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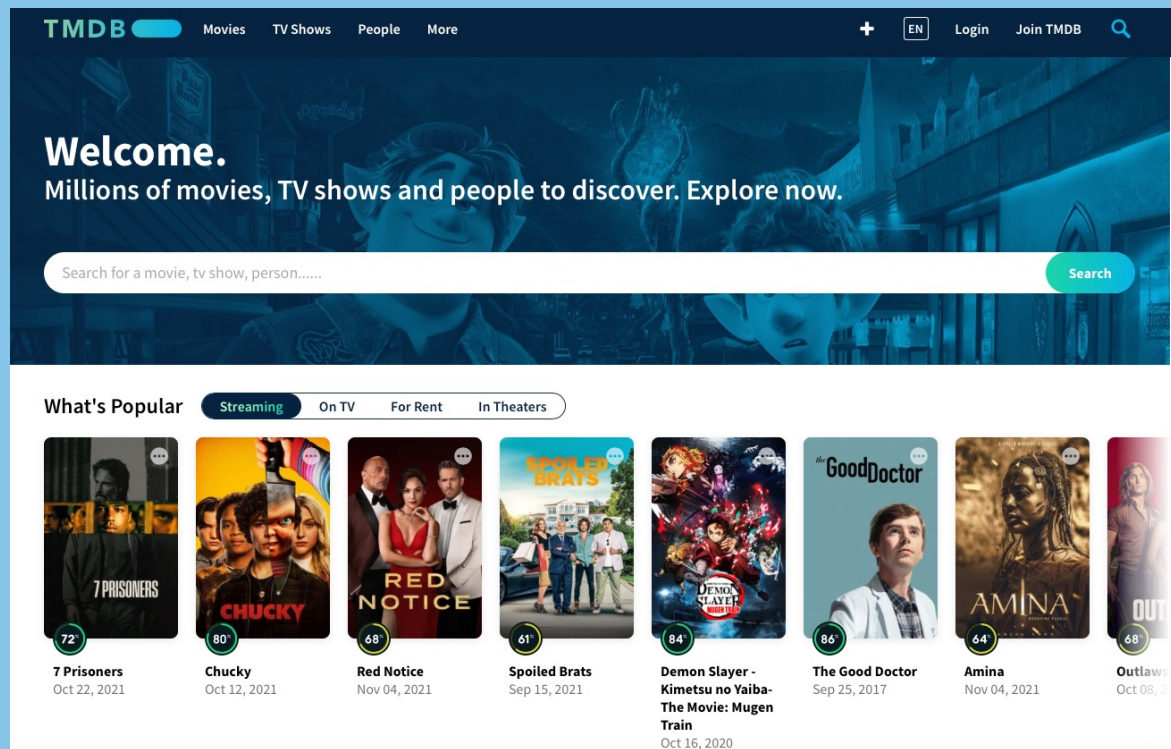
*A Hybrid Recommender System for Titles  
in the TMDB Movie Database*

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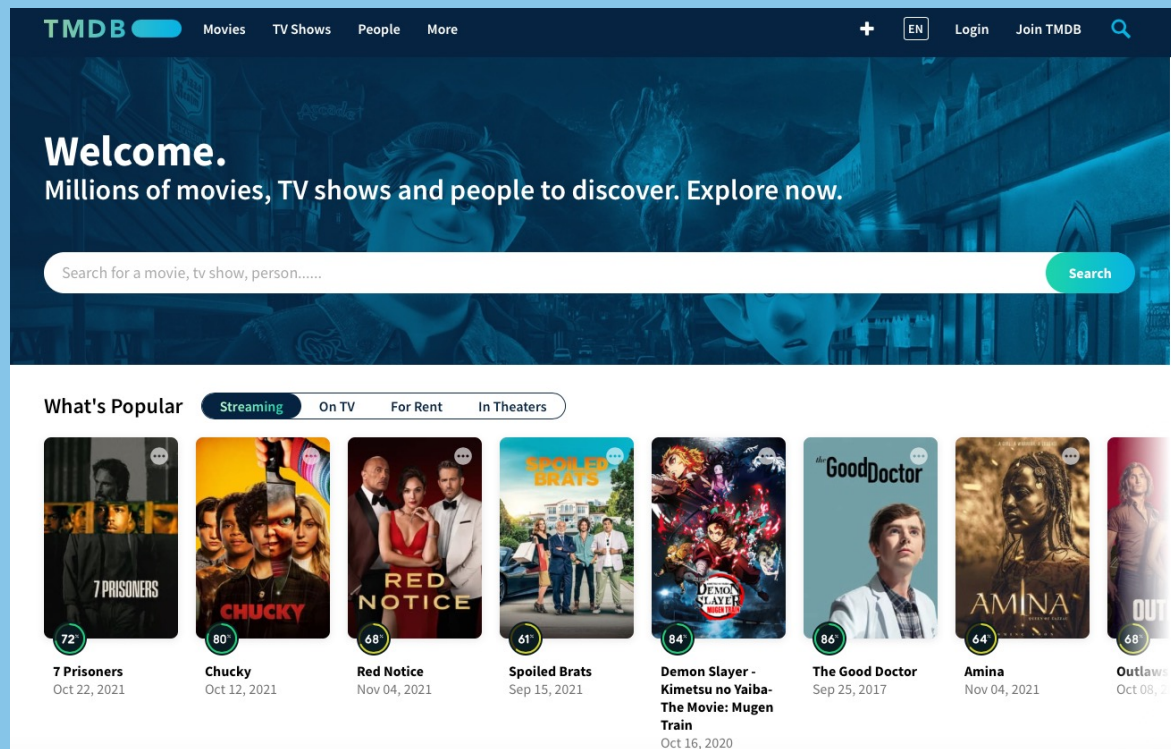
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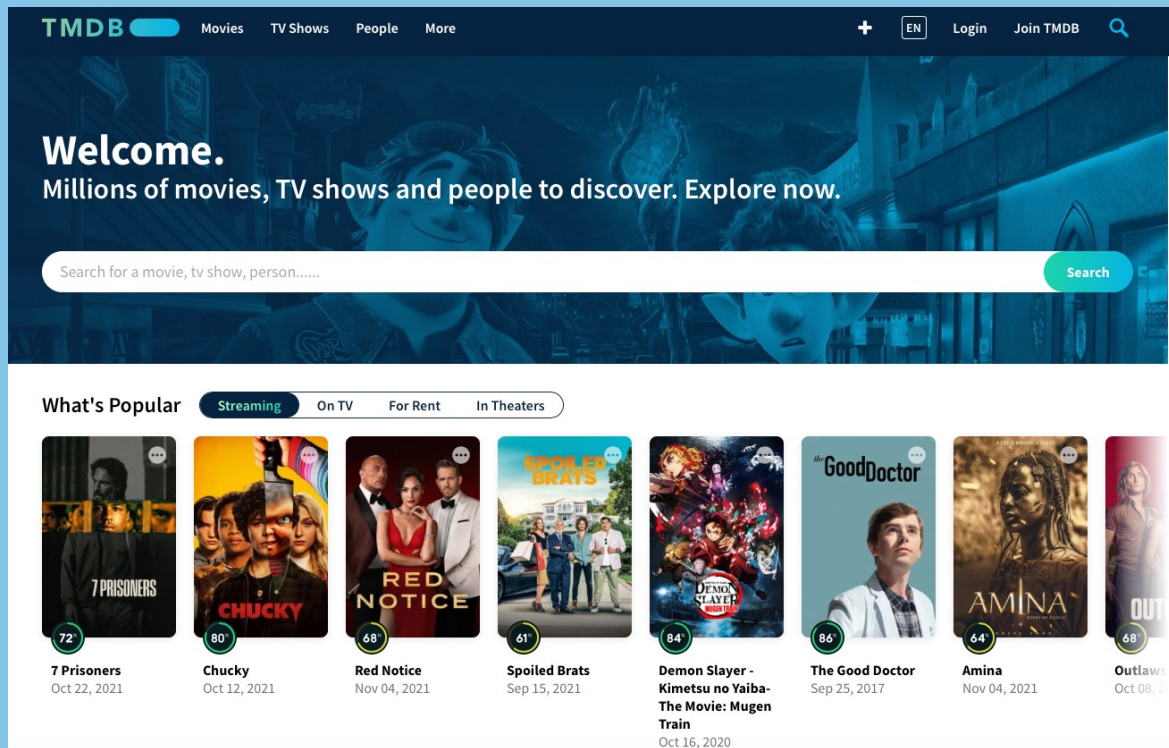
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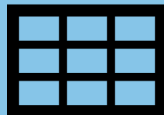
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→ These recommendations are essentially based on Genre alone

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Small Fry	[adventure, animation, children, comedy, fantasy]	[angus_maclane]	[tom_hanks, tim_allen, joan_cusack, estelle_ha...
Toy Story 3	[adventure, animation, children, comedy, fanta...]	[lee_unkrich]	[tom_hanks, tim_allen, joan_cusack, don_rickles]
Buzz Lightyear of Star Command: The Adventure ...	[adventure, animation, children, comedy, sci-fi]	[tad_stones]	[tim_allen, nicole_sullivan, stephen_furst, la...
Halloweentown	[adventure, children, comedy, fantasy]	[duwayne_dunham]	[debbie_reynolds, kimberly_j._brown, judith_ho...
Olaf's Frozen Adventure	[adventure, animation, children, comedy, fantasy]	[kevin_deters]	[josh_gad, kristen_bell, idina_menzel, jonatha...
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- Content-Based: Additional list generated as described above

# Appendix

# Gensim LSI Topic Modelling

## Used to Dimension-Reduce Corpus:

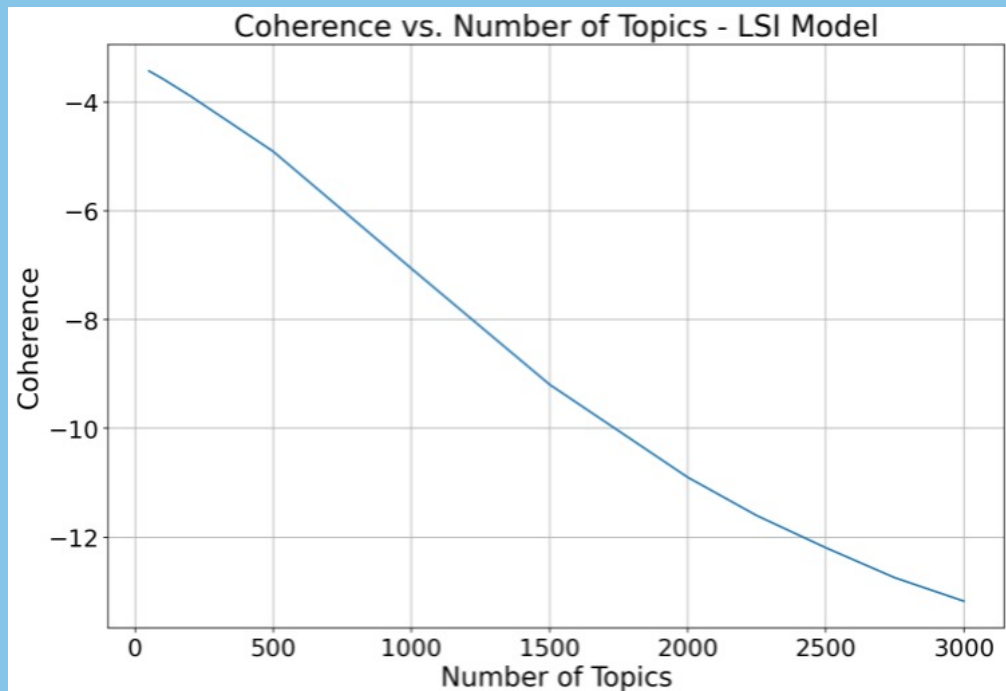
- Each movie represented by a linear combination of a subset of the topics
  - Combinations of topics function as the components of a dimension-reduced space

- Topic Coherence:

- Measures degree of semantic similarity between high-scoring words in a topic
- A smaller coherence is better (indicates more cohesion amongst the movies associated with a given topic)

- 3000 topics is justified:

- Represents elbow of coherence values
- Also, a practical computational limit



# Gensim LSI Topic Modelling (con't.)

## Some samples from the 3000 Topics generated:

**Topic # 1662:** -0.063\*"socialite" + 0.055\*"john\_hurt" + 0.054\*"alfred\_hitchcock" + -0.053\*"donald\_sutherland"  
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+ 0.046\*"edward\_burns"

**Topic # 1663:** 0.059\*"murdering" + -0.052\*"influence" + 0.052\*"media" + 0.051\*"enigmatic" + 0.051\*"deals"  
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+ -0.047\*"immediately"

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# Gensim Content-Based Recommender

## Another Example:

Recommendations based on your interest in Star Wars:

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Return of the Jedi	[action, adventure, sci-fi]	[richard_marquand]	[mark_hamill, harrison_ford, carrie_fisher, bi...
Star Wars: The Force Awakens	[action, adventure, fantasy, sci-fi, imax]	[j.j._abrams]	[harrison_ford, mark_hamill, carrie_fisher, ad...
The Star Wars Holiday Special	[adventure, children, comedy, sci-fi]	[steve_binder]	[harrison_ford, mark_hamill, anthony_daniels, ...]
Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith	[action, adventure, sci-fi]	[george_lucas]	[hayden_christensen, ewan_mcgregor, natalie_po...
Star Wars: The Last Jedi	[action, adventure, fantasy, sci-fi]	[rian_johnson]	[mark_hamill, carrie_fisher, adam_driver, dais...
Captain America	[action, adventure, sci-fi]	[elmer_clifton]	[dick_purcell, lorna_gray, lionel_atwill, char...
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace	[action, adventure, sci-fi]	[george_lucas]	[liam_neeson, ewan_mcgregor, natalie_portman, ...]
The Thief of Bagdad	[action, adventure, fantasy]	[raoul_walsh]	[douglas_fairbanks, snitz_edwards, charles_bel...
Captain Video, Master of the Stratosphere	[adventure, sci-fi]	[spencer_gordon_bennet]	[judd_holdren, george_eldredge, gene_roth, lar...



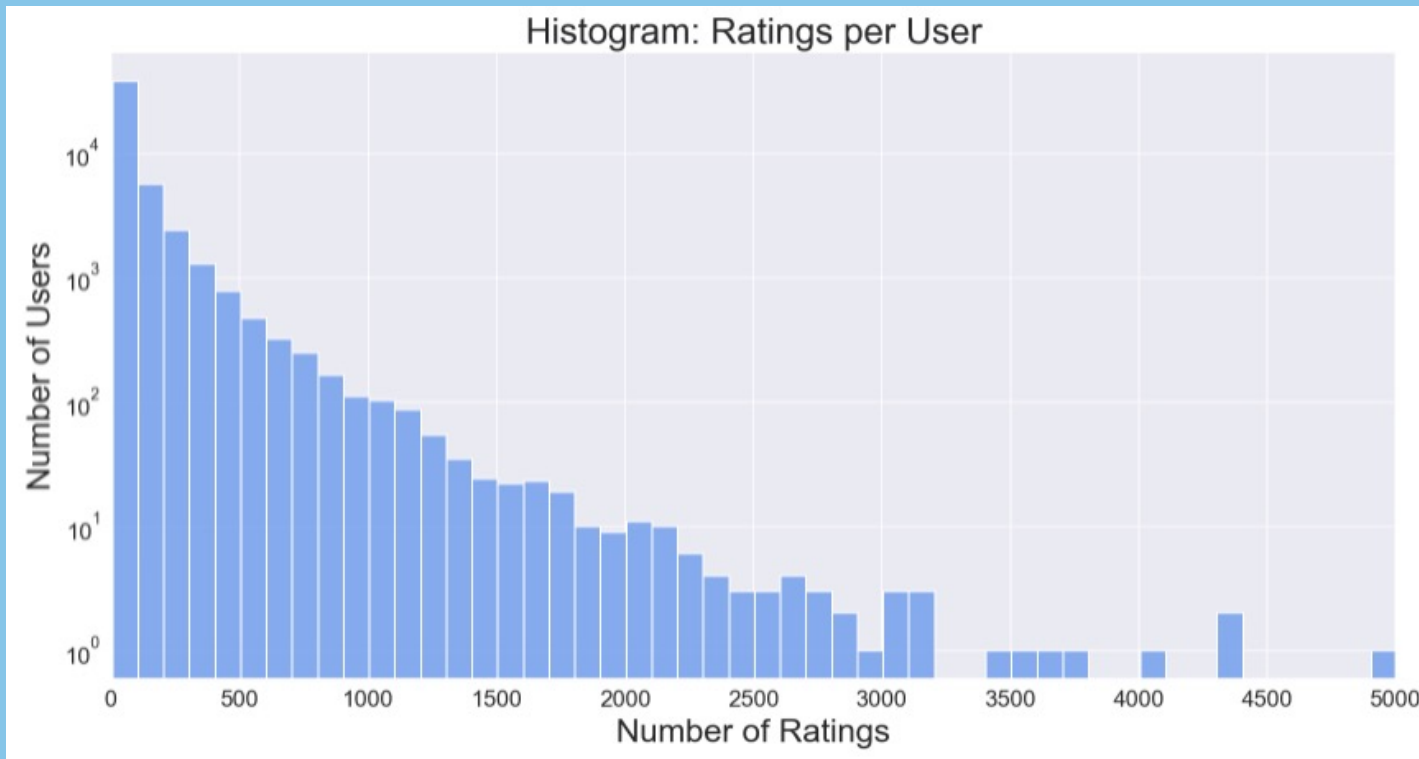
# Gensim Content-Based Recommender (con't.)

## Another Example:

Recommendations based on your interest in Rocky:			
title	genres	director	actors
Rocky III	[action, drama]	[syvester_stallone]	[syvester_stallone, talia_shire, burt_young, ...]
Creed	[drama]	[ryan_coogler]	[michael_b._jordan, syvester_stallone, tessa_...]
Rocky IV	[action, drama]	[syvester_stallone]	[syvester_stallone, talia_shire, carl_weather...]
Rocky Balboa	[action, drama]	[syvester_stallone]	[syvester_stallone, burt_young, antonio_tarve...]
Rocky V	[action, drama]	[john_g._avildsen]	[syvester_stallone, talia_shire, burt_young, ...]
Rocky II	[action, drama]	[syvester_stallone]	[syvester_stallone, talia_shire, burt_young, ...]
Black Night	[drama]	[olivier_smolders]	[fabrice_rodriguez, yves-marie_gnahoua, marie_...]
Knockout	[action, drama]	[lorenzo_doumani]	[sophia_adella_luke, eduardo_yáñez, tony_plana...]
The Bronx Bull	[drama]	[martin_guigui]	[william_forsythe, joe_mantegna, paul_sorvino, ...]
Final Impact	[action]	[joseph_merhi]	[lorenzo_lamas, kathleen_kinmont, michael_wort...]

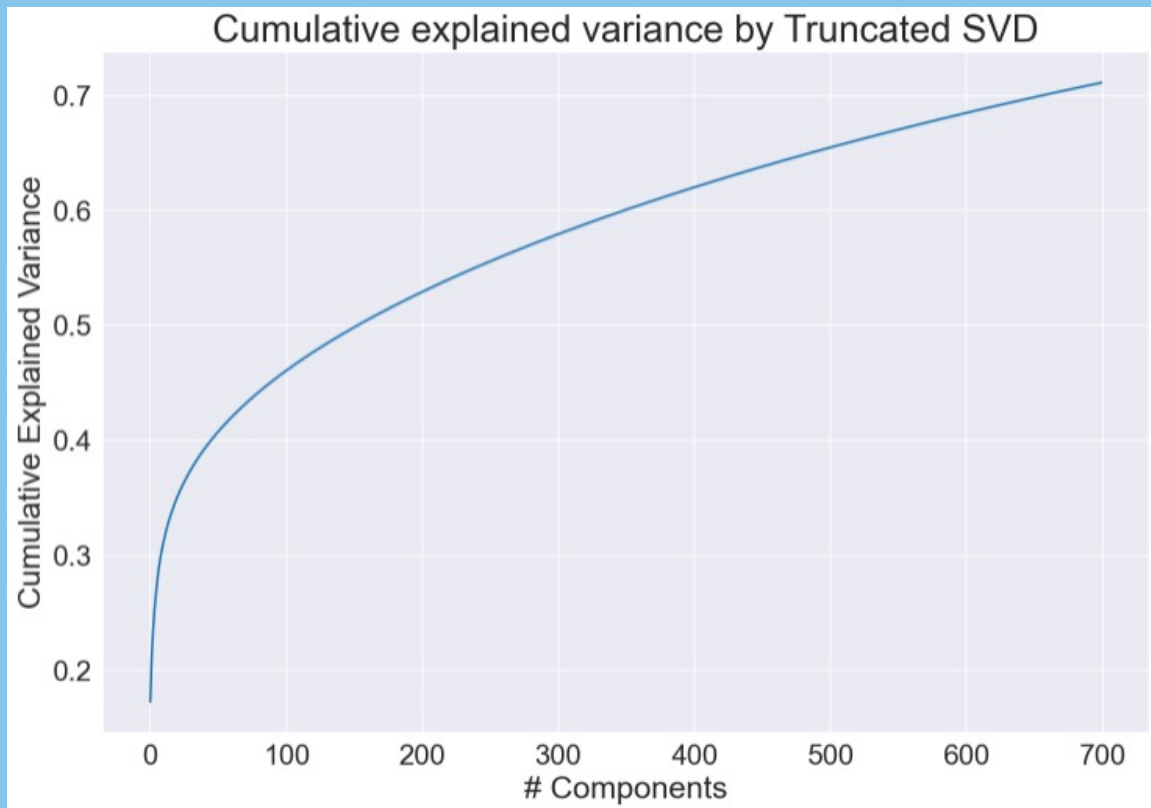
# Collaborative Recommender Details

**Most users have rated < 100 movies (note that y-axis is log-scale):**



# Collaborative Recommender Details (con't.)

- User-Ratings Matrix ( $X$ ):
  - 50,000 rows (1 per user)
  - 28,044 columns (movies)
- Apply Truncated SVD:
  - $X = U \Sigma V^T$
  - 700 Components
  - 71.1% Explained Variance
- Resulting User Matrix ( $U$ ):
  - 50,000 rows (1 per user)
  - 700 columns (components)



# Collaborative Recommender Details (con't.)

## Another Example:

```
## Get recommendations for User #2 (who has rated 15 movies)
```

```
recommendations(user_id=2, min_rating=5)
```

Recommendations Rated 5.0 or Better Based on Your Rating History  
(Movies Liked by Similar User # 95643):

	movieid	title	projected_rating
0	50	The Usual Suspects	5.0
1	296	Pulp Fiction	5.0
2	318	The Shawshank Redemption	5.0
3	778	Trainspotting	5.0
4	858	The Godfather	5.0
5	1193	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	5.0
6	1617	L.A. Confidential	5.0
7	2858	American Beauty	5.0
8	2959	Fight Club	5.0
9	4011	Snatch	5.0

```
two_users_overlap(user_id=2, similar_user_id=95643)
```

Common Movie Ratings Between User #2 and Similar User #95643:

	title	user_rating	similar_user_rating	rating_difference
0	Hackers	3.5	3.5	0.0
1	Sex, Lies, and Videotape	3.5	4.0	-0.5
2	Harold and Maude	3.0	5.0	-2.0
3	Manhattan	3.0	4.5	-1.5
4	A Room with a View	4.5	5.0	-0.5
5	Stripes	3.0	4.5	-1.5
6	Driving Miss Daisy	4.0	4.5	-0.5
7	L.A. Story	3.5	5.0	-1.5
8	The Big Chill	4.0	4.5	-0.5
9	Little Shop of Horrors	4.0	4.5	-0.5
10	Risky Business	3.5	4.0	-0.5
11	American Graffiti	4.0	4.5	-0.5

Mean Absolute Deviation of rating\_difference = 0.5

# Collaborative Recommender Details (con't.)

## Edge Cases:

```
## Get recommendations for User #41 (who has rated fewer than 5 movies)
```

```
recommendations(41, user_ids, U, X, movie_ids, movies, ratings_count_df, min_rating=5)
```

Sorry, the user must have at least 5 previously-rated movies to find similar users.

```
## Get recommendations for User #94843 (who has rated 4965 movies - more than any other user in the final users_ratings_matrix)
```

```
recommendations(user_id=94843, min_rating=3)
```

Sorry, User #94843 does not have any similar users.

```
two_users_overlap(user_id=44276, similar_user_id=105056)
```

Sorry, User #44276 and User #105056 have not rated enough of the same movies and therefore cannot be compared.