

# CMPE 211 - Data Structures and Algorithms

Project - Recommender Systems From Scratch

Due Date: Jan 02, 2018, 17.00

Necessary steps for building a recommender system are explained in the course. You can find the corresponding material at <https://github.com/uzay00/CMPE211>. Based on our discussions, implement a recommender system from scratch with Java. This is a group project. Each group can be composed of at most 5 students. Choose appropriate data structures and implement them yourself. Do not use, Java Collection api. If your program does not compile, your grade will be 0. If you choose a wrong data structure, your grade will be halved. Write your program with comments to indicate that you understand your programs. Write a short report to describe your decisions for the implementation this project. Compress your java files with your report and upload them through SIS. Students will be called upon for a short presentation at jan 09, 2018. Exact time will be indicated soon.

#### **Part 0** Data

2P Load MovieLens Data to a nested symbol table.

#### **Part 1** User-based recommendation

1P write the *dist()* function

1P write the *intersection()* function

1P write the *sim\_distance()* function

2P write the *topMatches()* function

2P write the *getRecommendations()* function

#### **Part 2** Item-based recommendation

1P write the *transformPrefs()* function

1P apply Part 1 function to transformed data.

2P write the *calculateSimilarItems()* function

2P write the *getRecommendedItems()* function and apply to movielens data

**Bonus** Discuss possible research directions based on this recommender system. You may get extra points for your creative thinking for the discussion part of our course.