# Recommendations with IBM

In this notebook, you will be putting your recommendation skills to use on real data from the IBM Watson Studio platform.

You may either submit your notebook through the workspace here, or you may work from your local machine and submit through the next page. Either way assure that your code passes the project RUBRIC. **Please save regularly.** 

By following the table of contents, you will build out a number of different methods for making recommendations that can be used for different situations.

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At the end of the notebook, you will find directions for how to submit your work. Let's get started by importing the necessary libraries and reading in the data.

```
In []: #import libraries
   import pandas as pd
   import numpy as np
   import random
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   import project_tests as t
   import pickle
   import seaborn as sns

%matplotlib inline
```

```
In []: #load data
    df = pd.read_csv('data/user-item-interactions.csv')
    df_content = pd.read_csv('data/articles_community.csv')
    del df['Unnamed: 0']
    del df_content['Unnamed: 0']

# Show df to get an idea of the data
    df.head()
```

Out[]:	article_id		title	email		
	0	1430.0	using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier	ef5f11f77ba020cd36e1105a00ab868bbdbf7fe7		
	1	1314.0	healthcare python streaming application demo	083cbdfa93c8444beaa4c5f5e0f5f9198e4f9e0b		
	2	1429.0	use deep learning for image classification	b96a4f2e92d8572034b1e9b28f9ac673765cd074		
	3	1338.0	ml optimization using cognitive assistant	06485706b34a5c9bf2a0ecdac41daf7e7654ceb7		
	4	1276.0	deploy your python model as a restful api	f01220c46fc92c6e6b161b1849de11faacd7ccb2		

In []: #convert article id from float to string
 df.article\_id = df.article\_id.astype(str)

Out[]:		doc_body	doc_description	doc_full_name	doc_status	article_id
	0	Skip navigation Sign in SearchLoading\r\n\r	Detect bad readings in real time using Python 	Detect Malfunctioning IoT Sensors with Streami	Live	0
	1	No Free Hunch Navigation * kaggle.com\r\n\r\n	See the forest, see the trees. Here lies the c	Communicating data science: A guide to present	Live	1
	2	≡ * Login\r\n * Sign Up\r\n\r\n * Learning Pat	Here's this week's news in Data Science and Bi	This Week in Data Science (April 18, 2017)	Live	2
	3	DATALAYER: HIGH THROUGHPUT, LOW LATENCY AT SCA	Learn how distributed DBs solve the problem of	DataLayer Conference: Boost the performance of	Live	3
	4	Skip navigation Sign in SearchLoading\r\n\r	This video demonstrates the power of IBM DataS	Analyze NY Restaurant data using Spark in DSX	Live	4

# Part I: Exploratory Data Analysis

Use the dictionary and cells below to provide some insight into the descriptive statistics of the data.

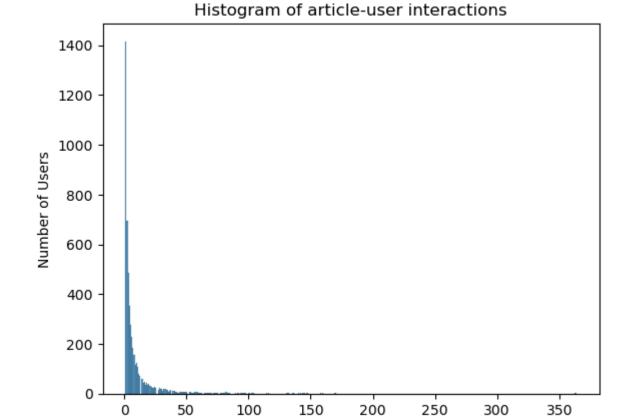
1. What is the distribution of how many articles a user interacts with in the dataset? Provide a visual and descriptive statistics to assist with giving a look at the number of times each user interacts with an article.

```
df.email.value_counts().describe()
In []:
Out[]:
        count
                  5148.000000
        mean
                     8.930847
         std
                    16.802267
                     1.000000
        min
        25%
                     1.000000
        50%
                     3.000000
        75%
                     9.000000
        max
                   364.000000
        Name: count, dtype: float64
        df.email.value_counts().median()
```

Out[]: 3.0

There are 5,148 users in the data, with the median user interacting with 3 articles. The distribution has mean 8.93, min 1, max 364, and sd 16.80.

```
In []: articles_per_user = df.email.value_counts()
    p = sns.histplot(x=articles_per_user)
    p.set(ylabel='Number of Users', xlabel='Number of Articles Accessed', title=
```



Number of Articles Accessed

As we might expect, the vast majority of users access only a few articles and the distribution falls off sharply as the number of articles increases.

```
In [ ]: # Fill in the median and maximum number of user_article interactios below
        median val = df.email.value counts().median() # 50% of individuals interact
        max_views_by_user = df.email.value_counts().max() # The maximum number of us
```

2. Explore and remove duplicate articles from the **df\_content** dataframe.

```
In [ ]: # Find and explore duplicate articles
        df_content.article_id.value_counts()
Out[]: article id
        221
                 2
        232
                 2
        50
                 2
        398
                 2
         577
                 2
                . .
        357
                 1
        358
                 1
        359
                 1
         360
                 1
        1050
        Name: count, Length: 1051, dtype: int64
In [ ]: # Remove any rows that have the same article id — only keep the first
```

- df\_content = df\_content.drop\_duplicates()
  - 3. Use the cells below to find:
  - **a.** The number of unique articles that have an interaction with a user.
  - **b.** The number of unique articles in the dataset (whether they have any interactions or not).
  - **c.** The number of unique users in the dataset. (excluding null values)
  - **d.** The number of user-article interactions in the dataset.
- In [ ]: unique\_articles = len(df.article\_id.unique()) # The number of unique article total\_articles = len(df\_content.article\_id.unique()) # The number of unique unique\_users = len(df.email.value\_counts()) # The number of unique users user\_article\_interactions = len(df.index) # The number of user-article inter
  - 4. Use the cells below to find the most viewed article\_id, as well as how often it was viewed. After talking to the company leaders, the email\_mapper function was deemed a reasonable way to map users to ids. There were a small number of null values, and it was found that all of these null values likely belonged to a single user (which is how they are stored using the function below).

```
In [ ]: |most_viewed_article_id = str(df.article_id.value_counts().axes[0].tolist()[0]
        max_views = df.article_id.value_counts().max() # The most viewed article in
In [ ]: ## No need to change the code here - this will be helpful for later parts of
        # Run this cell to map the user email to a user_id column and remove the ema
        def email_mapper():
            coded_dict = dict()
            cter = 1
            email_encoded = []
            for val in df['email']:
                if val not in coded_dict:
                    coded_dict[val] = cter
                    cter+=1
                email_encoded.append(coded_dict[val])
            return email_encoded
        email_encoded = email_mapper()
        # del df['email']
        df['user_id'] = email_encoded
        # show header
        df.head()
```

Out[]:		article_id	title	email	user_id
	0	1430.0	using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier	ef5f11f77ba020cd36e1105a00ab868bbdbf7fe7	1
	1	1314.0	healthcare python streaming application demo	083cbdfa93c8444beaa4c5f5e0f5f9198e4f9e0b	2
	2	1429.0	use deep learning for image classification	b96a4f2e92d8572034b1e9b28f9ac673765cd074	3
	3	1338.0	ml optimization using cognitive assistant	06485706b34a5c9bf2a0ecdac41daf7e7654ceb7	4
	4	1276.0	deploy your python model as a restful api	f01220c46fc92c6e6b161b1849de11faacd7ccb2	5

```
sol_1_dict = {
    '`50% of individuals have ____ or fewer interactions.`': median_val,
    '`The total number of user-article interactions in the dataset is ____
    '`The maximum number of user-article interactions by any 1 user is ___
    '`The most viewed article in the dataset was viewed ____ times.`': max_
    '`The article_id of the most viewed article is ____.`': most_viewed_ar
    '`The number of unique articles that have at least 1 rating ___.`': u
    '`The number of unique users in the dataset is ____.`': unique_users,
    '`The number of unique articles on the IBM platform`': total_articles
}
# Test your dictionary against the solution
t.sol_1_test(sol_1_dict)
```

It looks like you have everything right here! Nice job!

#### Part II: Rank-Based Recommendations

Unlike in the earlier lessons, we don't actually have ratings for whether a user liked an article or not. We only know that a user has interacted with an article. In these cases, the popularity of an article can really only be based on how often an article was interacted with.

1. Fill in the function below to return the **n** top articles ordered with most interactions as the top. Test your function using the tests below.

```
In [ ]: def get_top_articles(n, df=df):
            1.1.1
            INPUT:
            n - (int) the number of top articles to return
            df - (pandas dataframe) df as defined at the top of the notebook
            OUTPUT:
            top_articles - (list) A list of the top 'n' article titles
            # Your code here
            top_articles = list(df.title.value_counts().index)[:n]
            return top_articles # Return the top article titles from df (not df_cont
        def get_top_article_ids(n, df=df):
            1.1.1
            n - (int) the number of top articles to return
            df - (pandas dataframe) df as defined at the top of the notebook
            OUTPUT:
            top_articles - (list) A list of the top 'n' article titles
            # Your code here
            top_articles = list(df.article_id.value_counts().index)[:n]
```

```
return top_articles # Return the top article ids
```

```
In [ ]: print(get_top_articles(10))
    print(get_top_article_ids(10))
```

['use deep learning for image classification', 'insights from new york car a ccident reports', 'visualize car data with brunel', 'use xgboost, scikit—lea rn & ibm watson machine learning apis', 'predicting churn with the spss rand om tree algorithm', 'healthcare python streaming application demo', 'finding optimal locations of new store using decision optimization', 'apache spark l ab, part 1: basic concepts', 'analyze energy consumption in buildings', 'gos ales transactions for logistic regression model']
['1429.0', '1330.0', '1431.0', '1427.0', '1364.0', '1314.0', '1293.0', '1170.0', '1162.0', '1304.0']

```
In []: # Test your function by returning the top 5, 10, and 20 articles
top_5 = get_top_articles(5)
top_10 = get_top_articles(10)
top_20 = get_top_articles(20)

# Test each of your three lists from above
t.sol_2_test(get_top_articles)
```

```
Your top_5 looks like the solution list! Nice job. Your top_10 looks like the solution list! Nice job. Your top_20 looks like the solution list! Nice job.
```

## Part III: User-User Based Collaborative Filtering

- 1. Use the function below to reformat the **df** dataframe to be shaped with users as the rows and articles as the columns.
  - Each **user** should only appear in each **row** once.
  - Each article should only show up in one column.
  - If a user has interacted with an article, then place a 1 where the user-row meets for that article-column. It does not matter how many times a user has interacted with the article, all entries where a user has interacted with an article should be a 1.
  - If a user has not interacted with an item, then place a zero where the user-row meets for that article-column.

Use the tests to make sure the basic structure of your matrix matches what is expected by the solution.

```
df - pandas dataframe with article_id, title, user_id columns

OUTPUT:
    user_item - user item matrix

Description:
    Return a matrix with user ids as rows and article ids on the columns wit an article and a 0 otherwise
    '''

# Fill in the function here
    user_item = pd.pivot_table(df[['article_id', 'user_id']], index='user_ic user_item[user_item != 0] = 1

    return user_item # return the user_item matrix

user_item = create_user_item_matrix(df)
```

In []: ## Tests: You should just need to run this cell. Don't change the code.
assert user\_item.shape[0] == 5149, "Oops! The number of users in the user-a
assert user\_item.shape[1] == 714, "Oops! The number of articles in the user
assert user\_item.sum(axis=1)[1] == 36, "Oops! The number of articles seen b
print("You have passed our quick tests! Please proceed!")

You have passed our quick tests! Please proceed!

2. Complete the function below which should take a user\_id and provide an ordered list of the most similar users to that user (from most similar to least similar). The returned result should not contain the provided user\_id, as we know that each user is similar to him/herself. Because the results for each user here are binary, it (perhaps) makes sense to compute similarity as the dot product of two users.

Use the tests to test your function.

```
In []: # Do a spot check of your function
    print("The 10 most similar users to user 1 are: {}".format(find_similar_user
    print("The 5 most similar users to user 3933 are: {}".format(find_similar_user
    print("The 3 most similar users to user 46 are: {}".format(find_similar_user)
```

The 10 most similar users to user 1 are: [3933, 23, 3782, 203, 4459, 3870, 1 31, 46, 4201, 395]

The 5 most similar users to user 3933 are: [1, 23, 3782, 4459, 203] The 3 most similar users to user 46 are: [4201, 23, 3782]

3. Now that you have a function that provides the most similar users to each user, you will want to use these users to find articles you can recommend. Complete the functions below to return the articles you would recommend to each user.

In [ ]:	df.l	head()			
Out[]:	á	article_id title		email	user_id
	0	1430.0	using pixiedust for fast, flexible, and easier	ef5f11f77ba020cd36e1105a00ab868bbdbf7fe7	1
	1	1314.0	healthcare python streaming application demo	083cbdfa93c8444beaa4c5f5e0f5f9198e4f9e0b	2
	2	1429.0	use deep learning for image classification	b96a4f2e92d8572034b1e9b28f9ac673765cd074	3
	3	1338.0	ml optimization using cognitive assistant	06485706b34a5c9bf2a0ecdac41daf7e7654ceb7	4
	4	1276.0	deploy your python model as a restful api	f01220c46fc92c6e6b161b1849de11faacd7ccb2	5
In [ ]:	def	<pre>def get_article_names(article_ids, df=df):     INPUT:     article_ids - (list) a list of article ids     df - (pandas dataframe) df as defined at the top of the notebook</pre>			

article\_names - (list) a list of article names associated with the list

OUTPUT:

```
(this is identified by the title column)
   # Your code here
   article_names = list(df[df.article_id.isin(article_ids)].title.unique())
    return article names # Return the article names associated with list of
def get user articles(user id, user item=user item):
   INPUT:
   user id - (int) a user id
   user_item - (pandas dataframe) matrix of users by articles:
                1's when a user has interacted with an article, 0 otherwise
   OUTPUT:
   article_ids - (list) a list of the article ids seen by the user
   article_names - (list) a list of article names associated with the list
                    (this is identified by the doc_full_name column in df_cd
   Description:
   Provides a list of the article ids and article titles that have been see
   # Your code here
   user df = user item[user item.index == user id]
   article ids = list(user df.loc[:,(user df == 1).any()].columns)
   article names = get article names(article ids, df=df)
    return article_ids, article_names # return the ids and names
def user_user_recs(user_id, m=10):
   TNPUT:
   user id - (int) a user id
   m - (int) the number of recommendations you want for the user
   OUTPUT:
   recs - (list) a list of recommendations for the user
   Description:
   Loops through the users based on closeness to the input user_id
   For each user - finds articles the user hasn't seen before and provides
   Does this until m recommendations are found
   Users who are the same closeness are chosen arbitrarily as the 'next' us
   For the user where the number of recommended articles starts below m
   and ends exceeding m, the last items are chosen arbitrarily
    1.1.1
   # Your code here
   #get similar users and ids of articles already seen
    similar users = find similar users(user id)
```

```
#loop through other users
             recs = []
             for sim in similar_users:
                 if len(recs) >= m:
                     break
                 else:
                     sim article ids = get user articles(sim)[0]
                     rec_article_ids = list(set(sim_article_ids)-set(seen_article_ids
                     recs = recs + rec_article_ids
             recs = recs[:m]
             #recommend random articles if needed
             unseen article ids = list(set(df.article id)-set(seen article ids))
             random.shuffle(unseen_article_ids)
             for article in unseen_article_ids:
                 if len(recs) >= m:
                     break
                 else:
                     recs = recs + article
             return recs # return your recommendations for this user id
In [ ]: # Check Results
         get article names(user user recs(1, 10)) # Return 10 recommendations for use
Out[]: ['timeseries data analysis of iot events by using jupyter notebook',
          'insights from new york car accident reports',
          'graph-based machine learning',
          'using brunel in ipython/jupyter notebooks',
          'variational auto-encoder for "frey faces" using keras',
          'machine learning exercises in python, part 1',
          'higher-order logistic regression for large datasets',
          'recommender systems: approaches & algorithms',
          'machine learning for the enterprise',
          'why even a moth's brain is smarter than an ai']
In [ ]: # Test your functions here - No need to change this code - just run this cel
        assert set(get_article_names(['1024.0', '1176.0', '1305.0', '1314.0', '1422.
assert set(get_article_names(['1320.0', '232.0', '844.0'])) == set(['housing
        assert set(get_user_articles(20)[0]) == set(['1320.0', '232.0', '844.0'])
        assert set(get_user_articles(20)[1]) == set(['housing (2015): united states
         assert set(get_user_articles(2)[0]) == set(['1024.0', '1176.0', '1305.0', '1
         assert set(get user articles(2)[1]) == set(['using deep learning to reconstr
         print("If this is all you see, you passed all of our tests! Nice job!")
```

seen\_article\_ids = get\_user\_articles(user\_id)[0]

If this is all you see, you passed all of our tests! Nice job!

- 4. Now we are going to improve the consistency of the **user\_user\_recs** function from above.
  - Instead of arbitrarily choosing when we obtain users who are all the same closeness
    to a given user choose the users that have the most total article interactions
    before choosing those with fewer article interactions.

• Instead of arbitrarily choosing articles from the user where the number of recommended articles starts below m and ends exceeding m, choose articles with the articles with the most total interactions before choosing those with fewer total interactions. This ranking should be what would be obtained from the **top\_articles** function you wrote earlier.

```
In [ ]: def get_top_sorted_users(user_id, df=df, user_item=user_item):
            INPUT:
            user_id - (int)
            df - (pandas dataframe) df as defined at the top of the notebook
            user item - (pandas dataframe) matrix of users by articles:
                    1's when a user has interacted with an article, 0 otherwise
            OUTPUT:
            neighbors_df - (pandas dataframe) a dataframe with:
                            neighbor_id - is a neighbor user_id
                            similarity - measure of the similarity of each user to t
                            num_interactions - the number of articles viewed by the
            Other Details - sort the neighbors df by the similarity and then by numb
                            highest of each is higher in the dataframe
            # Your code here
            #build neighbors df
            neighbors_df = user_item[user_item.index != user_id].dot(user_item[user_
            neighbors_df['neighbor_id'] = neighbors_df.index
            neighbors_df.columns = ['similarity', 'neighbor_id']
            neighbors df.index.name = None
            #add column for total interactions
            neighbors df['num interactions'] = df[df.user id != user id].groupby('us
            #reorder cols
            neighbors_df = neighbors_df[['neighbor_id', 'similarity', 'num_interacti
            #sort and reset index
            neighbors df = neighbors df.sort values(['similarity', 'num interactions')
            neighbors_df = neighbors_df.reset_index(drop=True)
            return neighbors df # Return the dataframe specified in the doc string
        def user_user_recs_part2(user_id, m=10):
            INPUT:
            user id - (int) a user id
            m - (int) the number of recommendations you want for the user
            OUTPUT:
```

```
recs - (list) a list of recommendations for the user by article id
rec_names - (list) a list of recommendations for the user by article tit
Description:
Loops through the users based on closeness to the input user_id
For each user - finds articles the user hasn't seen before and provides
Does this until m recommendations are found
Notes:
* Choose the users that have the most total article interactions
before choosing those with fewer article interactions.
* Choose articles with the articles with the most total interactions
before choosing those with fewer total interactions.
# Your code here
#get similar users and ids of articles already seen
top_similar_users = get_top_sorted_users(user_id)
seen_article_ids = get_user_articles(user_id)[0]
#loop through other users
recs = []
for sim in top similar users:
    if len(recs) >= m:
        break
    else:
        sim_article_ids = get_user_articles(sim)[0]
        rec_article_ids = list(set(sim_article_ids)-set(seen_article_ids)
        recs = recs + rec article ids
#recommend articles with most interactions if needed
unseen_article_ids = list(set(get_top_article_ids((len(seen_article_ids)))
for article in unseen_article_ids:
    if len(recs) >= m:
        break
    else:
        recs.append(article)
#sort recs by number of interactions
sorted_article_ids = list(df.article_id.value_counts().index)
recs = sorted(set(sorted_article_ids) & set(recs), key= sorted_article_i
#trim to len m
recs = recs[:m]
rec_names = get_article_names(recs)
return recs, rec names
```

```
In []: # Quick spot check - don't change this code - just use it to test your funct
rec_ids, rec_names = user_user_recs_part2(20, 10)
print("The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article ids:
    print(rec_ids)
print()
```

```
print("The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article name
print(rec_names)
```

```
The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article ids: ['1429.0', '1330.0', '1431.0', '1427.0', '1314.0', '1293.0', '1170.0', '116 2.0', '1304.0', '1436.0']
```

The top 10 recommendations for user 20 are the following article names: ['healthcare python streaming application demo', 'use deep learning for imag e classification', 'apache spark lab, part 1: basic concepts', 'analyze ener gy consumption in buildings', 'visualize car data with brunel', 'use xgboos t, scikit-learn & ibm watson machine learning apis', 'gosales transactions f or logistic regression model', 'welcome to pixiedust', 'insights from new yo rk car accident reports', 'finding optimal locations of new store using deci sion optimization']

5. Use your functions from above to correctly fill in the solutions to the dictionary below. Then test your dictionary against the solution. Provide the code you need to answer each following the comments below.

```
In []: ### Tests with a dictionary of results

    user1_most_sim = get_top_sorted_users(1)['neighbor_id'][0] # Find the user t
    user131_10th_sim = get_top_sorted_users(131)['neighbor_id'][10] # Find the 1

In []: ## Dictionary Test Here
    sol_5_dict = {
        'The user that is most similar to user 1.': user1_most_sim,
        'The user that is the 10th most similar to user 131': user131_10th_sim,
    }

    t.sol_5_test(sol_5_dict)
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last)
TypeError
/Users/oldadamwilson/Documents/Udacity/Data Science Nanodegree/recommendatio
ns project/Recommendations with IBM.ipynb Cell 43 line 7
      <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/oldadamwilson/Documents/Udacity/D</pre>
ata%20Science%20Nanodegree/recommendations_project/Recommendations_with_IBM.
ipynb#X56sZmlsZQ%3D%3D?line=0'>1</a> ## Dictionary Test Here
      <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/oldadamwilson/Documents/Udacity/D</pre>
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ipynb#X56sZmlsZQ%3D%3D?line=1'>2</a> sol 5 dict = {
      <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/oldadamwilson/Documents/Udacity/D</pre>
ata%20Science%20Nanodegree/recommendations_project/Recommendations_with_IBM.
ipynb#X56sZmlsZQ%3D%3D?line=2'>3</a>
                                        'The user that is most similar to u
ser 1.': user1 most sim,
      <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/oldadamwilson/Documents/Udacity/D</pre>
ata%20Science%20Nanodegree/recommendations project/Recommendations with IBM.
                                         'The user that is the 10th most sim
ipynb#X56sZmlsZQ%3D%3D?line=3'>4</a>
ilar to user 131': user131 10th sim,
      <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/oldadamwilson/Documents/Udacity/D</pre>
ata%20Science%20Nanodegree/recommendations_project/Recommendations_with_IBM.
ipynb#X56sZmlsZQ%3D%3D?line=4'>5</a> }
----> <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/oldadamwilson/Documents/Udacity/D
ata%20Science%20Nanodegree/recommendations project/Recommendations with IBM.
ipynb#X56sZmlsZQ%3D%3D?line=6'>7</a> t.sol_5_test(sol_5_dict)
File ~/Documents/Udacity/Data Science Nanodegree/recommendations_project/pro
ject_tests.py:56, in sol_5_test(sol_5_dict)
     54 else:
     55
           for k, v in sol 5 dict 1.items():
---> 56
                if set(sol_5_dict[k]) != set(sol_5_dict_1[k]):
     57
                    print("Oops! Looks like there is a mistake with the {}
key in your dictionary. The answer should be {}. Try again.".format(k,v))
TypeError: 'numpy.int64' object is not iterable
```

6. If we were given a new user, which of the above functions would you be able to use to make recommendations? Explain. Can you think of a better way we might make recommendations? Use the cell below to explain a better method for new users.

#### Provide your response here.

The **get\_top\_articles** function could be used to recommend articles to new users, as it does not rely on an existing user\_id. A better method might be to compare other user data (e.g., country, industry, interests) between users and filter recommendations based on similar users.

7. Using your existing functions, provide the top 10 recommended articles you would provide for the a new user below. You can test your function against our thoughts to make sure we are all on the same page with how we might make a recommendation.

```
In []: new_user = '0.0'
```

```
# What would your recommendations be for this new user '0.0'? As a new user
# Provide a list of the top 10 article ids you would give to
new_user_recs = get_top_article_ids(10) # Your recommendations here
```

```
In [ ]: assert set(new_user_recs) == set(['1314.0','1429.0','1293.0','1427.0','1162.
print("That's right! Nice job!")
```

# Part IV: Content Based Recommendations (EXTRA - NOT REQUIRED)

Annnnndddd SKIP!

### Part V: Matrix Factorization

In this part of the notebook, you will build use matrix factorization to make article recommendations to the users on the IBM Watson Studio platform.

1. You should have already created a **user\_item** matrix above in **question 1** of **Part III** above. This first question here will just require that you run the cells to get things set up for the rest of **Part V** of the notebook.

```
In []: # Load the matrix here
    user_item_matrix = pd.read_pickle('user_item_matrix.p')
In []: # quick look at the matrix
    user_item_matrix.head()
```

2. In this situation, you can use Singular Value Decomposition from numpy on the user-item matrix. Use the cell to perform SVD, and explain why this is different than in the lesson.

```
In []: # Perform SVD on the User-Item Matrix Here
u, s, vt = np.linalg.svd(user_item)
```

#### Provide your response here.

This matrix simply gives 0 (no interaction) or 1 (user-article interaction) rather than the ratings matrix used in the lesson. This method works because there are no missing values in the matrix.

3. Now for the tricky part, how do we choose the number of latent features to use? Running the below cell, you can see that as the number of latent features increases, we obtain a lower error rate on making predictions for the 1 and 0 values in the user-item matrix. Run the cell below to get an idea of how the accuracy improves as we increase the number of latent features.

```
In []: num latent feats = np.arange(10,700+10,20)
        sum errs = []
        for k in num latent feats:
            # restructure with k latent features
            s_new, u_new, vt_new = np.diag(s[:k]), u[:, :k], vt[:k, :]
            # take dot product
            user_item_est = np.around(np.dot(np.dot(u_new, s_new), vt_new))
            # compute error for each prediction to actual value
            diffs = np.subtract(user_item_matrix, user_item_est)
            # total errors and keep track of them
            err = np.sum(np.sum(np.abs(diffs)))
            sum_errs.append(err)
        plt.plot(num_latent_feats, 1 - np.array(sum_errs)/df.shape[0]);
        plt.xlabel('Number of Latent Features');
        plt.ylabel('Accuracy');
        plt.title('Accuracy vs. Number of Latent Features');
```

4. From the above, we can't really be sure how many features to use, because simply having a better way to predict the 1's and 0's of the matrix doesn't exactly give us an indication of if we are able to make good recommendations. Instead, we might split our dataset into a training and test set of data, as shown in the cell below.

Use the code from question 3 to understand the impact on accuracy of the training and test sets of data with different numbers of latent features. Using the split below:

- How many users can we make predictions for in the test set?
- How many users are we not able to make predictions for because of the cold start problem?
- How many articles can we make predictions for in the test set?
- How many articles are we not able to make predictions for because of the cold start problem?

```
test_idx - all of the test user ids
            test_arts - all of the test article ids
            # Your code here
            user_item_train = create_user_item_matrix(df_train)
            user_item_test = create_user_item_matrix(df_test)
            test idx = list(user item test.index)
            test arts = list(user item test.columns)
            return user_item_train, user_item_test, test_idx, test_arts
        user item train, user item test, test idx, test arts = create test and train
In [ ]: user_item_test.shape
In []: # Replace the values in the dictionary below
        a = 662
        b = 574
        c = 20
        0 = 0
        sol 4 dict = {
            'How many users can we make predictions for in the test set?': c,
            'How many users in the test set are we not able to make predictions for
            'How many articles can we make predictions for in the test set?': b,
            'How many articles in the test set are we not able to make predictions f
        t.sol_4_test(sol_4_dict)
```

5. Now use the **user\_item\_train** dataset from above to find U, S, and V transpose using SVD. Then find the subset of rows in the **user\_item\_test** dataset that you can predict using this matrix decomposition with different numbers of latent features to see how many features makes sense to keep based on the accuracy on the test data. This will require combining what was done in questions 2 - 4.

Use the cells below to explore how well SVD works towards making predictions for recommendations on the test data.

```
In []: # fit SVD on the user_item_train matrix
    u_train, s_train, vt_train = np.linalg.svd(user_item_train) # fit svd simila
In []: #find subset of rows in user_item_test dataset that we can predict using the
    user_intersect = np.intersect1d(user_item_train.index, test_idx)
    subset = user_item_test.loc[user_intersect]
    print('The following users are in both sets: {}'.format(list(subset.index)))
In []: # Use these cells to see how well you can use the training
    # decomposition to predict on test data
```

```
In []: num latent feats = np.arange(10,700+10,20)
        sum errs = []
        for k in num latent feats:
            # restructure with k latent features
            s_train_new, u_train_new, vt_train_new = np.diag(s_train[:k]), u_train[:
            #subset U and Vt matrices
            u_train_new_subset = u_train_new[user_item_train.index.isin(test_idx), :
            vt_train_new_subset = vt_train_new[:, user_item_train.columns.isin(test_
            # take dot product
            user_item_est = np.around(np.dot(np.dot(u_train_new_subset, s_train_new)
            # compute error for each prediction to actual value
            diffs = np.absolute(np.subtract(subset, user_item_est))
            # total errors and keep track of them
            err = np.sum(np.sum(np.abs(diffs)))
            sum errs.append(err)
        plt.plot(num_latent_feats, 1 - np.array(sum_errs)/(subset.shape[0]*subset.sh
        plt.xlabel('Number of Latent Features');
        plt.ylabel('Accuracy');
        plt.title('Accuracy vs. Number of Latent Features');
```

6. Use the cell below to comment on the results you found in the previous question. Given the circumstances of your results, discuss what you might do to determine if the recommendations you make with any of the above recommendation systems are an improvement to how users currently find articles?

#### Your response here.

Given that we can only make predictions for 20 users in these circumstances, splitting the data into train and test sets doesn't give us much to go on. Accuracy of predictions indeed goes *down* as the number of latent features increases.

To compare the SVD-based recommendations to the simple user-user collaborative recommendations from Part III, we could run an A/B test where the control group gets the "current" system from Part III and the experimental group gets the SVD-based recommendations. We could then compare the results of how many recommended articles the users in each group interact with.