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Mining di Dati Web

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Outline

- ❑ **Introduction**
- ❑ Web Crawling and Resource Discovery
- ❑ Search Engine Indexing and Query Processing
- ❑ Ranking Algorithms
- ❑ Recommender Systems
- ❑ Summary



Introduction

- Web is an unique phenomenon
 - The **scale**, the **distributed** and **uncoordinated** nature of its creation, the **openness** of the underlying platform, and the **diversity** of applications
- Two Primary Types of Data
 - Web content information
 - ✓ Document data, Linkage data (Graph)
 - Web usage data
 - ✓ Web transactions, ratings, and user feedback, Web logs



Applications on the Web

□ Content-Centric Applications

- Data mining applications
 - ✓ Cluster or classify web documents
- Web crawling and resource discovery
- Web search
 - ✓ Linkage and content
- Web linkage mining

□ Usage-Centric Applications

- Recommender systems
- Web log analysis
 - ✓ Anomalous patterns, and Web site design



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Web Crawling

☐ Web Crawlers or Spiders or Robots

☐ Motivations

- Resources on the Web are **dispensed** widely across globally distributed sites
- Sometimes, it is necessary to download all the relevant pages at a **central** location

☐ Universal Crawlers

- Crawl **all** pages on the Web (Google, Bing)

☐ Preferential Crawlers

- Crawl pages related to a **particular** subject or belong to a particular site



Crawler Algorithms

- A real crawler algorithm is complex
 - A selection Algorithm, Parsing, Distributed, multi-threads
- A Basic Crawler Algorithm

```
Algorithm BasicCrawler(Seed URLs:  $S$ , Selection Algorithm:  $\mathcal{A}$ )
begin
   $FrontierList = S$ ;
  repeat
    Use algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  to select URL  $X \in FrontierList$ 
     $FrontierList = FrontierList - \{X\}$ ;
    Fetch URL  $X$  and add to repository;
    Add all relevant URLs in fetched document  $X$  to
      end of  $FrontierList$ ;
  until termination criterion;
end
```



Selection Algorithms

- Breadth-first
- Depth-first

- Frequency-Based
 - Most universal crawlers are **incremental** crawlers that are intended to refresh previous crawls
- PageRank-Based
 - Choose Web pages with high PageRank



Combatting Spider Traps

- The crawling algorithm maintains a list of previously visited URLs for comparison purposes
 - So, it always visits distinct Web pages
- However, many sites create dynamic URLs
 - <http://www.examplesite.com/page1>
 - <http://www.examplesite.com/page1/page2>
 - Limit the maximum size of the URL
 - Limit the number of URLs from a site



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The Process of Search

□ Offline Stage

- The search engine preprocesses the crawled documents to extract the tokens and constructs an **index**
- A **quality-based ranking score** is also computed for each page

□ Online Query Processing

- The relevant documents are accessed and then ranked using both their **relevance** to the query and their **quality**



Offline Stage

□ The Preprocessing Steps

- The relevant tokens are extracted and stemmed
- Stop words are removed

□ Construct the Inverted Index

- Maps each word identifier to a list of document identifiers containing it
 - ✓ Document ID, Frequency, Position

Struttura dati usata per indicizzare dati appartenenti ad una rappresentazione sparsa di tipo insiemistico (ad es. gli itemset nel mining di pattern frequenti)

- All'elemento viene associato un id generato tramite una funzione hash
- si crea una lista di id ognuno dei quali punta alla lista dei set che contengono l'elemento

□ Construct the Vocabulary Index

- Access the storage location of the inverted word



Ranking (1)

□ Content-Based Score

- A word is given different **weights**, depending upon whether it occurs in the title, body, URL token, or the anchor text
- The number of **occurrences** of a keyword in a document will be used in the score
- The **prominence** of a term in font size and color may be leveraged for scoring
- When multiple keywords are specified, their relative **positions** in the documents are used as well



Ranking (2)

□ Limitations of Content-Based Score

- It does not account for the **reputation**, or the **quality**, of the page
 - ✓ A user may publish incorrect material
- Web Spam
 - ✓ Content-spamming: The Web host owner fills up **repeated** keywords in the hosted Web page
 - ✓ Cloaking: The Web site serves **different** content to crawlers than it does to users
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
 - ✓ The Web set owners attempt to optimize search results by using their knowledge



Ranking (3)

□ Reputation-Based Score

- Page **citation** mechanisms: When a page is of high quality, many other Web pages point to it
- User **feedback** or behavioral analysis mechanisms: When a user chooses a Web page, this is clear evidence of the relevance of that page to the user

□ The Final Ranking Score

$$RankScore = f(IRScore, RepScore).$$

- Spams always exist



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Google's PageRank (1)

□ Random Walk Model

- A random surfer who visits random pages on the Web by selecting **random** links on a page

Viene esplicitamente definita una "probabilità di transizione" da un nodo verso gli altri a questo connessi ovvero una probabilità di inseguire un determinato link

1. The long-term relative frequency of visits to any particular page is clearly influenced by the number of **in-linking** pages to it
2. The long-term frequency of visits to any page will be higher if it is linked to by other **frequently** visited pages

Il processo di definizione di queste frequenze a lungo termine di visita di una pagina è ottenuto tramite una "Catena di Markov" in cui le frequenze rappresentano le cosiddette "probabilità di stato stabile" di ciascun nodo

Catene di Markov

- Si consideri un sistema che transita da uno stato ad un altro, all'interno di uno spazio degli stati $S = \{i, j, k, \dots\}$, con una certa *probabilità di transizione* p_{ij}

$$p_{ij} \in [0, 1], \quad \sum_j p_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall i$$

- La variabile X_n che all'istante di tempo discreto n , contiene il valore dello stato i -esimo è una variabile aleatoria la cui probabilità è:

$$p_i^{(n)} = P(X_n = i)$$

- L'evoluzione nel tempo di $X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots$ è un *processo stocastico*

Catene di Markov

- In generale l'evoluzione del processo stocastico è regolata come segue:

$$\begin{aligned} &P(X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_{n+1} = i_{n+1}) \\ &= P(X_{n+1} = i_{n+1} \mid X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_n = i_n) \cdot P(X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_n = i_n) \end{aligned}$$

- Un processo stocastico è detto *processo di Markov* (o *catena di Markov*) se:

$$P(X_{n+1} = i_{n+1} \mid X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_n = i_n) = P(X_{n+1} = i_{n+1} \mid X_n = i_n)$$

- Infine la catena di Markov è *omogenea* se:

$$p_{ij} = P(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i)$$

non dipendono da n , ma solo dagli stati i e j .

Catene di Markov

- In una catena di Markov omogenea con probabilità di transizione p_{ij} e con distribuzione iniziale $p_i^{(0)} = P(X_0 = i)$:

$$P(X_0 = i_0, \dots, X_n = i_n) = p_i^{(0)} \cdot p_{i_0 i_1} \cdots p_{i_{n-1} i_n}, \dots$$

- Si dimostra ricorsivamente poiché, ad es:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X, Y, Z, K) &= P(X \mid Y, Z, K) P(Y, Z, K) = \\ &= P(X \mid Y, Z, K) P(Y \mid Z, K) P(Z, K) = /* usiamo la catena Markoviana */ \\ &= P(X \mid Y) P(Y \mid Z) P(Z \mid K) P(K) \end{aligned}$$

Catene di Markov

- In una catena di Markov omogenea con probabilità di transizione p_{ij} e con distribuzione iniziale $p_i^{(0)} = P(X_0 = i)$:

$$p_i^{(n)} = \sum_{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_{n-1}} p_i^{(0)} \cdot p_{i_0 i_1} \cdots p_{i_{n-1} i}$$

- Si dimostra ricordando che tutti gli eventi $X_k = j$ sono mutuamente esclusivi all'istante k per cui le probabilità di raggiungere lo stato i_n al tempo n è la somma di tutte le probabilità che il sistema si sia evoluto lungo una qualunque delle possibili combinazioni di stati da i_0 a i_n .

Catene di Markov

- Una catena di Markov può essere rappresentata tramite un *grafo* $G = (S, P)$ in cui gli stati rappresentano i nodi e la *matrice di transizione* $P = [p_{ij}]$ contiene le probabilità di transizione che rappresentano gli archi.

- Valgono le seguenti proprietà:

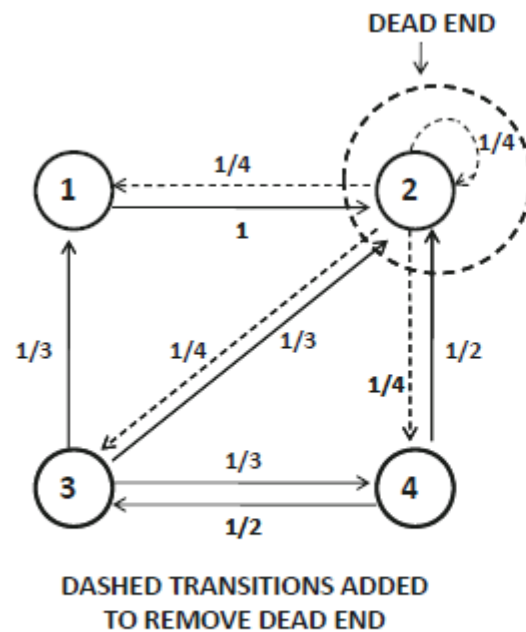
$$(P \cdot P)_{ij} = \sum_{i_1} p_{i,i_1} p_{i_1 j} \quad (P^n)_{ij} = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_{n-1}} p_{i i_1} \cdots p_{i_{n-1} j}$$

- In una catena di Markov omogenea: $p_j^{(n)} = \sum_i p_i^{(0)} \cdot (P^n)_{ij}$

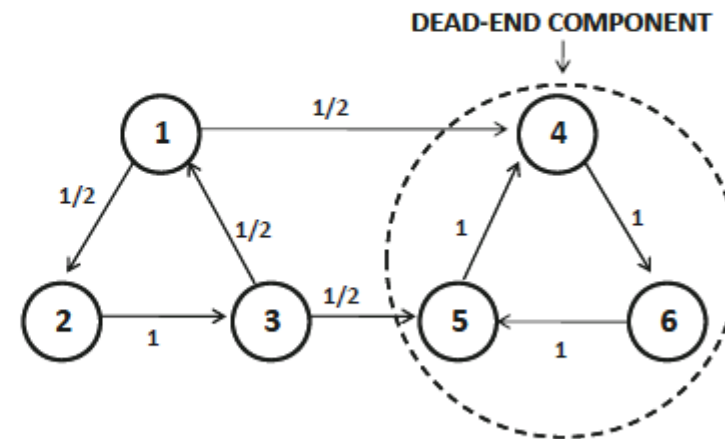
Google's PageRank (2)

□ Random Walk Model

- Dead ends: pages with no outgoing links
- Dead-end component



(a) Dead-end node



(b) Dead-end component



Google's PageRank (3)

□ Random Walk Model

- Dead ends: pages with no outgoing links
 - ✓ Add links from the dead-end node (Web page) to all nodes (Web pages), including a self-loop to itself
- Dead-end component
 - ✓ A teleportation (restart) step: The random surfer may **either** jump to an arbitrary page with probability α , **or** it may follow one of the links on the page with probability $1 - \alpha$



Steady-state Probabilities (1)

□ $G = (N, A)$ be the directed Web graph

- Nodes correspond to pages
- Edges correspond to hyperlinks
 - ✓ Include added edges for dead-end nodes
- $\pi(i)$: the steady-state probability at i
- $In(i)$: set of nodes **incident** on i
- $Out(i)$: the set of end points of the outgoing links of node i
- Transition matrix P of the Markov chain

$$p_{ij} = \frac{1}{|Out(i)|} \quad \text{if there is an edge from } i \text{ to } j$$



Steady-state Probabilities (2)

□ The probability of a teleportation into i

$$\frac{\alpha}{n}$$

□ The probability of a transition into i

$$(1 - \alpha) \sum_{j \in In(i)} \pi(j) \cdot p_{ji}$$

□ Then, we have

$$\pi(i) = \alpha/n + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \sum_{j \in In(i)} \pi(j) \cdot p_{ji}$$



Steady-state Probabilities (3)

□ Let $\bar{\pi} = [\pi(1), \dots, \pi(n)]^\top$

$$\bar{\pi} = \alpha \bar{e}/n + (1 - \alpha) P^\top \bar{\pi} \quad \bar{e} = [1_1, \dots, 1_n]^\top$$

■ With the constraint $\sum_{i=1}^n \pi(i) = 1$

□ Optimization

■ $\bar{\pi}^{(0)} = \frac{\bar{e}}{n}$

■ $\bar{\pi}^{(t+1)} = \frac{\alpha \bar{e}}{n} + (1 - \alpha) P^\top \bar{\pi}^{(t)}$

■ $\bar{\pi}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\bar{\pi}^{(t+1)}}{|\bar{\pi}^{(t+1)}|_1}$

Fino a raggiungere la convergenza



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Recommender Systems

- Data About User Buying Behaviors
 - User profiles, interests, browsing behavior, buying behavior, and ratings about various items

- The Goal
 - Leverage such data to make recommendations to customers about possible buying interests



Utility Matrix (1)

- For n users and d items, there is an $n \times d$ matrix D of utility values
 - The utility value for a user-item pair could correspond to either the **buying behavior** or the **ratings** of the user for the item
 - Typically, a **small** subset of the utility values are specified

La matrice D è sparsa!!!!



Utility Matrix (2)

- For n users and d items, there is an $n \times d$ matrix D of utility values
 - Positive preferences only
 - ✓ A specification of a “like” option on a social networking site, the browsing of an item at an online site, the buying of a specified quantity of an item, or the raw quantities of the item bought by each user
 - Positive and negative preferences (ratings)
 - ✓ The user specifies the ratings that represent their like or dislike for the item

Utility Matrix (3)

- For n users and d items, there is an $n \times d$ matrix D of utility values

	GLADIATOR	GODFATHER	BEN-HUR	GOODFELLAS	SCARFACE	SPARTACUS
U_1	1			5		2
U_2		5			4	
U_3	5	3		1		
U_4			3			4
U_5				3	5	
U_6	5		4			

(a) Ratings-based utility

	GLADIATOR	GODFATHER	BEN-HUR	GOODFELLAS	SCARFACE	SPARTACUS
U_1	1			1		1
U_2		1			1	
U_3	1	1		1		
U_4			1			1
U_5				1	1	
U_6	1		1			

(b) Positive-preference utility



Types of Recommendation

□ Content-Based Recommendations

- The users and items are both associated with feature-based descriptions
 - ✓ The text of the item description
 - ✓ The interests of user in a profile

□ Collaborative Filtering

- Leverage the user preferences in the form of ratings or buying behavior in a “collaborative” way
- The utility matrix is used to determine either relevant users for specific items, or relevant items for specific users

Content-Based Recommendations (1)



- User is associated with some documents that describe his/her interests
 - Specified demographic profile
 - Specified interests at registration time
 - Descriptions of the items bought
- The items are also associated with textual descriptions
- 1. If no utility matrix is available
 - k -nearest neighbor approach: find the top- k items that are closest to the user
 - ✓ The cosine similarity with tf-idf can be used

Content-Based Recommendations (2)



2. If a utility matrix is available

- Classification-Based Approach *D contiene like*
 - ✓ Training documents representing the descriptions of the items for which that user has specified utilities
 - ✓ The labels represent the utility values.
 - ✓ The descriptions of the remaining items for that user can be viewed as the test documents
- Regression-Based Approach *D contiene valori di rating*
- Limitations
 - Depends on the quality of features



Collaborative Filtering

□ Missing-value Estimation or Matrix Completion

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & & & \blacksquare & \\ & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare & & & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & \\ & & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & & \\ & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & & & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

- The Matrix is extremely **large**
- The Matrix is extremely **sparse**

Algorithms for Collaborative Filtering



- Neighborhood-Based Methods for Collaborative Filtering
 - **User-Based Similarity with Ratings**
 - Item-Based Similarity with Ratings
- Graph-Based Methods
- Clustering Methods
 - **Adapting k -Means Clustering**
 - Adapting Co-Clustering
- Latent Factor Models
 - Singular Value Decomposition
 - Matrix Factorization
 - **Matrix Completion**

User-Based Similarity with Ratings



□ A Similarity Function between Users

- $\bar{X} = (x_1, \dots, x_s)$ and $\bar{Y} = (y_1, \dots, y_s)$ be the common ratings between a pair of users
- The Pearson correlation coefficient

$$\text{Pearson}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^s (x_i - \hat{x}) \cdot (y_i - \hat{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s (x_i - \hat{x})^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s (y_i - \hat{y})^2}}$$

✓ $\hat{x} = \sum_{i=1}^s x_i / s$ and $\hat{y} = \sum_{i=1}^s y_i / s$

1. Identify the peer group of the target user
 - Top- k users with the highest Pearson coefficient
2. Return the weighted average ratings of each of the items of this peer group
 - Normalization is needed

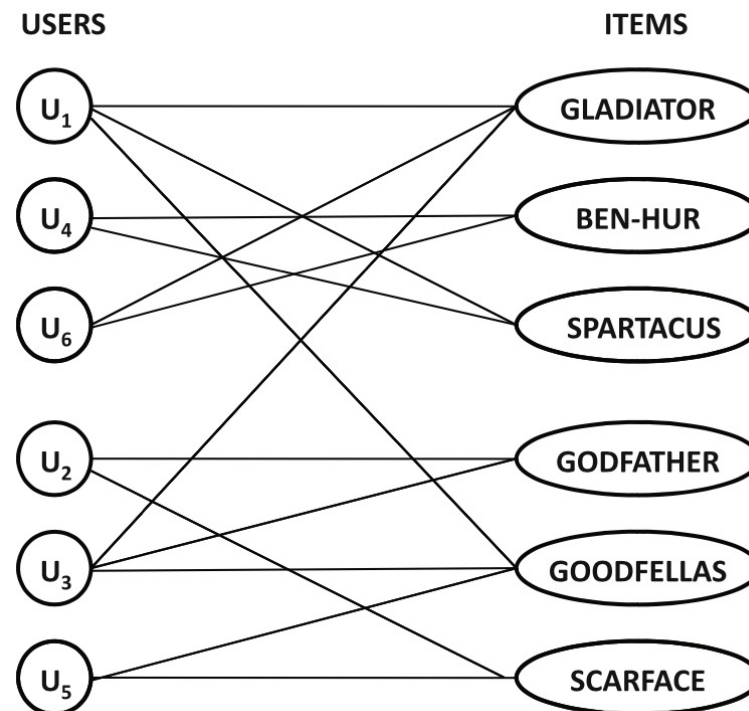
Item based Similarity with Ratings

- Un item è caratterizzato da un insieme di utenti che lo preferiscono o meno
- Si confrontano le *colonne* della matrice M.
- Si usa la *distanza coseno normalizzata*:

$$\text{Cosine}(\bar{U}, \bar{V}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^s u_i \cdot v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s u_i^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s v_i^2}}$$

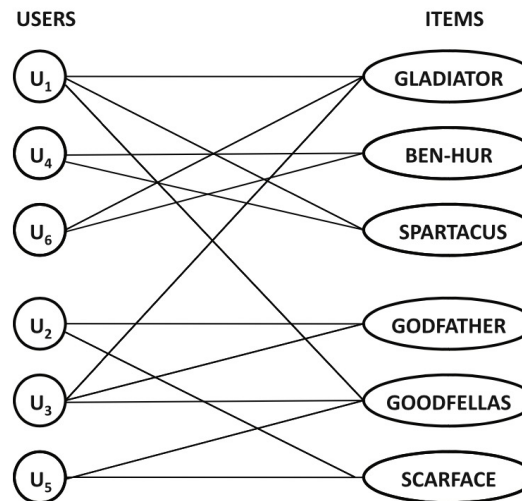
Graph Based Methods

- Si può pensare di costruire il grafo «bipartito» utenti-item, in cui c'è un arco se u_i ha espresso una valutazione su i_j



Graph Based Methods

- PageRank può essere utilizzato per individuare
 - I k item con migliore score con un random walk a partire dal nodo u_i
 - I k utenti con migliore score con un random walk a partire dal nodo i_j





Clustering Methods (1)

□ Motivations

- Reduce the computational cost
- Address the issue of data sparsity to some extent

□ The Result of Clustering

- Clusters of users
 - ✓ User-user similarity recommendations
- Clusters of items
 - ✓ Item-item similarity recommendations



Clustering Methods (2)

□ User-User Recommendation Approach

1. Cluster all the users into n_g groups of users using any clustering algorithm
2. For any user i , compute the average (normalized) rating of the specified items in its cluster
3. Report these ratings for user i

□ Item-Item Recommendation Approach

1. Cluster all the items into n_g groups of items
2. The rest is the same as "Item-Based Similarity with Ratings"



Adapting k -Means Clustering

1. In an iteration of k -means, centroids are computed by averaging each dimension over the **number of specified values** in the cluster members
 - Furthermore, the centroid itself may not be fully specified
2. The distance between a data point and a centroid is computed only over the **specified dimensions** in both
 - Furthermore, the distance is divided by the number of such dimensions in order to fairly compare different data points



Latent Factor Models

□ The Key Idea

- Summarize the correlations across rows and columns in the form of lower dimensional vectors, or **latent** factors
- These latent factors become **hidden** variables that encode the correlations in the data matrix and can be used to make **predictions**
- Estimation of the k -dimensional dominant latent factors is often possible even from **incompletely** specified data



Modeling

- The n users are represented by n factors: $\overline{U}_1, \dots, \overline{U}_n \in \mathbb{R}^k$
- The d items are represented by d factors: $\overline{I}_1, \dots, \overline{I}_d \in \mathbb{R}^k$
- The rating r_{ij} for user i and item j

$$r_{ij} \approx \langle \overline{U}_i, \overline{I}_j \rangle = \overline{U}_i^\top \overline{I}_j = \overline{I}_j^\top \overline{U}_i$$

- The rating matrix $D = [r_{ij}]_{n \times d}$

$$D \approx F_{user} F_{item}^\top$$

- $F_{user} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ and $F_{item} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$



Matrix Factorization (MF)

□ The Goal

$$D \approx UV^T$$

□ The objective when D is fully observed

$$J = \|D - UV^T\|_F^2$$

□ The objective when D is partially observed

$$J = \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} (D_{ij} - \bar{U}_i^T \bar{V}_j)^2$$

- Ω is the set of observed indices
- Constrains can be added: $U \geq 0$ and $V \geq 0$



Matrix Completion

- Assuming the Utility matrix is low-rank

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & & & \blacksquare & \\ & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare \\ \blacksquare & & & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & \\ & & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & & \\ & \blacksquare & & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & & \\ & & & \blacksquare & & & \blacksquare \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$$

- The Optimization Problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} & \text{rank}(X) \\ \text{s.t.} & X_{ij} = M_{ij}, \forall (i, j) \in \Omega \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} & \|X\|_* \\ \text{s.t.} & X_{ij} = M_{ij}, \forall (i, j) \in \Omega \end{array}$$

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