# Recommendation Systems Learner Notebook Full Code (1)

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## 1 Project: Amazon Product Recommendation System

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Welcome to the project on Recommendation Systems. We will work with the Amazon product reviews dataset for this project. The dataset contains ratings of different electronic products. It does not include information about the products or reviews to avoid bias while building the model.

# ## Context:

Today, information is growing exponentially with volume, velocity and variety throughout the globe. This has lead to information overload, and too many choices for the consumer of any business. It represents a real dilemma for these consumers and they often turn to denial. Recommender Systems are one of the best tools that help recommending products to consumers while they are browsing online. Providing personalized recommendations which is most relevant for the user is what's most likely to keep them engaged and help business.

E-commerce websites like Amazon, Walmart, Target and Etsy use different recommendation models to provide personalized suggestions to different users. These companies spend millions of dollars to come up with algorithmic techniques that can provide personalized recommendations to their users.

Amazon, for example, is well-known for its accurate selection of recommendations in its online site. Amazon's recommendation system is capable of intelligently analyzing and predicting customers' shopping preferences in order to offer them a list of recommended products. Amazon's recommendation algorithm is therefore a key element in using AI to improve the personalization of its website. For example, one of the baseline recommendation models that Amazon uses is item-to-item collaborative filtering, which scales to massive data sets and produces high-quality recommendations in real-time.

# ## Objective:

You are a Data Science Manager at Amazon, and have been given the task of building a recommendation system to recommend products to customers based on their previous ratings for other products. You have a collection of labeled data of Amazon reviews of products. The goal is to extract meaningful insights from the data and build a recommendation system that helps in recommending products to online consumers.

## ## Dataset:

The Amazon dataset contains the following attributes:

- userId: Every user identified with a unique id
- productId: Every product identified with a unique id
- Rating: The rating of the corresponding product by the corresponding user
- timestamp: Time of the rating. We will not use this column to solve the current problem

**Note:** The code has some user defined functions that will be usefull while making recommendations and measure model performance, you can use these functions or can create your own functions.

Sometimes, the installation of the surprise library, which is used to build recommendation systems, faces issues in Jupyter. To avoid any issues, it is advised to use **Google Colab** for this project.

Let's start by mounting the Google drive on Colab.

```
[]: from google.colab import drive drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mount("/content/drive", force\_remount=True).

```
[ ]: pip install surprise
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: surprise in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (0.1)
Requirement already satisfied: scikit-surprise in
/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from surprise) (1.1.4)
Requirement already satisfied: joblib>=1.2.0 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from scikit-surprise->surprise) (1.4.2)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy>=1.19.5 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from scikit-surprise->surprise) (1.26.4)
Requirement already satisfied: scipy>=1.6.0 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from scikit-surprise->surprise) (1.13.1)
```

#### 2.1 Importing the necessary libraries and overview of the dataset

```
[]: import warnings # Used to ignore the warning⊔

given as output of the code

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

import numpy as np # Basic libraries of python for⊔

numeric and dataframe computations

import pandas as pd

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # Basic library for data⊔

visualization

# Used to ignore the warning⊔

# Basic libraries of python for⊔

# Basic library for data⊔
```

### 2.1.1 Loading the data

- Import the Dataset
- Add column names ['user\_id', 'prod\_id', 'rating', 'timestamp']
- Drop the column timestamp
- Copy the data to another DataFrame called df

```
[]: # Import the dataset

df = pd.read_csv(r"/content/drive/MyDrive/MIT IDSS/Data Science and Machine

Learning: Making Data-Driven Decisions/ratings_Electronics.csv", header =

None) # There are no headers in the data file

# Adding appropriate names to the columns

df.columns = ['user_id', 'prod_id', 'rating', 'timestamp']

# Dropping the timestamp column since its irrelevant

df = df.drop('timestamp', axis = 1)

# Saving a copy of the DataFrame that will remain unmodified

df_original = df.copy(deep = True)

df.head(10)
```

```
[]:
              user_id
                          prod_id
                                  rating
        AKM1MP6P00YPR 0132793040
                                      5.0
    1 A2CX7LUOHB2NDG 0321732944
                                      5.0
    2 A2NWSAGRHCP8N5 0439886341
                                      1.0
    3 A2WNBOD3WNDNKT 0439886341
                                      3.0
    4 A1GIOU4ZRJA8WN 0439886341
                                      1.0
    5 A1QGNMC601VW39 0511189877
                                     5.0
    6 A3J3BRHTDRFJ2G 0511189877
                                      2.0
    7 A2TYOBTJOTENPG 0511189877
                                      5.0
    8 A34ATBPOK6HCHY 0511189877
                                      5.0
        A89D069P0XZ27 0511189877
                                      5.0
```

As this dataset is very large and has 7,824,482 observations, it is not computationally possible to build a model using this. Moreover, many users have only rated a few products and also some products are rated by very few users. Hence, we can reduce the dataset by considering certain logical assumptions.

Here, we will be taking users who have given at least 50 ratings, and the products that have at least 5 ratings, as when we shop online we prefer to have some number of ratings of a product.

```
[]: # Get a list of all the users
     users = df.user_id
     # Initializing a dictionary to store the amount of ratings per user
     ratings_count = dict()
     for user in users:
         if user in ratings_count: # If we already have the user, just add 1 to_
      ⇔their rating count
             ratings_count[user] += 1
         else: # Otherwise, set their initial rating count to 1
             ratings_count[user] = 1
[]: # We want our users to have at least 50 ratings to be considered
     RATINGS CUTOFF = 50
     # Empty list of users that will be removed
     remove users = []
     # Using .items() each key-value pair of the dictionary is explored.
     # In this case, the key is collected as user and the value as num_ratings
     for user, num_ratings in ratings_count.items():
         if num_ratings < RATINGS_CUTOFF:</pre>
             remove_users.append(user)
     # Keep only the users not in the DataFrame remove_users
     df = df.loc[ ~ df.user_id.isin(remove_users)]
[]: # Get the column containing the products
     prods = df.prod_id
     # Initializing a dictionary to store the amount of ratings per product
     ratings_count = dict()
     for prod in prods:
         if prod in ratings_count: # If we already have the product, just add 1 to_
      ⇔its rating count
             ratings count[prod] += 1
         else: # Otherwise, set their initial rating count to 1
             ratings_count[prod] = 1
[]: | # We want our item to have at least 5 ratings to be considered
     RATINGS_CUTOFF = 5
     # Empty list of products that will be removed
     remove_products = []
     # Using .items() each key-value pair of the dictionary is explored.
     # In this case, the key is collected as product and the value as num_ratings
```

```
for product, num_ratings in ratings_count.items():
    if num_ratings < RATINGS_CUTOFF:
        remove_products.append(product)

df_final = df.loc[~ df.prod_id.isin(remove_products)]</pre>
```

```
[]: # Print a few rows of the imported dataset df_final.head(10)
```

```
[]:
                 user_id
                            prod_id rating
                                        5.0
    1310 A3LDPF5FMB782Z 1400501466
    1322 A1A5KUIIIHFF4U 1400501466
                                        1.0
    1335 A2XIOXRRYXOKZY 1400501466
                                        3.0
    1451 AW3LX47IHPFRL 1400501466
                                        5.0
    1456 A1E30B6QMBKRYZ 1400501466
                                        1.0
    1485 A19N3S7CBSU607 1400501466
                                        5.0
    2082 A2ZR3YTMEEIIZ4 1400532655
                                        5.0
    2150 A3CLWR1UUZT6TG 1400532655
                                        5.0
    2162 A5JLAU2ARJOBO 1400532655
                                        1.0
    2228 A1P4XD7IORSEFN 1400532655
                                        4.0
```

### 2.2 Exploratory Data Analysis

#### 2.2.1 Shape of the data

### 2.2.2 Check the number of rows and columns and provide observations.

```
[]: # Check the number of rows and columns in the DataFrame rows, columns = df_final.shape print(f"There are {rows} rows and {columns} columns.")
```

There are 65290 rows and 3 columns.

#### 2.2.3 Data types

```
[]: # Check the datatyses
df_final.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Index: 65290 entries, 1310 to 7824427
```

```
Data columns (total 3 columns):

# Column Non-Null Count Dtype
--- 0 user_id 65290 non-null object
1 prod_id 65290 non-null object
2 rating 65290 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(1), object(2)
memory usage: 2.0+ MB
```

**Observations:** - The user and the product id are both type object. - The rating is considered a float. It could probably be turned into an integer.

#### 2.2.4 Checking for missing values

```
[]: # Check for missing values present
df_final.isnull().sum()
```

[]: user\_id 0 prod\_id 0 rating 0 dtype: int64

There are no missing values.

#### 2.2.5 Summary Statistics

```
[]: print("Values of rating:", sorted(df_final["rating"].unique()))
```

Values of rating: [1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0]

```
[]: # Summary statistics of 'rating' variable
df_final['rating'] = df_final['rating'].astype(int)
df_final.describe().T
```

```
[]: count mean std min 25% 50% 75% max rating 65290.0 4.294808 0.988915 1.0 4.0 5.0 5.0 5.0
```

More than 75% of the ratings are between 4 and 5. Very few users have given low ratings.

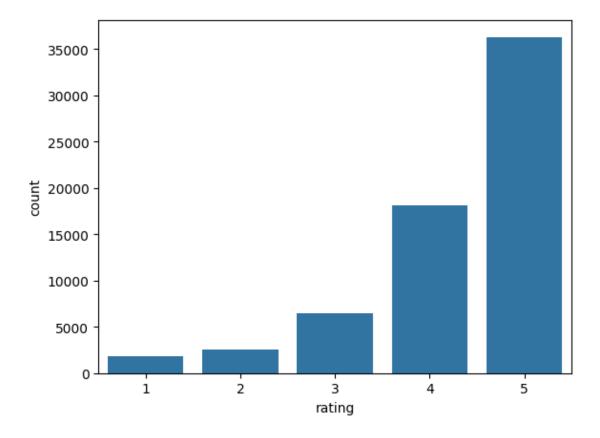
### 2.2.6 Checking the rating distribution

```
[]: # Create the bar plot and provide observations
print(df_final.rating.value_counts(normalize=True))
sns.countplot(data=df_final, x="rating")
plt.show()
```

```
rating
```

- 5 0.556211
- 4 0.277638
- 3 0.099265
- 2 0.038520
- 1 0.028366

Name: proportion, dtype: float64



More than 35000 of the ratings are a 5, which represent 55.6% of all the ratings - Only 15% of the ratings are a 3 or less

### 2.2.7 Checking the number of unique users and products in the dataset

There are 1540 unique users and 5689 unique products.

### 2.2.8 Users with the most number of ratings

```
[]: # Top 10 users based on the number of ratings df_final.groupby("user_id").size().sort_values(ascending=False)[:10]
```

```
A25C2M3QF9G7OQ 203
A680RUE1FD08B 196
A22CW0ZHY3NJH8 193
A1UQBFCERIP7VJ 193
AWPODH0B4GFWL 184
A3LGT6UZL99IW1 179
dtype: int64
```

#### Observations:

- The maximum number of reviews from a user is 295. This means that there is definiftely some products that have not been rated by all users.
- Thrrefore, it is pertinent to use Reinforcemnt Learning to achieve matrix completion through different methods.

#### 2.3 Recommendation systems

## 2.4 Model 1: Rank Based Recommendation System

#### []: df\_final.head() Г1: user\_id prod\_id rating 1310 A3LDPF5FMB782Z 1400501466 1322 A1A5KUIIIHFF4U 1400501466 1 3 1335 A2XIOXRRYXOKZY 1400501466 5 1451 AW3LX47IHPFRL 1400501466 1456 A1E30B6QMBKRYZ 1400501466 1 []: # Calculate the average rating for each product average\_rating = df\_final.groupby('prod\_id')['rating'].mean() # Calculate the count of ratings for each product count\_rating = df\_final.groupby('prod\_id')['rating'].count() # Create a dataframe with calculated average and count of ratings final\_rating = pd.DataFrame({'avg\_rating':average\_rating, 'rating\_count': # Sort the dataframe by average of ratings in the descending order final\_rating = final\_rating.sort\_values(by="avg\_rating", ascending=False) # See the first five records of the "final\_rating" dataset final rating.head() []: avg rating rating count

```
prod_id
BOOLGQ6HL8
                     5.0
                                      5
B003DZJQQI
                     5.0
                                     14
B005FDXF2C
                     5.0
                                      7
B00I6CVPVC
                     5.0
                                      7
                     5.0
                                      8
BOOB9KOCYA
```

# 2.4.1 Recommending top 5 products with 50 minimum interactions based on popularity

# 2.4.2 Recommending top 5 products with 100 minimum interactions based on popularity

```
[]: top_n_products(final_rating, 5, 100)
```

```
[]: Index(['B003ES5ZUU', 'B000N99BBC', 'B007WTAJTO', 'B002V88HFE', 'B004CLYEDC'], dtype='object', name='prod_id')
```

We have recommended the **top 5** products by using the popularity recommendation system. Now, let's build a recommendation system using **collaborative filtering.** 

#### 2.5 Model 2: Collaborative Filtering Recommendation System

#### 2.5.1 Building a baseline user-user similarity based recommendation system

- Below, we are building **similarity-based recommendation systems** using **cosine** similarity and using **KNN to find similar users** which are the nearest neighbor to the given user.
- We will be using a new library, called **surprise**, to build the remaining models. Let's first import the necessary classes and functions from this library.

```
[]: # To compute the accuracy of models
from surprise import accuracy
```

```
# Class is used to parse a file containing ratings, data should be in structure.
 →- user ; item ; rating
from surprise.reader import Reader
# Class for loading datasets
from surprise.dataset import Dataset
# For tuning model hyperparameters
from surprise.model_selection import GridSearchCV
# For splitting the rating data in train and test datasets
from surprise.model_selection import train_test_split
# For implementing similarity-based recommendation system
from surprise.prediction_algorithms.knns import KNNBasic
# For implementing matrix factorization based recommendation system
from surprise.prediction_algorithms.matrix_factorization import SVD
# for implementing K-Fold cross-validation
from surprise.model selection import KFold
# For implementing clustering-based recommendation system
from surprise import CoClustering
```

Before building the recommendation systems, let's go over some basic terminologies we are going to use:

Relevant item: An item (product in this case) that is actually rated higher than the threshold rating is relevant, if the actual rating is below the threshold then it is a non-relevant item.

Recommended item: An item that's predicted rating is higher than the threshold is a recommended item, if the predicted rating is below the threshold then that product will not be recommended to the user.

False Negative (FN): It is the frequency of relevant items that are not recommended to the user. If the relevant items are not recommended to the user, then the user might not buy the product/item. This would result in the loss of opportunity for the service provider, which they would like to minimize.

False Positive (FP): It is the frequency of recommended items that are actually not relevant. In this case, the recommendation system is not doing a good job of finding and recommending the relevant items to the user. This would result in loss of resources for the service provider, which they would also like to minimize.

Recall: It is the fraction of actually relevant items that are recommended to the user, i.e., if out of 10 relevant products, 6 are recommended to the user then recall is 0.60. Higher the value of recall better is the model. It is one of the metrics to do the performance assessment of classification models.

**Precision:** It is the **fraction of recommended items that are relevant actually**, i.e., if out of 10 recommended items, 6 are found relevant by the user then precision is 0.60. The higher the value of precision better is the model. It is one of the metrics to do the performance assessment of classification models.

While making a recommendation system, it becomes customary to look at the performance of the model. In terms of how many recommendations are relevant and vice-versa, below are some most used performance metrics used in the assessment of recommendation systems.

#### 2.5.2 Precision@k, Recall@ k, and F1-score@k

Precision@k - It is the fraction of recommended items that are relevant in top k predictions. The value of k is the number of recommendations to be provided to the user. One can choose a variable number of recommendations to be given to a unique user.

Recall@k - It is the fraction of relevant items that are recommended to the user in top k predictions.

F1-score@k - It is the harmonic mean of Precision@k and Recall@k. When precision@k and recall@k both seem to be important then it is useful to use this metric because it is representative of both of them.

#### 2.5.3 Some useful functions

- The function below takes the **recommendation model** as input and gives the **precision@k**, **recall@k**, **and F1-score@k** for that model.
- To compute precision and recall, top k predictions are taken under consideration for each user.
- We will use the precision and recall to compute the F1-score.

```
def precision_recall_at_k(model, k = 10, threshold = 3.5):
    """Return precision and recall at k metrics for each user"""

# First map the predictions to each user
    user_est_true = defaultdict(list)

# Making predictions on the test data
    predictions = model.test(testset)

for uid, _, true_r, est, _ in predictions:
    user_est_true[uid].append((est, true_r))

precisions = dict()
    recalls = dict()
    for uid, user_ratings in user_est_true.items():

# Sort user ratings by estimated value
    user_ratings.sort(key = lambda x: x[0], reverse = True)
```

```
# Number of relevant items
      n_rel = sum((true_r >= threshold) for (_, true_r) in user_ratings)
      # Number of recommended items in top k
      n_rec_k = sum((est >= threshold) for (est, _) in user_ratings[:k])
      \# Number of relevant and recommended items in top k
      n_rel_and_rec_k = sum(((true_r >= threshold) and (est >= threshold))
                             for (est, true_r) in user_ratings[:k])
      # Precision@K: Proportion of recommended items that are relevant
      # When n_{rec}k is 0, Precision is undefined. Therefore, we are setting
→Precision to 0 when n_rec_k is 0
      precisions[uid] = n_rel_and_rec_k / n_rec_k if n_rec_k != 0 else 0
      # Recall@K: Proportion of relevant items that are recommended
      # When n rel is 0, Recall is undefined. Therefore, we are setting.
\negRecall to 0 when n_rel is 0
      recalls[uid] = n_rel_and_rec_k / n_rel if n_rel != 0 else 0
  # Mean of all the predicted precisions are calculated.
  precision = round((sum(prec for prec in precisions.values()) /__
→len(precisions)), 3)
  # Mean of all the predicted recalls are calculated.
  recall = round((sum(rec for rec in recalls.values()) / len(recalls)), 3)
  accuracy.rmse(predictions)
  print('Precision: ', precision) # Command to print the overall precision
  print('Recall: ', recall) # Command to print the overall recall
  print('F_1 score: ', round((2*precision*recall)/(precision+recall), 3)) #_
\hookrightarrowFormula to compute the F-1 score
```

#### Hints:

- To compute precision and recall, a threshold of 3.5 and k value of 10 can be considered for the recommended and relevant ratings.
- Think about the performance metric to choose.

Below we are loading the rating dataset, which is a pandas DataFrame, into a different format called surprise.dataset.DatasetAutoFolds, which is required by this library. To do this, we will be using the classes Reader and Dataset.

```
[]: # Instantiating Reader scale with expected rating scale
reader = Reader(rating_scale = (0, 5))

# Loading the rating dataset
data = Dataset.load_from_df(df_final[['user_id', 'prod_id', 'rating']], reader)

# Splitting the data into train and test datasets
trainset, testset = train_test_split(data, test_size = 0.2, random_state = 1)
```

Now, we are ready to build the first baseline similarity-based recommendation system using the cosine similarity.

#### 2.5.4 Building the user-user Similarity-based Recommendation System

RMSE: 1.0260 Precision: 0.844 Recall: 0.862 F\_1 score: 0.853

Observations: - The Root Mean Squared Error is 1.026 which is a measure of how distant the predictions are from the actual value. - Precision of 84.4%, which means out of all the recommended products, 84.4% are relevant, which is decent for a rudimentary model. - Recall of 86.2%, which means out of all the relevant products, 86.2% are recommended, which is also decent for a rudimentary model. - F1 score is 85.3%. It indicates that most recommended products were relevant and the books that are relevant were recommended decently correctly. - Tuning the hyperparameters through GridSearchCV can improve the results.

Let's now predict rating for a user with userId=A3LDPF5FMB782Z and productId=1400501466 as shown below. Here the user has already interacted or watched the product with productId '1400501466' and given a rating of 5.

```
[]: # Predicting rating for a sample user with an interacted product sim_user_user.predict("A3LDPF5FMB782Z", "1400501466", r_ui = 5, verbose = True)
```

```
user: A3LDPF5FMB782Z item: 1400501466 \text{ r_ui} = 5.00 \text{ est} = 3.33 \text{ {'actual_k': 6, 'was_impossible': False}}
```

```
[]: Prediction(uid='A3LDPF5FMB782Z', iid='1400501466', r_ui=5, est=3.333333333333333335, details={'actual_k': 6, 'was_impossible': False})
```

**Observations:** - The actual rating was 5.00, and the predicted rating was 3.33 which is very inaccurate. The model has to be tuned.

Below is the list of users who have not seen the product with product id "1400501466".

Is product A34BZM6S9L7QI4 in this list? True

```
[]: array(['A2ZR3YTMEEIIZ4', 'A3CLWR1UUZT6TG', 'A5JLAU2ARJ0B0', ..., 'A215WH6RUDUCMP', 'A38C12950IM24P', 'A2J4XMWKR8PPD0'], dtype=object)
```

• It can be observed from the above list that user "A34BZM6S9L7QI4" has not seen the product with productId "1400501466" as this user\_id is a part of the above list.

Below we are predicting rating for userId=A34BZM6S9L7QI4 and prod id=1400501466.

```
[]: # Predicting rating for a sample user with a non interacted product sim_user_user.predict("A34BZM6S9L7QI4", "1400501466", verbose = True)

user: A34BZM6S9L7QI4 item: 1400501466 r_ui = None est = 1.99 {'actual_k': 2, 'was_impossible': False}
```

```
[]: Prediction(uid='A34BZM6S9L7QI4', iid='1400501466', r_ui=None, est=1.991150442477876, details={'actual_k': 2, 'was_impossible': False})
```

**Observations:** - Based on this user-user similarity-based model, the estimated rating from this user to this product would be 1.99. - Let's see if we get a similar preicted rating if we tune the hyperparameters through GridSearchCV

# 2.5.5 Improving similarity-based recommendation system by tuning its hyperparameters

Below, we will be tuning hyperparameters for the KNNBasic algorithm. Let's try to understand some of the hyperparameters of the KNNBasic algorithm:

- **k** (int) The (max) number of neighbors to take into account for aggregation. Default is 40.
- min\_k (int) The minimum number of neighbors to take into account for aggregation. If there are not enough neighbors, the prediction is set to the global mean of all ratings. Default is 1.

- **sim\_options** (dict) A dictionary of options for the similarity measure. And there are four similarity measures available in surprise -
  - cosine
  - msd (default)
  - Pearson
  - Pearson baseline

```
0.9795880993941418
{'k': 30, 'min_k': 3, 'sim_options': {'name': 'cosine', 'user_based': True,
'min_support': 2}}
```

Once the grid search is **complete**, we can get the **optimal values for each of those hyperparameters**.

Now, let's build the final model by using tuned values of the hyperparameters, which we received by using grid search cross-validation.

### precision\_recall\_at\_k(sim\_user\_user\_optimized)

RMSE: 0.9846

Precision: 0.836 Recall: 0.895 F\_1 score: 0.864

**Observations:** - After tuning the hyperparameters, the Root Mean Squared Error improved from 1.0260 to 0.9846. - Both the precision and the recall have slightly worsened. - The F1 score has improved from 0.853 to 0.864. - Let's observe if the model predicts better after the tuning of the hyperparameters.

#### 2.5.6 Steps:

- Predict rating for the user with userId="A3LDPF5FMB782Z", and prod\_id= "1400501466" using the optimized model
- Predict rating for userId="A34BZM6S9L7QI4" who has not interacted with prod\_id ="1400501466", by using the optimized model
- Compare the output with the output from the baseline model

```
[]: # Use sim_user_user_optimized model to recommend for userId "A3LDPF5FMB782Z" → and productId 1400501466

sim_user_user_optimized.predict("A3LDPF5FMB782Z", "1400501466", r_ui = 5, □

overbose = True)
```

```
user: A3LDPF5FMB782Z item: 1400501466 r_ui = 5.00 est = 4.30
{'was_impossible': True, 'reason': 'Not enough neighbors.'}
```

- []: Prediction(uid='A3LDPF5FMB782Z', iid='1400501466', r\_ui=5, est=4.296427477408486, details={'was\_impossible': True, 'reason': 'Not enough neighbors.'})
- []: # Use sim\_user\_user\_optimized model to recommend for userId "A34BZM6S9L7QI4" and productId "1400501466" sim\_user\_user\_optimized.predict("A34BZM6S9L7QI4", "1400501466", verbose = True)

[]: Prediction(uid='A34BZM6S9L7QI4', iid='1400501466', r\_ui=None, est=4.296427477408486, details={'was\_impossible': True, 'reason': 'Not enough neighbors.'})

**Observations:** - The model does not find enough neighbors for the predictions for both cases (previously seen and not). It does give a prediction of 4.30 anyways but it likely comes from a rudimentary built-in model as a backup for the sake of proposing a value.

#### 2.5.7 Identifying similar users to a given user (nearest neighbors)

We can also find out **similar users to a given user** or its **nearest neighbors** based on this KNNBasic algorithm. Below, we are finding the 5 most similar users to the first user in the list with internal id 0, based on the msd distance metric.

```
[]: # 0 is the inner id of the above user sim_user_user_optimized.get_neighbors(0, k=5)
```

```
[]: [17, 38, 80, 99, 154]
```

# 2.5.8 Implementing the recommendation algorithm based on optimized KNNBasic model

Below we will be implementing a function where the input parameters are:

- data: A rating dataset
- user\_id: A user id against which we want the recommendations
- top\_n: The number of products we want to recommend
- algo: the algorithm we want to use for predicting the ratings
- The output of the function is a **set of top\_n items** recommended for the given user\_id based on the given algorithm

```
[]: def get recommendations(data, user id, top n, algo):
         # Creating an empty list to store the recommended product ids
        recommendations = []
        # Creating an user item interactions matrix
        user_item_interactions_matrix = data.pivot(index = 'user_id', columns = u
      # Extracting those product ids which the user_id has not interacted yet
        non_interacted_products = user_item_interactions_matrix.
      →loc[user_id] [user_item_interactions_matrix.loc[user_id].isnull()].index.
      →tolist()
        # Looping through each of the product ids which user_id has not interacted_
      \hookrightarrow yet
        for item_id in non_interacted_products:
             # Predicting the ratings for those non interacted product ids by this
      Suser
            est = algo.predict(user_id, item_id).est
             # Appending the predicted ratings
            recommendations.append((item_id, est))
```

```
# Sorting the predicted ratings in descending order
recommendations.sort(key = lambda x: x[1], reverse = True)

return recommendations[:top_n] # Returing top n highest predicted rating

→products for this user
```

Predicting top 5 products for userId = "A3LDPF5FMB782Z" with similarity based recommendation system

pd.DataFrame(recommendations, columns = ['prod\_id', 'predicted\_ratings'])

**Observations:** - The same rating of approximately 5 was suggested for the user with user\_id of A3LDPF5FMB782Z for 5 different products.

## ${\bf 2.5.9} \quad \textbf{Item-Item Similarity-based Collaborative Filtering Recommendation System}$

• Above we have seen **similarity-based collaborative filtering** where similarity is calculated **between users**. Now let us look into similarity-based collaborative filtering where similarity is seen **between items**.

RMSE: 1.0147

Precision: 0.826 Recall: 0.853 F\_1 score: 0.839

Observations: - The Root Mean Squared Error is 1.015 which is a measure of how distant the predictions are from the actual value. - Precision of 82.6%, which means out of all the recommended products, 82.6% are relevant, which is decent for a rudimentary model. - Recall of 85.3%, which means out of all the relevant products, 85.3% are recommended, which is also decent for a rudimentary model. - F1 score is 83.9%. It indicates that most recommended products were relevant and the books that are relevant were recommended decently correctly.

Let's now predict a rating for a user with userId = A3LDPF5FMB782Z and prod\_Id = 1400501466 as shown below. Here the user has already interacted or watched the product with productId "1400501466".

```
[]: # Predicting rating for a sample user with an interacted product sim_item_item.predict("A3LDPF5FMB782Z", "1400501466", r_ui = 5, verbose = True)
```

```
user: A3LDPF5FMB782Z item: 1400501466 r_ui = 5.00 est = 4.30 {'actual_k':
20, 'was_impossible': False}
```

[]: Prediction(uid='A3LDPF5FMB782Z', iid='1400501466', r\_ui=5, est=4.3, details={'actual\_k': 20, 'was\_impossible': False})

**Observations:** - The estimated value 4.30 differs from the actual rating of 5. However it clearly shows an improvement from the user-user untuned model which predicted 3.3 for the same user and product combination.

Below we are predicting rating for the userId = A34BZM6S9L7QI4 and prod\_id = 1400501466.

```
[]: # Predicting rating for a sample user with a non interacted product sim_item_item.predict("A34BZM6S9L7QI4", "1400501466", verbose = True)
```

```
user: A34BZM6S9L7QI4 item: 1400501466 r_ui = None est = 4.00 {'actual_k': 4, 'was_impossible': False}
```

```
[]: Prediction(uid='A34BZM6S9L7QI4', iid='1400501466', r_ui=None, est=4.0, details={'actual_k': 4, 'was_impossible': False})
```

**Observations:** - The estimated value is 4.00 for an item that has never been bought by the user. This prediction seems more reasonable than the 1.99 suggested by the user-user untuned model based on the barplot of the given ratings.

#### 2.5.10 Hyperparameter tuning the item-item similarity-based model

- Use the following values for the param\_grid and tune the model.
  - 'k': [10, 20, 30]
  - 'min\_k': [3, 6, 9]
  - 'sim\_options': {'name': ['msd', 'cosine']

- 'user\_based': [False]
- Use GridSearchCV() to tune the model using the 'rmse' measure
- Print the best score and best parameters

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Once the grid search is complete, we can get the optimal values for each of those hyperparameters as shown above.

Now let's build the **final model** by using **tuned values of the hyperparameters** which we received by using grid search cross-validation.

2.5.11 Use the best parameters from GridSearchCV to build the optimized item-item similarity-based model. Compare the performance of the optimized model with the baseline model.

RMSE: 0.9766

Precision: 0.828 Recall: 0.896 F\_1 score: 0.861

**Observations:** - After tuning the hyperparameters, the Root Mean Squared Error improved from 1.0147 to 0.9766. - The precision has slightly increased from 82.6% to 82.8%. - The recall has significantly improved from 85.3% to 89.6%. - The F1 score has also improved from 83.9% to 86.1%. - The tuned model clearly does a better job than the rudimentary model.

### 2.5.12 Steps:

- Predict rating for the user with userId="A3LDPF5FMB782Z", and prod\_id= "1400501466" using the optimized model
- Predict rating for userId="A34BZM6S9L7QI4" who has not interacted with prod\_id ="1400501466", by using the optimized model
- Compare the output with the output from the baseline model

```
[]: # Use sim_item_optimized model to recommend for userId "A3LDPF5FMB782Z"

→ and productId "1400501466"

sim_item_item_optimized.predict("A3LDPF5FMB782Z", "1400501466", r_ui = 5, □

→ verbose = True)
```

```
user: A3LDPF5FMB782Z item: 1400501466 r_ui = 5.00 est = 4.62 {'actual_k':
20, 'was_impossible': False}
```

[]: Prediction(uid='A3LDPF5FMB782Z', iid='1400501466', r\_ui=5, est=4.617647058823531, details={'actual\_k': 20, 'was\_impossible': False})

Observations: - The model predicted decently correctly the rating for an item previously bought

by this user (estimated: 4.62, actual: 5.00). This is the ebst prediction yet, beating the 3.3 from the user-user untuned model and the 4.3 from the item-item untuned model.

```
[]: # Use sim_item_item_optimized model to recommend for userId "A34BZM6S9L7QI4" 

\( \times \) and productId "1400501466"

sim_item_item_optimized.predict("A34BZM6S9L7QI4", "1400501466", verbose = True)
```

[]: Prediction(uid='A34BZM6S9L7QI4', iid='1400501466', r\_ui=None, est=4.296427477408486, details={'was\_impossible': True, 'reason': 'Not enough neighbors.'})

**Observations:** - For a new item, the model could not find enough neighbors to appropriately make a prediction. Nevertheless, a prediction of 4.30 is still shown. This prediction is made with a built-in rudimentary model for the sake of proposing something, but it does not represent a prediction from this sophisticated model.

## 2.5.13 Identifying similar items to a given item (nearest neighbors)

We can also find out **similar items** to a given item or its nearest neighbors based on this **KNNBasic algorithm**. Below we are finding the 5 most similar items to the item with internal id 0 based on the msd distance metric.

```
[]: sim_item_optimized.get_neighbors(0, k=5)
```

```
[]: [2, 4, 9, 12, 13]
```

Predicting top 5 products for userId = "A1A5KUIIIHFF4U" with similarity based recommendation system.

**Hint:** Use the get recommendations() function.

```
[]: # Making top 5 recommendations for user_id A1A5KUIIIHFF4U with similarity-based

→recommendation engine.

recommendations = get_recommendations(df_final, "A1A5KUIIIHFF4U", 5, □

→sim_item_item_optimized)
```

```
[]: # Building the dataframe for above recommendations with columns "prod_id" and__
"predicted_ratings"

pd.DataFrame(recommendations, columns = ['prod_id', 'predicted_ratings'])
```

**Observations:** - The same rating of approximately 4.3 was suggested for the user with user\_id of A1A5KUIIIHFF4U for 5 different products.

Now as we have seen similarity-based collaborative filtering algorithms, let us now get into model-based collaborative filtering algorithms.

#### 2.5.14 Model 3: Model-Based Collaborative Filtering - Matrix Factorization

Model-based Collaborative Filtering is a **personalized recommendation system**, the recommendations are based on the past behavior of the user and it is not dependent on any additional information. We use **latent features** to find recommendations for each user.

### 2.5.15 Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

SVD is used to **compute the latent features** from the **user-item matrix**. But SVD does not work when we **miss values** in the **user-item matrix**.

RMSE: 0.9104 Precision: 0.837 Recall: 0.88 F\_1 score: 0.858

Observations: - The Root Mean Squared Error is 0.9104 which is a measure of how distant the predictions are from the actual value. - Precision of 83.7%, which means out of all the recommended products, 83.7% are relevant, which is decent for a rudimentary model. - Recall of 88.0%, which means out of all the relevant products, 88.0% are recommended, which is also decent for a rudimentary model. - F1 score is 85.8%. It indicates that most recommended products were relevant and the books that are relevant were recommended decently correctly.

Let's now predict the rating for a user with userId = "A3LDPF5FMB782Z" and prod\_id = "1400501466.

**Observations:** - The SVD model predicted 4.09 for an item that has been previously rated with a 5.0 by this user. This untuned model is doing worse than other models previously introduced.

Below we are predicting rating for the userId = "A34BZM6S9L7QI4" and productId = "1400501466".

**Observations:** - The SVD model predicted 4.05 for an item that has neve been bought by this user. This untuned SVD model has given the highest rating yet for this user-product combination with a rating of 4.05.

# 2.5.16 Improving Matrix Factorization based recommendation system by tuning its hyperparameters

Below we will be tuning only three hyperparameters: - n\_epochs: The number of iterations of the SGD algorithm. - lr\_all: The learning rate for all parameters. - reg\_all: The regularization term for all parameters.

```
0.900292798410359
{'n_epochs': 20, 'lr_all': 0.01, 'reg_all': 0.2}
```

Now, we will **the build final model** by using **tuned values** of the hyperparameters, which we received using grid search cross-validation above.

```
[]: # Build the optimized SVD model using optimal hyperparameter search. Use<sub>□</sub> ⇒random_state=1
```

RMSE: 0.9014
Precision: 0.841
Recall: 0.88
F\_1 score: 0.86

Observations: - The Root Mean Squared Error is 0.9014 which is a measure of how distant the predictions are from the actual value. - Precision of 84.1%, which means out of all the recommended products, 84.1% are relevant, which is decent for a rudimentary model. - Recall of 88.0%, which means out of all the relevant products, 88.0% are recommended, which is also decent for a rudimentary model. - F1 score is 86.0%. It indicates that most recommended products were relevant and the books that are relevant were recommended decently correctly.

### 2.5.17 Steps:

- Predict rating for the user with userId="A3LDPF5FMB782Z", and prod\_id= "1400501466" using the optimized model
- Predict rating for userId="A34BZM6S9L7QI4" who has not interacted with prod\_id ="1400501466", by using the optimized model
- Compare the output with the output from the baseline model

```
[]: # Use svd_algo_optimized model to recommend for userId "A3LDPF5FMB782Z" and productId "1400501466"

svd_optimized.predict("A3LDPF5FMB782Z", "1400501466", r_ui = 5, verbose = True)

user: A3LDPF5FMB782Z item: 1400501466 r_ui = 5.00 est = 4.09
{'was_impossible': False}
```

[]: Prediction(uid='A3LDPF5FMB782Z', iid='1400501466', r\_ui=5, est=4.090441179731308, details={'was\_impossible': False})

**Observations:** - The predicted rating of 4.09 is far from the actual one of 5.0. Some other models have done a better job at this.

```
[]: # Use svd_algo_optimized model to recommend for userId "A34BZM6S9L7QI4" and productId "1400501466" svd_optimized.predict("A34BZM6S9L7QI4", "1400501466", verbose = True)
```

```
user: A34BZM6S9L7QI4 item: 1400501466 r_ui = None est = 4.06 {'was_impossible': False}
```

```
[]: Prediction(uid='A34BZM6S9L7QI4', iid='1400501466', r_ui=None, est=4.06446285064312, details={'was_impossible': False})
```

**Observations:** - The predicted rating of 4.06 has been the highest prediction in all models all-around for this combination of user-product.

```
[]: # Making top 5 recommendations for user_id A1A5KUIIIHFF4U with similarity-based_□ → recommendation engine.

recommendations = get_recommendations(df_final, "A1A5KUIIIHFF4U", 5,□ → svd_optimized)
```

```
[]: # Building the dataframe for above recommendations with columns "prod_id" and □ □ □ "predicted_ratings"

pd.DataFrame(recommendations, columns = ['prod_id', 'predicted_ratings'])
```

```
[]: prod_id predicted_ratings
0 B00007E89K 4.315606
1 B003S5S0LG 4.263806
2 B0009YDP7W 4.263234
3 B000MP831G 4.261569
4 B002M3S0CE 4.257270
```

#### 2.5.18 Conclusion and Recommendations

- First and foremost, a model will never predict accurately the human behavior. Indeed, even a model predicts upon predictions (consumers will act similarly, historiy can predict the future). That being said, a sophisticated model can absolutely be a helpful tool for resources allocation.
- The first model Rank Based Recommendation System could be helpful because peer pressure plays a factor. E.g. "Netflix top 10 trending movies". No one wants to miss what everyone is watching. Namely, this type of model could be useful for frequent and/or compulsive clients that navigate to Amazon's webpage out of boredom.
- The model that performed the best in terms of Root Mean Squared Error is the Tuned Singular Value Decomposition model with a RMSE of 0.9014.
- The model that performed the best in terms of Precision is the Untuned User-User similarity-based model with a precision of 84.4%.
- The model that performed the best in terms of Recall is the Tuned Item-Item similarity-based model with a recall of 89.6%.
- The model that performed the best in terms of F1 Score is the Tuned User-User similarity-based model with a F1 score of 86.4%.
- Evidently, it is not straightforward to determine which is the best model since it depends on the application. The model that best predicted the rating for a product that had been previously rated by a given user is the Tuned Item-Item similarity-based model, predicting 4.62 for a product that was rated with a 5.0.
- The model that best predicted the rating for a product that had never been rated by a given user is the Tuned Singular Value Decomposition model, predicting 4.09. Other models could not find enough neighbors or gave an extremly low value.

• Overall, I consider that the best model is the Tuned Singular Value Decomposition model because it has the lowest RMSE, while keeping a high precision, recall and F1 score. Moreover, the 5 recommendations suggested by this model show very close yet different ratings. This is realistic and accurate.