

Collaborative Filtering Assessment Solutions

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1. Which are the 2 main paradigms of Recommendation Systems?
 - a. Memory & Model
 - b. SVD & SVD++
 - c. Content-Based & Collaborative Filtering**
 - d. User-User & Item-Item
2. Which is more closely associated with traditional machine learning?
 - a. Content-Based**
 - b. Collaborative Filtering
3. What is the primary algorithm for the Memory approach?
 - a. K-means
 - b. PCA
 - c. K-nearest neighbors**
 - d. Logistic Regression
4. Which of the Memory methods is most widely used in practice?
 - a. User-User, because it is simpler.
 - b. Item-Item, because it is faster.
 - c. User-User, because it is more personalized.
 - d. Item-Item, because it is more stable.**
5. What is the cold-start problem?
 - a. The SVD method is highly sensitive to initial conditions
 - b. The fact that all collaborative filtering methods suffer when new users/new items are added as there is no data to compare with.**
 - c. The fact the K-NN algorithm runs too slowly for large amounts of data
 - d. There is no cold start problem.
6. What conditions would cause the SVD model to underfit?
 - a. Bad initial conditions to start with
 - b. Low latent dimension space (short embeddings)**
 - c. Too many parameters in the model
 - d. Learning rate is too small
7. Which of these is not a parameter in the (biased) baseline SVD algorithm?
 - a. User biases
 - b. Item biases
 - c. Item embeddings
 - d. Global average**

8. How can the SVD algorithm be sped up?
 - a. **Stochastic Gradient Descent and Batch Updates**
 - b. Approximating the update step
 - c. Random restarts
 - d. Lowering the learning rate

9. Why is the SVD algorithm called the SVD algorithm?
 - a. Those were the initials of the makers.
 - b. **The algorithm converges to SVD when all values are known.**
 - c. It calculates the SVD of the estimated matrix at every step.
 - d. Because U and T are singular vectors of the Interaction Matrix

10. Which of these are not valid similarity measures?
 - a. Cosine similarity
 - b. Euclidean distance
 - c. Correlation
 - d. **Number of entries in common**