

# Dealing with sparsity

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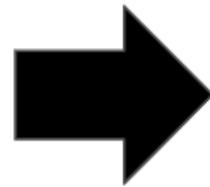
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# Sparse matrices

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3
User 1		1	4
User 2	5		3
User 3	2	7	

# Sparse matrices

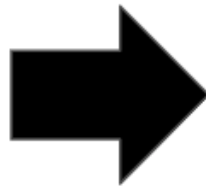
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User 1		1				
User 2					4	
User 3				3		
User 4						7
User 5	2					
User 6			5			

# Sparse matrices

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User 1		1	4
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User 1		1				
User 2					4	
User 3				3		
User 4						7
User 5	2					
User 6			5			

$$\text{Sparsity} = \frac{\text{Empty Values}}{\text{Total Cells}}$$

# Measuring sparsity

```
print(book_rating_df)
```

title	The Great Gatsby	The Catcher in the Rye	Fifty Shades of Grey
User			
User_233	3.0	NaN	NaN
User_651	NaN	5.0	4.0
User_965	4.0	3.0	NaN
...	...	...	...

# Measuring sparsity

```
number_of_empty = book_ratings_df.isnull().values.sum()  
total_number = user_ratings_df.size  
sparsity = number_of_empty/total_number  
print(sparsity)
```

```
0.0114
```

# Why sparsity matters

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User 1		1				
User 2					5	
User 3				3		
User 4						4
User 5	2					
User 6			5		1	

# Why sparsity matters

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User 1		1			?	
User 2					5	
User 3				3		
User 4						4
User 5	2					
User 6			5		1	



# Why sparsity matters

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User 1		1			?		
User 2					5		←
User 3				3			
User 4						4	The only other ratings
User 5	2						
User 6			5		1		←

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User 2					5	
User 3				3		
User 4						4
User 5	2					
User 6			5		1	

The only other ratings mean = 3

# Measuring sparsity per column

```
user_ratings_df.notnull().sum()
```

```
The Pelican Brief          1
Snow Crash                 1
The Great Gatsby          12
Fifty Shades of Grey       9
Leviathan                  1
..
```

# Matrix factorization

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User 1	?	1	?	?	?	?
User 2	?	?	?	?	5	?
User 3	?	?	?	3	?	?
User 4	?	?	?	?	?	4
User 5	2	?	?	?	?	?
User 6	?	?	5	?	1	?

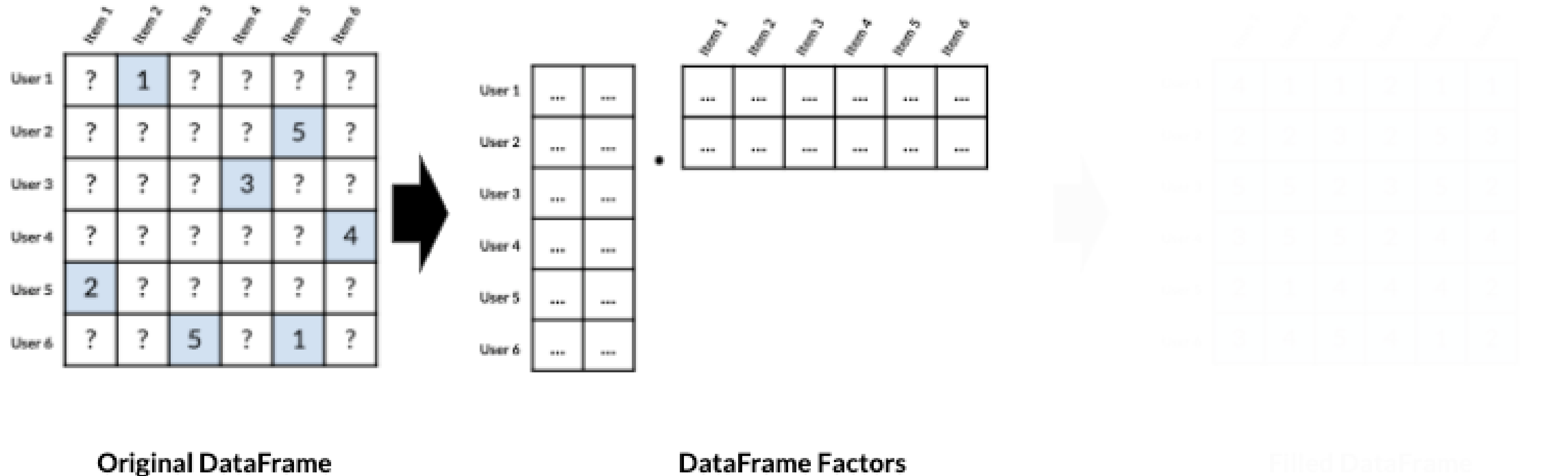
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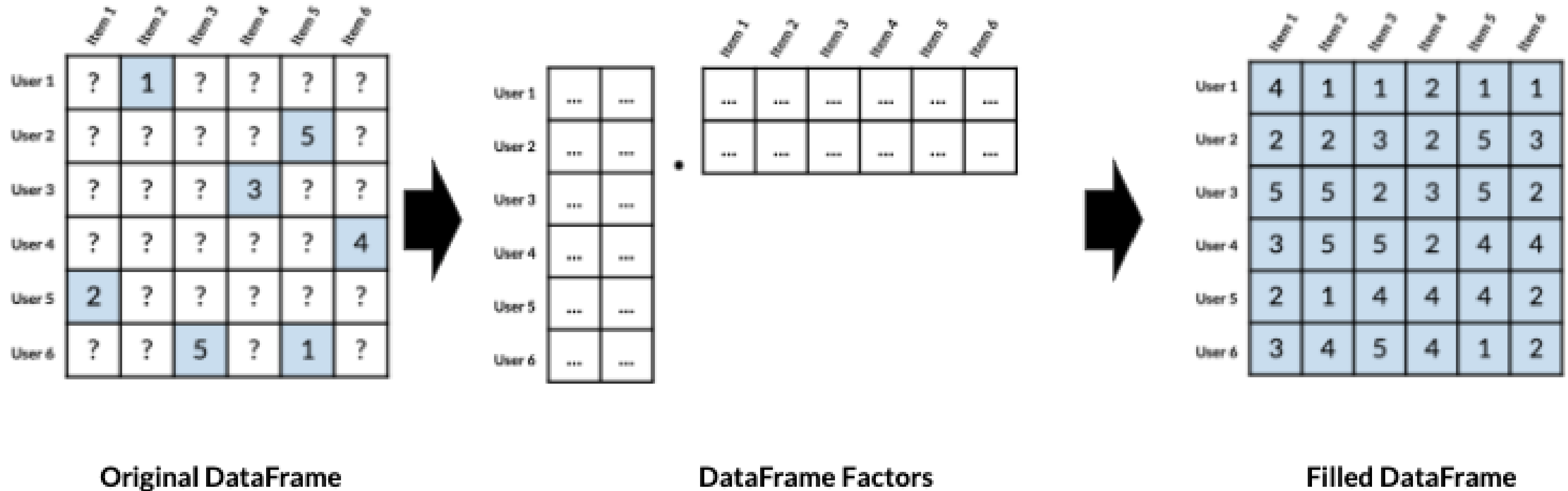
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User 2	2	2	3	2	5	3
User 3	5	5	2	3	5	2
User 4	3	5	5	2	4	4
User 5	2	1	3	4	4	2
User 6	3	4	3	4	1	2

Filled DataFrame

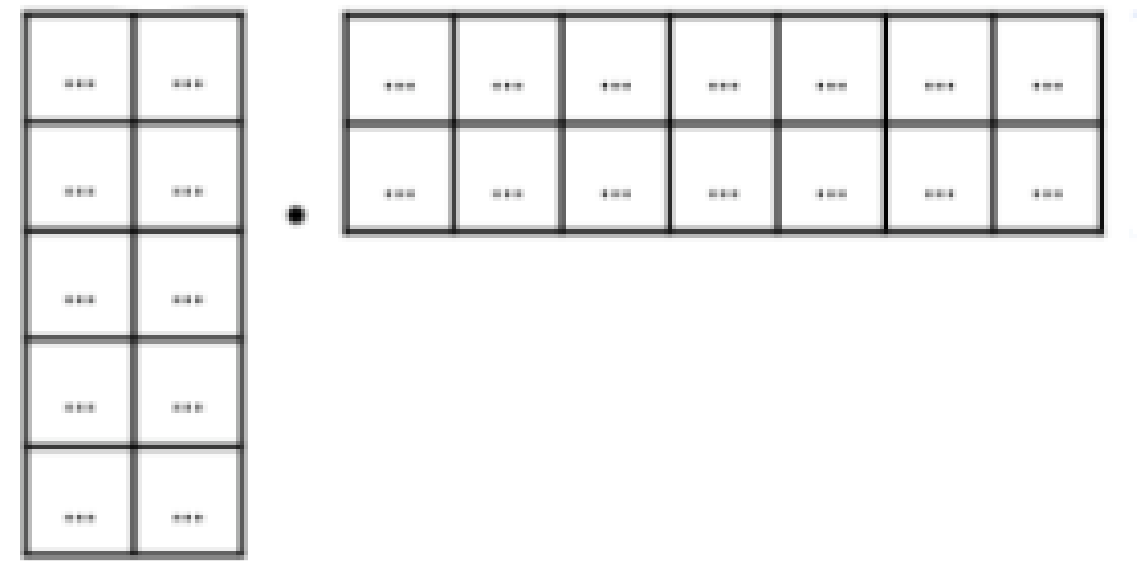
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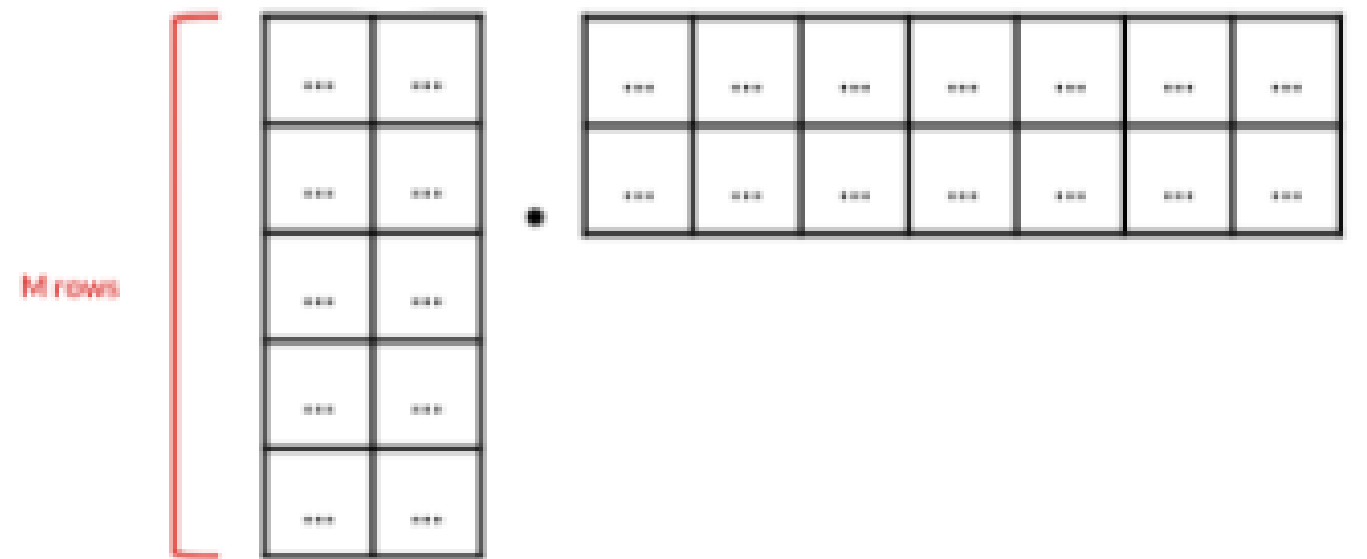
# Matrix factorization



# Matrix multiplication

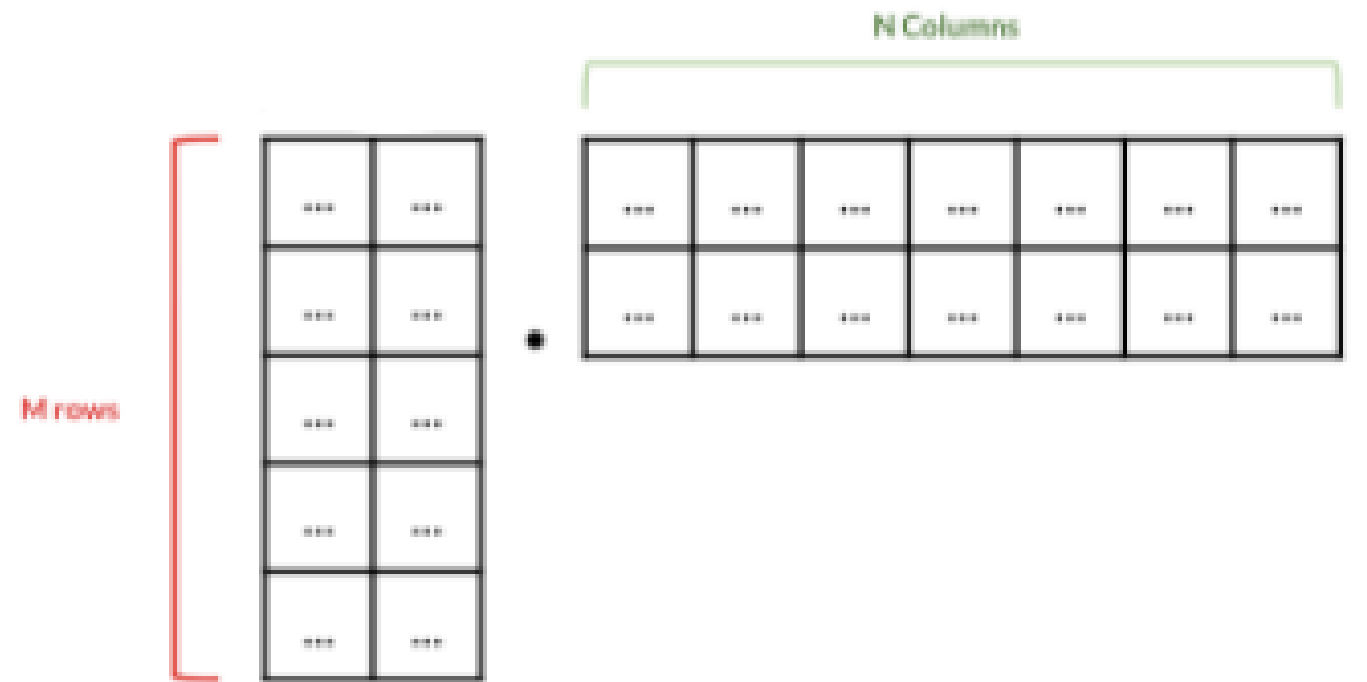


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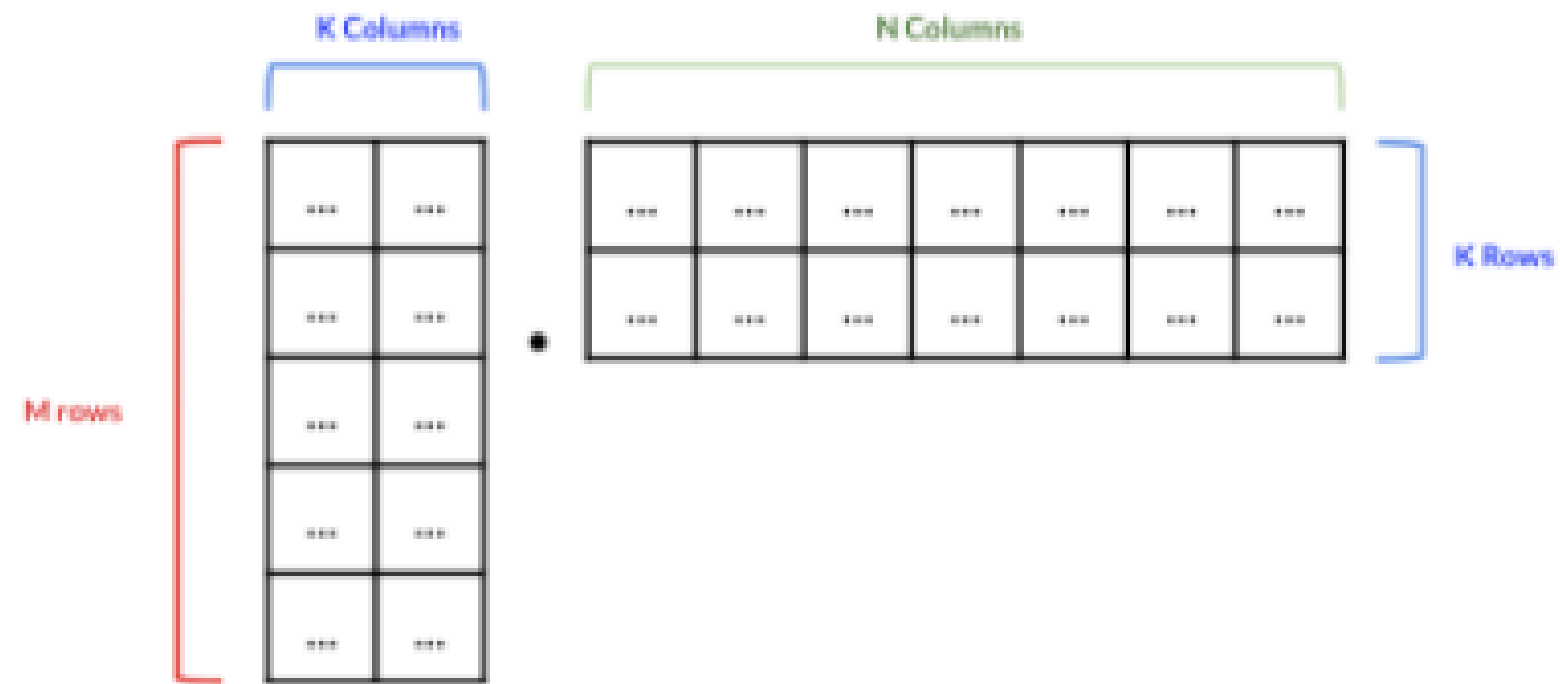




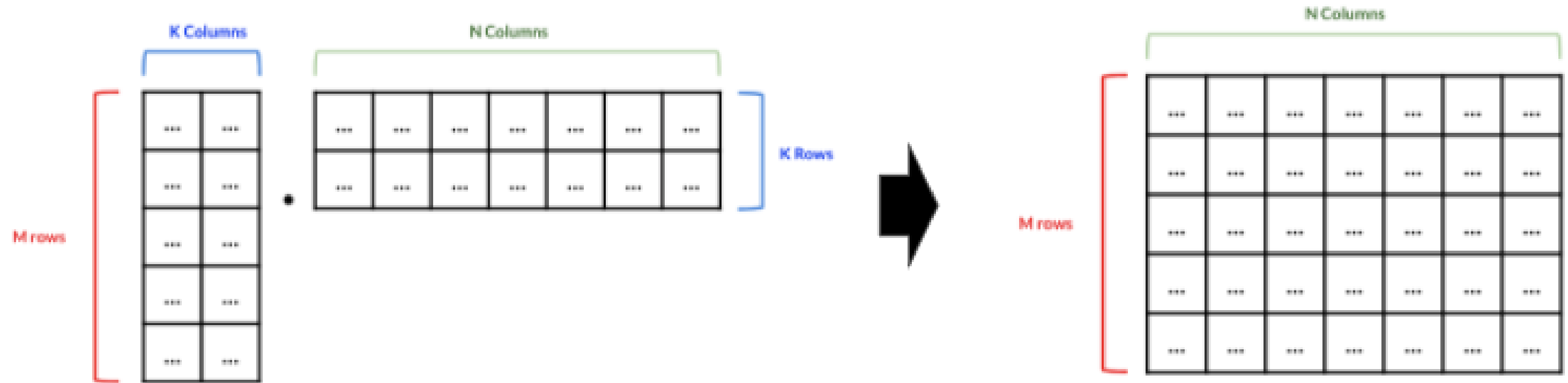
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```
print(matrix_x)
```

```
[[4, 1],  
 [2, 2],  
 [3, 3]]
```

```
print(matrix_b)
```

```
[[1, 0, 4],  
 [0, 1, 6]]
```

# Matrix multiplication

```
import numpy as np
```

```
dot_product = np.dot(matrix_x, matrix_b)
```

```
print(dot_product)
```

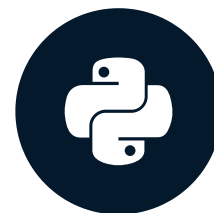
```
[[ 4  1 22]  
 [ 2  2 20]  
 [ 3  3 30]]
```

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# Matrix factorization

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# Why this helps with sparse matrices

	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Item 4	Item 5	Item 6
User 1	?	1	?	?	?	?
User 2	?	?	?	?	5	?
User 3	?	?	?	3	?	?
User 4	?	?	?	?	?	4
User 5	2	?	?	?	?	?
User 6	?	?	5	?	1	?

Original DataFrame

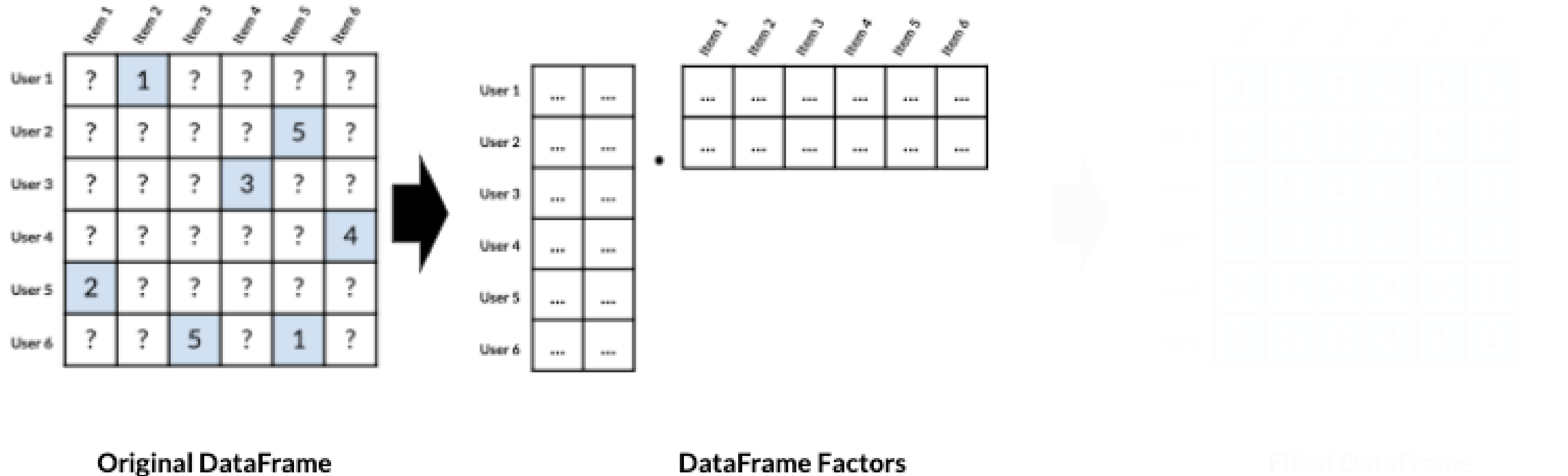


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User 1	4	1	3	2	1	1
User 2	2	2	3	2	5	3
User 3	5	5	2	3	5	2
User 4	3	5	5	2	4	4
User 5	2	2	3	4	4	2
User 6	3	4	3	4	1	2

Filled DataFrame



# Why this helps with sparse matrices



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User 1	?	1	?	?	?	?
User 2	?	?	?	?	5	?
User 3	?	?	?	3	?	?
User 4	?	?	?	?	?	4
User 5	2	?	?	?	?	?
User 6	?	?	5	?	1	?

Original DataFrame

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User 2	...	...
User 3	...	...
User 4	...	...
User 5	...	...
User 6	...	...

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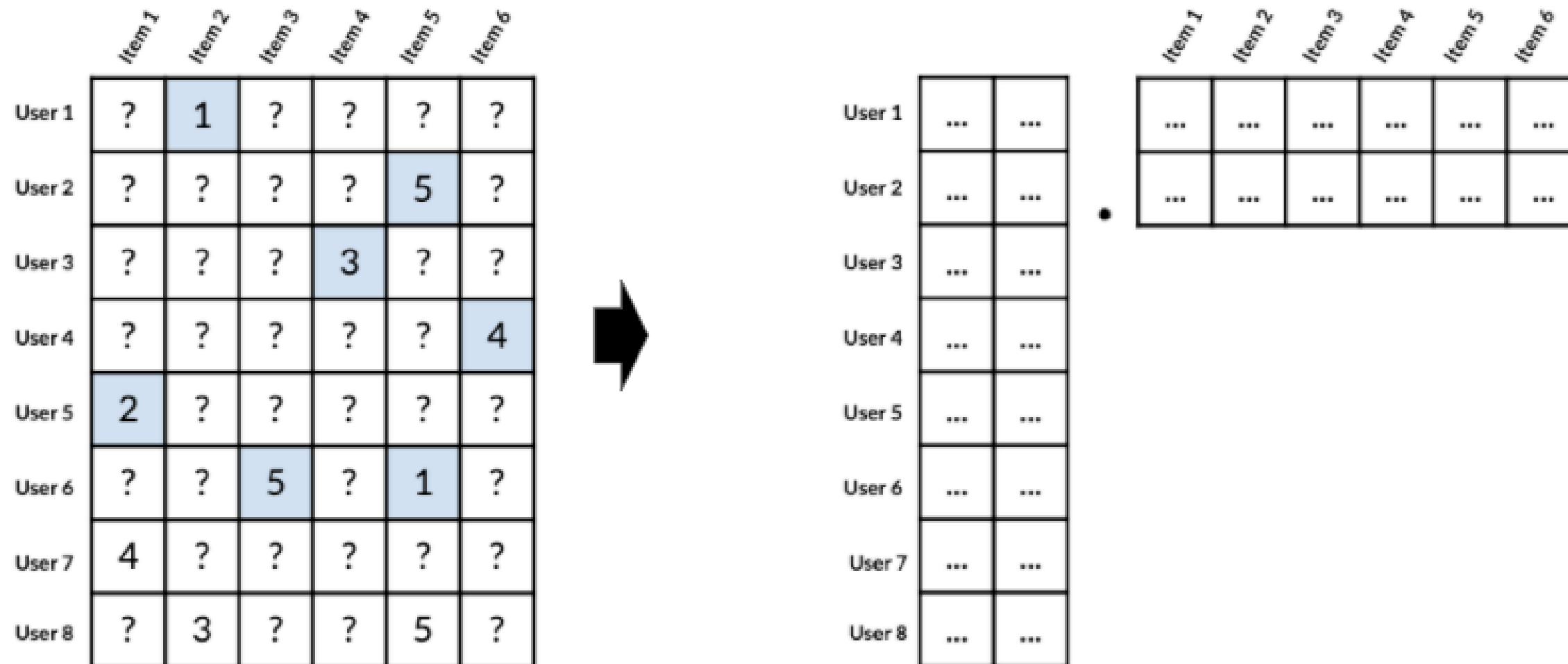
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DataFrame Factors

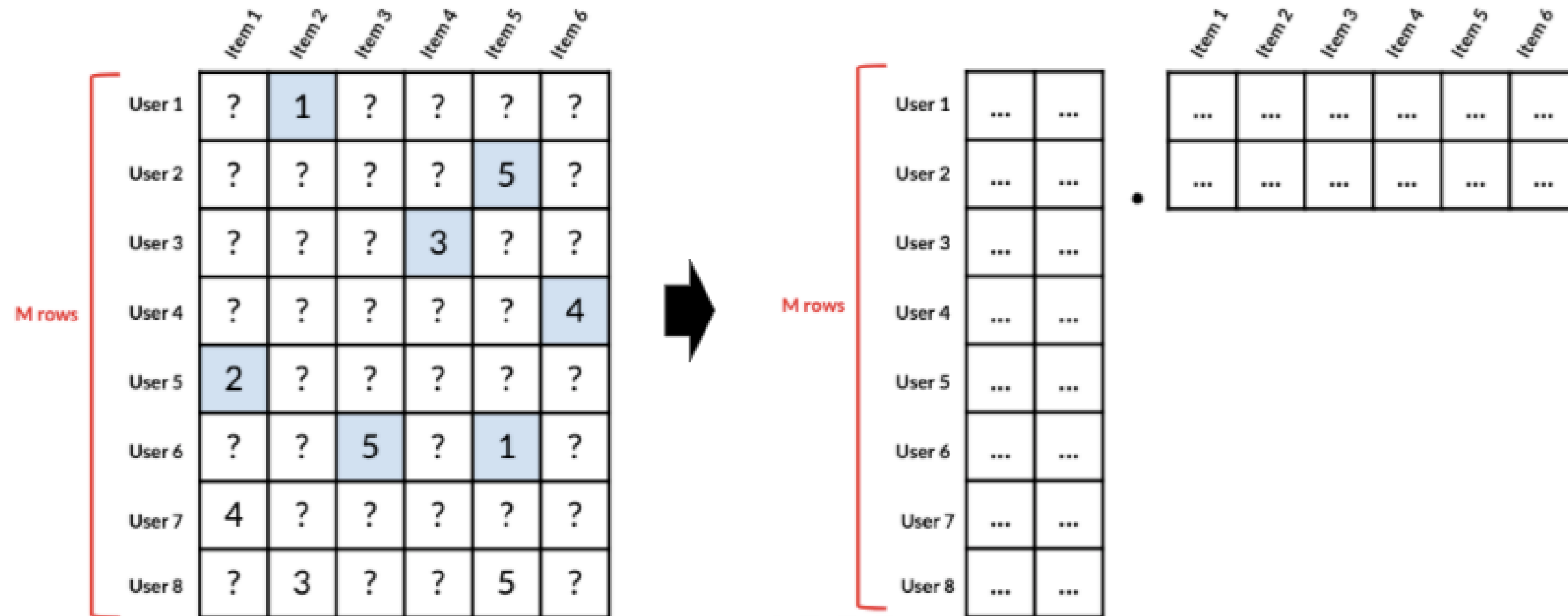
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User 2	2	2	3	2	5	3
User 3	5	5	2	3	5	2
User 4	3	5	5	2	4	4
User 5	2	1	4	4	4	2
User 6	3	4	5	4	1	2

Filled DataFrame

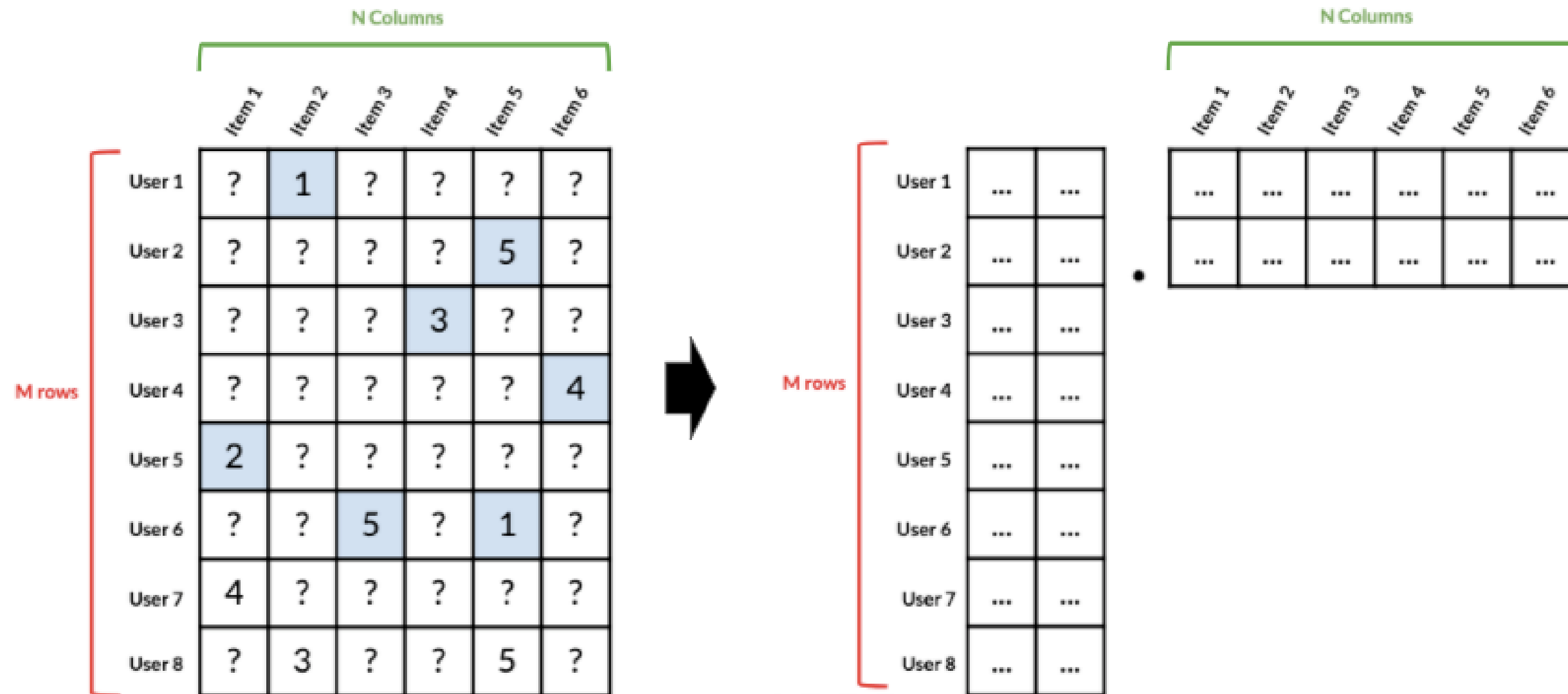
# What matrix factorization looks like



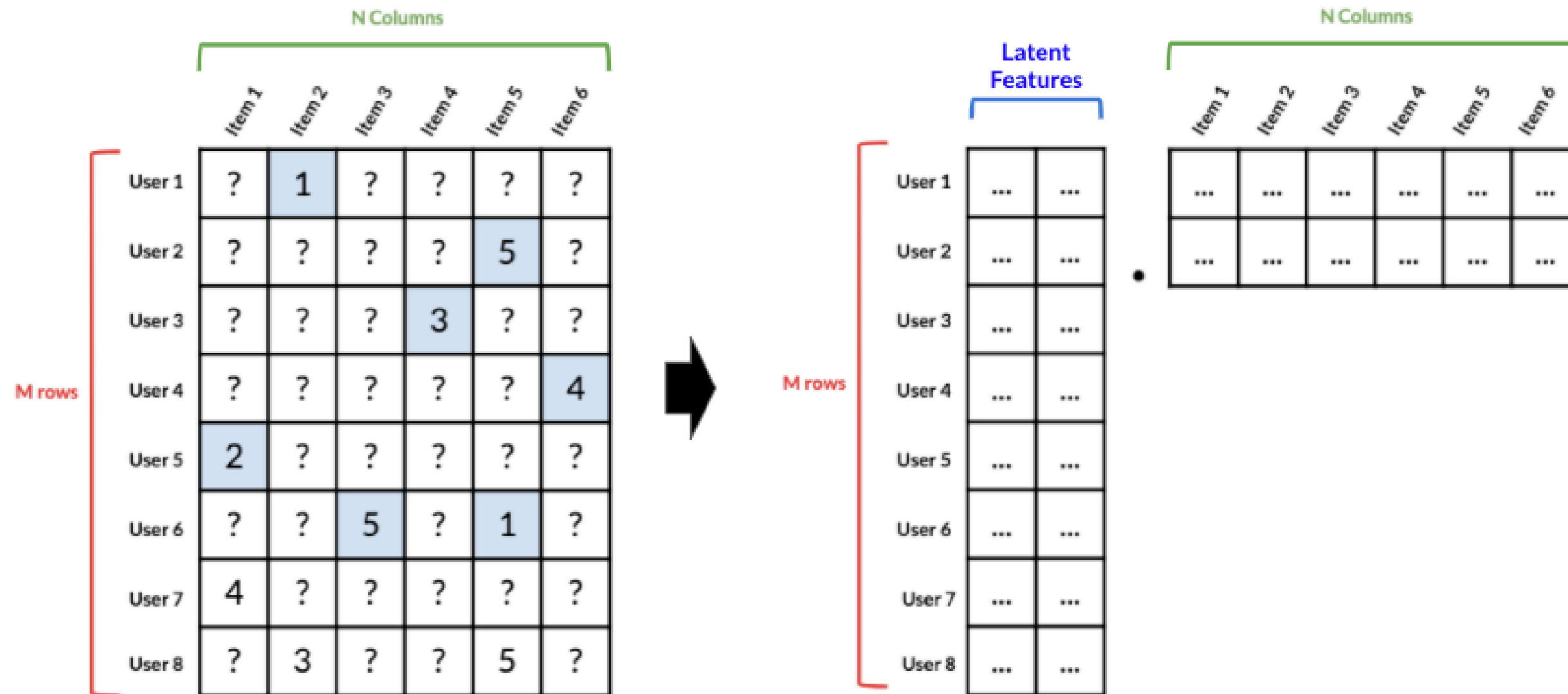
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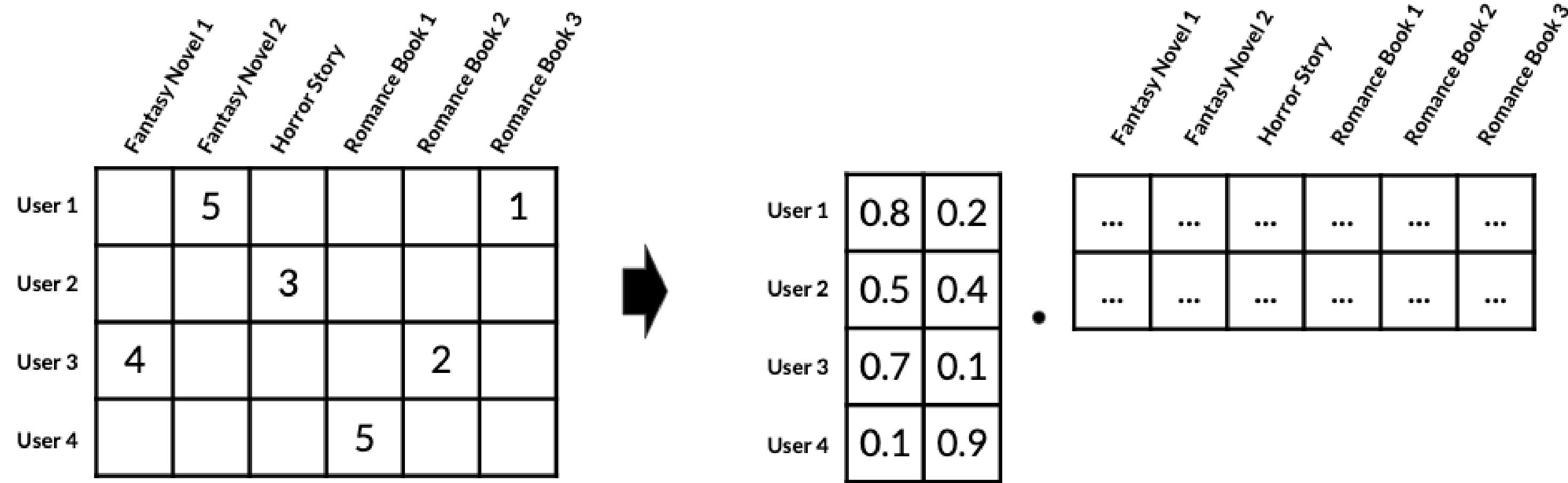
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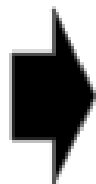


# Latent features



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	<i>Fantasy Novel 1</i>	<i>Fantasy Novel 2</i>	<i>Horror Story</i>	<i>Romance Book 1</i>	<i>Romance Book 2</i>	<i>Romance Book 3</i>
User 1		5				1
User 2			3			
User 3	4				2	
User 4				5		

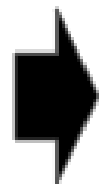


	<i>Latent Feature 1</i>		<i>Fantasy Novel 1</i>	<i>Fantasy Novel 2</i>	<i>Horror Story</i>	<i>Romance Book 1</i>	<i>Romance Book 2</i>	<i>Romance Book 3</i>
User 1	0.8	0.2	...	...	...	...	...	...
User 2	0.5	0.4	...	...	...	...	...	...
User 3	0.7	0.1	...	...	...	...	...	...
User 4	0.1	0.9	...	...	...	...	...	...



# Latent features

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



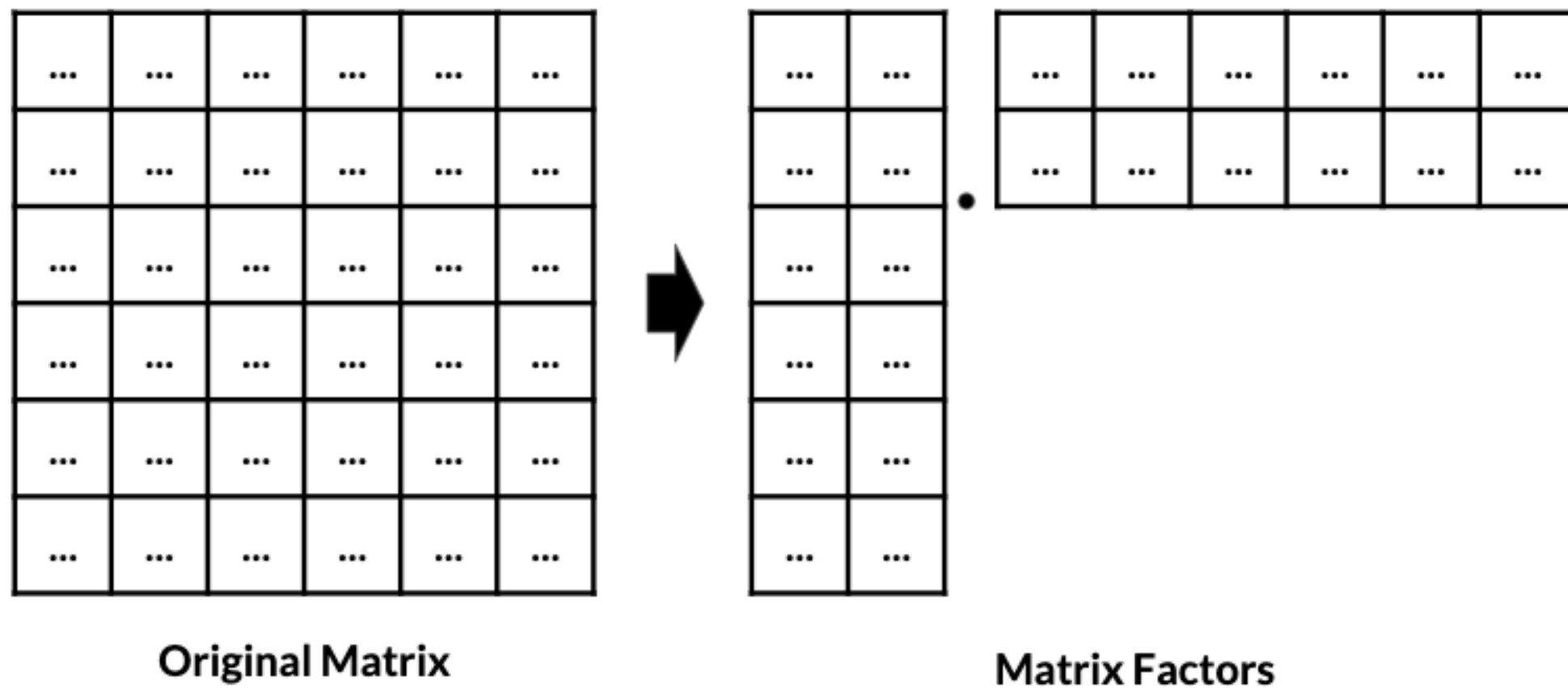
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User 1	0.8	0.2	•	...	...	...	...	...	...
User 2	0.5	0.4		...	...	...	...	...	...
User 3	0.7	0.1		...	...	...	...	...	...
User 4	0.1	0.9		...	...	...	...	...	...

# Information loss

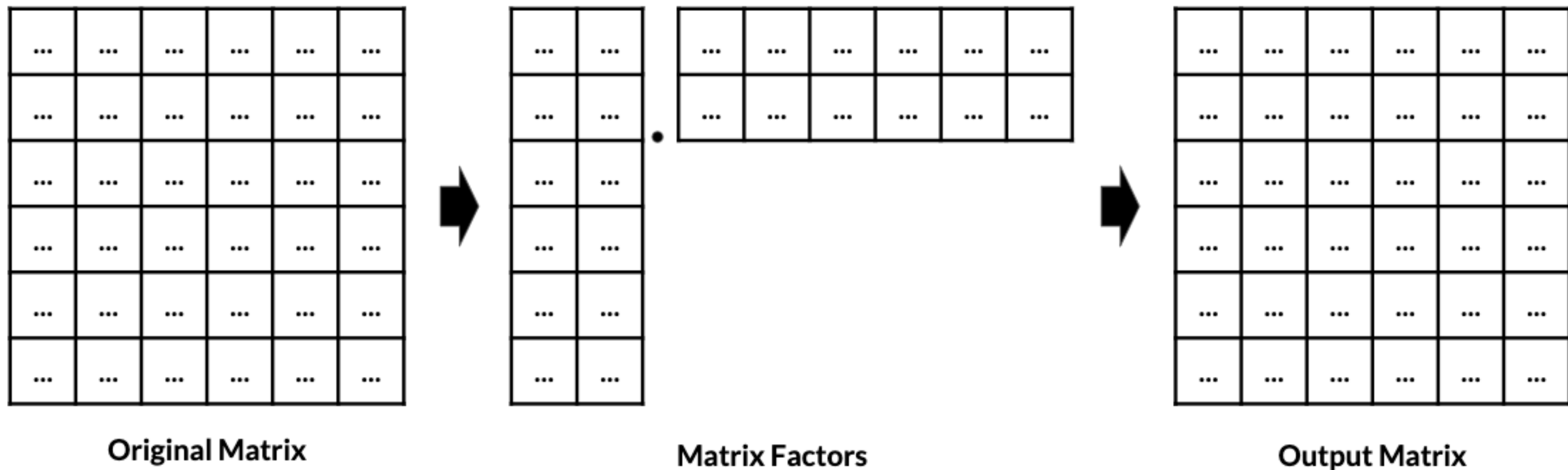
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...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...

Original Matrix

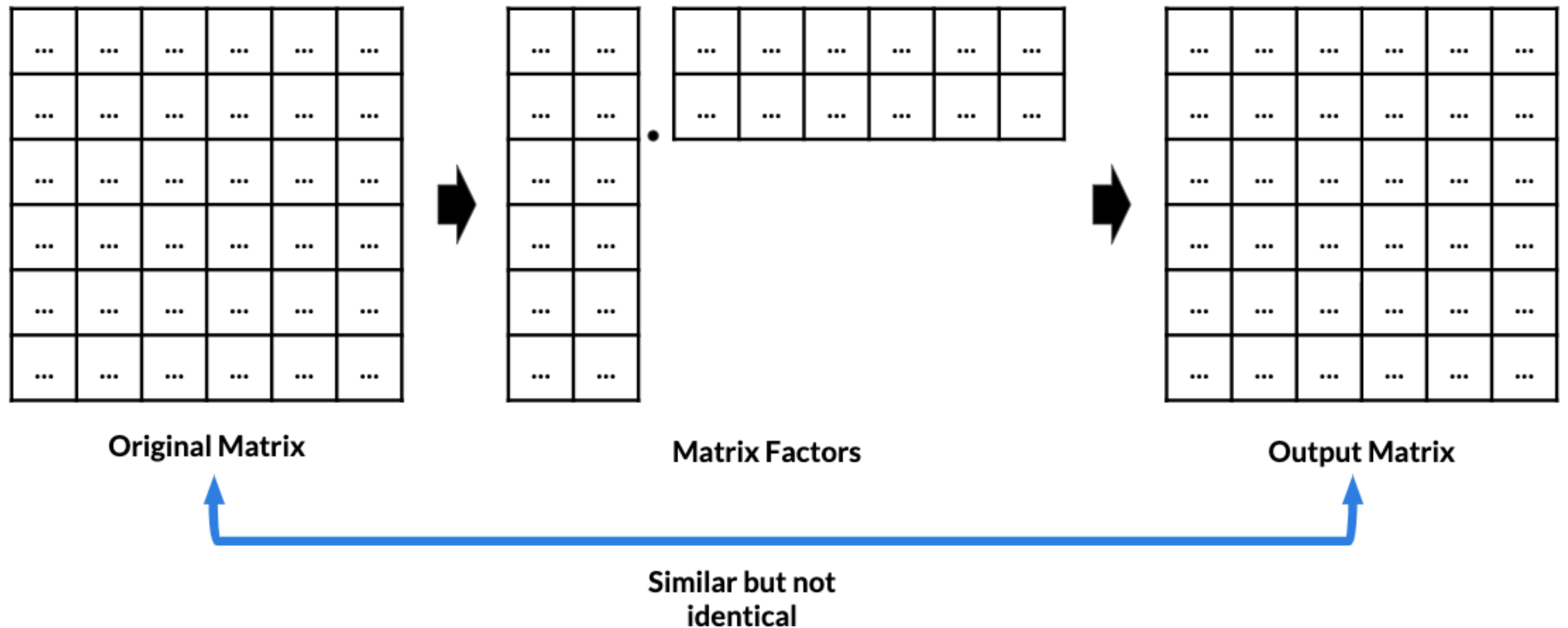
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# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

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# What SVD does

Original Data

	5	
		3
4		
		2



$U$

0.8	0.2
0.5	0.4
0.7	0.1
0.1	0.9

$\Sigma$

11	0
0	2.5

$V^t$

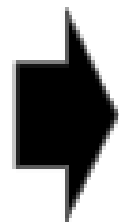
...	...	...
...	...	...



# What SVD does

Original Data

	5	
		3
4		
		2



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0.8	0.2
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$\Sigma$

11	0
0	2.5

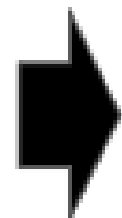
$V^t$

...	...	...
...	...	...

# What SVD does

Original Data

	5	
		3
4		
		2



$U$

0.8	0.2
0.5	0.4
0.7	0.1
0.1	0.9

$\Sigma$

11	0
0	2.5

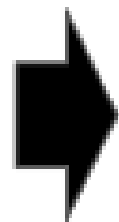
$V^t$

...	...	...
...	...	...

# What SVD does

Original Data

	5	
		3
4		
		2



$U$

0.8	0.2
0.5	0.4
0.7	0.1
0.1	0.9

$\Sigma$

11	0
0	2.5

$V^t$

...	...	...
...	...	...

# Prepping our data

```
print(book_ratings_df.shape)
```

```
(220, 500)
```

```
avg_ratings = book_ratings_df.mean(axis=1)  
print(avg_ratings)
```

```
array([[4.5 ],  
       [3.5],  
       [2.5],  
       [3.5],  
       ...  
       [2.2]])
```

# Prepping our data

```
user_ratings_pivot_centered = user_ratings_df.sub(avg_ratings, axis=0)
user_ratings_df.fillna(0, inplace=True)
print(user_ratings_df)
```

	The Great Gatsby	The Catcher in the Rye	Fifty Shades of Grey
User_233	0.0	0.0	0.0
User_651	0.0	0.5	-0.5
User_965	0.5	-0.5	0.0
...	...	...	...

# Applying SVD

```
from scipy.sparse.linalg import svds  
U, sigma, Vt = svds(user_ratings_pivot_centered)
```

```
print(U.shape)
```

```
(610, 6)
```

```
print(Vt.shape)
```

```
(6, 1000)
```

# Applying SVD

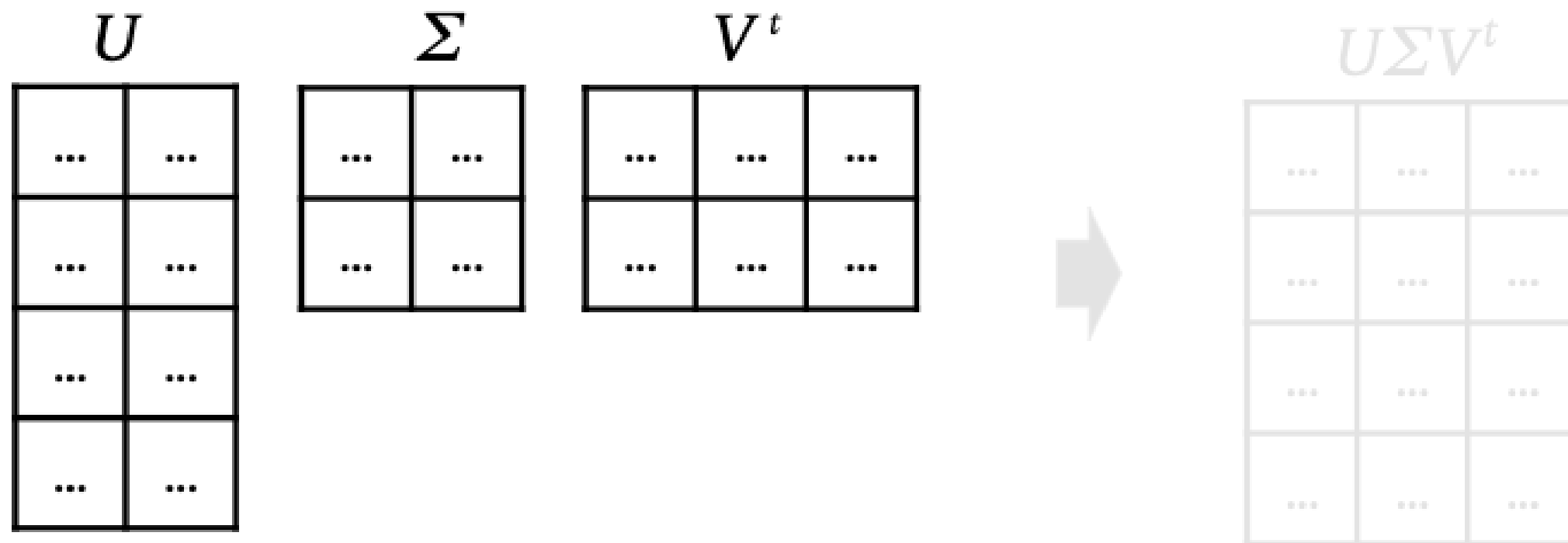
```
print(sigma)
```

```
[3.0, 4.8, -12.6, -3.8, 8.2, 7.3]
```

```
sigma = np.diag(sigma)  
print(sigma)
```

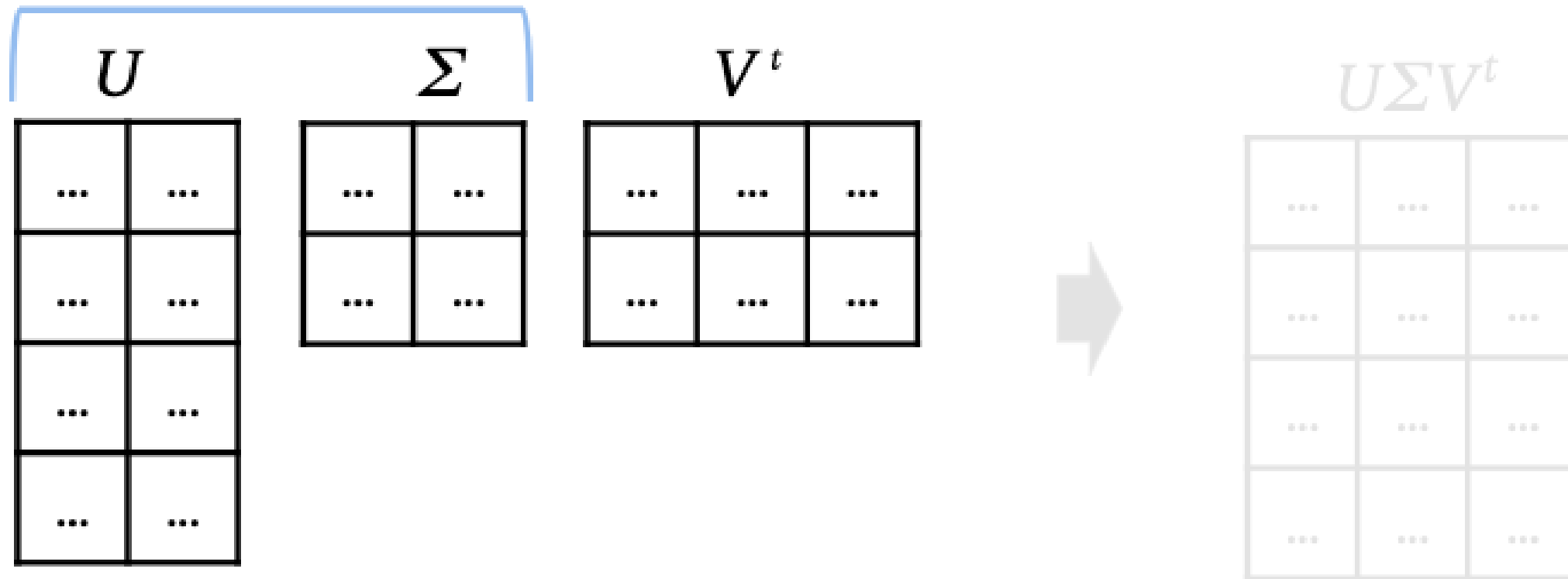
```
array([[ 3.0,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.],  
       [ 0.,  4.8,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.],  
       [ 0.,  0., -12.6,  0.,  0.,  0.],  
       [ 0.,  0.,  0., -3.8,  0.,  0.],  
       [ 0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  8.2,  0.],  
       [ 0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  7.3]])
```

# Getting the final matrix

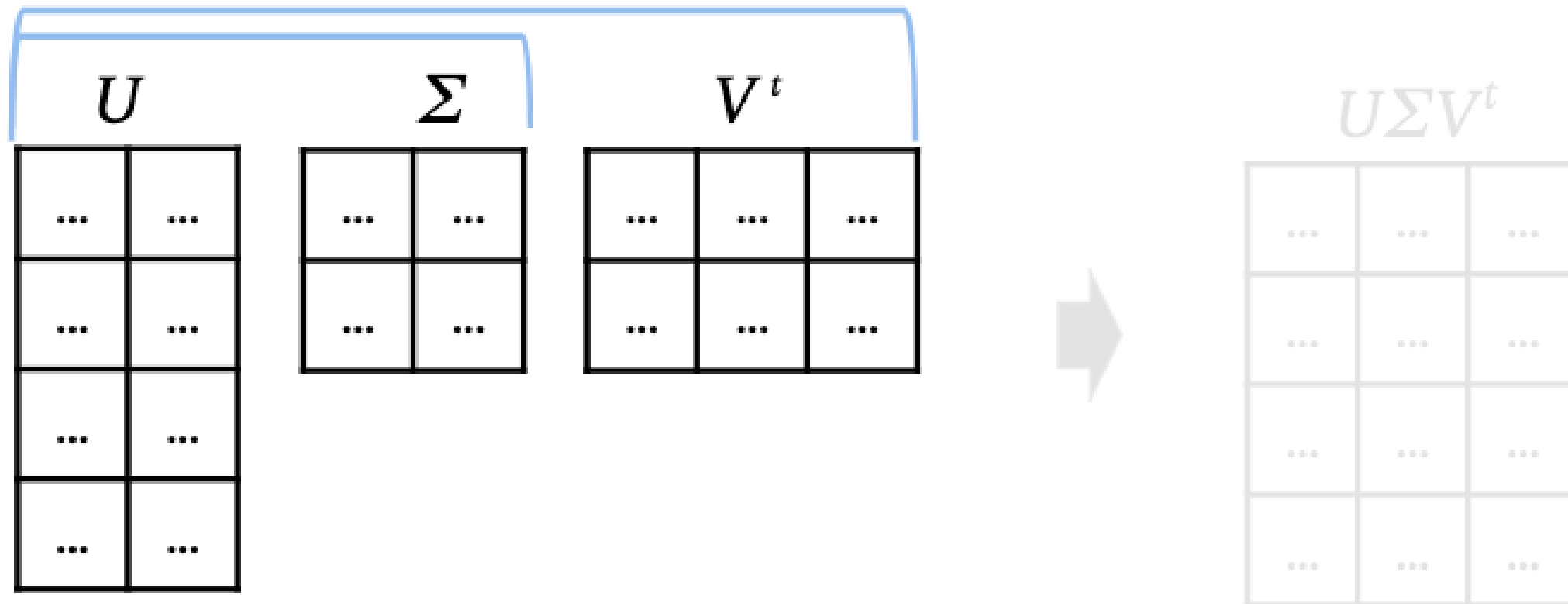




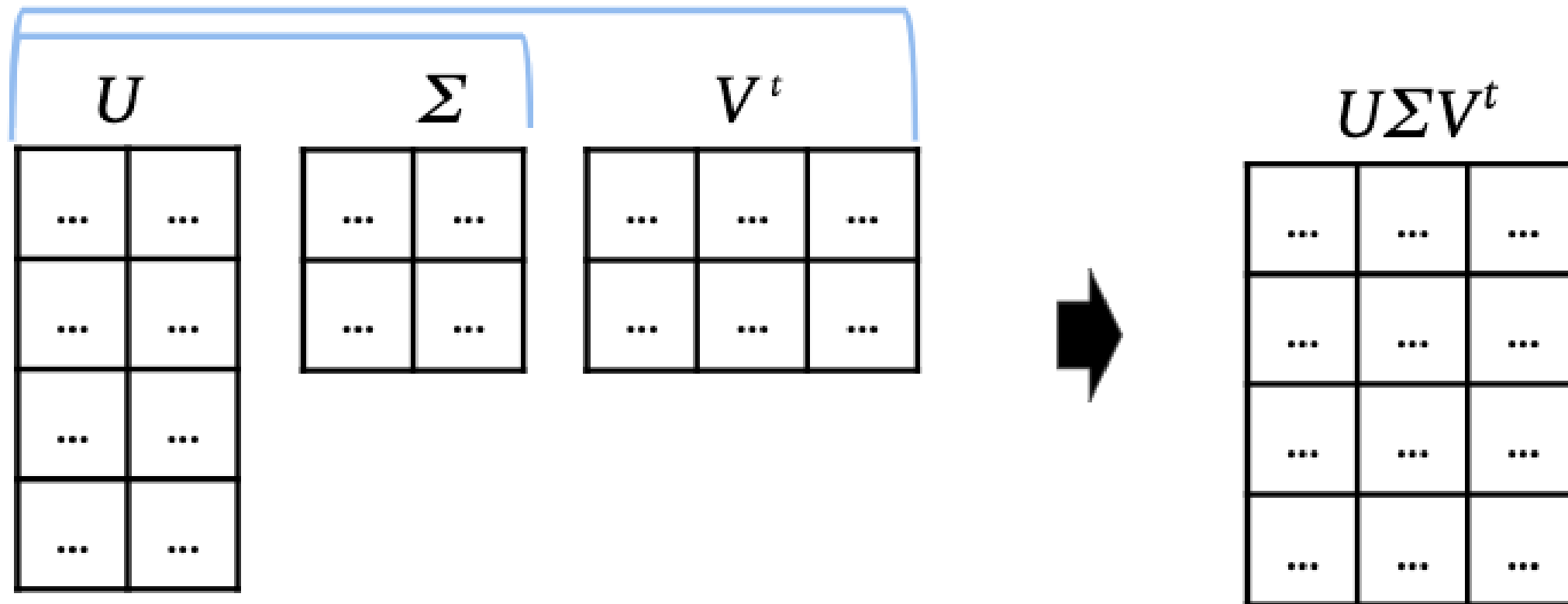
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# Getting the final matrix



# Getting the final matrix



# Calculating the product in Python

```
recalculated_ratings = np.dot(U, sigma)
```

# Calculating the product in Python

```
recalculated_ratings = np.dot(np.dot(U, sigma), Vt)
print(recalculated_ratings)
```

```
[[ 0.1 -0.9 -3.6. ... ]
 [-2.3 0.5 -0.5 ... ]
 [ 0.5 -0.5 2.0 ... ]
 [... ... ... ... ]]
```

# Add averages back

```
recalculated_ratings = recalculated_ratings + avg_ratings.values.reshape(-1, 1)
print(recalculated_ratings)
```

```
[[ 4.6      3.6      0.9      ...  ]
 [ 1.8      4.0      3.0      ...  ]
 [ 3.0      2.0      4.5      ...  ]
 [ ...      ...      ...      ...  ]]
```

```
print(book_ratings_df)
```

```
[[ 5.0      4.0      NA      ...  ]
 [  NA      4.0      3.0      ...  ]
 [ 3.0      2.0      NA      ...  ]
 [ ...      ...      ...      ...  ]]
```

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# Validating your predictions

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# Hold-out sets

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User 1						
User 2						
User 3						
User 4						
User 5						
User 6						

Most Machine Learning  
Models

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Recommendation Engines

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# Separating the hold-out set

```
actual_values = act_ratings_df.iloc[:20, :100].values  
act_ratings_df.iloc[:20, :100] = np.nan
```

Generate predictions as before.

```
predicted_values = calc_pred_ratings_df.iloc[:20, :100].values
```

# Masking the hold-out set

```
mask = ~np.isnan(actual_values)
```

```
print(actual_values[mask])
```

```
[4.  4.  5.  3.  3.  ...]
```

```
print(predicted_values[mask])
```

```
[3.76, 4.35, 4.95, 3.5869079 3.686337  ...]
```



# Introducing RMSE (root mean squared error)

Predicted	Actual
4	5
3	3
2	4

# Introducing RMSE (root mean squared error)


Predicted	Actual	Difference
4	5	1
3	3	0
2	4	2

# Introducing RMSE (root mean squared error)

Predicted	Actual	Difference	Difference <sup>2</sup>
4	5	1	1
3	3	0	0
2	4	2	4


# Introducing RMSE (root mean squared error)

Predicted	Actual	Difference	Difference <sup>2</sup>
4	5	1	1
3	3	0	0
2	4	2	4


$$\sqrt{\frac{\text{Sum of Diff}^2}{\text{Count}}}$$

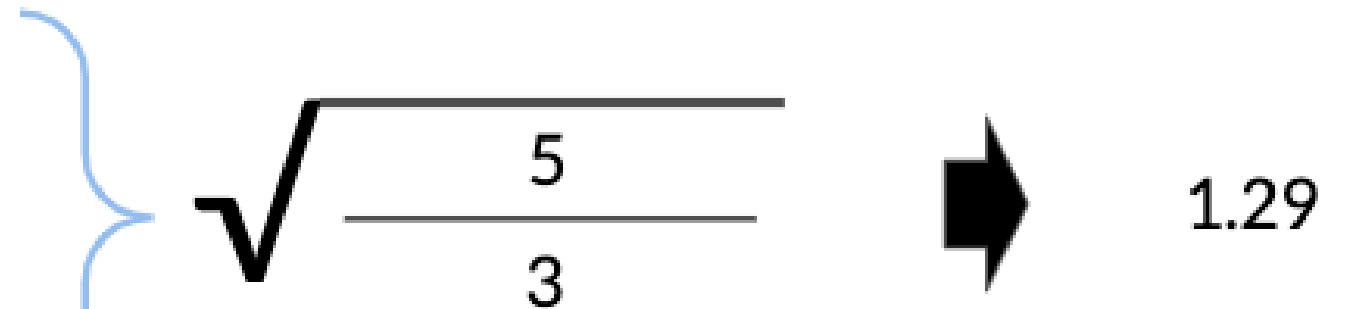
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Predicted	Actual	Difference	Difference <sup>2</sup>
4	5	1	1
3	3	0	0
2	4	2	4


$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$$

# Introducing RMSE (root mean squared error)

Predicted	Actual	Difference	Difference <sup>2</sup>
4	5	1	1
3	3	0	0
2	4	2	4


$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} \rightarrow 1.29$$

# RMSE in Python

```
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

print(mean_squared_error(actual_values[mask],
                          predicted_values[mask],
                          squared=False))
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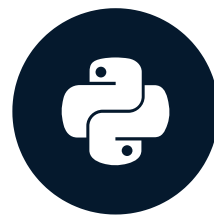
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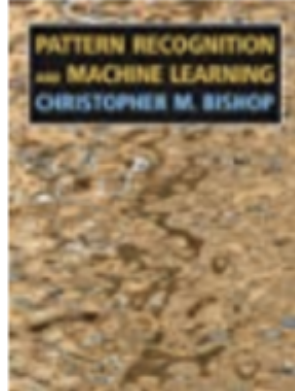

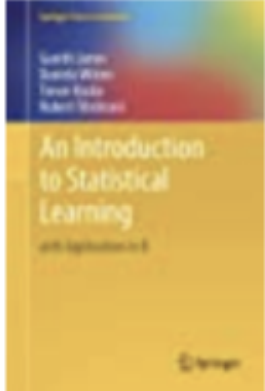

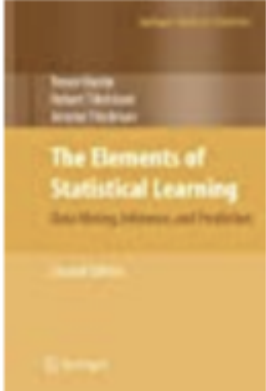
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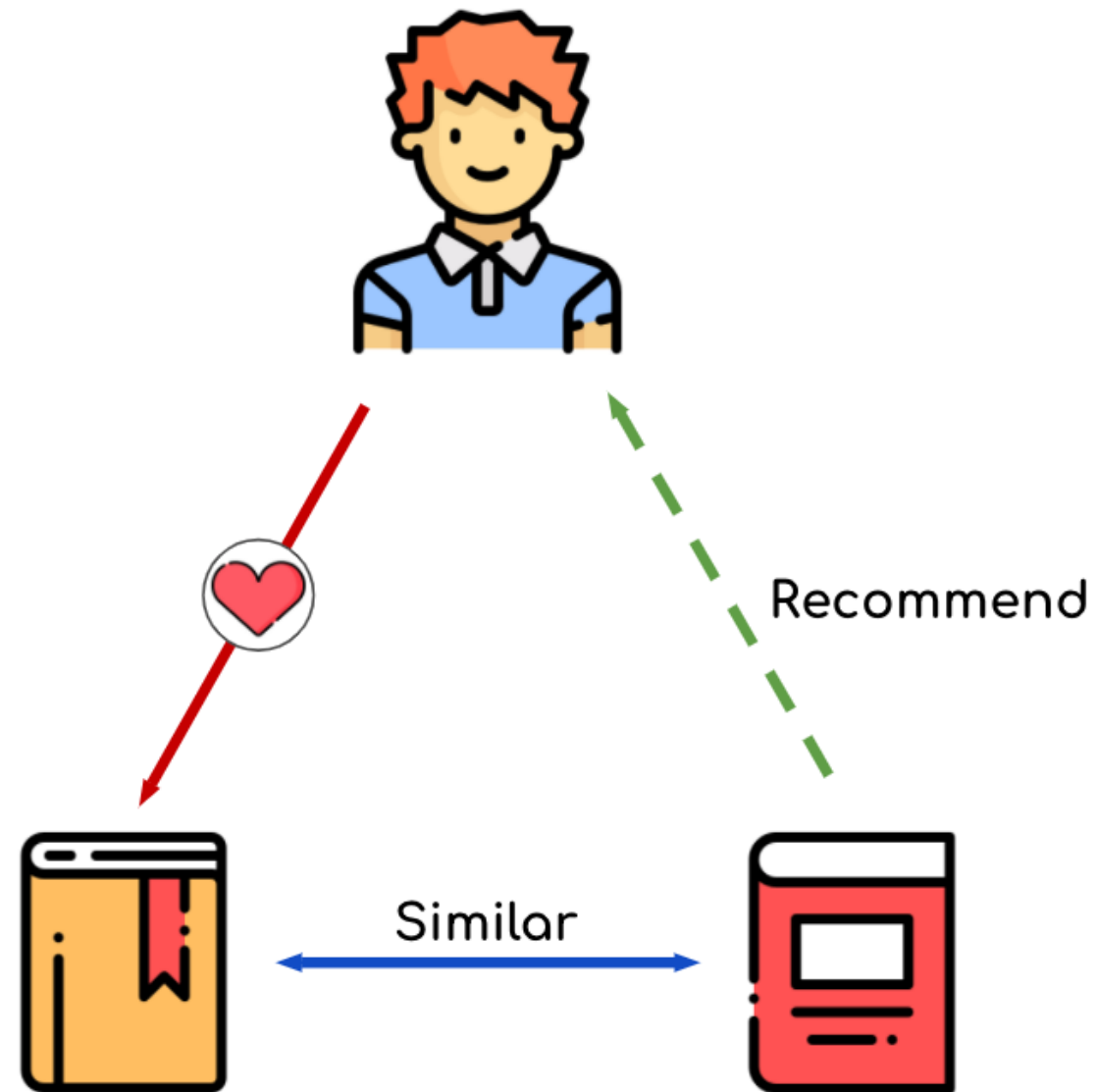
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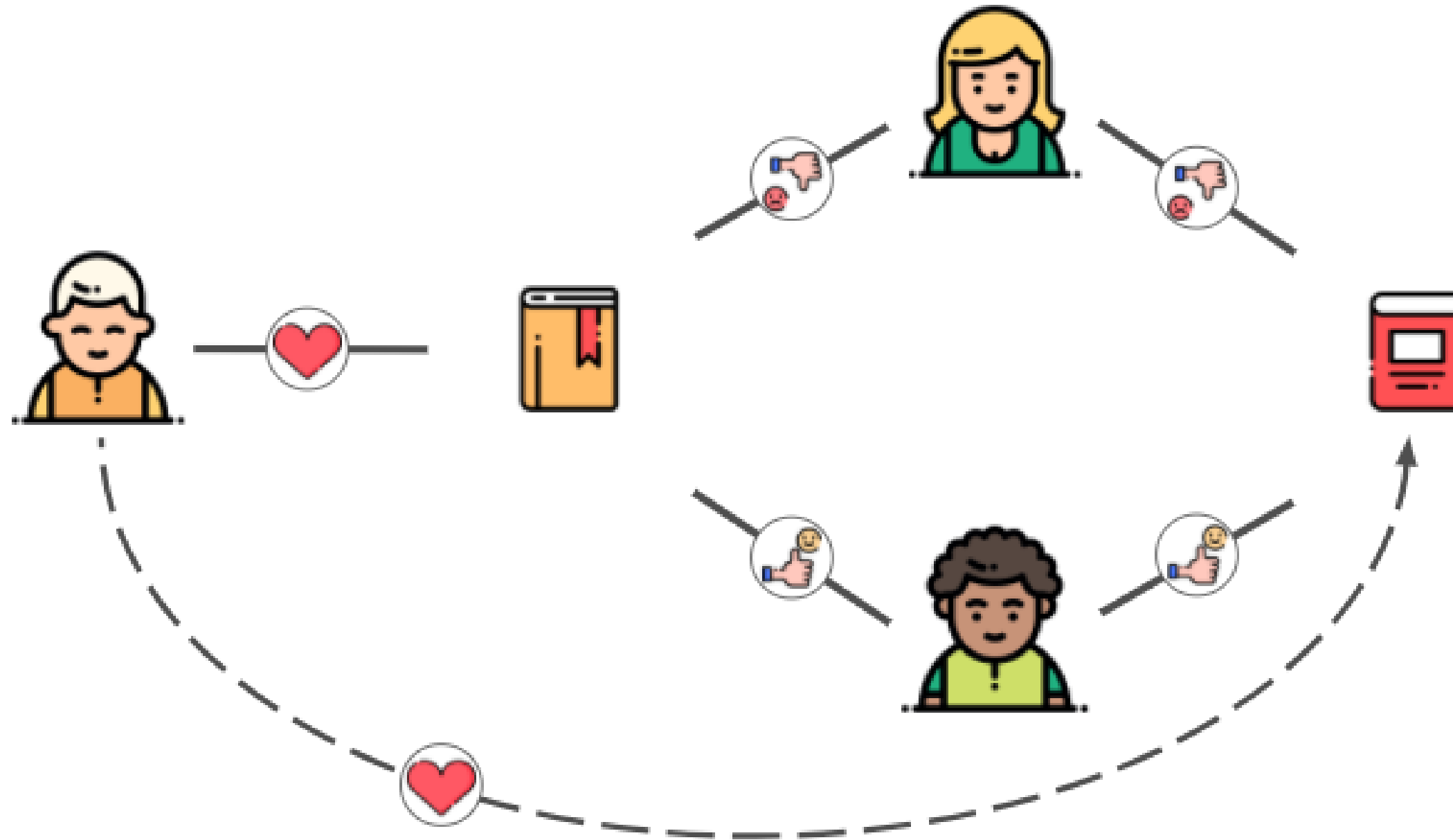
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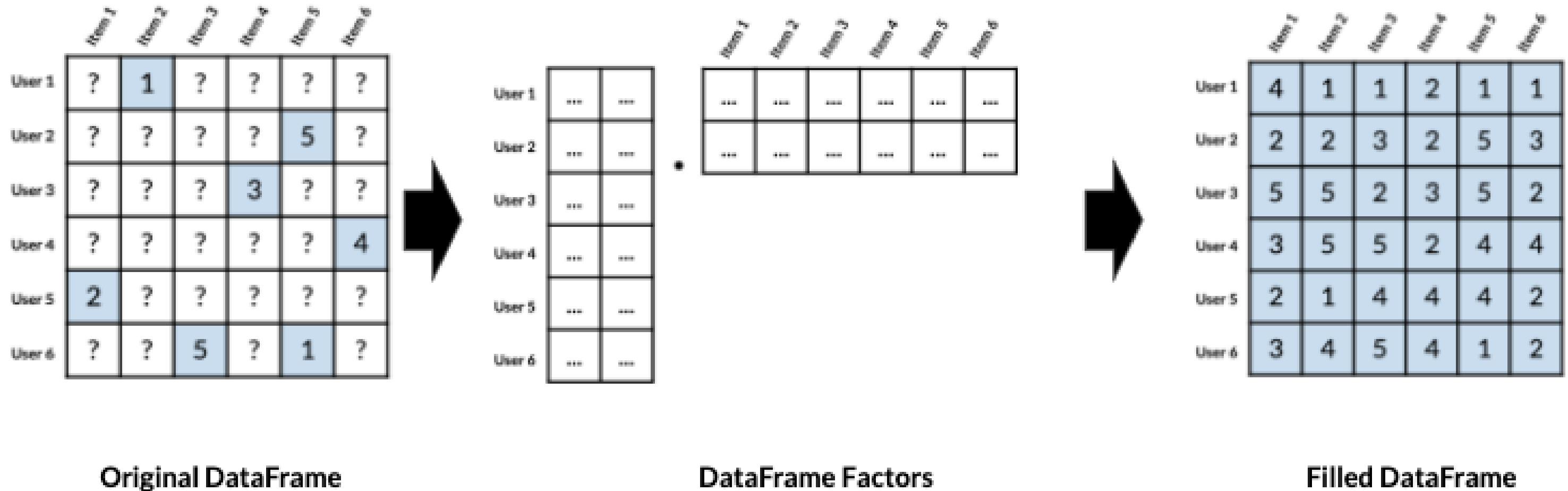
# Content-based models



# Collaborative filtering



# Matrix factorization



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