 4 sections:

1. Building rating matrix/ Calculating error
2. Training the matrix factorisation model
3. Inspecting embeddings
4. Regularisation in matrix factorisation

Import required dependencies

```

from __future__ import print_function
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import collections
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
from IPython import display
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import sklearn
import sklearn.manifold
import tensorflow.compat.v1 as tf
tf.disable_v2_behavior()
tf.logging.set_verbosity(tf.logging.ERROR)

```

```

WARNING:tensorflow:From /Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-
packages/tensorflow/python/compat/v2_compat.py:111: disable_resource_variables (from
tensorflow.python.ops.variable_scope) is deprecated and will be removed in a future
version.
Instructions for updating:
non-resource variables are not supported in the long term

```

1) Preliminaries

```

artists = pd.read_csv('../Data/artists.dat', sep=' ')
tags = pd.read_csv('../Data/tags.dat', sep=' ', encoding='latin-1')
user_artists = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_artists.dat', sep=' ')
user_friends = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_friends.dat', sep=' ')
user_tagged_artists_tstamp = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_taggedartists-timestamps.dat',
sep=' ')
user_tagged_artists = pd.read_csv('../Data/user_taggedartists.dat', sep=' ')

```

We create a function to be used later for splitting the data in testing and training sets

```

# Split the data into training and test sets.
def split_dataframe(df, holdout_fraction=0.1):
    test = df.sample(frac=holdout_fraction, replace=False)
    train = df[~df.index.isin(test.index)]
    return train, test

```

Building matrix

We design a function that maps the `user_artists` data to a tensorflow sparsesetensor representation. Most users will not have rated each artist so this is full of 0's and hence becomes a very large matrix. This function allows us to efficiently capture this data

```

def build_rating_sparse_tensor(user_artists_df):
    indices = user_artists_df[['userID', 'artistID']].values
    values = user_artists_df['weight'].values
    return tf.SparseTensor(
        indices=indices,
        values=values,
        dense_shape=[len(user_artists['userID'].unique()), len(artists['id'].unique())])

```

Calculating the error

The model approximates the ratings matrix by a low-rank product. We need a way to measure the approximation error. We'll start by using the Mean Squared Error of observed entries only. It is defined as

$$\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (A_{ij} - (UV^{\top})_{ij})^2$$

where U and V are matrices of size $n \times k$ and $m \times k$ respectively, and Ω is the set of observed entries. The function below is created to calculate this

```
def sparse_mean_square_error(sparse_ratings, user_embeddings, music_embeddings):
    predictions = tf.reduce_sum(
        tf.gather(user_embeddings, sparse_ratings.indices[:, 0]) *
        tf.gather(music_embeddings, sparse_ratings.indices[:, 1]),
        axis=1)
    loss = tf.losses.mean_squared_error(sparse_ratings.values, predictions)
    return loss
```

2) Training the Matrix Factorization model

Collaborative Filtering Model (CF Model)

This class trains a matrix factorization model. Stochastic gradient descent is used in the function as the optimiser.

```
class CFModel(object):
    def __init__(self, embedding_vars, loss, metrics=None):
        self.embedding_vars = embedding_vars
        self._loss = loss
        self._metrics = metrics
        self._embeddings = {k: None for k in embedding_vars}
        self._session = None

    @property
    def embeddings(self):
        return self._embeddings

    def train(self, num_iterations=100, learning_rate=1.0, plot_results=True,
              optimizer=tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer):
        with self._loss.graph.as_default():
            opt = optimizer(learning_rate)
            train_op = opt.minimize(self._loss)
            local_init_op = tf.group(
                tf.variables_initializer(opt.variables()),
                tf.local_variables_initializer())
            if self._session is None:
                self._session = tf.Session()
                with self._session.as_default():
                    self._session.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
                    self._session.run(tf.tables_initializer())
                    tf.train.start_queue_runners()

            with self._session.as_default():
                local_init_op.run()
                iterations = []
                metrics = self._metrics or {}
                metrics_vals = [collections.defaultdict(list) for _ in self._metrics]

                # Train and append results.
                for i in range(num_iterations + 1):
                    _, results = self._session.run((train_op, metrics))
                    if (i % 10 == 0) or i == num_iterations:
                        print("\r iteration %d: " % i + ", ".join(["%s=%f" % (k, v) for r in
                            results for k, v in r.items()]),
                              end='')
                        iterations.append(i)
                        for metric_val, result in zip(metrics_vals, results):
                            for k, v in result.items():
                                metric_val[k].append(v)

                for k, v in self._embedding_vars.items():
                    self._embeddings[k] = v.eval()

            if plot_results:
                # Plot the metrics.
                num_subplots = len(metrics)+1
                fig = plt.figure()
                fig.set_size_inches(num_subplots*10, 8)
                for i, metric_vals in enumerate(metrics_vals):
                    ax = fig.add_subplot(1, num_subplots, i+1)
                    for k, v in metric_vals.items():
                        ax.plot(iterations, v, label=k)
                    ax.set_xlim([1, num_iterations])
                    ax.legend()

            return results
```

Build the model

We build the model that uses the `sparse_mean_square_error` function. We write a function that builds a `CFModel` by creating the embedding variables and the train and test losses.

```
def build_model(ratings, embedding_dim=3, init_stddev=1.):
    # Split the ratings DataFrame into train and test.
    train_ratings, test_ratings = split_dataframe(ratings)
    # SparseTensor representation of the train and test datasets.
    A_train = build_rating_sparse_tensor(train_ratings)
    A_test = build_rating_sparse_tensor(test_ratings)
    # Initialize the embeddings using a normal distribution.
    U = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal(
        [A_train.dense_shape[0], embedding_dim], stddev=init_stddev))
    V = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal(
        [A_train.dense_shape[1], embedding_dim], stddev=init_stddev))
    train_loss = sparse_mean_square_error(A_train, U, V)
    test_loss = sparse_mean_square_error(A_test, U, V)
    metrics = {
        'train_error': train_loss,
        'test_error': test_loss
    }
    embeddings = {
        "userID": U,
        "artistID": V
    }
    return CFModel(embeddings, train_loss, [metrics])
```

```
user_artists
```

	userID	artistID	weight
0	2	51	13883
1	2	52	11690
2	2	53	11351
3	2	54	10300
4	2	55	8983
...
92829	2100	18726	337
92830	2100	18727	297
92831	2100	18728	281
92832	2100	18729	280
92833	2100	18730	263

92834 rows × 3 columns

We convert our columns into the appropriate data type before running it through the model

Changing user id and artist id

We get errors when using the user data as is, as the user ID values and artist ID values are not in sequential order and are often higher than the index value so we will change them so they run from 0-1891, and 0-17631 respectively.

```
user_artists.userID.unique().astype(int).max()
```

```
2100
```

```
user_artists.artistID.unique().astype(int).max()
```

```
18745
```

```
def return_inverse(x):
    p = np.zeros(x.max()+1, dtype=bool)
    p[x] = 1

    p2 = np.empty(x.max()+1, dtype=np.uint64)
    c = p.sum()
    p2[p] = np.arange(c)
    out = p2[x]
    return out
```

```
inverse_user_id = return_inverse(user_artists.userID)
inverse_user_id
```

```
array([ 0, 0, 0, ..., 1891, 1891, 1891], dtype=uint64)
```

```
inverse_artist_id = return_inverse(user_artists.artistID)
inverse_artist_id
```

```
array([ 45, 46, 47, ..., 17617, 17618, 17619], dtype=uint64)
```

```
# Replace id columns
user_artists['userID'] = inverse_user_id
user_artists['artistID'] = inverse_artist_id
```

```
user_artists.describe()
```

	userID	artistID	weight
count	92834.000000	92834.000000	92834.000000
mean	944.222483	3235.736724	745.24393
std	546.751074	4197.216910	3751.32208
min	0.000000	0.000000	1.00000
25%	470.000000	430.000000	107.00000
50%	944.000000	1237.000000	260.00000
75%	1416.000000	4266.000000	614.00000
max	1891.000000	17631.000000	352698.00000

We can see the userID now has a max value of 1,891 and artistID has a max value of 17,631

Normalisation

The variety in weights are very large which will cause issues with our `CFModel` so we normalise these values between a value of 0-1

The code below can be uncommented to try a z score normalisation for different results

```
# copy the data
user_artists_norm = user_artists.copy()

# apply normalization techniques by Column weight
column = 'weight'
user_artists_norm[column] = (user_artists_norm[column] -
user_artists_norm[column].min()) / (user_artists_norm[column].max() -
user_artists_norm[column].min())

# z score normalisation
#user_artists_norm[column] = (user_artists_norm[column] -
user_artists_norm[column].mean()) / user_artists_norm[column].std()

# view normalized data
user_artists_norm.head()
```


	userID	artistID	weight
0	0	45	0.039360
1	0	46	0.033142
2	0	47	0.032181
3	0	48	0.029201
4	0	49	0.025467

Build the CF Model and train it

```
model = build_model(user_artists_norm, embedding_dim=30, init_stddev=0.5)
model.train(num_iterations=1000, learning_rate=10)
```

2021-12-01 21:57:52.300490: I tensorflow/core/platform/cpu_feature_guard.cc:151] This TensorFlow binary is optimized with oneAPI Deep Neural Network Library (oneDNN) to use the following CPU instructions in performance-critical operations: AVX2 FMA
To enable them in other operations, rebuild TensorFlow with the appropriate compiler flags.

iteration 0: train_error=1.906033, test_error=1.933137
iteration 10: train_error=1.547279, test_error=1.685794

iteration 20: train_error=1.295970, test_error=1.513266
iteration 30: train_error=1.108595, test_error=1.384579
iteration 40: train_error=0.963041, test_error=1.284134

iteration 50: train_error=0.846618, test_error=1.203112
iteration 60: train_error=0.751424, test_error=1.136108
iteration 70: train_error=0.672236, test_error=1.079607

iteration 80: train_error=0.605439, test_error=1.031207
iteration 90: train_error=0.548442, test_error=0.989209
iteration 100: train_error=0.499332, test_error=0.952372

iteration 110: train_error=0.456663, test_error=0.919764
iteration 120: train_error=0.419320, test_error=0.890670
iteration 130: train_error=0.386429, test_error=0.864535

iteration 140: train_error=0.357293, test_error=0.840915
iteration 150: train_error=0.331351, test_error=0.819454
iteration 160: train_error=0.308146, test_error=0.799862

iteration 170: train_error=0.287300, test_error=0.781899
iteration 180: train_error=0.268503, test_error=0.765366
iteration 190: train_error=0.251491, test_error=0.750096

iteration 200: train_error=0.236044, test_error=0.735946
iteration 210: train_error=0.221975, test_error=0.722796
iteration 220: train_error=0.209125, test_error=0.710541

iteration 230: train_error=0.197355, test_error=0.699093
iteration 240: train_error=0.186549, test_error=0.688373
iteration 250: train_error=0.176604, test_error=0.678313

iteration 260: train_error=0.167430, test_error=0.668853
iteration 270: train_error=0.158950, test_error=0.659941

iteration 280: train_error=0.151095, test_error=0.651529
iteration 290: train_error=0.143807, test_error=0.643577
iteration 300: train_error=0.137030, test_error=0.636048

iteration 310: train_error=0.130720, test_error=0.628908
iteration 320: train_error=0.124833, test_error=0.622128
iteration 330: train_error=0.119333, test_error=0.615681

iteration 340: train_error=0.114187, test_error=0.609543
iteration 350: train_error=0.109365, test_error=0.603693
iteration 360: train_error=0.104840, test_error=0.598110

iteration 370: train_error=0.100588, test_error=0.592776
iteration 380: train_error=0.096589, test_error=0.587676
iteration 390: train_error=0.092821, test_error=0.582793

iteration 400: train_error=0.089269, test_error=0.578115
iteration 410: train_error=0.085915, test_error=0.573629
iteration 420: train_error=0.082745, test_error=0.569322

iteration 430: train_error=0.079746, test_error=0.565186
iteration 440: train_error=0.076906, test_error=0.561209
iteration 450: train_error=0.074214, test_error=0.557383

iteration 460: train_error=0.071659, test_error=0.553699
iteration 470: train_error=0.069233, test_error=0.550149
iteration 480: train_error=0.066927, test_error=0.546727

iteration 490: train_error=0.064733, test_error=0.543425
iteration 500: train_error=0.062644, test_error=0.540237
iteration 510: train_error=0.060654, test_error=0.537158

iteration 520: train_error=0.058756, test_error=0.534182
iteration 530: train_error=0.056945, test_error=0.531304
iteration 540: train_error=0.055215, test_error=0.528519

iteration 550: train_error=0.053562, test_error=0.525823
iteration 560: train_error=0.051981, test_error=0.523212
iteration 570: train_error=0.050468, test_error=0.520681

iteration 580: train_error=0.049019, test_error=0.518227
iteration 590: train_error=0.047632, test_error=0.515847
iteration 600: train_error=0.046301, test_error=0.513537

iteration 610: train_error=0.045024, test_error=0.511295
iteration 620: train_error=0.043799, test_error=0.509117

iteration 630: train_error=0.042623, test_error=0.507000
iteration 640: train_error=0.041492, test_error=0.504943
iteration 650: train_error=0.040406, test_error=0.502942

iteration 660: train_error=0.039360, test_error=0.500996
iteration 670: train_error=0.038354, test_error=0.499102
iteration 680: train_error=0.037386, test_error=0.497259

iteration 690: train_error=0.036453, test_error=0.495463
iteration 700: train_error=0.035554, test_error=0.493714
iteration 710: train_error=0.034687, test_error=0.492009

iteration 720: train_error=0.033851, test_error=0.490348
iteration 730: train_error=0.033044, test_error=0.488728
iteration 740: train_error=0.032266, test_error=0.487147

iteration 750: train_error=0.031514, test_error=0.485605
iteration 760: train_error=0.030787, test_error=0.484100
iteration 770: train_error=0.030085, test_error=0.482631

iteration 780: train_error=0.029406, test_error=0.481197
iteration 790: train_error=0.028749, test_error=0.479795
iteration 800: train_error=0.028114, test_error=0.478426

iteration 810: train_error=0.027499, test_error=0.477088
iteration 820: train_error=0.026904, test_error=0.475780
iteration 830: train_error=0.026327, test_error=0.474501

iteration 840: train_error=0.025768, test_error=0.473250
iteration 850: train_error=0.025227, test_error=0.472026
iteration 860: train_error=0.024702, test_error=0.470829

iteration 870: train_error=0.024193, test_error=0.469657
iteration 880: train_error=0.023699, test_error=0.468510
iteration 890: train_error=0.023220, test_error=0.467387

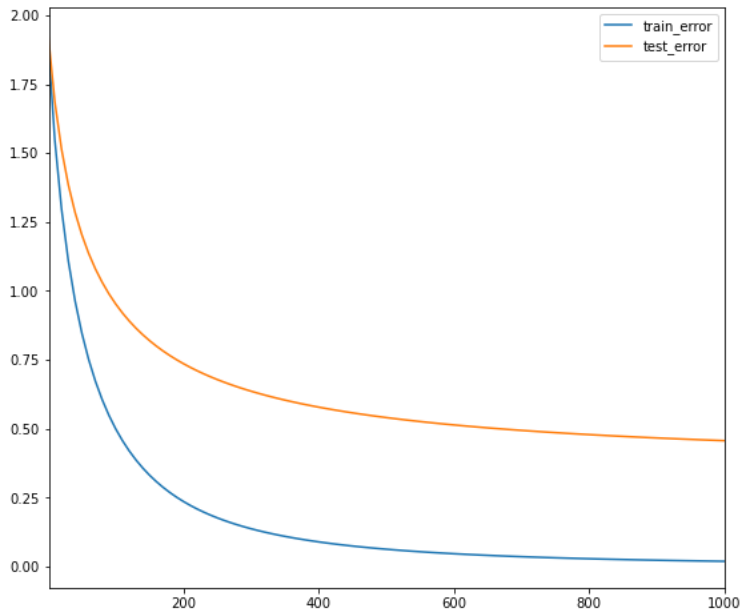
iteration 900: train_error=0.022755, test_error=0.466287
iteration 910: train_error=0.022303, test_error=0.465210
iteration 920: train_error=0.021864, test_error=0.464154

```
iteration 930: train_error=0.021438, test_error=0.463120
iteration 940: train_error=0.021024, test_error=0.462106
iteration 950: train_error=0.020622, test_error=0.461113
```

```
iteration 960: train_error=0.020230, test_error=0.460138
iteration 970: train_error=0.019850, test_error=0.459183
iteration 980: train_error=0.019479, test_error=0.458246
```

```
iteration 990: train_error=0.019119, test_error=0.457326
iteration 1000: train_error=0.018769, test_error=0.456424
```

```
[{'train_error': 0.018768793, 'test_error': 0.45642427}]
```



3) Inspecting the Embeddings

We look at the recommendations of the system using the dot product and cosine similarity which are two different similarity measures. We create a nearest neighbours function to recommend similar artists.

```
DOT = 'dot'
COSINE = 'cosine'
def compute_scores(query_embedding, item_embeddings, measure=DOT):
    u = query_embedding
    V = item_embeddings
    if measure == COSINE:
        V = V / np.linalg.norm(V, axis=1, keepdims=True)
        u = u / np.linalg.norm(u)
    scores = u.dot(V.T)
    return scores
```

```
def artist_neighbors(model, title_substring, measure=DOT, k=6):
    ids = artists[artists['name'].str.contains(title_substring)].index.values
    titles = artists.iloc[ids]['name'].values
    if len(titles) == 0:
        raise ValueError("Found no artists with title %s" % title_substring)
    print("Nearest neighbors of : %s." % titles[0])
    if len(titles) > 1:
        print("[Found more than one matching artist. Other candidates: {}]"
              .format(", ".join(titles[1:])))
    artistID = ids[0]
    scores = compute_scores(
        model.embeddings["artistID"][artistID], model.embeddings["artistID"],
        measure)
    score_key = measure + ' score'
    df = pd.DataFrame({
        score_key: list(scores),
        'names': artists['name']
    })
    display.display(df.sort_values([score_key], ascending=False).head(k))
```

Testing

We input an artist to see what recommendations our system returns to us

```
artist_neighbors(model, "Johnny Cash", DOT)
artist_neighbors(model, "Johnny Cash", COSINE)
```

Nearest neighbors of : Johnny Cash.
[Found more than one matching artist. Other candidates: Johnny Cash & Willie Nelson]

	dot score	names
5870	2.593627	Sofia Nizharadze
17373	2.554927	Amycanbe
5673	2.513354	Valve
6509	2.439311	Blood Axis
1108	2.423170	Claude Debussy
9219	2.365079	The Locust

Nearest neighbors of : Johnny Cash.
[Found more than one matching artist. Other candidates: Johnny Cash & Willie Nelson]

	cosine score	names
712	1.000000	Johnny Cash
5673	0.680766	Valve
17373	0.615704	Amycanbe
14427	0.608417	Mawa Badda Boo
2682	0.605275	Bondage Fairies
5018	0.601247	Delux

These results are interesting but it seems our system could be improved upon.

Model initialisation

It seems the initialisation parameters may play a factor in the results of our system as artists with few ratings may have had their embeddings initialised with a high norm. We use regularisation to combat this by adjusting the value of `init_stddev` (previously at 0.5 now changed to 0.05)

```
# Solution
model_lowinit = build_model(user_artists_norm, embedding_dim=30, init_stddev=0.05)
model_lowinit.train(num_iterations=1000, learning_rate=10.)
artist_neighbors(model_lowinit, "Johnny Cash", DOT)
artist_neighbors(model_lowinit, "Johnny Cash", COSINE)
#movie_embedding_norm([model, model_lowinit])
```

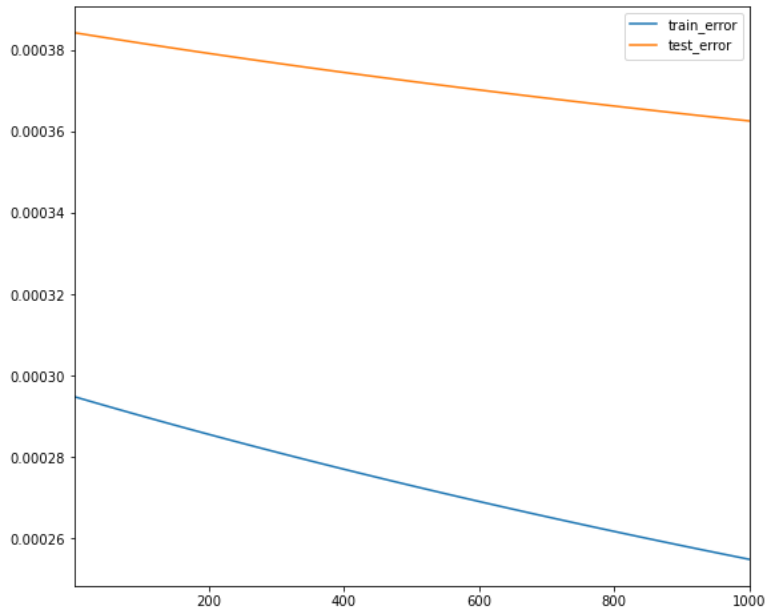


```
iteration 990: train_error=0.000255, test_error=0.000363
iteration 1000: train_error=0.000255, test_error=0.000363
Nearest neighbors of : Johnny Cash.
[Found more than one matching artist. Other candidates: Johnny Cash & Willie Nelson]
```

	dot score	names
712	0.070318	Johnny Cash
2708	0.054249	Gidropony
7154	0.051584	Jack White & Alicia Keys
13462	0.049577	Siria
16133	0.049458	Benjamin Wetherill
4091	0.048504	LeCrae

```
Nearest neighbors of : Johnny Cash.
[Found more than one matching artist. Other candidates: Johnny Cash & Willie Nelson]
```

	cosine score	names
712	1.000000	Johnny Cash
2708	0.655261	Gidropony
1007	0.619879	Novaspace
16133	0.604852	Benjamin Wetherill
13462	0.601102	Siria
5486	0.591738	Emigrate



4) Regularization In Matrix Factorization

In the code above, loss was defined as the mean squared error on the observed part of the rating matrix. This can often cause issues when the model does not learn how to place the embeddings of irrelevant artists. This is called *folding*.

We add some regularization terms to deal with this problem:

- Regularization of the model parameters. This is a common regularization term on the embedding matrices, given by
$$r(U, V) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \|U_i\|^2 + \frac{1}{M} \sum_j \|V_j\|^2$$
- A global prior that pushes the prediction of any pair towards zero, called the *gravity* term. This is given by
$$g(U, V) = \frac{1}{MN} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \langle U_i, V_j \rangle^2$$

Total loss can now be calculated as: $\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (A_{ij} - \langle U_i, V_j \rangle)^2 + \lambda_r r(U, V) + \lambda_g g(U, V)$

```
def gravity(U, V):
    return 1. / (U.shape[0].value*V.shape[0].value) * tf.reduce_sum(
        tf.matmul(U, U, transpose_a=True) * tf.matmul(V, V, transpose_a=True))

def build_regularized_model(
    ratings, embedding_dim=3, regularization_coeff=.1, gravity_coeff=1.,
    init_stddev=0.1):
    # Split the ratings DataFrame into train and test.
    train_ratings, test_ratings = split_dataframe(ratings)
    # SparseTensor representation of the train and test datasets.
    A_train = build_rating_sparse_tensor(train_ratings)
    A_test = build_rating_sparse_tensor(test_ratings)
    U = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal(
        [A_train.dense_shape[0], embedding_dim], stddev=init_stddev))
    V = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal(
        [A_train.dense_shape[1], embedding_dim], stddev=init_stddev))

    error_train = sparse_mean_square_error(A_train, U, V)
    error_test = sparse_mean_square_error(A_test, U, V)
    gravity_loss = gravity_coeff * gravity(U, V)
    regularization_loss = regularization_coeff * (
        tf.reduce_sum(U*U)/U.shape[0].value + tf.reduce_sum(V*V)/V.shape[0].value)
    total_loss = error_train + regularization_loss + gravity_loss
    losses = {
        'train_error_observed': error_train,
        'test_error_observed': error_test,
    }
    loss_components = {
        'observed_loss': error_train,
        'regularization_loss': regularization_loss,
        'gravity_loss': gravity_loss,
    }
    embeddings = {"userId": U, "artistID": V}

    return CFModel(embeddings, total_loss, [losses, loss_components])
```

We build the regularised model and observe the results

```
reg_model = build_regularized_model(
    user_artists_norm, regularization_coeff=0.1, gravity_coeff=1.0, embedding_dim=35,
    init_stddev=.05)
reg_model.train(num_iterations=2000, learning_rate=20.)
```

iteration 0: train_error_observed=0.000341, test_error_observed=0.000313,
observed_loss=0.000341, regularization_loss=0.017579, gravity_loss=0.000221
iteration 10: train_error_observed=0.000329, test_error_observed=0.000302,
observed_loss=0.000329, regularization_loss=0.017153, gravity_loss=0.000210

iteration 20: train_error_observed=0.000318, test_error_observed=0.000292,
observed_loss=0.000318, regularization_loss=0.016745, gravity_loss=0.000200
iteration 30: train_error_observed=0.000308, test_error_observed=0.000282,
observed_loss=0.000308, regularization_loss=0.016352, gravity_loss=0.000190

iteration 40: train_error_observed=0.000298, test_error_observed=0.000273,
observed_loss=0.000298, regularization_loss=0.015976, gravity_loss=0.000181
iteration 50: train_error_observed=0.000289, test_error_observed=0.000264,
observed_loss=0.000289, regularization_loss=0.015614, gravity_loss=0.000173

iteration 60: train_error_observed=0.000280, test_error_observed=0.000256,
observed_loss=0.000280, regularization_loss=0.015267, gravity_loss=0.000164
iteration 70: train_error_observed=0.000272, test_error_observed=0.000248,
observed_loss=0.000272, regularization_loss=0.014933, gravity_loss=0.000156

iteration 80: train_error_observed=0.000264, test_error_observed=0.000241,
observed_loss=0.000264, regularization_loss=0.014612, gravity_loss=0.000149
iteration 90: train_error_observed=0.000257, test_error_observed=0.000233,
observed_loss=0.000257, regularization_loss=0.014304, gravity_loss=0.000142

iteration 100: train_error_observed=0.000249, test_error_observed=0.000227,
observed_loss=0.000249, regularization_loss=0.014008, gravity_loss=0.000135
iteration 110: train_error_observed=0.000243, test_error_observed=0.000220,
observed_loss=0.000243, regularization_loss=0.013723, gravity_loss=0.000129

iteration 120: train_error_observed=0.000236, test_error_observed=0.000214,
observed_loss=0.000236, regularization_loss=0.013450, gravity_loss=0.000122
iteration 130: train_error_observed=0.000230, test_error_observed=0.000208,
observed_loss=0.000230, regularization_loss=0.013186, gravity_loss=0.000117

iteration 140: train_error_observed=0.000225, test_error_observed=0.000203,
observed_loss=0.000225, regularization_loss=0.012933, gravity_loss=0.000111
iteration 150: train_error_observed=0.000219, test_error_observed=0.000198,
observed_loss=0.000219, regularization_loss=0.012689, gravity_loss=0.000106

iteration 160: train_error_observed=0.000214, test_error_observed=0.000193,
observed_loss=0.000214, regularization_loss=0.012455, gravity_loss=0.000101
iteration 170: train_error_observed=0.000209, test_error_observed=0.000188,
observed_loss=0.000209, regularization_loss=0.012229, gravity_loss=0.000096

iteration 180: train_error_observed=0.000205, test_error_observed=0.000183,
observed_loss=0.000205, regularization_loss=0.012012, gravity_loss=0.000091
iteration 190: train_error_observed=0.000200, test_error_observed=0.000179,
observed_loss=0.000200, regularization_loss=0.011803, gravity_loss=0.000087

iteration 200: train_error_observed=0.000196, test_error_observed=0.000175,
observed_loss=0.000196, regularization_loss=0.011601, gravity_loss=0.000083
iteration 210: train_error_observed=0.000192, test_error_observed=0.000171,
observed_loss=0.000192, regularization_loss=0.011407, gravity_loss=0.000079

iteration 220: train_error_observed=0.000188, test_error_observed=0.000168,
observed_loss=0.000188, regularization_loss=0.011220, gravity_loss=0.000075
iteration 230: train_error_observed=0.000185, test_error_observed=0.000164,
observed_loss=0.000185, regularization_loss=0.011039, gravity_loss=0.000072

iteration 240: train_error_observed=0.000181, test_error_observed=0.000161,
observed_loss=0.000181, regularization_loss=0.010865, gravity_loss=0.000068
iteration 250: train_error_observed=0.000178, test_error_observed=0.000158,
observed_loss=0.000178, regularization_loss=0.010697, gravity_loss=0.000065

iteration 260: train_error_observed=0.000175, test_error_observed=0.000155,
observed_loss=0.000175, regularization_loss=0.010536, gravity_loss=0.000062
iteration 270: train_error_observed=0.000172, test_error_observed=0.000152,
observed_loss=0.000172, regularization_loss=0.010379, gravity_loss=0.000059

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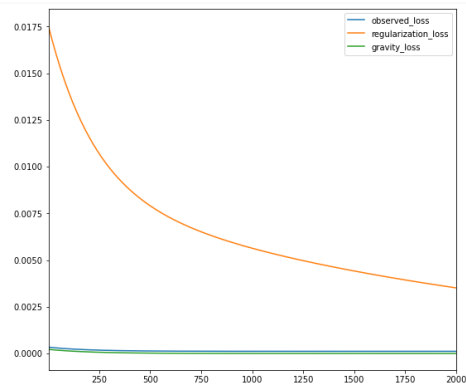
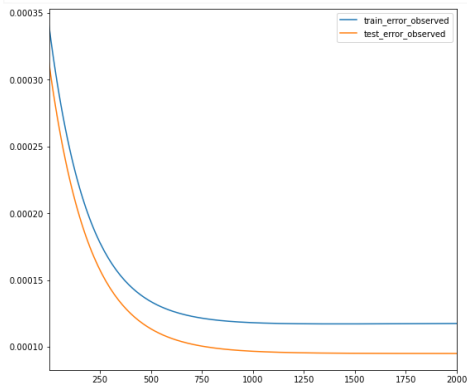
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```
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```
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```



Testing

```
artist_neighbors(model_lowinit, "Johnny Cash", DOT)
artist_neighbors(model_lowinit, "Johnny Cash", COSINE)
```

Nearest neighbors of : Johnny Cash.
[Found more than one matching artist. Other candidates: Johnny Cash & Willie Nelson]

	dot score	names
712	0.070318	Johnny Cash
2708	0.054249	Gidropony
7154	0.051584	Jack White & Alicia Keys
13462	0.049577	Siria
16133	0.049458	Benjamin Wetherill
4091	0.048504	LeCrae

Nearest neighbors of : Johnny Cash.
[Found more than one matching artist. Other candidates: Johnny Cash & Willie Nelson]

	cosine score	names
712	1.000000	Johnny Cash
2708	0.655261	Gidropony
1007	0.619879	Novaspace
16133	0.604852	Benjamin Wetherill
13462	0.601102	Siria
5486	0.591738	Emigrate

Results

Our recommender system is fully functional and outputs artists based on similarity metrics to whatever artist the user enters. The system appears to have some issues as there are often useful recommendations alongside other, not so useful recommendations. The inner workings of the systems need some work before this would be deemed acceptable however as a starting point it is a useful recommender system to be further fine tuned.

Novel Lyrics Display

This section details the novel lyrics aspect of this system. A user can input a favourite artist and song and will be returned some classic lyrics from that artist on screen.

```
pip install lyricsgenius
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: lyricsgenius in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (3.0.1)  
Requirement already satisfied: requests>=2.20.0 in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from lyricsgenius) (2.26.0)  
Requirement already satisfied: beautifulsoup4>=4.6.0 in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from lyricsgenius) (4.10.0)  
Requirement already satisfied: soupsieve>1.2 in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from beautifulsoup4>=4.6.0-  
>lyricsgenius) (2.2.1)
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: charset-normalizer~=2.0.0 in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from requests>=2.20.0-  
>lyricsgenius) (2.0.4)  
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<1.27,>=1.21.1 in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from requests>=2.20.0-  
>lyricsgenius) (1.26.6)  
Requirement already satisfied: idna<4,>=2.5 in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from requests>=2.20.0-  
>lyricsgenius) (3.2)  
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in  
/Users/dockreg/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from requests>=2.20.0-  
>lyricsgenius) (2021.10.8)
```

Note: you may need to restart the kernel to use updated packages.

```
import os  
import json  
import time
```

Token has been removed below after successfully running the API call

```
token = 'xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx'
```

```
import lyricsgenius as lg  
genius = lg.Genius(token)
```

```
song_title = "Walk the line"  
artist_name = "Johnny Cash"
```

```
song = genius.search_song(title=song_title, artist=artist_name)
```

Searching for "Walk the line" by Johnny Cash...

Done.

```
lyrics = song.lyrics
```

```
l=lyrics.split('\n')
```

```
for line in l:  
    print(line)  
  
# uncomment for interactive notebook running  
#time.sleep(2)
```

[Verse 1]

I keep a close watch on this heart of mine
I keep my eyes wide open all the time
I keep the ends out for the tie that binds
Because you're mine, I walk the line

[Verse 2]

I find it very, very easy to be true
I find myself alone when each day is through
Yes, I'll admit that I'm a fool for you
Because you're mine, I walk the line

[Verse 3]

As sure as night is dark and day is light
I keep you on my mind both day and night
And happiness I've known proves that it's right
Because you're mine, I walk the line

[Verse 4]

You've got a way to keep me on your side
You give me cause for love that I can't hide
For you, I know I'd even try to turn the tide
Because you're mine, I walk the line

[Verse 1]

I keep a close watch on this heart of mine
I keep my eyes wide open all the time
I keep the ends out for the tie that binds
Because you're mine, I walk the line



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