A Novel Content Based Recommendation System for Australian Schools

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Background

Since the 1950s, natural language processing (NLP) has emerged as a key intersection between artificial intelligence and linguistics, with applications like sentiment analysis and text classification. This paper explores NLP for constructing a content-based recommendation system. Content-based filtering aims to recommend items to users based on item attributes. Here, we define an item as an Australian school textbook and its attributes as description, author, and category, while the user is someone seeking a subject-specific textbook for a particular grade. We conducted analysis using Jupyter Notebook with Python 3.9.7. To accomplish our goal, we developed an optimized K-Nearest Neighbour model, evaluated the F1 score, selected the top two recommendations from the test data, and assessed overall recommendations by calculating the mean F1 score based on our defined user.

Data

Overview

Data was obtained from the MA5851 Assessment 1 folder on learn JCU and downloaded on 19th March 2023. The data was saved locally and imported for data pre-processing and analysis. The data included information about the ISBN of a textbooks used in Australian schools, as well as additional variables that identify a school, the state for the school, year level, and subject area for which the book is assumed to be used in; noting that subject may be inaccurate. We summarise the data in table 1.

Table 1 provides a summary of the sample data, which originally comprised 5 columns and 1804 rows with diverse data types.

	School_ID	State	Year	Subject	ISBN
Number of rows	1804	1804	1804	1804	1804
Data type	Int64	object	Int64	Object	Int64
Unique	40	8	13	30	1071
observations					

Data Pre-processing and Explorative Data Analysis: Sample data

We took four pre-processing steps on the sample data to ensure its accuracy. We corrected errors, removed duplicates, and converted School_ID, State, Year, and Subject to categorical data types. We suspected duplicate entries were caused by multiple classes for the same subject in a school. We observed 'English' was listed three different ways and we renamed them as 'ENGLISH' to standardize.

Data science frequently presents the challenge of having data in an unsuitable format, highlighting significant effort to transform it. To address this issue in our NLP classification recommendation model, we proposed a solution involving the creation of a data frame with a unique ISBN in each row and a second column listing the known users of the corresponding textbook (figure 1). This approach allows us to evaluate our recommendation model later by comparing our designated user as the

ground truth (Datagen, ND). Through utilizing the known users of each textbook, we can compare the model's recommended textbooks and evaluate it via this novel approach (Datagen, ND).

School_ID	State	Year		Subjects	ISBN
2	VIC	8		LANGUAGES	978000748550 5
2	VIC	12		LANGUAGES	978006078732 5
2	VIC	11		LANGUAGES	978006078732 5
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9780007485505			[USER_	TYPE_1]	

Figure 1: Displays the transformation applied to the JCU sample data to render it in a usable format for evaluating the recommender model. The user type was utilized as the ground truth for this purpose.

Define our user

We consulted the literature to gain domain expertise on the Australian education system via desktop research, this helped us be contextually informed, highlighting the importance of subject matter expertise in data science (Yablon, 2020). For our recommendation system we selected users based on subject and year level as our ground truth (Moam Grammer, 2015; Datagen, ND). We counted the number of defined users per ISBN and found that some textbooks spanned multiple year levels, which through domain experience is not an issue. However, we discovered that five specific ISBNs spanned vastly different subjects, and through desktop research discovered these items being dictionaries and blank notebooks (figure 2). Therefore, we removed them from our analysis*, resulting in 1066 unique ISBNs. Although this may introduce bias, our primary objective was to recommend textbooks rather than everyday items such as dictionaries.

	ISBN	User_type	user_type_length
201	9780190303488	[ENGLISH_6, LANGUAGES_9, ENGLISH_5, LANGUAGES	11
443	9780730389422	[FOOD TECHNOLOGY_8, LANGUAGES_9, MUSIC_9, LANG	9
1070	9798708474995	[SCIENCE_8, MATHEMATICS_10, LANGUAGES_10, SCIE	8
451	9780732979966	[COMPUTER SCIENCE_12, LANGUAGES_10, MATHEMATIC	8
851	9781741353501	[ENGLISH_1, ENGLISH_6, ENGLISH_5, MATHEMATICS	6
385	9780648237327	[ENGLISH_1, ENGLISH_12, ENGLISH_0, MATHEMATICS	5
638	9781118489291	[GEOGRAPHY_10, SCIENCE_9, SCIENCE_10, HISTORY	5

Figure 2: Represents the user count per ISBN, where it should be noted that the ISBNs presented are not actual but used for illustrative purposes of count. For the list of actual ISBNs, please refer to the code attachment.

Explorative Data Analysis (EDA) – JCU Sample

We undertook EDA on the JCU sample data; at this stage we elected to retain all ISBNs for API data retrieval, as we would later remove data based on user groupings limiting the scope of the recommender and allowing flexibility to change scope of our defined user, we summarise our findings in table 2.

Table 2 summarizes the results of the initial exploratory data analysis (EDA) conducted on the provided sample data, along with a recommendation to utilize the data as our defined user.

Variable	Comments	Used in defining user
Subject	We observe core subjects such as English, mathematics and languages are some of the most common textbooks used in Australian schools, accounting for a total of 1,011 observations in the sample data, highlighting the model possibly might not generalise well to other subjects.	Yes, limitations include low sample count such as some subjects occurring once.
State	The observation count for Victoria, NSW, and Qld in the dataset aligns with Australia's population distribution (ABS, 2022). These states have dedicated textbooks for the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).	No, we know states such as Tasmania through our own domain knowledge utilise textbooks from HSC/VCE. If recommender was state specific would limit scope too much
Year	We observe that most textbooks in the dataset are used in high school or college level classes, with a smaller proportion of textbooks being used in earlier years. Highlighting the model possibly might not generalise well to all year levels.	Yes, though we need to keep in mind that some subjects can span multiple year levels and this is usually not an issue. In addition, low count earlier learning
School	We cannot provide insights on the distribution of textbooks by school since we do not have additional insight into school data and elect to exclude this from the user grouping.	No, we did not have additional data on the schools and elected not to include it

We observe two issues in figure 3; visually we have cohorts which are underpresented, and cohorts which are overepresented. This could result in a biased model towards the overepsented user group leadining to comprimised performance for the underepsented user. This can be addresssed in machine learning via multiple arprpoaches such as stratified sampling, k-fold cross validation or simply aknlowedging it as a limitation; the most important thing is that a data scientists be transparent about such limitations (Yu-Yen Ou et al., 2006).

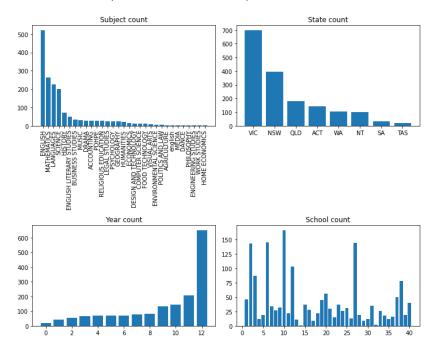


Figure 3: illustrates the distribution of categorical variables in the pre-processed dataset after eliminating duplicates. The results indicate that core subjects have the highest frequency, and the data set is dominated by larger states. Moreover, the count is higher for high school and college levels when compared to earlier years. Although there is no further information on schools, it is hypothesized that the institutions with spikes in the data are probably larger schools, high schools, or colleges.

API Data Acquisition

APIs are essential tools for data scientists working in the technology field. Data scientists use APIs to retrieve data. We retrieved text data using the ISBN/titles which allows us to enrich our data. Understanding the basics of HTTP, RESTful services, and data formats such as JSON and XML is crucial for effective API use; as well as using API documentation (Juviler, 2022). It is important to be aware of API limitations, such as rate limiting and data accuracy issues, and how to mitigate them through techniques like partial requests (Juviler, 2022).

Table 3: Outlines the APIs utilized for enriching our data, as well as the limitations and variables extracted from them, code utilised supplied in appendix.

APIs	Variables extracted	Justification	Limitations
Google Books	Title; publisher, authors; description and categories	Initial API request made on 1066 unique ISBNs. Utilised partial request as documented in technical guide.	 Failed to retrieve all required data, 653 ISBNs incomplete. Needed to include a rate limiting step
Trove	Title; publisher; authors categories and description	653 ISBNs did not contain complete information, attempted to enhance through title search on trove.	- Categories had noise, could be used as somewhat of a description - Failed to retrieve all required data

Google & Trove API

We utilized Google Books API to gather information (table 3) though due to server limitations we had to implement the **time.sleep()** function to limit the number of requests made to the server. We utilized the 'fields' parameter to reduce the amount of information we requested from the server (Google, Performance tips), ensuring efficient data retrieval.

We found that the necessary data was not always available via Google Books API, resulting in missing information. This is a common occurrence during data retrieval, and it is crucial for data scientists to prepare contingencies, such as utilising other APIs. We used Trove API to perform two requests - the first one to retrieve missing titles for ISBNs not found in Google, and the second search based on book titles; this allowed us to minimise unnecessary API calls. However, we encountered a constraint with Trove where we could not obtain descriptions when searching for ISBNs alone as the snippet feature mainly returned empty values for ISBNs, hence the need for title search. This underscores the significance of data scientists tackling challenges from multiple angles and experimenting with different search parameters to ensure an enriched dataset.

API Request Standardization, Augmentation & Additional Pre-processing

We utilized NLTK and BeautifulSoup to standardize and clean HTML elements in the columns of both Google and Trove APIs, ensuring consistency in data format. To avoid potential errors caused by differences in metadata quality, we standardized each column separately before augmenting them

into a single corpus. This was crucial as author names appeared differently in Trove and Google, which could have led to errors when merging names during our EDA which we depict in figure 4.

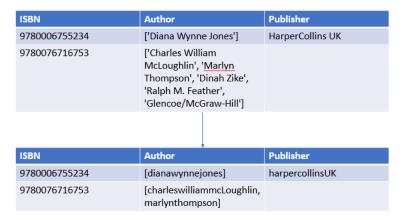


Figure 4: we can observe that the author names were merged to facilitate exploratory data analysis (EDA) and ensure that individuals such as 'William Smith' and 'William Shakespeare' are counted separately. This step is crucial to avoid duplicating the count of an author with the same first name.

Similarly, Trove returned HTML text for descriptions, while Google returned a cleaner output. It is crucial for data scientists to be aware of metadata quality and variations in consistency between sources when making API requests, which can improve the retention and recall of the data (Hider, 2018). We engineered new features for Google and Trove representing the cleaned text of each column using the functions listed in table 4.

Table 4: presents the utilization of NLTK and Beautiful Soup to clean and pre-process our text data for analysis in our NLP recommender model. The objective was to diminish the noise in the data by incorporating NLP theory such as Zipf's theory.

Custom function	Purpose	Package dependencies	Application
<pre># function for text cleaning def clean_text(text): # remove backslash-apostrophe text = re.sub("\"", ""', text) # remove everything except alphabets</pre>	The purpose of this is to standardise the text in columns, this allows the machine to treat each word as	Required natural language tool kit	Google API feature engineering: - Clean_categories - Clean_title - Clean_author (refer to figure 5) - Clean_publisher
text = re.sub("[^a-zA-Z]"," ",text) # remove whitespaces text = ''.join(text.split()) # convert text to lowercase text = text.lower() return text			- Clean_description Trove API feature engineering - Clean_categories - Clean_title - Clean author (refer
def clean_html(text): # Remove HTML tags soup = BeautifulSoup(text, 'html.parser') clean_text = soup.get_text() # Remove any remaining non- alphabetic characters and convert to lowercase clean_text = re.sub('[^a-zA-Z]', ' ', clean_text).lower() # Remove any extra whitespace clean_text = ' '.join(clean_text.split()) return clean text	The purpose of this is to standardise the description text obtained from Trove API due to the extraction of HTML string retrieved from Trove description [Teaching THRASS Whole <b< td=""><td>Required Beautiful Soup as NLTK did not have a function to clean HTML that we could locate</td><td>to figure 5) - Clean_publisher - Clean description (HTML cleaning)</td></b<>	Required Beautiful Soup as NLTK did not have a function to clean HTML that we could locate	to figure 5) - Clean_publisher - Clean description (HTML cleaning)
def remove_stopwords_and_stem(text): stemmer = PorterStemmer() tokens = word tokenize(text.lower())	The purpose of this is to standardise the text in columns, this allows the machine to	Required natural language tool kit	

no_stopword_text =		
[stemmer.stem(w) for w in tokens if		
not w in stop_words]		
return ' '.join(no_stopword_text)		

Zipf's law is a statistical law that suggests that if we plot a graph between a word's frequency of occurrence and its rank in a corpus, we will observe an inverse relationship between the two. Zipf's law proposes that there are three types of words in a document (Wisdomml, 2022), which we visualize in Figure 5:

- Stop words: These are frequently occurring words such as 'and', 'an' etc.
- Significant words: these words have a moderate frequency in the document and contribute actual meaning to the text
- Rare words: These words do not occur frequently and tend to have lesser importance

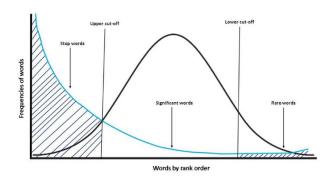


Figure 5: provides a graphical representation of Zipf's law, as described by Wisdomml in 2022.

Cleaning and removing stop words from text data is a common practice in NLP that is based on the theory that certain words are used frequently in human language but do not contribute much to the overall meaning of a text. By removing these stop words, we can focus on the more important words that convey the primary message of the text, the significant words (figure 5). The decision to remove stop words should be carefully balanced in the context of the task (Wilame, 2023). If done incorrectly can lead to inaccurate interpretations of the text, such as in the case of the phrase "The movie was not good at all," where removing stop words would result in "movie good," which is a wrong interpretation. In our case we determined that removing stop words would not be an issue based on our domain knowledge. We see visually that our text contains many stop words (figure 5).

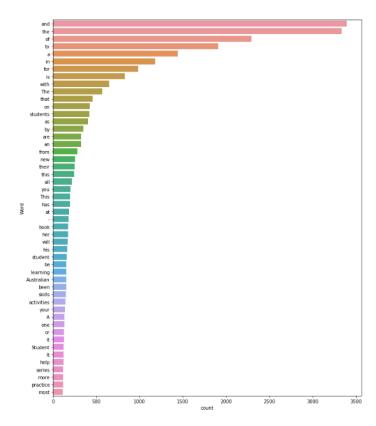


Figure 6: depicts the exploratory data analysis (EDA) conducted on the text data from Google API, which revealed a significant frequency of stop words. Although not presented in this figure, a similar trend was also observed in the text data from Trove as part of the pre-processing step.

At this stage both our Google and Trove data was in a similar structure and we combined the sources together as summarised by the rules in table 5 via the **pd.merge()** function. We removed ISBNs which did not contain a title, resulting in 948 unique ISBNs.

Table 5: presents the rules implemented for merging data from Trove and Google to enhance our corpus, along with any limitations and the number of missing observations.

Variable name	Rule	Number of missing variables	Note
Clean title	If Google missing merge Trove	0	
Clean Author	If google missing merge Trove	81	
Clean Publisher	If Google missing merge Trove	498	
Clean Categories	If Trove missing merge Google	235	Categories from Trove contained elements of both categories and description like text. This minimises missing description information
Clean description	If Google missing merge Trove	280 *0	*If merged with categories from Trove categories column we obtain 0 missing observations. We highlight that Trove categories also included elements of descriptive like text in addition to the snippet feature returned from trove API

Explorative Data Analysis – API Google & Trove

We conducted some EDA on our clean text, we explored most common author, most common category and most common publisher and observed the following characteristics (figure 7). In addition, we conducted further EDA on text training/test set in the next section. In addition, figure 7

suggests and support the idea that our data overrepresents those core subjects such as English and maths which we observed in figure 3 highlighting possibility of a biased model.

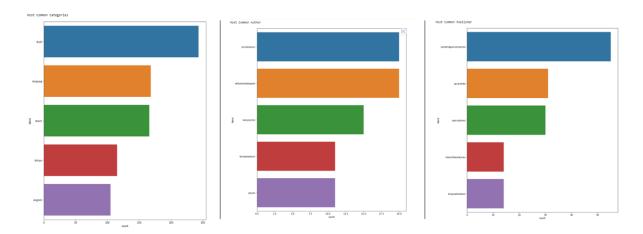


Figure 7: showcases the exploratory data analysis (EDA) performed on the top five most common categories (left), author (middle), and publisher (right) of the cleaned corpus. The distribution of corpus texts was found to favor the core subjects discussed earlier, potentially indicating a biased model.

Model Development

We elected to utilise the F1 score as our metric of choice when evaluating the performance of our model, this can be defined formally with the following equations:

$$F1 = 2*\frac{Precision*Recall}{Precsision+Recall}$$

$$Precesion = \frac{Number\ of\ relevant\ recommendations}{Total\ number\ of\ relevant\ recommendations}$$

$$Recall = \frac{Number\ of\ relevant\ recommendations}{Total\ number\ of\ relevant\ recommendations\ in\ the\ ground\ truth}$$

We compared our model's performance with a basic naive model that assumes every user is recommended the same textbook. The naive model's test F1 score of 0.098 was obtained by assuming each user would be recommended two textbooks from the most common user type ENGLISH_12 (figure 8). It serves as a crucial baseline for data scientists to assess the performance of advanced models (Nair, 2022).

Mean F1 Score of NAIVE Books: 0.09879629629629628

	Test_ISBN	Test_User	Recommended_ISBNs	Recommended_Users	F1_Score
0	9780947225698	[DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY_12]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
1	9780316382007	[ENGLISH_4, ENGLISH_5]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
2	9780571336173	[ENGLISH_12]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	1.0
3	9780725334659	[ENGLISH_6]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
4	9780141359410	[ENGLISH_7, ENGLISH_8]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
175	9780190323226	[ENGLISH_6]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
176	9780733970665	[LANGUAGES_11]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
177	9780224025720	[ENGLISH_3, ENGLISH_4]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
178	9780980874921	[SCIENCE_12, COMPUTER SCIENCE_12]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0
179	9781741353372	[MATHEMATICS_2]	9780571336173, 9780099462217	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	0.0

180 rows x 5 columns

Figure 8: A naïve recommendation model is presented that recommends the same two books to all users using the test set. The recommendation is solely based on the most frequent user category, which serves as a baseline evaluation tool with a score of 0.098 for assessing the performance of our recommendation model.

We merged our user ground truth data with our corpus of text using the **pd.merge()** function to prepare the data for analysis (figure 9).

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penmanship studi teach prima victoria penman.	1	janepinsk triciadearborn joryan stephenmichael		victorian target handwrit	9781741250879	0	[MUSIC_12]		2019052211324	0
		stanktuzek andrewcoldwei	suitabl lower primari student	kluwel home read yellow level	9780648237327	1	[ENGLISH_9]		9780006755234	1
bo	omnibu book	mentox	wilfrid gordon modonald partridg live next doc	wilfrid gordon mcdonald partridg	9781742990682	2	[ENGLISH_7]		9780007141425	2
mathema		maryserenc lenaford chrislinthom	imath investig base numeraci program comprehen	imath	9781741351750	3	[ENGLISH_4]		9780007456208	3
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Figure 9: illustrates the merging of our JCU sample data, utilizing the ground truth method, with our text corpus. Through trial and error, we generated a clean text field that would be utilized in our recommender model, as described in Table 5.

We introduced a new feature called "clean text," which was a combination of the title, categories, and description (figure 9). Through trial-and-error process we tested various combinations of text features and selected the one that resulted in the highest test F1 score for our out-of-box model (default parameters). Table 5 summarizes the variation in F1 scores resulting from different feature selections. We excluded users from our model in which there were less than 5 observations resulting in 900 unique data points.

Table 5: outlines the assessment of the impact of API data on a vanilla K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) model by retaining essential features such as title categories, description, author, and publisher. The results showed that the best-performing vanilla model was a combination of title, categories, and description only.

Clean text	Test F1 Score (Untuned model – set seed applied)
Title	0.22
Title + Description	0.25
Title + Authors	0.23
Title + Publisher	0.22
Title + Categories	0.25
Title + Categories + Description	0.266
Title + Categories + Description + Authors	0.263
Title + Categories + Description + Authors + Publisher	0.25

To ensure reproducibility, we set a random seed of 123 using the **random.seed()** function and split our data into training and testing sets using the **train_test_split()** function from scikit-learn's model_selection module, with a test size of 20%; we will discuss our attempt to handle unbalanced data towards the end. We used the **MultiLabelBinarizer** function to encode the User_type variable as a binary matrix, which is necessary for multi-class classification problems. We calculated summary statistics for our corpus, which provides insights into the distribution of documents between our training and testing sets. We have 720 documents in our training set and 180 in our testing set. The total number of unique words in our vocabulary is 5419, and the number of tokens is 3534 for the training set and 861 for the testing set. The mean number of tokens per document in the training set is 4.91, while in the testing set, it is 4.79. These statistics can help us understand the characteristics of our corpus and help influence parameters such as max features for **TfidfVectorizer()**.

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Number of documents in train set: 720

Number of documents in test set: 180

Number of words in vocabulary: 5419

Number of tokens in train set: 3534.921523238345

Number of tokens in test set: 861.3041535668966

Mean number of tokens per document in train set: 4.909613226719923

Mean number of tokens per document in test set: 4.785023075371648
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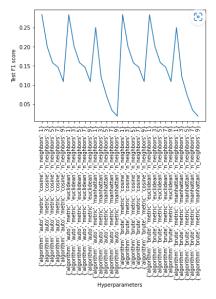
Figure 10: displays the exploratory data analysis (EDA) conducted on the test and train data corpus, utilizing the clean text optimized for the model discussed in Table 5.

We used the **TfidfVectorizer()** function to transform our text data into a numerical matrix of TF-IDF (term frequency-inverse document frequency) features. This assigns a weight to each term in the corpus based on its frequency and informativeness according to Zipf's law. By doing so, we were able to represent each document as a vector in the feature space and train the K-Nearest Neighbours model to find the nearest neighbours for a given query document using clean text. We vectorized the text using TF-IDF instead of a bag-of-words representation because TF-IDF considers the importance of each word in the document based on its frequency and informativeness, while a bag-of-words representation treats all words equally. This allows the model to better capture the important words and their relationships in the document and can improve classification (Yang, 2017).

The K-Nearest Neighbours model is widely used classification algorithm known for its simplicity and flexibility (Guo et al., 2003). It involves finding the k nearest neighbours to a query point based on a distance metric and then predicting the class based on the majority of neighbours. This approach has been used in previous recommender systems, making it a suitable choice for our project (Li, 2017). Although we explored the use of Random Forest with altered class_weight parameter to handle unbalanced data and potentially overcome the limitations of our K-Nearest Neighbours model as a lazy learner, the random forest model resulted in a lower F1 score of 0.23. We attempted to optimize

the model through grid search, but this did not improve performance. These results highlight the complexity of data science and the fact that not all models are suitable for every dataset. To identify the best model for a given task, it is important to experiment with different approaches and perform thorough evaluations.

We employed grid search to optimize the hyperparameters of our K-Nearest Neighbours model. This involved defining a hyperparameter grid with possible values for the number of neighbours, the algorithm, and the distance metric. Figure 11 implies that poor combinations of hyperparameters can significantly impact performance. To perform the cross-validated grid search with 5 folds and the F1 weighted scoring metric, we used the **GridSearchCV()** function.



Best hyperparameters: {'algorithm': 'auto', 'metric': 'cosine', 'n_neighbors': 1}

Figure 11 illustrates the process of tuning our KNN model to select the optimal parameters for training. Based on the results of the grid search, the best model was achieved using the following hyperparameters: algorithm = Auto, distance metric = Cosine, and number of neighbours = 1.

To assess the performance of our model, we computed various classification metrics such as F1 score, precision, recall, and accuracy for both the training and testing sets. We observed indications of overfitting, which is a common machine learning issue. This was evident in Figure 12 where all training metrics significantly outperformed the testing metrics.

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Performance metrics on classification of text books
Test F1 score: 0.3949 - Train F1 score: 0.8847
Test Precision: 0.3859 - Train Precision: 0.8763
Test Recall: 0.4043 - Train Recall: 0.8931623931623932
Test Accuracy: 0.2778 - Train Accuracy: 0.8819
```

Figure 12: the performance metrics for our model are presented, revealing a Test F1 score of 0.3949 and a Train F1 score of 0.8847, along with other metrics indicating potential overfitting.

We evaluated the performance of our recommendation system using the F1 score using our ground truth user defined previously. To make recommendations, we utilized our trained model to identify the nearest neighbours for a given query document and returned the top 2 recommendations with their cosine similarity scores, allowing us to provide relevant recommendations based on distance. Figure 13 shows that our recommender system achieved an overall mean F1 score of 0.38 with 2

recommendations returned. This outperformed the naive model, which obtained an F1 score of only 0.09 (Figure 8). It is important to note that there may be errors in the subject data and that some recommendations could be valid.

Performance metric on recommedation system using test data only Mean F1 Score of Books: 0.3871296296295

	Test_ISBN	Test_User	Recommended_ISBNs	Recommended_Users	Similarity_Scores	F1_Score
0	9780947225698	[DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY_12]	[9780947225704, 9780947225667]	[[DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY_12], [DESIGN AND TECHN	[0.3470323168185492, 0.3470323168185492]	1.000000
1	9780316382007	[ENGLISH_5, ENGLISH_4]	[9780553294385, 9780571056866]	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_9, ENGLISH_8, ENGLISH	[0.36038968076248845, 0.1952351696183009]	0.000000
2	9780571336173	[ENGLISH_12]	[9780140422108, 9781740818377]	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12, ENGLISH_11]]	[0.2703387591360915, 0.19368248829545653]	1.000000
3	9780725334659	[ENGLISH_6]	[9781740202954, 9781740202992]	[[ENGLISH_0], [ENGLISH_2]]	[1.0, 1.0]	0.000000
4	9780141359410	[ENGLISH_7, ENGLISH_8]	[9780702235467, 9780099462217]	[[ENGLISH_5], [ENGLISH_12]]	[0.14024223984426398, 0.13828405674889854]	0.000000
175	9780190323226	[ENGLISH_6]	[9780190323172, 9780190323219]	[[ENGLISH_1, ENGLISH_3], [MATHEMATICS_5, ENGLI	[1.0, 1.0]	0.000000
176	9780733970665	[LANGUAGES_11]	[9780733970672, 9780733969027]	[[LANGUAGES_11], [LANGUAGES_12]]	[1.0, 0.6976481859626077]	0.666667
177	9780224025720	[ENGLISH_4, ENGLISH_3]	[9780142401088, 9780380807345]	[[ENGLISH_4, ENGLISH_3], [ENGLISH_7]]	[0.1431992535545552, 0.1290509209858326]	0.666667
178	9780980874921	[SCIENCE_12, COMPUTER SCIENCE_12]	[9780170196826, 9781108413473]	[[LANGUAGES_9], [HISTORY_12]]	[0.34315459263548487, 0.3397013761691934]	0.000000
179	9781741353372	[MATHEMATICS_2]	[9781741353402, 9780190322809]	[[MATHEMATICS_5, ENGLISH_5, ENGLISH_4], [MATHE	[1.0, 1.0]	0.666667

Figure 11: Demonstrates our optimized model that suggests two books based on Test_ISBN using cosine similarity and test data. However, there is a potential limitation in evaluating the model's ability using ground truth when subjects cover multiple year levels. For instance, ISBN 9780141359410 is linked with ENGLISH_7 and ENGLISH_3, but the recommendations are utilized by ENGLISH_5 and ENGLISH_12 users. As a result, the model's match might be deemed unsuccessful, whereas it could actually be appropriate in reality.

To address the issue of unbalanced data, we limited the scope of our recommender system by excluding users who occurred less than 30 times. While this decision improved the performance of our model by improving our F1 score to 0.55 (figure 13), it meant that our model would only be applicable to a smaller subset of users listed in figure 12, resulting in a more biased and limited scope model.

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HISTORY_12: 31
ENGLISH_4: 34
SCIENCE_11: 34
ENGLISH_10: 44
ENGLISH_11: 45
MATHEMATICS_12: 47
ENGLISH_9: 48
LANGUAGES_12: 56
SCIENCE_12: 73
ENGLISH 12: 106

Figure 12: demonstrates our attempt to enhance the balance of our model by excluding observations where the user count was low. Consequently, we reduced our dataset by half and restricted the scope of our new model.By limiting the scope of users, we were able to enhance the performance of our recommender system, as illustrated in figure 15. However, to further improve our study, we suggest collecting more data for non-core subjects and increasing the sampling rate of lower year levels.

Figure 3 shows that high school and core subjects in Australia have the largest user base, suggesting that a more targeted, narrower model could be more beneficial than a broad one resulting in better performance (figure 13). Thus, the question of whether we need a narrow or broad model should be considered.

	Test_ISBN	Test_User	Recommended_ISBNs	Recommended_Users	Similarity_Scores	F1_Score
0	9781488612015	[SCIENCE_12]	[9781316422953, 9781488621468]	[[MATHEMATICS_12], [MATHEMATICS_12]]	[1.0, 0.2094100955772895]	0.000000
1	9780060787325	[LANGUAGES_11, LANGUAGES_9, LANGUAGES_8, LANGU	[9780008320065, 9780190311308]	[[LANGUAGES_12], [ENGLISH_9, ENGLISH_10]]	[0.43563784685175366, 0.3295526980295602]	0.16666
2	9781857989380	[ENGLISH_12]	[9780375866272, 9780142401088]	[[ENGLISH_10], [ENGLISH_4, ENGLISH_3]]	[0.22430691179580398, 0.16016164395853494]	0.00000
3	9780063074293	[LANGUAGES_12]	[9780008320065, 9787100059459]	[[LANGUAGES_12], [LANGUAGES_12]]	[0.5284786723214503, 0.5037369131978402]	1.00000
4	9780143104407	[ENGLISH_11]	[9780573040191, 9780143129516]	[[ENGLISH_9], [ENGLISH_12]]	[1.0, 0.2652319806242265]	0.00000
5	9780140180909	[ENGLISH_12]	[9780679781516, 9780970181671]	[[ENGLISH_12], [ENGLISH_12]]	[0.13118939357293158, 0.12085380050869765]	1.00000
6	9781316502648	[SCIENCE_9, SCIENCE_12, SCIENCE_11, SCIENCE_10]	[9781316502662, 9781108908689]	[[MATHEMATICS_11, MATHEMATICS_12], [SCIENCE_12]]	[0.9459768201711796, 0.6334949501650804]	0.33333
7	9780812550702	[ENGLISH_9]	[9780140364521, 9780076716753]	[[ENGLISH_4], [SCIENCE_12]]	[0.20173461277018112, 0.14928824756166992]	0.00000
8	9780863158186	[MATHEMATICS_12]	[9781925489552, 9781925489552]	[[MATHEMATICS_11, MATHEMATICS_12], [MATHEMATIC	[0.5105209905047333, 0.5105209905047333]	1.00000
9	9780190319342	[ENGLISH_7, ENGLISH_9, ENGLISH_8, ENGLISH_10]	[9780190308674, 9780190311308]	[[ENGLISH_7, ENGLISH_8, ENGLISH_10], [ENGLISH	[0.4130102564189829, 0.2911504433986467]	0.75000

Figure 13: displays our second optimized model that recommends two books based on Test_ISBN utilizing cosine similarity and using a model which was trained on a more balanced dataset. Nevertheless, a significant limitation of this approach is that it is solely applicable to users listed in Figure 14, though raises the question if a more narrow model is better suited given the larger user base.

Concluding Remarks

In conclusion, our experience in developing a book recommendation system utilizing NLP techniques has demonstrated the potential of this tool for data scientists. The process involved multiple steps, including data acquisition, cleaning, and NLP pre-processing, as well as selecting optimal features and hyperparameters. We were able to improve our model's performance further by removing users with low sample counts to address the unbalanced nature of the data. However, our model still had limitations, including overfitting and potential bias from user exclusions or the accuracy of our ground truth user. Despite these limitations, our model outperformed the naive approach, with an F1 score of 0.38 compared to 0.09; or a limited model with an F1 score of 0.55. Future studies may benefit from incorporating additional data sources or redefining user groups to improve model performance. Overall, our experience highlights the potential of NLP-powered recommendation systems to provide valuable insights and recommendations through a unique approach.

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Appendix – Python Code

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
nltk.download('stopwords')
nltk.download('punkt')
```

```
def remove_stopwords_and_stem(text):
def freq words(x, terms = 30):
'count':list(fdist.values())})
print(sys.version)
```

```
num rows = isbn data.shape[0]
num cols = isbn data.shape[1]
print('Number of rows:', num rows)
print('Number of columns:', num cols)
print(isbn data.dtypes)
```

```
# Convert data type to categorical as required
isbn_data['School_ID'] = isbn_data['School_ID'].astype('category')
num rows before = isbn data.shape[0]
isbn data 2 = isbn data.drop duplicates(keep='first')
num rows after = isbn data 2.shape[0]
num rows dropped = num rows before - num rows after
print('Number of rows dropped:', num rows dropped)
print(isbn data 2)
subject count = isbn data 2['Subject'].value counts()
state count = isbn data 2['State'].value counts()
year count = isbn data 2['Year'].value counts()
school count = isbn data 2['School ID'].value counts()
fig, axs = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(10, 8))
axs[0, 0].bar(subject count.index, subject count.values)
axs[0, 0].set title('Subject count')
axs[0, 0].tick params(axis='x', rotation=90) # Add this line to rotate the
axs[0, 1].set title('State count')
axs[1, 0].set title('Year count')
```

```
subject count = isbn data 2['Subject'].value counts()
print(subject count)
ND). To validate our approach, we counted the number of defined users per
isbn_data 3 = isbn_data 2[['Year', 'Subject', 'ISBN']]
```

```
isbn user binary = isbn data 3.groupby('ISBN').apply(lambda x:
isbn_user_binary = isbn_user_binary.reset_index()
isbn_user_binary = isbn_user_binary.rename(columns={0: 'User_type'})
print(isbn user binary)
isbn user binary['User type'].explode().value counts().sort values()
plt.barh(counts.index[-10:], counts[-10:])
plt.barh(counts.index[:10], counts[:10])
plt.xlabel('Frequency')
plt.ylabel('User Type')
plt.title('Top and Bottom 10 User Types by Frequency')
plt.show()
user type counts = isbn user binary['User type'].explode().value counts()
print(user type counts)
x.str.len(), ascending=False)
filtered df = sorted df[sorted df['User type'].apply(lambda x: len(x)) > 3]
filtered df
```

```
isbn_list = isbn_user_binary["ISBN"].tolist() # Used for API Call
len(isbn list)
```

```
book data = []
start time = datetime.datetime.now()
    book data.append(book info)
```

```
Convert dict to dataframe using pandas and save csv for faster/easier
df = pd.DataFrame(book data)
df google = pd.read csv('google api book detail.csv', na values=['NA', '-
df google['clean categories'] =
df google['clean categories'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
remove stopwords and stem(x))
df google['clean title'] = df google['title'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
df google['clean title'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
remove stopwords and stem(x))
df_google['clean_author'] = df_google['authors'].str.replace(' ', '')
df_google['clean_author'] =
remove stopwords and stem(x))
df google['clean publisher'] =
df_google['publisher'].astype(str).apply(lambda x: clean_text(x))
df_google['clean_publisher'] =
df_google['clean_publisher'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
remove_stopwords_and_stem(x))
```

```
df google['description'].astype(str).apply(lambda x: clean text(x))
   google['clean description'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
df2 = pd.read_csv('google_api_book_detail.csv', na_values=['NA', '-999'])
missing_values_count_google_book = df2.isna().sum()
missing description mask = df2['description'].isna()
missing description list = df2[missing description mask]['title'].tolist()
missing title mask = df2['title'].isna()
missing title list = df2[missing title mask]['isbn'].tolist()
def get trove book info title(book name):
    endpoint = 'https://api.trove.nla.gov.au/v2/result'
```

```
subject:
                            categories.append(subject['value'])
def get trove book info isbn(isbn):
```

```
book info list = []
start time = datetime.datetime.now()
        book info list.append(book info)
end time = datetime.datetime.now()
time taken = end time - start time
print(f"Time taken: {time taken}")
book info list = list(filter(None, book info list))
trove title data = pd.DataFrame(book info list)
titles list
book info list = []
start time = datetime.datetime.now()
```

```
isbn = trove title data.loc[trove_title_data['title'] == title,
    time.sleep(2)
df trove description = pd.DataFrame(book info list)
df trove description
# In[70]:
book info list = []
start time = datetime.datetime.now()
        print(f'Error retrieving book information for {title}')
    time.sleep(2)
end time = datetime.datetime.now()
df google missing = pd.DataFrame(book info list)
```

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
df trove = pd.read csv('trove api data.csv', na values=['NA', '-999'])
df trove.fillna('', inplace=True)
df trove['clean categories'] =
df trove['categories'].astype(str).apply(lambda x: clean text(x))
df trove['clean categories'] =
df trove['clean categories'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
remove stopwords and stem(x))
df trove['clean title'] = df trove['title'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
df trove['clean title'] = df trove['clean title'].astype(str).apply(lambda
x: remove stopwords and stem(x))
df trove['clean author'] = df trove['authors'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
```

```
df trove['clean description'] = df trove['description'].apply(clean html) #
freq_words(df_trove['clean_description'], 50)
df_trove['clean_description'] =
df_trove['clean_description'] .astype(str).apply(lambda x: clean_text(x))
df_trove['clean_description'] =
df_trove['clean_description'].astype(str).apply(lambda x:
merged df = pd.merge(df google, df trove, on='isbn', how = 'outer')
merged df
print(merged df.columns)
merged df = pd.merge(df google, df trove, on='isbn', how = 'outer')
merged df['clean title x'].fillna(merged df['clean title y'], inplace=True)
merged df['clean categories y'].fillna(merged df['clean categories x'],
```

```
merged df['clean description x'].fillna(merged df['clean description y'],
# drop the redundant columns from the merged data frame
# drop the redundant columns from the merged data frame
merged_df.drop(['clean_title_y', 'clean_author_y', 'published_y',
'clean_publisher_y', 'clean_categories_x', 'clean_description_y'], axis=1,
merged df.rename(columns={
merged df = merged df[['isbn', 'title', 'clean description', 'authors',
merged df['cat des'] = merged_df['clean_description'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged df['categories'].astype(str)
merged df.dropna(subset=['title'], inplace=True)
merged df.replace('', np.nan, inplace=True)
merged df.dropna(subset=['title'], inplace=True)  # We consider this crucial
unique isbns = merged df['isbn'].nunique()
print('Number of rows after dropping missing titles:', len(merged df))
print('Number of unique ISBNs:', unique isbns)
na count = merged df.isna().sum()
merged df.to csv('clean merged api data.csv', index=False)
```

```
merged df = pd.read csv('clean merged api data.csv')
merged_df['clean_text1'] = merged_df['title'].astype(str)
merged_df['clean_text2'] = merged_df['title'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged_df['clean_description'].astype(str)
merged_df['clean_text3'] = merged_df['title'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged df['authors'].astype(str)
merged_df['clean_text4'] = merged_df['title'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged df['categories'].astype(str)
merged_df['clean_text5'] = merged_df['title'].astype(str) + _' ' +
merged df['publisher'].astype(str)
merged_df['clean_text6'] = merged_df['title'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged df['categories'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged df['clean description'].astype(str)
merged_df['clean_text7'] = merged_df['title'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged_df['categories'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged_df['clean description'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged df['authors'].astype(str)
merged df['clean text8'] = merged df['title'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged df['categories'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged_df['clean description'].astype(str) + ' ' +
merged_df['authors'].astype(str)+ ' ' + merged df['publisher'].astype(str)
```

```
print("Most Common Categories")
freq words (merged df['categories'], 5)
merged_df['merged_publisher'] = merged_df['publisher'].str.replace(' ', '')
print("Most Common Publisher")
freq words (merged df['merged publisher'], 5)
stop words.add('nan')
stop words.add('e')
merged df['clean text'] = merged df['clean text6'].apply(lambda x:
remove stopwords and stem(x))
# In[18]:
freq words (merged df['clean text'], 100)
df = pd.read csv('jcu sample data proccessed.csv', converters={'User type':
merged_df analysis = pd.merge(merged df, df, left on='isbn', right on =
merged_df_analysis = merged df analysis[['isbn', 'clean text',
merged_df analysis = merged df analysis.dropna(subset=['User type']) # drop
rows with missing values - 5 we removed earlier merged_df_analysis
```

```
user type in row]
user type counts = Counter(user types)
user type counts = \{k: v \text{ for } k, v \text{ in user type counts.items() if } v >= 5\}
filtered df = merged df analysis[
print(len(filtered df))
sorted counts = sorted(user type counts.items(), key=lambda x: x[1])
for user type, count in sorted counts[:20]:
filtered df
# In[23]:
random.seed(123)
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UndefinedMetricWarning)
data = filtered df.copy()
```

```
mlb = MultiLabelBinarizer()
vocabulary = vectorizer.get feature names()
num words = len(vocabulary)
num train tokens = X train.sum()
num test tokens = X test.sum()
mean train tokens = num train tokens / len(train data)
mean test tokens = num test tokens / len(test data)
print("Number of documents in train set:", len(train data))
print("Number of documents in test set:", len(test data))
print("Number of words in vocabulary:", num words)
print("Number of tokens in train set:", num train tokens)
print("Number of tokens in test set:", num test tokens)
print("Mean number of tokens per document in train set:",
mean train tokens)
print("Mean number of tokens per document in test set:", mean test tokens)
random.seed(123)
vectorizer.fit(train data['clean text'].values)
```

```
mlb = MultiLabelBinarizer()
num test tokens = X test.sum()
mean train tokens = num train tokens / len(train data)
mean test tokens = num test tokens / len(test data)
print("Number of documents in train set:", len(train_data))
print("Number of documents in test set:", len(test data))
print("Number of words in vocabulary:", num words)
print("Number of tokens in train set:", num train tokens)
print("Number of tokens in test set:", num test tokens)
print ("Mean number of tokens per document in train set:",
mean train tokens)
print("Mean number of tokens per document in test set:", mean test tokens)
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UndefinedMetricWarning)
random.seed(123)
```

```
ax.set xticklabels([str(params) for params in results['params']],
ax.set xlabel('Hyperparameters')
ax.set_ylabel('Test F1 score')
plt.show()
best f1 score = grid search.best score
best params = grid search.best params
print(f"Best hyperparameters: {best params}")
print(f"Best TEST F1 score: {best f1 score}")
random.seed(123)
param grid = {
grid search.fit(X train, y train)
ax.plot(range(len(f1_scores)), f1_scores)
ax.set xticks(range(len(f1 scores)))
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best f1 score = grid search.best_score_
best params = grid search.best params
print(f"Best hyperparameters: {best_params}")
print(f"Best TEST F1 score: {best f1 score}")
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UndefinedMetricWarning)
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UserWarning)
random.seed(123)
model = KNeighborsClassifier(metric='cosine', algorithm='auto', n neighbors
model.fit(X train, y train)
y pred = model.predict(X test)
f1_test = f1_score(y_test, y_pred, average='micro')
f1 train = f1 score(y train, y pred train, average='micro')
precision_test = precision_score(y_test, y_pred, average='micro')
precision_train = precision_score(y_train, y_pred_train, average='micro')
recall_test = recall_score(y_test, y_pred, average='micro')
recall train = recall_score(y_train, y_pred_train, average='micro')
accuracy_test = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
accuracy train = accuracy score(y train, y pred train)
print(f"Test Recall: {recall_test:.4f} - Train Recall: {recall_train}")
print(f"Test Accuracy: {accuracy_test:.4f} - Train Accuracy:
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test users = []
recommended isbns = []
recommended users = []
similarity scores list = []
        recommended isbns row.append(rec isbn)
binarized recommended users, average='weighted')
    test isbns.append(test isbn)
    test users.append(test user)
    recommended isbns.append(recommended isbns row)
    recommended users.append(recommended users row)
```

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mean f1 score = recommended books df['F1 Score'].mean()
print("Performance metric on recomnedation system using test data only")
print('Mean F1 Score of Books:', mean f1 score)
recommended books df
test isbns = []
test users = []
recommended isbns = []
recommended users = []
f1 scores = []
similarity scores list = []
```

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binarized_recommended users, average='weighted')
    test_isbns.append(test_isbn)
    test_users.append(test_user)
    recommended_isbns.append(recommended_isbns_row)
mean f1 score = recommended books df['F1 Score'].mean()
recommended books df
```