

**Take Home Challenge:**  
**Deadline: 12/15/2022**

**Task:** Train different session (contextual, sequential) based product recommendation recommenders for E-commerce use case and compare the performance of the recommenders.

**Requirements:**

In the deliverables and experiments, one of the recommenders needs to be a Deep RL recommender [DRL2, DRL1, or DRL3] and at least two different datasets are used for training/testing. Also, at least two offline evaluation metrics are used for benchmarking.

**Deliverable/submission:**

A link to your well organized Github open source repository including

- 1.Introduction (overview)
- 2.Instructions (how to run the code)
- 3.Results (benchmarking)
- 4.Source Code (please organize your code)

No report or presentation is required.

**\*\*Please specify the contribution of each member in your team (who did what and who implemented what).\*\***

**Datasets:**

- 1.Retailrocket, <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/retailrocket/ecommerce-dataset>
- 2.Diginetica, [https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/11161#learn\\_the\\_details](https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/11161#learn_the_details)
- 3.Amazon, <https://nijianmo.github.io/amazon/index.html>
- 4.H&M,  
[https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/h-and-m-personalized-fashion-recommendations/data?select=transactions\\_train.csv](https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/h-and-m-personalized-fashion-recommendations/data?select=transactions_train.csv)
- 5.Others, <https://github.com/RUCAIBox/RecSysDatasets>

**Deep RL models:**

(the locations of the source code can be found in the papers):

- 1.<https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.03474> [DRL2]
- 2.<https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.05779> [DRL1]
- 3.<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.07353> [DRL3]

**Offline evaluation metrics:**

- 1.NDCG
- 2.Hit ratio
- 3.MRR
- 4.MAP
- 5.etc.

**Repositories for session (contextual, sequential) based recommenders:**

1. Microsoft Recommenders, <https://github.com/microsoft/recommenders>
2. RecBole, <https://github.com/RUCAIBox/RecBole>

**Repositories from Duke students:****(Class 2022):**

1. MIDS, [https://github.com/gamecicn/Kaggle\\_HM](https://github.com/gamecicn/Kaggle_HM)
2. AIPI A, <https://github.com/omartinez182/recommenders>
3. AIPI B, <https://github.com/omartinez182/Sequence-Based-Recommenders>

**Papers With Code benchmarks:**

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/session-based-recommendations>

**Troubleshooting:**

Please contact TA if you have any questions or issues installing the packages. You need to do the work, but TA may help you resolve the packages' installation issues.