

How to build a recommender system based on Mahout and Java EE

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"All the web content will be personalized in three to five years."

Sheryl Sandberg COO Facebook - 09.2010

Agenda

- What is personalization?
- What algorithms can be used?
- Architecture of a recommender system
- How to bundle Mahout into an Java EE application
- Interface with the recommender
- Conclusion

What is personalization?

Personalization involves using technology to accommodate the differences between individuals. Once confined mainly to the Web, it is increasingly becoming a factor in education, health care (i.e. personalized medicine), television, and in both "business to business" and "business to consumer" settings.

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personalization

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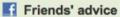
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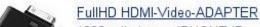


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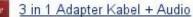
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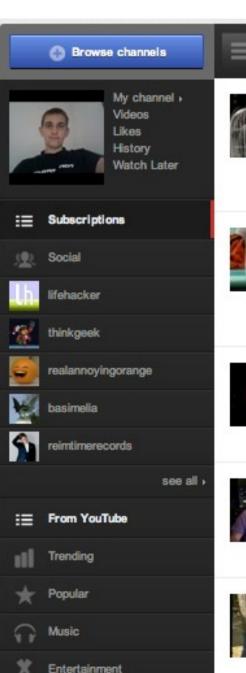


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Recommender

This talk will concentrate on recommender technology based on collaborative filtering (cf) to personalize a web site

- a lot of research is going on
- cf has shown great success in movie and music industry
- recommenders can collect data silently and use it without manual maintenance

What is a recommender?

Let *U* be a set of users of the recommendation system and *I* be the set of items from which the users can choose. A recommender *r* is a function which produces for a user u_i a set of recommended items *R_k* with *k* entries and a binary, transitive, antisymmetric and total relation *prefers_over_u* which can be used for sorting the recommendations for the user. The recommender *r* is often called a top-k recommender.

$$U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots u_m\} \tag{1}$$

$$I = \{i_1, i_2, \dots i_n\} \tag{2}$$

$$R_k = \{R \subset I \land |R| = k\} \tag{3}$$

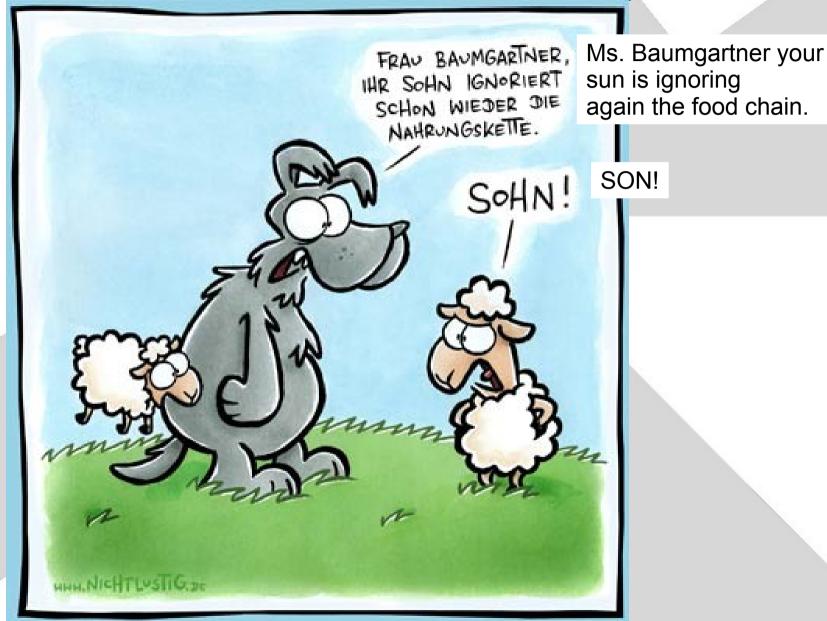
$$prefers_over = R_k \times R_k$$
 (4)

$$r: U \to R_k \times prefers_over$$
 (5)

WARNING!

The next slides contain math which takes normally 3 years to understand so don't be disappointed if you don't get it.

What should wolf and sheep eat?



Source: http://static.nichtlustig.de/comics/full/081009.jpg

Demo Data

	Carrots	Grass	Pork	Beef	Corn	Fish
Rabbit	10	7	1	2	?	1
Cow	7	10	?	?	?	?
Dog	?	1	10	10	?	?
Pig	5	6	4	?	7	3
Chicken	7	6	2	?	10	?
Pinguin	2	2	?	2	2	10
Bear	2	?	8	8	2	7
Lion	?	?	9	10	2	?
Tiger	?	?	8	?	?	5
Antilope	6	10	1	1	?	?
Wolf	1	?	?	8	?	3
Sheep	?	8	?	?	?	2

Characteristics of Demo Data

Ratings from 1 - 10

Users: 12

Items: 6

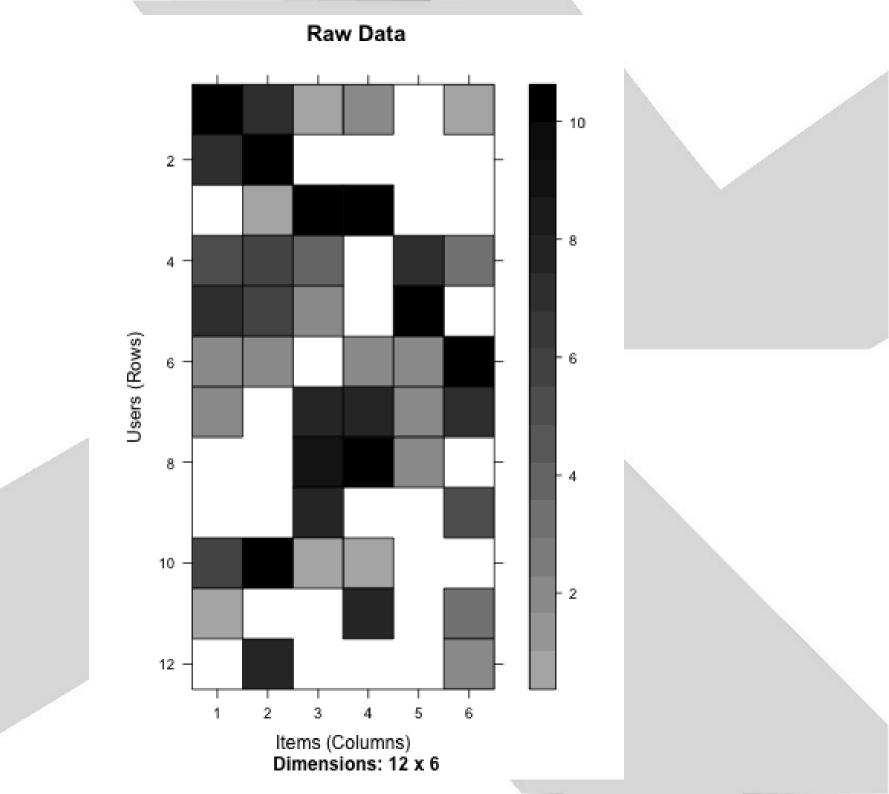
Ratings: 43 (unusual normally 100,000 – 100,000,000)

Matrix filled: ~60% (unusual normally sparse around 0.5-2%)

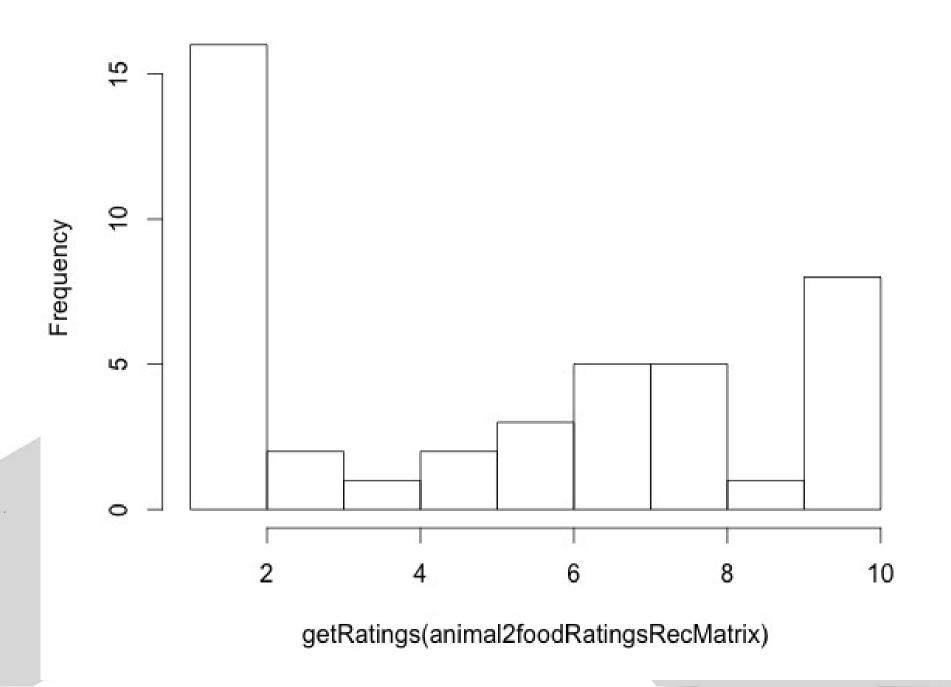
Average Number of Ratings per User: ~3.58

Average Number of Ratings per Item: ~7.17

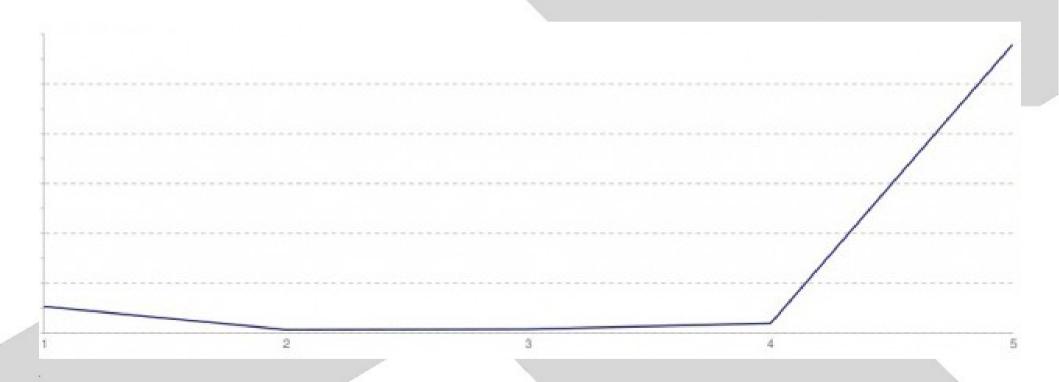
Average Rating: ~5.579



Distribution of Ratings



YouTube Rating Distribution



Model and Memory Approaches

- Item- or User- Based Collaborative Filtering
 - Idea suggest what similair users did
- Matrix Factorization e.g Singular Value Decomposition
 - Try to create a profile based of factors for users and items

Main difference:

A model base approach tries to extract the underlying logic from the data.

User Based Approach

- Find similar or opposite animals like wolf
- Checkout what these other animals like
- Recommend this to wolf

Find animals which voted for beef, fish and carrots too

	Carrots	Grass	Pork	Beef	Corn	Fish
Wolf	1	?	?	8	?	3
Pinguin	2	2	?	2	2	10
Bear	2	?	8	8	2	7
Rabbit	10	7	1	2	?	1
Cow	7	10	?	?	?	?
Dog	?	1	10	10	?	?
Pig	5	6	4	?	7	3
Chicken	7	6	2	?	10	?
Lion	?	?	9	10	2	?
Tiger	?	?	8	?	?	5
Antilope	6	10	1	1	?	?
Sheep	?	8	?	?	?	?

Pearson Correlation

$$sim(i,j) = \frac{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,i} - \bar{R}_i)(R_{u,j} - \bar{R}_j)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,i} - \bar{R}_i)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U} (R_{u,j} - \bar{R}_j)^2}}$$

- 1 = very similar
- (-1) = complete opposite votings
- similarity between wolf and pinguin: -0.2401922
 - cor(c(8,3,1),c(2,10,2))
- similarity between wolf and bear: 0.8196562
 - cor(c(8,3,1),c(8,7,2))
- similarity between wolf and rabbit: -0.6465846
 - cor(c(8,3,1),c(2,1,10))

Weighted sum of the ratings

$$P_{u,i} = \frac{\sum_{\text{all similar items, N}} (s_{i,N} * R_{u,N})}{\sum_{\text{all similar items, N}} (|s_{i,N}|)}$$

Pork (10):

$$(0.8196 * 8 + (-0.6466) * 1) / (0.8196 + (-0.6465)$$

 $= 34 \sim 10$

Grass (5.65):

$$(2*(-0.2401)+7*(-0.6465)) / ((-0.2401) + (-0.6465))$$

= 5,65

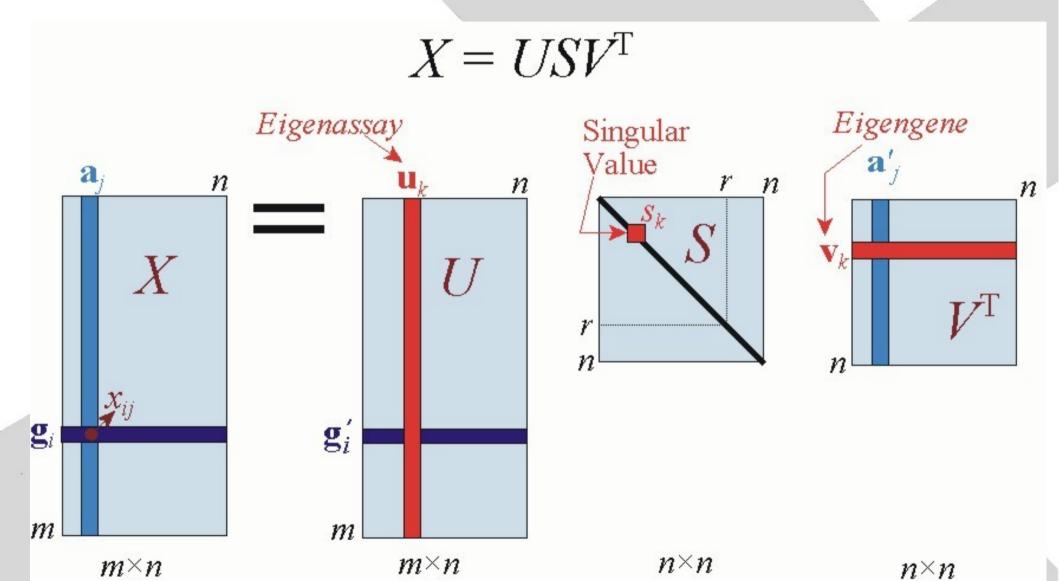
Corn (2,0):

$$2*(-0.2401)+2*(0.8196)) / (-0.2401+0.8196) = 2,0$$

Predicted ratings

- Wolf should eat: Pork Rating: 10.0
- Wolf should eat: Grass Rating: 5.645701
- Wolf should eat: Corn Rating: 2.0

SVD



Factorized Matrixes

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                      [,2]
                                [,3]
                                          [,4]
                                                      [,5]
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  [2,7] -0.3483569 -0.15661845 -0.13851824 0.25708447 0.0703741295 -0.02256252
  [3,] -0.3297472  0.38914572  0.32911119 -0.46946360  0.1786228635 -0.06873459
  [4,] -0.2660216 -0.12401663  0.18550244 -0.06325647 -0.2337201734 -0.05392610
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Predicted Matrix (k = 2)

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Fi.sh.
                     Grass
                               Pork
                                        Beef
                                                 Corn
          Carrots
         7.201511 8.297301 0.434417 1.707758 6.673437 2.255415
Rabbit
         7.356298 8.464665 5.264098 6.057950 7.120983 5.225913
Cow
         3.481600 3.989480 9.820541 9.425599 3.832614 6.916145
Dog
Pig
         5.658174 6.510421 4.165493 4.763837 5.484533 4.090221
Chicken 7.374081 8.488613 3.745805 4.702562 7.041607 4.310466
Pinguin
       2.132330 2.443739 5.858912 5.633404 2.337486 4.141430
         3.166465 3.629539 8.419829 8.114452 3.453418 5.979882
Bear
Lion
                  4.775999 9.130007 8.932443 4.417707 6.685987
Tiger
         5.168496 5.940595 6.611528 6.862983 5.186942 5.437517
Antilope 7.265590 8.369202 1.285779 2.481336 6.786286 2.789224
         3.793709 4.357410 6.181260 6.226153 3.891052 4.796402
Wolf
        6.011926 6.917271 4.507000 5.134227 5.832543 4.395093
Sheep
```

Predicted Ratings

- Sheep should eat: Carrots Rating: 6.01
- Sheep should eat: Corn Rating: 5.83

What other algorithms can be used?

Similarity Measures for Item or User based:

- LogLikelihood Similarity
- Cosine Similarity
- Pearson Similarity
- etc.

Estimating algorithms for SVD:

- ALSWRFactorizer
- ExpectationMaximizationSVDFactorizer

Let's built it

Mahout - Taste

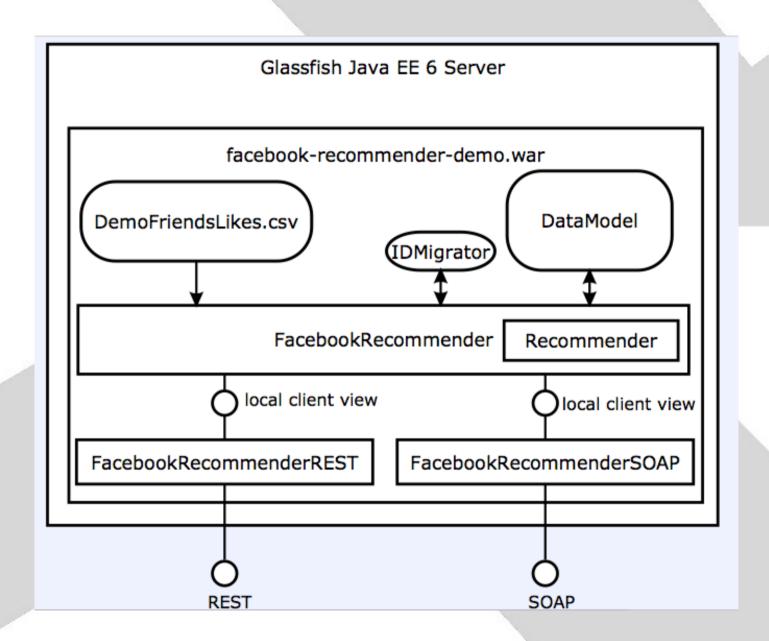
Taste is a flexible, fast collaborative filtering engine for Java.

It was primarly written by Sean Owen and is part of the Apache Mahout library.

Another important author is: Sebastian Schelter

It offers all the algorithms introduced here and is Open Source

Architecture of the recommender



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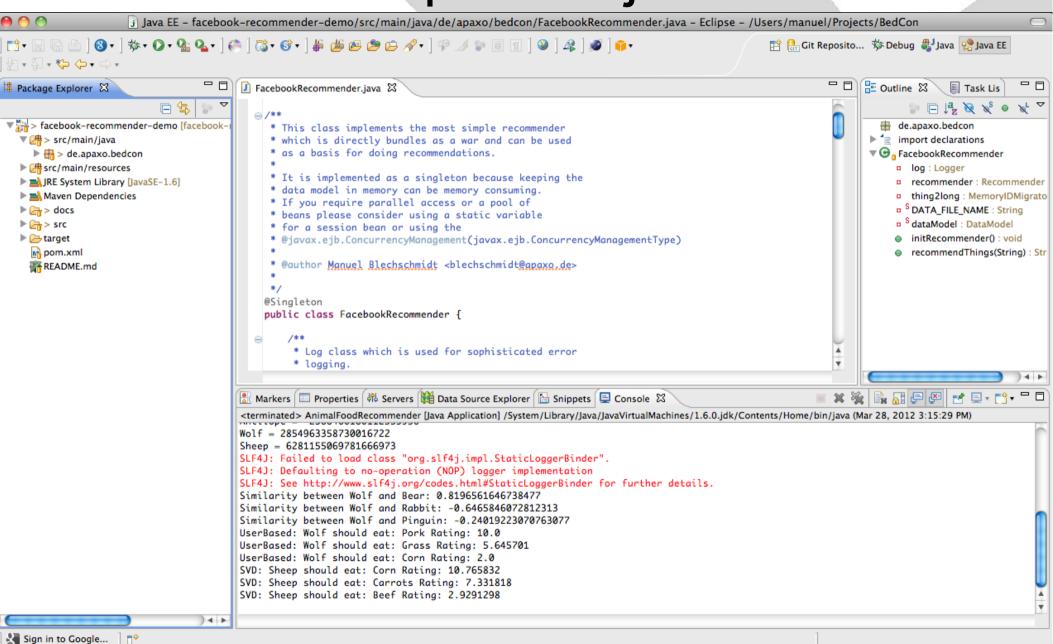
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Eclipse Project



Maven pom.xml

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68 project>
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Demo and live Debugging

Conclusion

Recommendation is a lot of math
You shouldn't implement the algorithms again
There are a lot of unsanswered questions

Scalibility, Performance, Usability
 You can gain a lot from good personalization

More sources

http://www.apaxo.de/

http://mahout.apache.org/

http://research.yahoo.com/

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http://recsys.acm.org/

https://github.com/ManuelB/facebook-recommender-demo/

http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/tutorial/doc/