

IntroProp Mini-project: **Recommendation System**

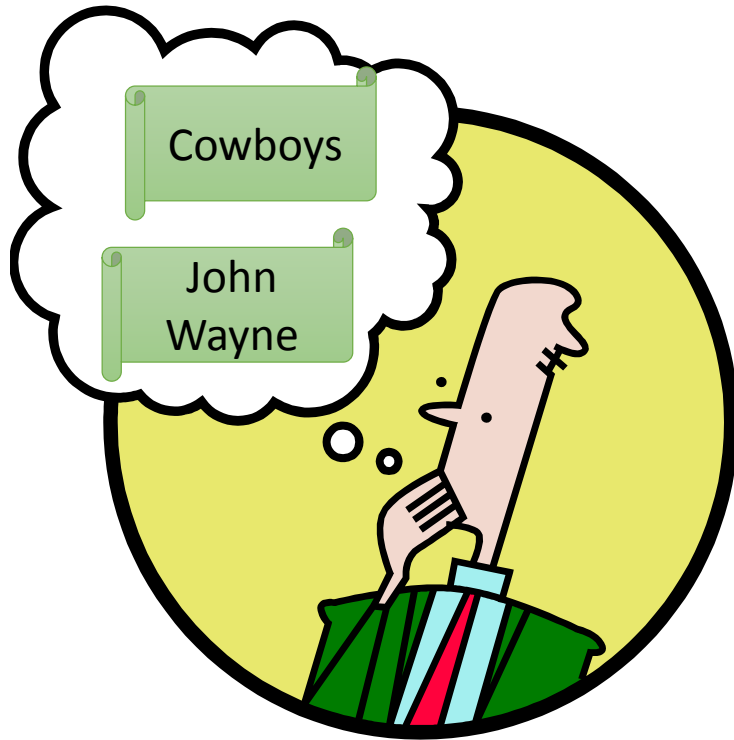
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Outline

- Recall from last week:
 - Feature Vector/Matrices U and V
 - Update an element in U or V
- A complete UV-Decomposition
 - Optimization and Stopping criteria
 - Issues with local minima and Initialization
- Evaluation of (your) recommendations
- Netflix Challenge
- Tasks
 - `optimizeU/optimizeV`
 - `recommend`

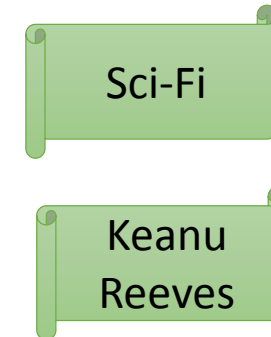
Feature Vector of Item or User



User Feature Vector

	Sci-Fi	Reeves	Cowboys	Wayne
Joe	0	0	4	5

Preference of user expressed
in terms of a set of features




Item Feature Vector

	Matrix
Sci-Fi	5
Reeves	5
Cowboys	0
Wayne	0

Properties of
item
expressed in
terms of a set
of features


Feature Matrices U and V

- User Profile Matrix $U_{n \times d}$: **n users and d features**



	Sci-Fi	Reeves	Cowboys	Wayne	...
Joe	0	0	4	5	...
User 1	...	...	...	...	...
...

- Item Profile Matrix $V_{d \times m}$: **d features, m items**



	Matrix	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	...
Sci-Fi	5	...	...	...
Reeves	5	...	...	...
Cowboys	0	...	...	...
Wayne	0	...	...	...

$$u(\text{Joe}, \text{Matrix}) = (0 \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad 5) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Idea: Rating \approx User Profile \cdot Item Profile
 - Entry (i,j) in Utility Matrix is rating of user i of item j

Dimensionality Reduction Systems

- Recommend items based on the conjecture that the utility matrix is actually a product of two long, thin matrices U and V .
 - Matrix $U_{n \times d}$ mapping users to features
 - Matrix $V_{d \times m}$ mapping features to items
- **Key idea:** $M_{n \times m} \approx U_{n \times d} \cdot V_{d \times m}$
- **Goal:** find matrices $U_{n \times d}$ and $V_{d \times m}$ (given $M_{n \times m}$ and d) such that their product $P_{n \times m} = U_{n \times d} \cdot V_{d \times m}$ is **similar** to M on all **non-zero** entries (actual rating).
- **One approach:** **UV-decomposition algorithm**
(instance of a more general theory called SVD (singular-value decomposition))

UV-decomposition

$$M_{n \times m} \stackrel{\text{RMSE}}{\approx} U_{n \times d} \cdot V_{d \times m}$$

Number of Items (5)

Number of features (2)

Number of Items (5)

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 & 4 & \end{pmatrix} \right\} \approx \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \\ u_{31} & u_{32} \\ u_{41} & u_{42} \\ u_{51} & u_{52} \end{pmatrix} \right\} \cdot \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & v_{13} & v_{14} & v_{15} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} & v_{23} & v_{24} & v_{25} \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Number of Users (5)

Number of Users (5)

Number of features (2)

m_{ij} ... element in M

u_{ij} ... element in U , v_{ij} ... element in V

p_{ij} ... element in $P = U \cdot V$

UV-Decomposition: Iterative Approach

- Start with arbitrary matrices U and V
- Modify U and V locally to improve RMSE
- Local improvement means, e.g., one element
- **Question:** how does one element of U (or V) contribute to the error?

Adjusting Arbitrary Element in U and V

- To update element u_{rs} use

$$\bar{u}_{rs} = \frac{\sum_j v_{sj} \cdot (m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj})}{\sum_j v_{sj}^2}$$

\sum_j stands for the sum over all j s.t. m_{rj} is nonblank

- To update element v_{rs} use

$$\bar{v}_{rs} = \frac{\sum_i u_{ir} \cdot (m_{is} - \sum_{k \neq r} u_{ik} \cdot v_{ks})}{\sum_i u_{ir}^2}$$

\sum_i stands for the sum over all i s.t. m_{is} is nonblank

Example : Adjusting Element in U

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & \boxed{1} & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 & 4 & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ x+1 & x+1 & x+1 & x+1 & x+1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{u}_{rs} = \frac{\sum_j v_{sj} \cdot (m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj})}{\sum_j v_{sj}^2}, j = 0, \dots, 4 \text{ s.t. } m_{rj} \text{ is nonblank, } k = 0, 1 \text{ s.t. } k \neq s$$

• $r=2, s=0$ (recall: it effects only row 2 = 3rd row):

- $j=0$: $v_{00} \cdot (m_{20} - u_{21} \cdot v_{10}) = 1 \cdot (2 - 1 \cdot 1) = 1$
- $j=1$: m_{21} is blank $\Rightarrow 0$
- $j=2$: $v_{02} \cdot (m_{22} - u_{21} \cdot v_{12}) = 1 \cdot (3 - 1 \cdot 1) = 2$
- $j=3$: $1 \cdot (1 - 1 \cdot 1) = 0$
- $j=4$: $1 \cdot (4 - 1 \cdot 1) = 3$
- $\sum_j v_{sj}^2 = \sum_j v_{0j}^2 = 4$ (because m_{21} is blank)
- $\bar{u}_{rs} = (1+2+0+3)/4 = 1.5$

Example : Adjusting Element in V

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 & 4 & \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & x+1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & x+1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & x+1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & x+1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & x+1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{v}_{rs} = \frac{\sum_i u_{ir} \cdot (m_{is} - \sum_{k \neq r} u_{ik} \cdot v_{ks})}{\sum_i u_{ir}^2}, i = 0, \dots, 4 \text{ s.t. } m_{is} \text{ is nonblank}, k = 0, 1 \text{ s.t. } k \neq r$$

- $r=1, s=4$:
 - $i=0$: $u_{01} \cdot (m_{04} - u_{00} \cdot v_{04}) = 1 \cdot (3 - 1 \cdot 1) = 2$
 - $i=1$: $1 \cdot (1 - 1 \cdot 1) = 0$; $i=2$: $1 \cdot (4 - 1 \cdot 1) = 3$; $i=3$: $1 \cdot (5 - 1 \cdot 1) = 4$
- $\sum_i u_{i1}^2 = 4$ (because m_{44} is blank)
- $\bar{v}_{rs} = (2+0+3+4)/4 = 2.25$



What happens if all entries in last column of M are empty?

A Complete UV-Decomposition

Optimization

Stopping criteria

Issues with local minima

Initialization

Optimization

- Aim: minimize RMSE
- Update entries in U and V to improve RMSE
- To reach a (local) minimum from given U and V
 - Pick order in which to update elements, e.g., row-by-row or randomly, we just need to make sure that every element is updated in a round

The diagram shows the multiplication of two matrices. The first matrix is a 6x2 matrix with all elements equal to 1. The second matrix is a 2x5 matrix with all elements equal to 1. Red lines connect the elements of the first matrix to the elements of the second matrix, illustrating the dot product calculation for each row of the first matrix. Specifically, the first row of the first matrix (1, 1) is connected to the first row of the second matrix (1, 1, 1, 1, 1). The second row of the first matrix (1, 1) is connected to the second row of the second matrix (1, 1, 1, 1, 1). This pattern continues for all rows, showing that every element in the first matrix is multiplied by every element in the second matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

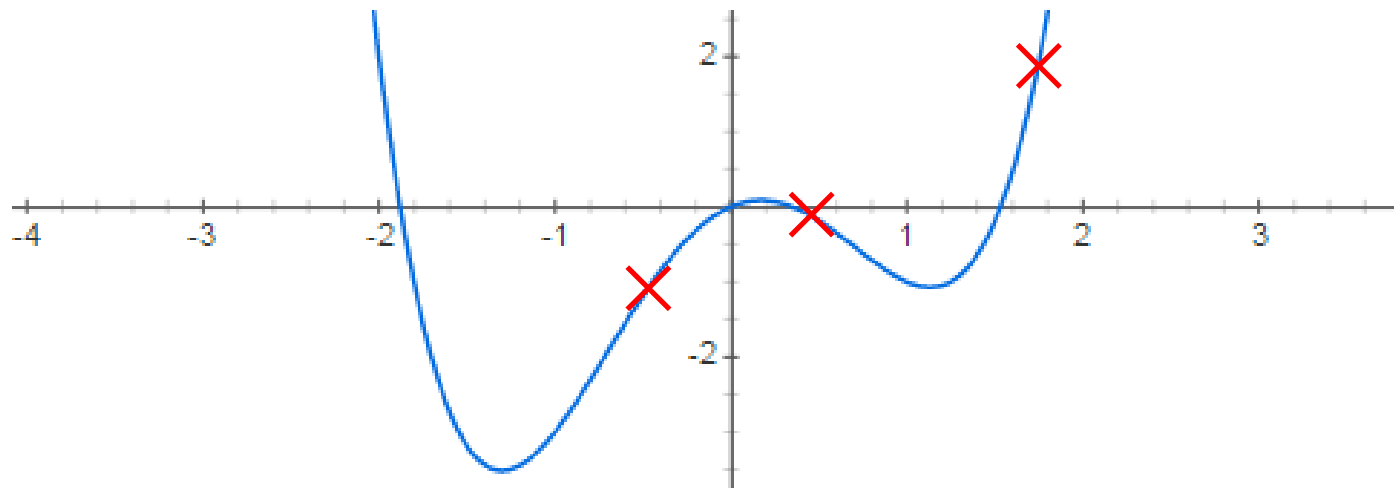
- Note: updating an element once does not mean we cannot find a better value \Rightarrow we might need **many rounds**

Stopping Criteria: Converging to a Minimum

- Ideally: $RMSE = 0$ at some point
- In practice: unlikely to reach $RMSE = 0$
- Need a way to detect when there is little benefit to revisiting elements in U and/or V
- **Idea: track the amount of improvement, i.e., change of RMSE, and stop is below a threshold**
- Options:
 - check improvement per element or
 - check improvement per round

Issue with Local Minima

- Recall: local improvement (one variable)
- **Local minima** – matrices U and V such that no allowable adjustment reduces the RMSE
- **Global minimum** – the matrices U and V that produce the least possible RMSE
- Use different starting points to increase changes to reach global minimum



Starting Points

- Simple starting point: all elements have the same value v
- **Good choice:** a value v that give elements in $P = U \cdot V$ the average of nonblank entries in M
 - Given $M_{n \times m}$, $U_{n \times d}$, $V_{d \times m}$, let a be the average of all nonblank entries of M , i.e., the sum of nonblank entries in M divided by the number of nonblank entries:
 - Note we aim for $p_{rs} = a$, recall that
$$p_{rs} = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} u_{rk} \cdot v_{ks} = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} v \cdot v = d \cdot v^2 = a$$
 - So, $v = \sqrt{a/d}$
- Multiple starting point? Perturb value v randomly (e.g., +/- some c)

Evaluation

Evaluation

movies

users

1	3	4			
	3	5			5
		4	5		5
		3			
		3			
2			2		2
				5	
	2	1			1
	3			3	
1					

Evaluation

movies

users

1	3	4			
	3	5			5
		4	5		5
		3			
		3			
2			?		?
				?	
	2	1			?
	3			?	
1					

Training Data Set

Test Data Set

Evaluating Predictions

- **Compare predictions with known ratings**
 - **Root-mean-square error (RMSE)**
 - $\sqrt{\sum_{xi} (r_{xi} - r_{xi}^*)^2}$ where r_{xi} is predicted, r_{xi}^* is the true rating of x on i
 - **Precision at top 10:**
 - % of those in top 10
 - **Rank Correlation**

Evaluation in the Mini-Project

- Rank evaluation
- For each user provide id of item with the highest ranking:
 - If item is one of the highest ranked items: 1 point
 - If item is one of the second highest ranked items: $\frac{1}{2}$ point
- Overall: number of point/number of users
- E.g., assume we have 5 user
 - for 1st user we suggest top item = 1 point,
 - for 2nd user we suggest top item = 1 point,
 - 3rd and 4th user second top = $\frac{1}{2}$ point and we mis-predicted the 5th user that give $(1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2})/5 = 0.6$

Test Data

- Recall: we assume that M is the product of two matrices U and V
- **Create your own test data:**
 1. Create two random matrices U and V with dimension $n \times d$ and $d \times m$, respectively, for some n , d , and m .
 2. Compute product $P = U \cdot V$
 3. Create a copy of P and called it M
 4. Select (maybe randomly) some entries of M and set them to 0
 5. Ask you algorithm to reconstruct P from M using dimension d .

Test Data: Example

- Step 1: create U and V (e.g., use createMatrix)

```
U = {{3.0, 3.0},  
      {2.0, 1.0},  
      {0.0, 2.0},  
      {3.0, 3.0},  
      {1.0, 3.0}};  
V = {{1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 3.0},  
      {1.0, 3.0, 0.0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0}};
```

- Step 2: compute product P (e.g., use multiplyMatrix)

```
P = {{6.0, 12.0, 3.0, 6.0, 9.0, 18.0},  
      {3.0, 5.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 9.0},  
      {2.0, 6.0, 0.0, 2.0, 4.0, 6.0},  
      {6.0, 12.0, 3.0, 6.0, 9.0, 18.0},  
      {4.0, 10.0, 1.0, 4.0, 7.0, 12.0}};
```

- Step 3+4: Copy and replace some entries with 0s

```
M = {{6.0, 12.0, 3.0, 6.0, 0.0, 0.0},  
      {3.0, 5.0, 2.0, 3.0, 0.0, 9.0},  
      {0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 2.0, 4.0, 6.0},  
      {6.0, 12.0, 3.0, 0.0, 0.0, 18.0},  
      {4.0, 0.0, 1.0, 4.0, 0.0, 12.0}}
```

Test Data: Netflix Challenge

- Bonus
- For interested students, we will provide utility matrices based on the Netflix training data

Netflix Challenge

The Netflix Prize

- **Training data**

- 100 million ratings, 480'000 users, 17'770 movies
- 6 years of data: 2000-2005

- **Test data**

- Last few ratings of each user (2.8 million)
- **Evaluation criterion:** Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) =

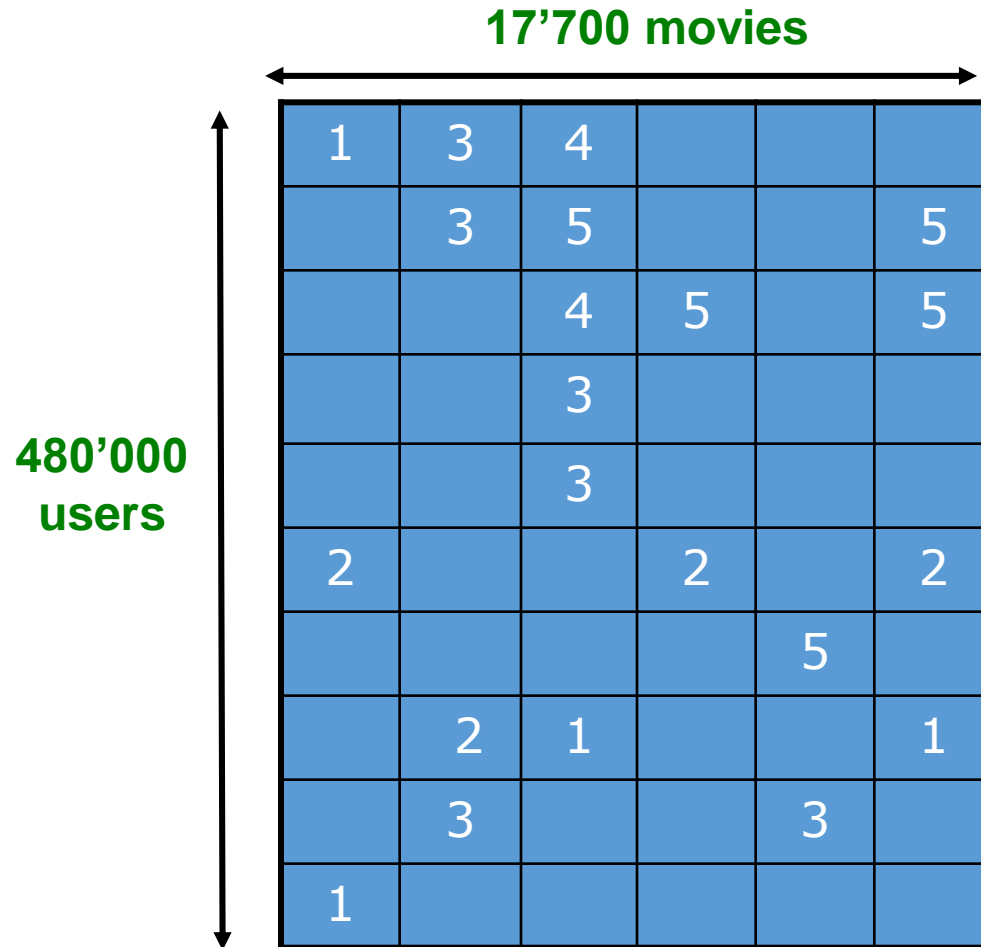
$$\frac{1}{|R|} \sqrt{\sum_{(i,x) \in R} (\hat{r}_{xi} - r_{xi})^2}$$

- **Netflix's system RMSE: 0.9514**

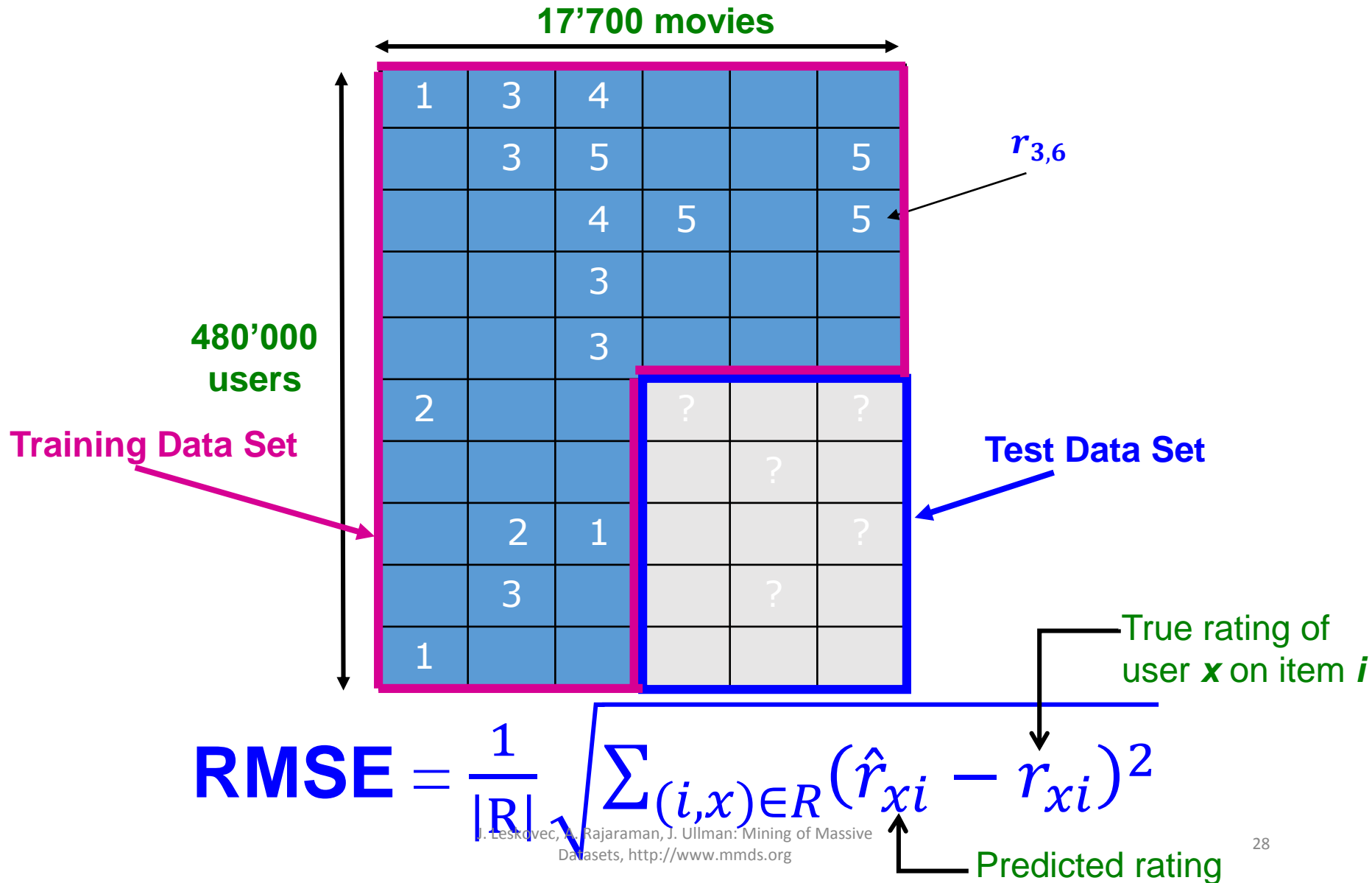
- **Competition (Started in 2006)**

- 2,700+ teams
- **\$1 million** prize for 10% improvement on Netflix

The Netflix Utility Matrix



Utility Matrix: Evaluation

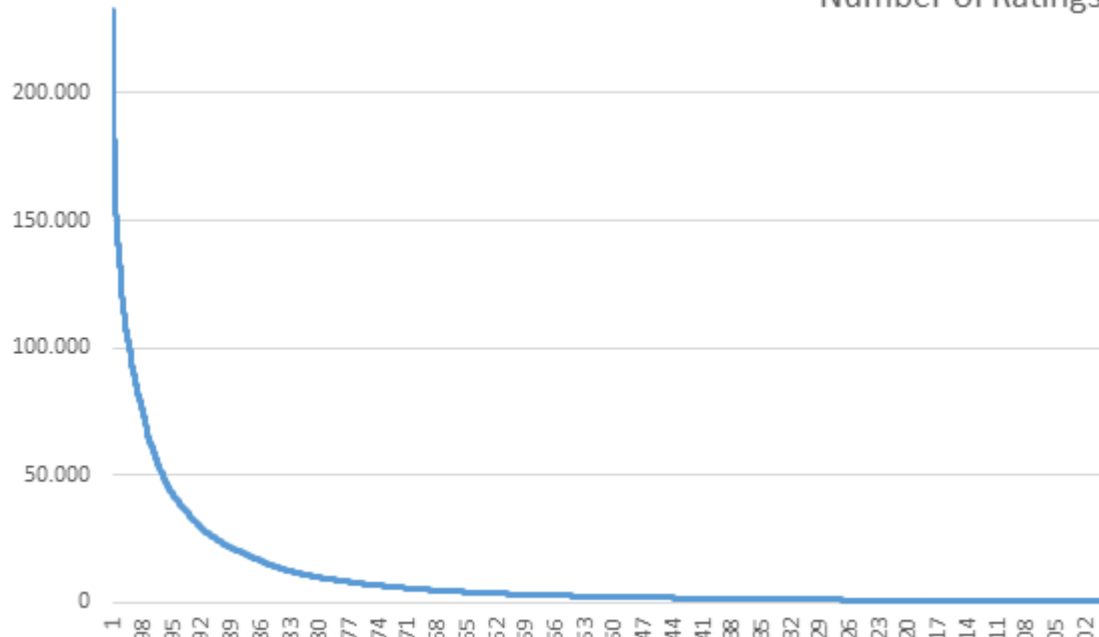


Netflix Training Data

#Ratings	Movie File	
232.945	mv_0005317.txt	7961 :
216.597	mv_0015124.txt	1744308, 1, 2004-10-07
200.833	mv_0014313.txt	2619050, 1, 2005-08-09
196.398	mv_0015205.txt	2144174, 4, 2005-06-20
193.942	mv_0001905.txt	2125733, 2, 2003-05-05
		269983, 2, 2004-05-12
		2026560, 4, 2004-03-23
		1173858, 4, 2005-09-14



Number of Ratings



Users	480.000
Movies	17.770
Ratings	100.498.277
Most Ratings	232.945
Least Ratings	4
Top 10%	76.884.165
Percentage in Top 10%	77%
Entries in Utility Matrix	8.529.600.000
%Fill rate	1,18%

Small Utility Matrix from Netflix data

```
{{ 0.0, 4.0, 5.0, 4.0, 3.0},  
 { 3.0, 3.0, 2.0, 0.0, 4.0},  
 { 5.0, 4.0, 5.0, 3.0, 4.0},  
 { 2.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0},  
 { 2.0, 0.0, 0.0, 4.0, 5.0},  
 { 1.0, 0.0, 4.0, 0.0, 0.0},  
 { 3.0, 2.0, 3.0, 3.0, 5.0},  
 { 5.0, 3.0, 4.0, 4.0, 4.0},  
 { 0.0, 5.0, 5.0, 4.0, 4.0},  
 { 4.0, 3.0, 3.0, 0.0, 4.0}}
```

ID	Movie File	Title
0	mv_0005317.txt	Miss Congeniality/Miss Déetective
1	mv_0015124.txt	Independence Day
2	mv_0014313.txt	The Patriot
3	mv_0015205.txt	The Day After Tomorrow
4	mv_0001905.txt	Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

#Movies: 5, #Users: 10

Small Utility Matrix from Netflix data

```
{
  { 0.0, 4.0, 5.0, 4.0, 3.0, 1.0, 5.0, 3.0, 3.0, 3.0},
  { 3.0, 3.0, 2.0, 0.0, 4.0, 5.0, 2.0, 0.0, 4.0, 2.0},
  { 5.0, 4.0, 5.0, 3.0, 4.0, 4.0, 3.0, 4.0, 4.0, 0.0},
  { 2.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 3.0, 5.0, 0.0, 0.0, 2.0},
  { 2.0, 0.0, 0.0, 4.0, 5.0, 4.0, 3.0, 5.0, 3.0, 0.0},
  { 1.0, 0.0, 4.0, 0.0, 0.0, 5.0, 5.0, 5.0, 0.0, 0.0},
  { 3.0, 2.0, 3.0, 3.0, 5.0, 3.0, 4.0, 4.0, 2.0, 2.0},
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  { 3.0, 0.0, 3.0, 0.0, 1.0, 5.0, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 5.0},
  { 2.0, 2.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 4.0, 0.0, 0.0, 3.0}
}
```

ID		
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3	mv_0015205.txt	The Day After Tomorrow
4	mv_0001905.txt	Pirates of the Caribbean
5	mv_0006287.txt	Pretty Woman
6	mv_0011283.txt	Forrest Gump
7	mv_0016377.txt	The Green Mile
8	mv_0016242.txt	Con Air
9	mv_0012470.txt	Twister

#Movies: 10, #Users: 20

Performance of Various Methods

Global average: 1.1296

User average: 1.0651

Movie average: 1.0533

Netflix: 0.9514

Basic Collaborative filtering: 0.94

CF+Biases+learned weights: 0.91

Grand Prize: 0.8563

```
{ { 0.0, 4.0, 5.0, 4.0, 3.0 },
  { 3.0, 3.0, 2.0, 0.0, 4.0 },
  { 5.0, 4.0, 5.0, 3.0, 4.0 },
  { 2.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 },
  { 2.0, 0.0, 0.0, 4.0, 5.0 },
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```

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5.0, 4.0, 3.0},
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Netflix Prize

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Grand Prize - RMSE = 0.8567 - Winning Team: BellKor's Pragmatic Chaos

1	BellKor's Pragmatic Chaos	0.8567	10.06	2009-07-26 18:18:28
2	The Ensemble	0.8567	10.06	2009-07-26 18:38:22
3	Grand Prize Team	0.8582	9.98	2009-07-10 10:12:40
4	Opera Solutions and Vandelay United	0.8588	9.84	2009-07-10 01:12:31
5	Vandelay Industries!	0.8591	9.81	2009-07-10 00:32:20
6	PragmaticTheory	0.8594	9.77	2009-06-24 12:06:56
7	BellKor in BigChaos	0.8601	9.70	2009-05-13 08:14:09
8	Dace	0.8612	9.59	2009-07-24 17:18:43
9	Feeds2	0.8622	9.48	2009-07-12 13:11:51
10	BigChaos	0.8623	9.47	2009-04-07 12:33:59
11	Opera Solutions	0.8623	9.47	2009-07-24 00:34:07
12	BellKor	0.8624	9.46	2009-07-26 17:19:11

Progress Prize 2008 - RMSE = 0.8627 - Winning Team: BellKor in BigChaos

13	xiangliang	0.8642	9.27	2009-07-15 14:53:22
14	Gravity	0.8643	9.26	2009-04-22 18:31:32
15	Ces	0.8651	9.18	2009-06-21 19:24:53
16	Invisible Ideas	0.8653	9.15	2009-07-15 15:53:04
17	Just a guy in a garage	0.8662	9.06	2009-05-24 10:02:54
18	J Dennis Su	0.8666	9.02	2009-03-07 17:16:17
19	Craig Carmichael	0.8666	9.02	2009-07-25 16:00:54
20	acmehill	0.8668	9.00	2009-03-21 16:20:50

J. Leskovec, A. Rajaraman, J. Ullman: Mining of Massive
Datasets, <http://www.mmds.org>

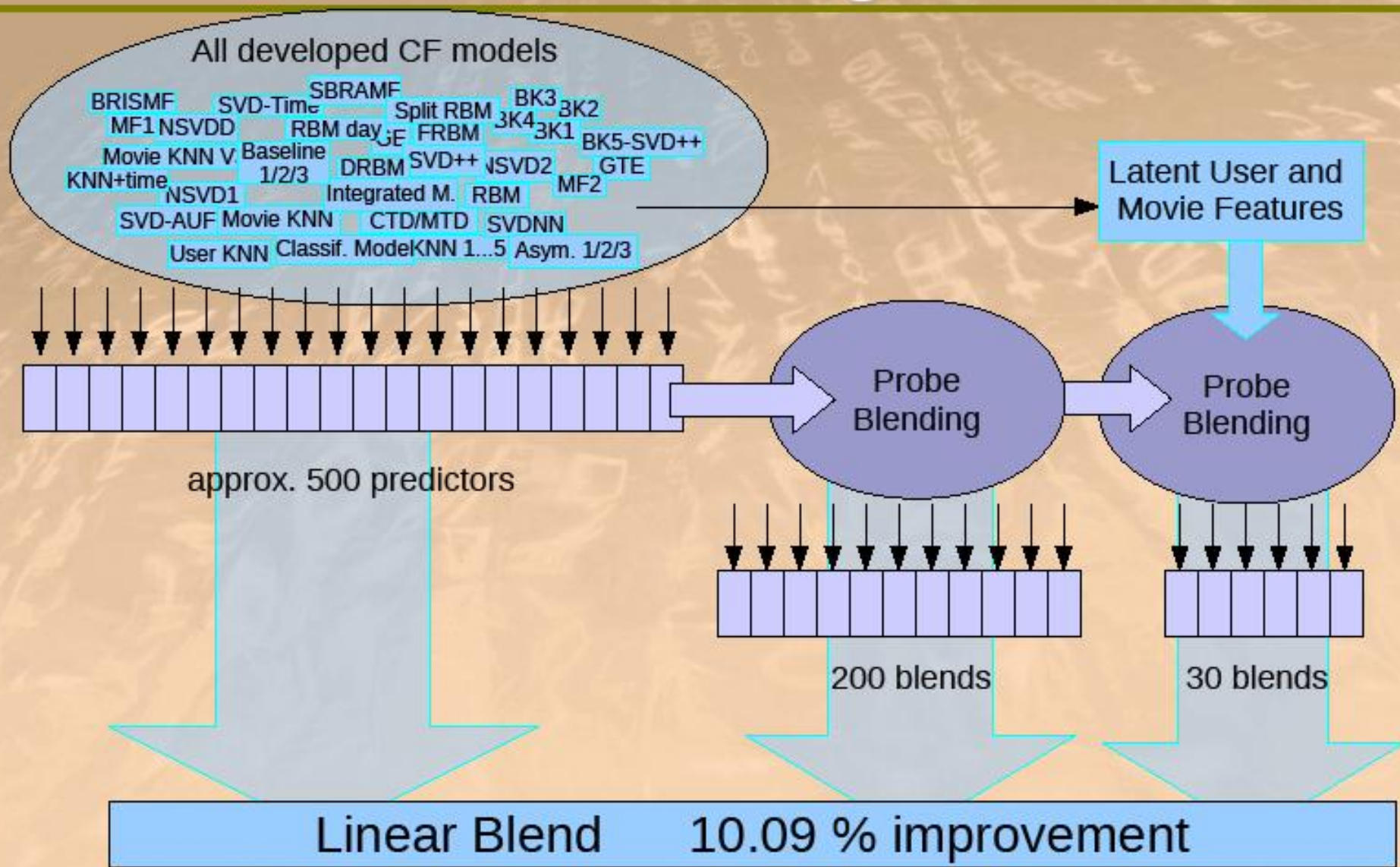
Progress Prize 2007 - RMSE = 0.8723 - Winning Team: KorBell

Million \$ Awarded Sept 21st 2009



The big picture

Solution of BellKor's Pragmatic Chaos



Further Reading:

- Y. Koren, Collaborative filtering with temporal dynamics, KDD '09
- <http://www2.research.att.com/~volinsky/netflix/bpc.html>
- <http://www.the-ensemble.com/>

Tasks

optimizeU/optimizeV

recommend

Task: Optimize U and V

- Compute an improved version of U (or V, respectively)
 - Input: three matrices M, U, and V
 - Return value: a new matrix U (or V, respectively) that minimizes the RMSE (up to a reasonable bound) between M and $P=U \cdot V$.
- Signatures:

```
public static double[][] optimizeU( double[][] M,  
                                     double[][] U,  
                                     double[][] V)
```

```
public static double[][] optimizeV( double[][] M,  
                                     double[][] U,  
                                     double[][] V)
```

- **Your choice:** order of updates, stopping criteria

Task: Recommend

- Provide a recommendation for each user:
 - Input: matrix M and an integer d (number of features)
 - Return value: an integer array indicating at position i the top recommendation for user i .
- An item should only be recommended if
 1. it was previously not rated by user i (i.e., the corresponding entry in M is 0) and
 2. It is recommended by the UV-decomposition algorithm with dimension d for the matrix M (i.e., this item has the highest score among the non-ranked items).
- If there is no item without ranking for user i , return -1
- Signature:

```
public static int[] recommend( double[][] M, int d)
```
- **Your choice:** initial states, order of updates, stopping criteria

Summary

- Feature Vector/Matrices U and V
 - Update an element in U or V
- A complete UV-Decomposition
 - Optimization and Stopping criteria
 - Issues with local minima and Initialization
- Evaluation of (your) recommendations
- Netflix Challenge
- Tasks

Questions?