

Recommender Systems

1. The user-item matrix below shows the purchasing history of 5 users with respect to 9 different books in a user-based collaborative filtering system.

Based on this data, who will be user U3's nearest neighbour? Calculate similarities using the binary Jaccard Index.

| | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | B6 | B7 | B8 | B9 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| U1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | |
| U2 | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| U3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| U4 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| U5 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |

2. The user-item matrix below shows the purchasing history of 6 users for 10 different products in a user-based collaborative filtering system.

Who will be user U1's nearest neighbour in the data? Calculate similarities using the binary Jaccard Index.

| | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6 | P7 | P8 | P9 | P10 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| U1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| U2 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| U3 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | |
| U4 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| U5 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| U6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |

3. The table below was generated as part of the evaluation of a collaborative filtering system which attempts to predict star ratings (1-5) for movies. The predicted and true ratings for 7 test examples are reported.

| Movie | True Rating (Stars) | Predicted Rating |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Brooklyn | 4 | 3.2 |
| Toy Story 3 | 5 | 4.7 |
| Batman v Superman | 2 | 1.8 |
| Angry Birds | 1 | 3.2 |
| The Shallows | 2 | 2.0 |
| Spectre | 3 | 3.9 |
| The Martian | 4 | 4.1 |

Calculate the performance of the system based on the metrics:

- (a) Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- (b) Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)