



# SOCIAL CONTEXTUAL RECOMMENDATION

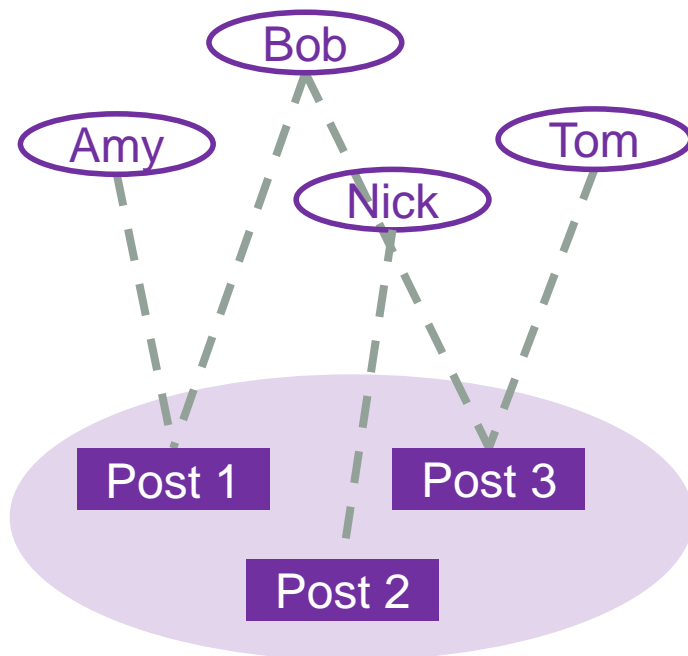
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# Recommender Systems



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Post 1	1	1	...	0
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...	...	...	...	
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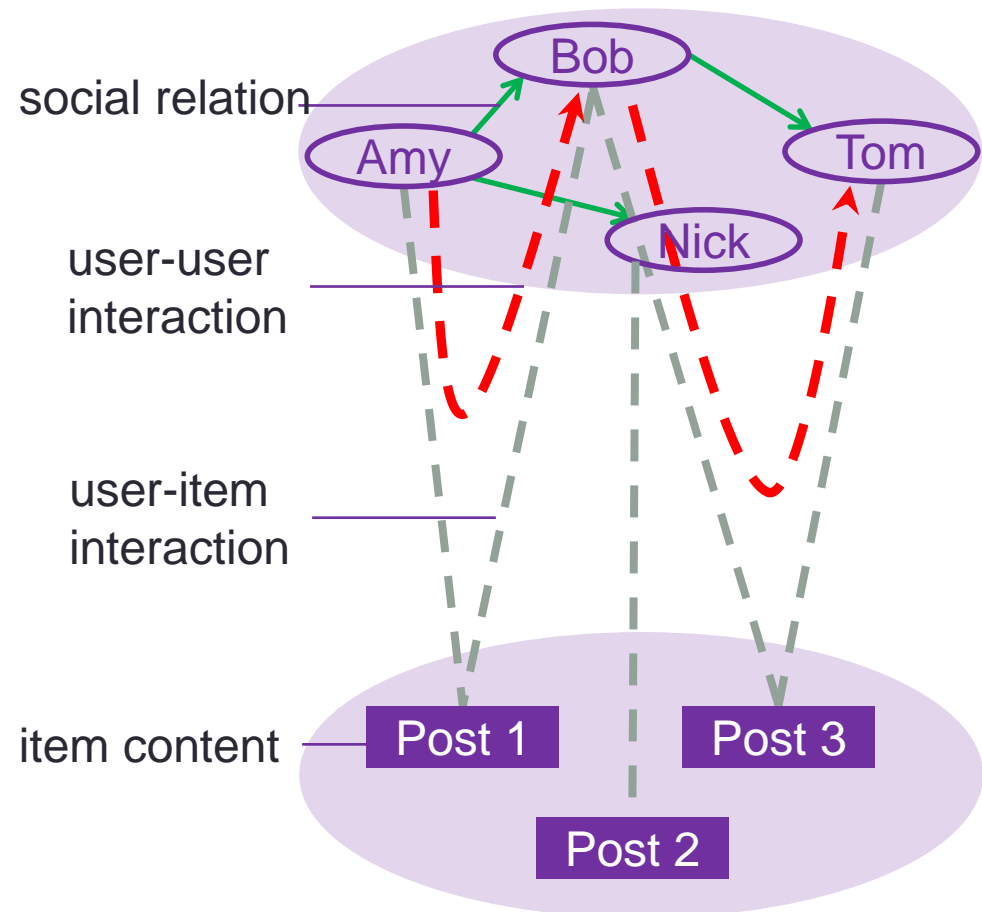
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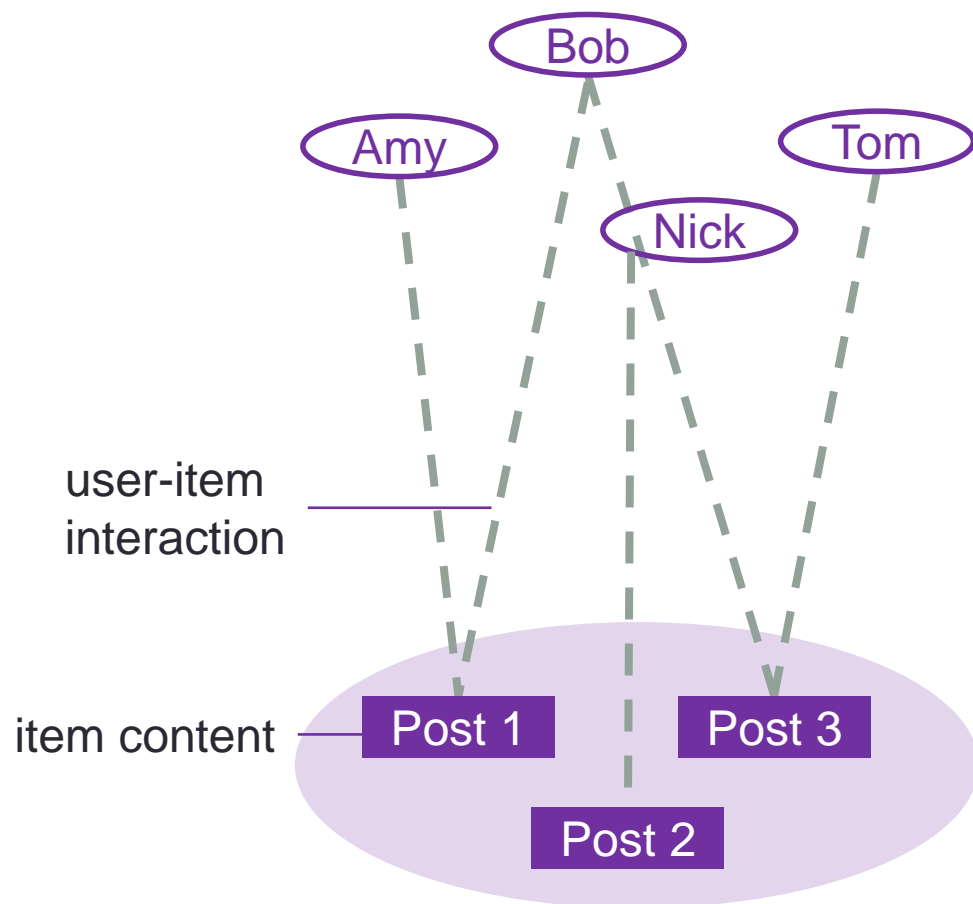
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- Nature: “user-user” links
- Can social relation help?
- How to use **social contextual information**?



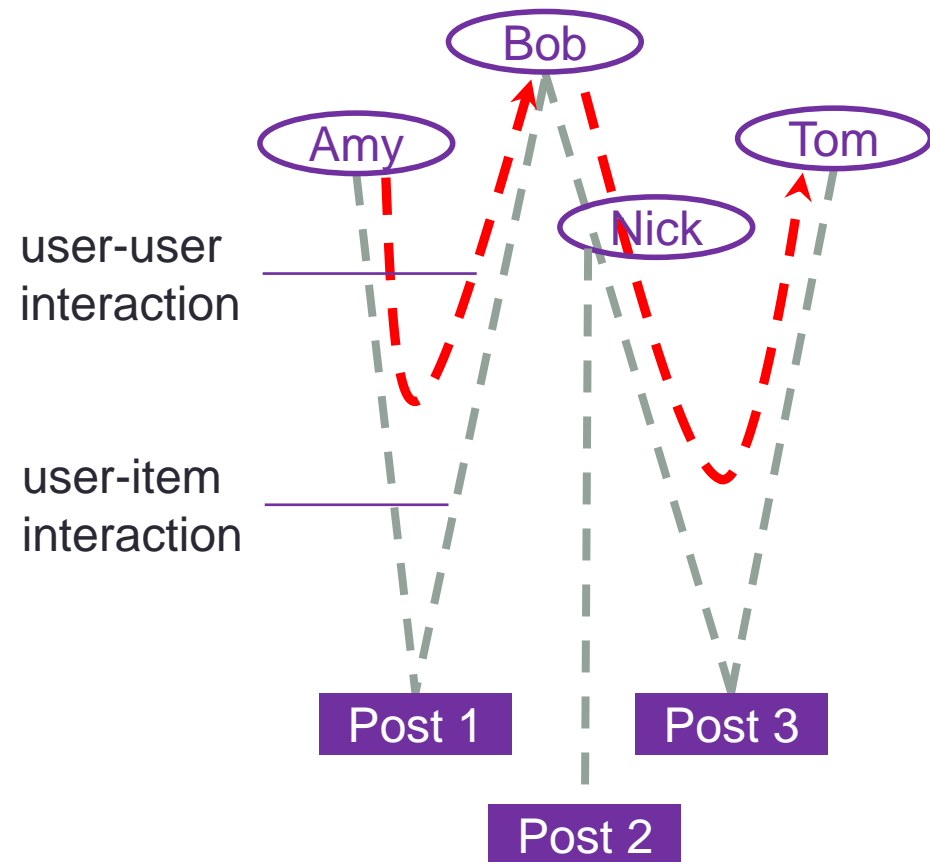
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- Collaborative filtering



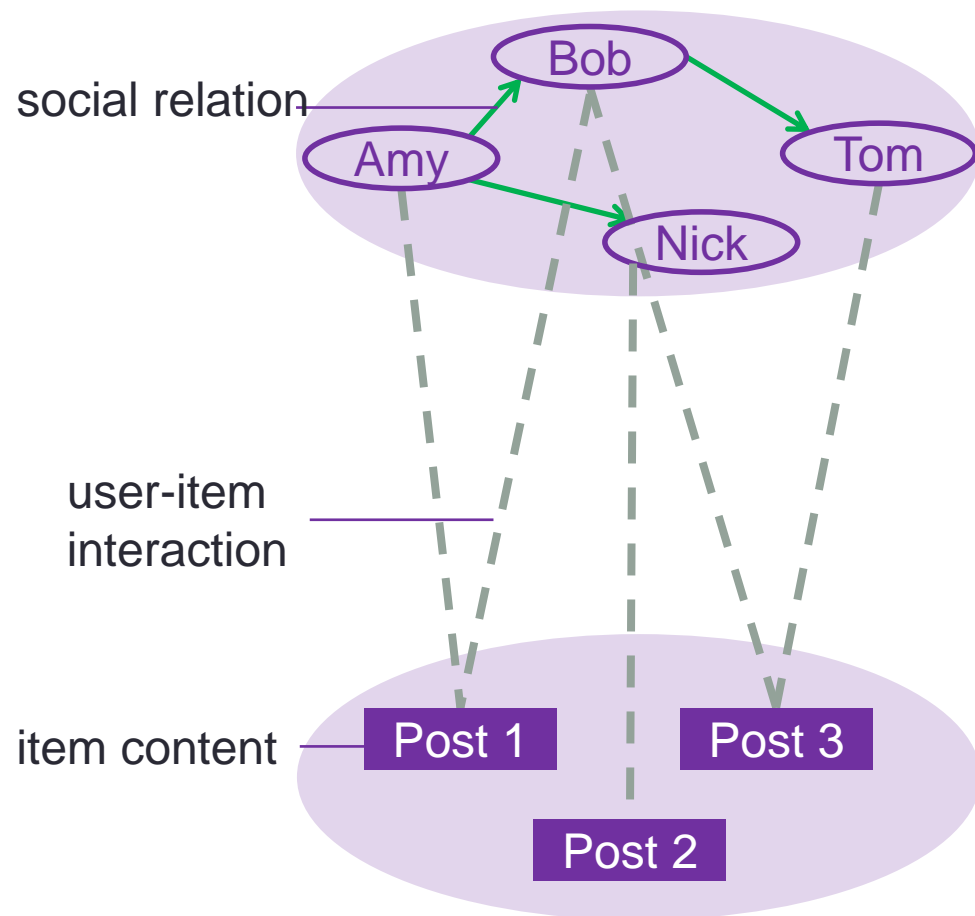
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- **Social recommendation with MF/Social Regularization**





# Related Works

	Social relation	User-user interaction	User-item interaction	Item content
Content-based & CF	×	×	√	√
Trust & Influence	×	√	√	×
SoRec & SoReg	√	×	√	√
?	√	√	√	√

- Can we fully use **social contextual information**?
- Q: “Large-scale”? A: “Relational”!
- Q: “Relational”? A: “**Intention**”!

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Hah!

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Call for paper? About social media? Wow!

**Personal Preference**

This is my best friend and co-author!

**Interpersonal influence**



**Meng Jiang** : Support! // **Peng Cui** : Is there anyone who call for paper via Renren? Hah!

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Amazing! Summer school! It is KDD!  
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**Personal Preference**

This is the Dean of my Department!

**Interpersonal influence**

His research area is Artificial Intelligence and Data Mining!



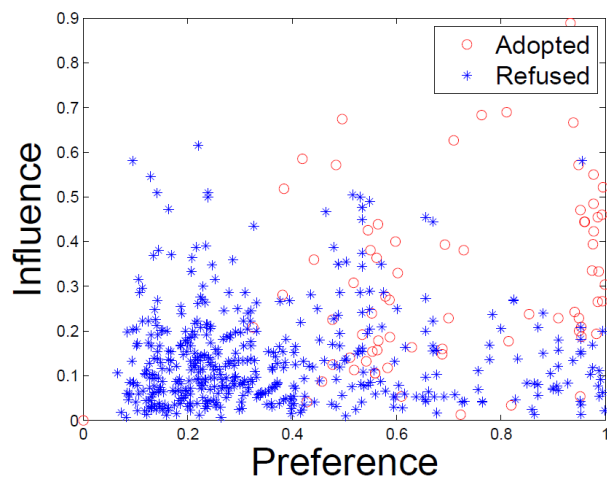
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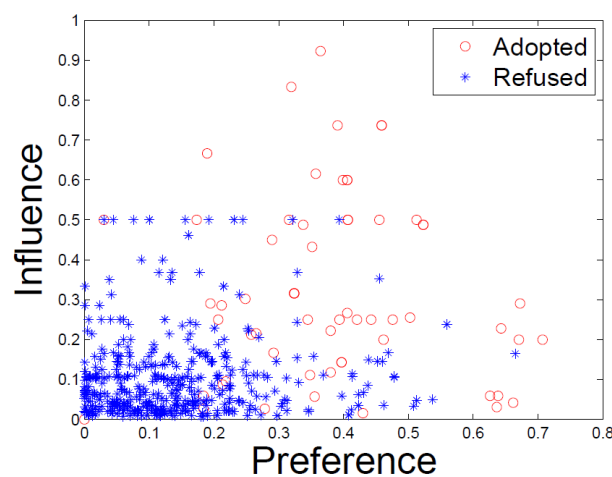
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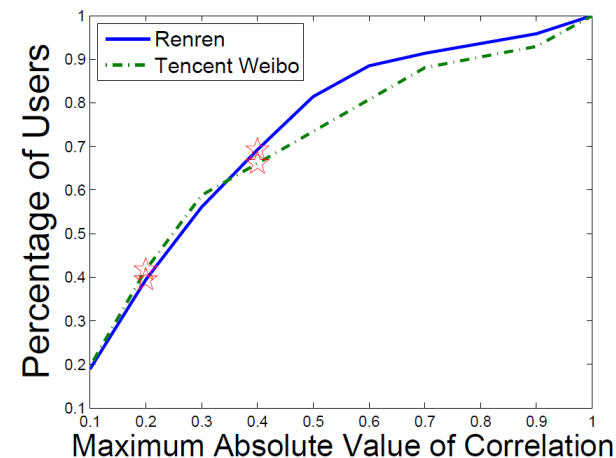
- What is the item content? Who is the sender?
- **Preference**: topic-level user-item similarity
- **Influence**: user-sender interaction frequency



Renren



Tencent Weibo



Correlation(Preference, Influence) is small.

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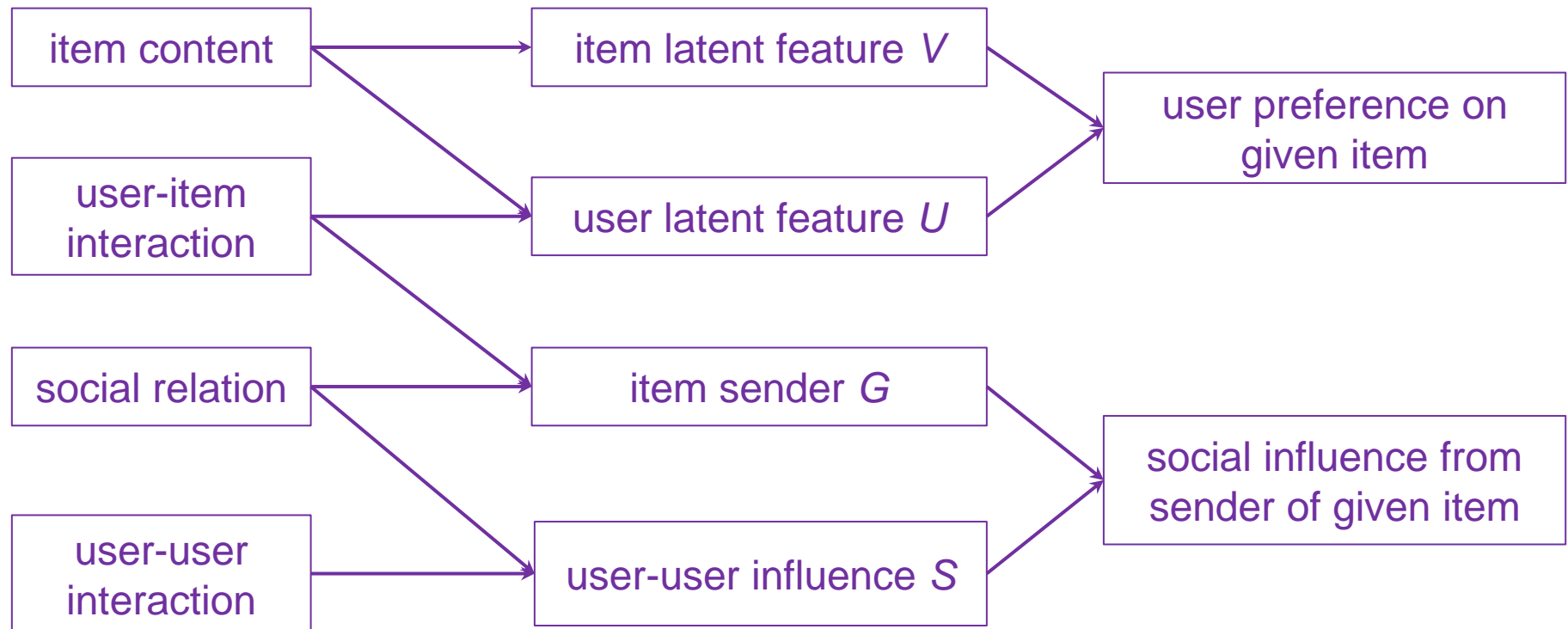
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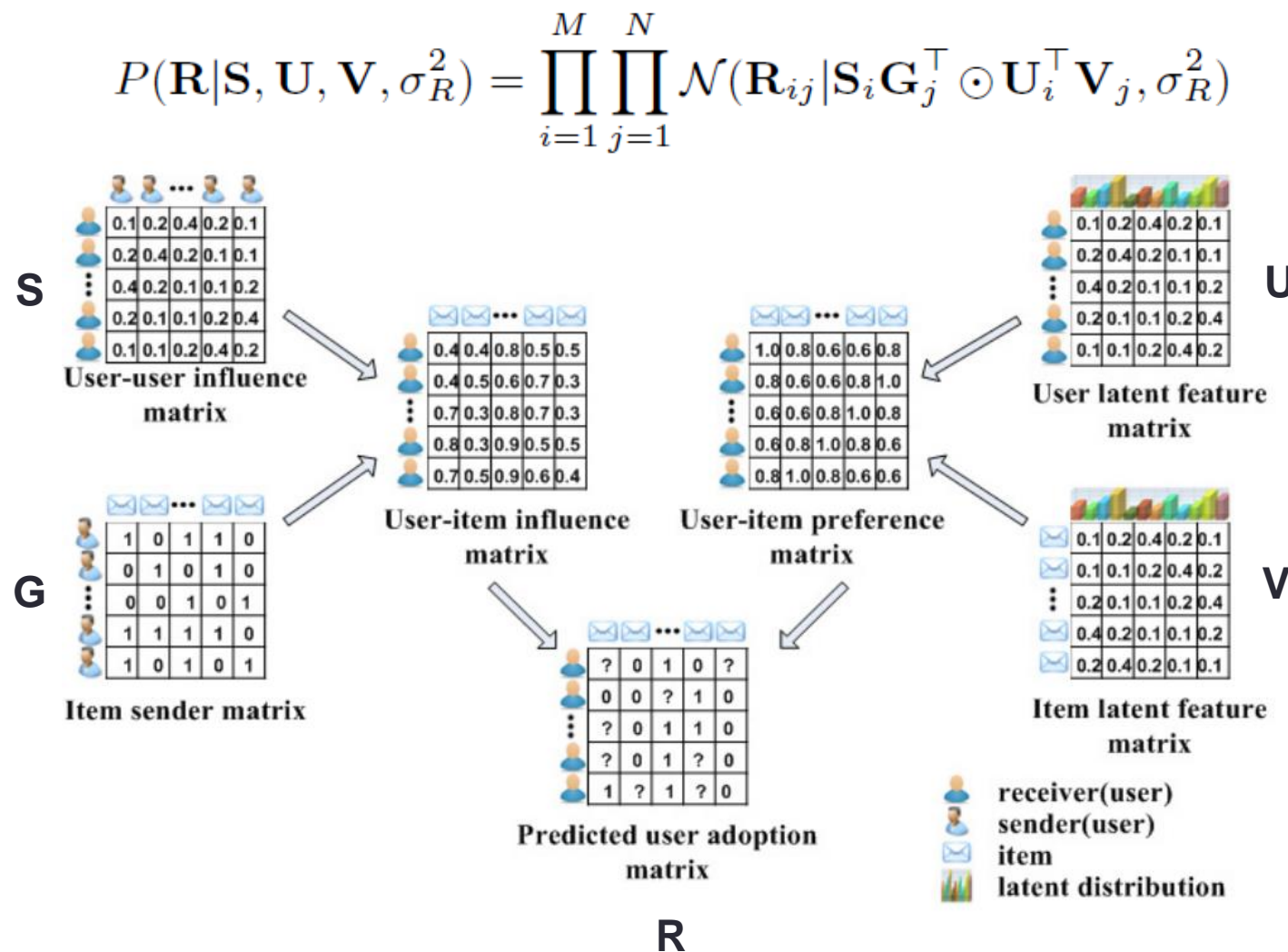
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# Social Contextual Information/Factors



# Social Contextual Recommendation





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# ContextMF Algorithm

- Minimize sum-of-squared errors function

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{J} = & ||\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{S}\mathbf{G}^\top \odot \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V}||_F + \alpha ||\mathbf{W} - \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U}||_F \\ & + \beta ||\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}||_F + \gamma ||\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{F}||_F \\ & + \delta ||\mathbf{S}||_F + \eta ||\mathbf{U}||_F + \lambda ||\mathbf{V}||_F\end{aligned}$$

- Block coordinate descent scheme with gradients.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial \mathbf{S}} = & 2 \left( -\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{G} \odot \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{U}) + (\mathbf{S}\mathbf{G}^\top \odot \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{V})\mathbf{G} \right. \\ & \left. + \gamma(\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{F}) + \delta \mathbf{S} \right)\end{aligned}$$

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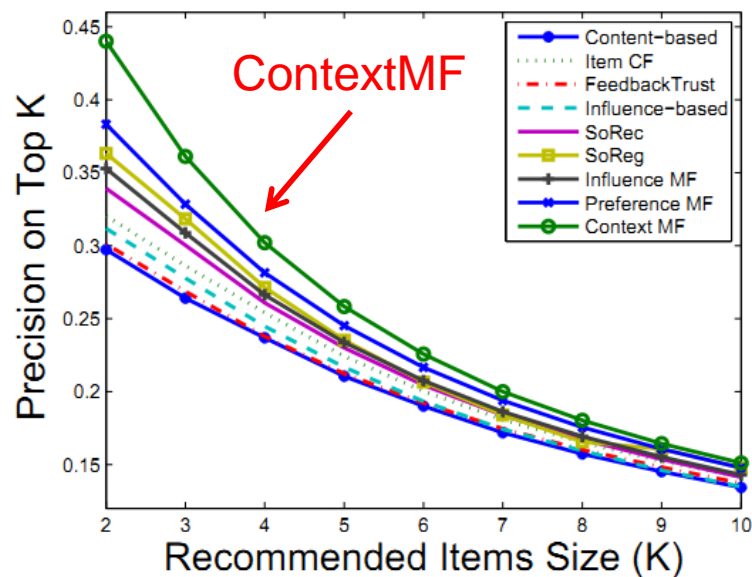
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# Effectiveness in Predicting Missing Links

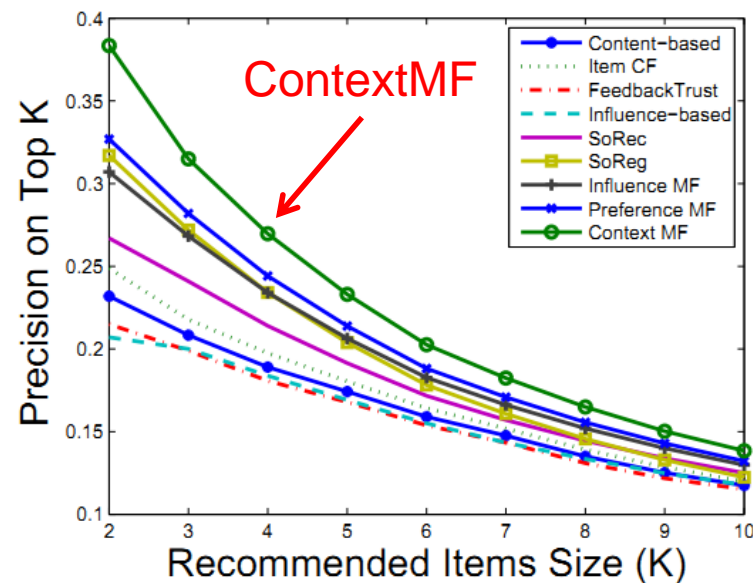
Method	MAE	RMSE	$\hat{\tau}$	$\hat{\rho}$
Renren Dataset				
Content-based [1]	0.3842	0.4769	0.5409	0.5404
Item CF [25]	0.3601	0.4513	0.5896	0.5988
FeedbackTrust [22]	0.3764	0.4684	0.5433	0.5469
Influence-based [9]	0.3859	0.4686	0.5394	0.5446
SoRec [19]	0.3276	0.4127	0.6168	0.6204
SoReg [20]	0.2985	0.3537	0.7086	0.7140
Influence MF	0.3102	0.3771	0.6861	0.7006
Preference MF	0.3032	0.3762	0.6937	0.7036
Context MF	<b>0.2416</b>	<b>0.3086</b>	<b>0.7782</b>	<b>0.7896</b>
Tencent Weibo Dataset				
Content-based [1]	0.2576	0.3643	0.7728	0.7777
Item CF [25]	0.2375	0.3372	0.7867	0.8049
FeedbackTrust [22]	0.2830	0.3887	0.7094	0.7115
Influence-based [9]	0.2651	0.3813	0.7163	0.7275
SoRec [19]	0.2256	0.3325	0.7973	0.8064
SoReg [20]	0.1997	0.2962	0.8390	0.8423
Influence MF	0.2183	0.3206	0.8179	0.8258
Preference MF	0.2111	0.3088	0.8384	0.8453
Context MF	<b>0.1514</b>	<b>0.2348</b>	<b>0.8570</b>	<b>0.8685</b>

	Renren	Tencent Weibo
MAE	-19.1%	-24.2%
RMSE	-12.8%	-20.7%
Kendall's	+9.82%	+2.1%
Spearman's	+10.6%	+3.1%

# Effectiveness in Ranking Feeds/Tweets



Renren



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Top-5 Precision	+21.7%	+12.3%
Top-10 Precision	+10.8%	+6.85%

# Questions?

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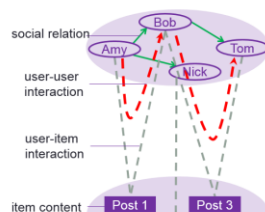
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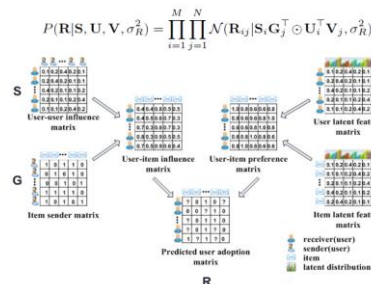


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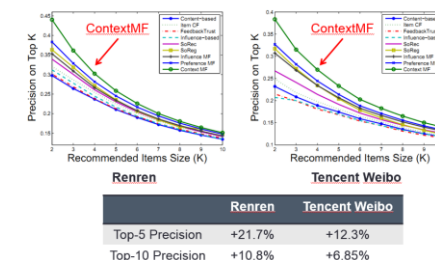
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# SCALABLE RECOMMENDATION WITH SOCIAL CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

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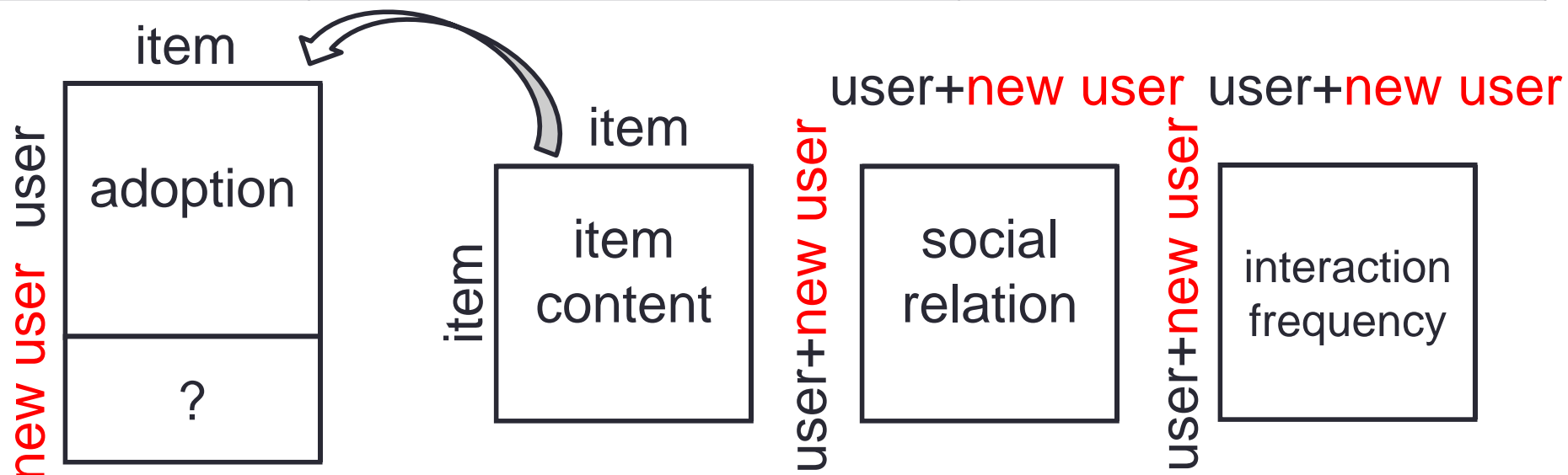
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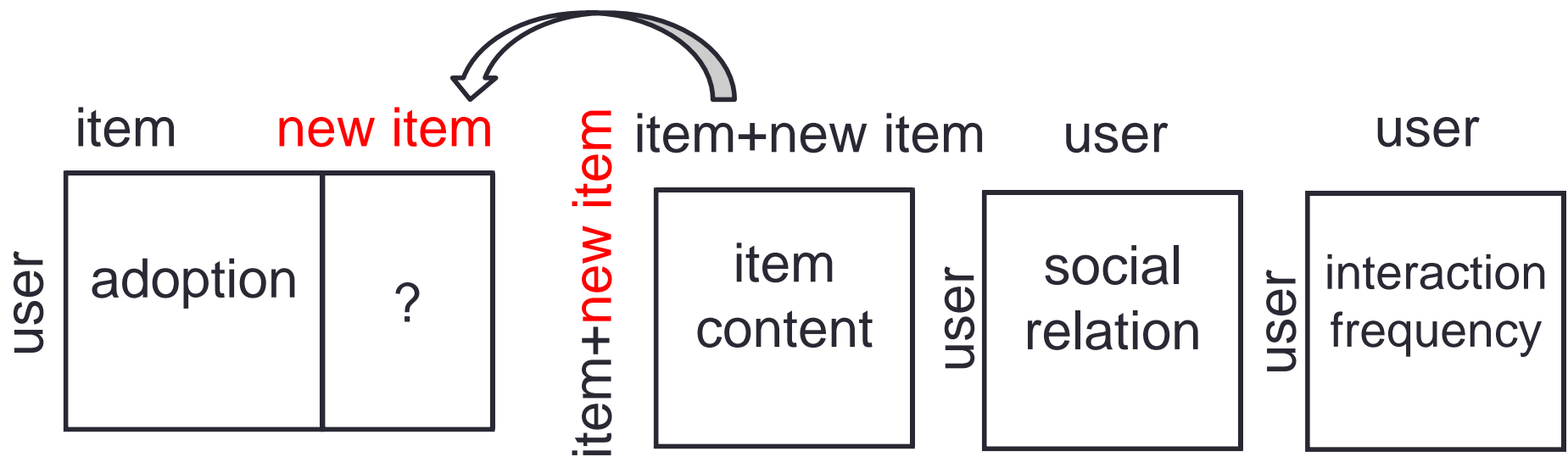
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R $\Delta$ M10000	0.502	0.464	0.444	0.481	0.542	0.559	1610s	41.7h
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R $\Delta$ N10000	0.546	0.478	0.465	0.514	0.587	0.609	941s	41.7h
T $\Delta$ N1000	0.218	0.192	0.173	0.726	0.824	0.864	17.8s	2.42h
T $\Delta$ N10000	0.427	0.376	0.355	0.658	0.720	0.751	160s	2.42h

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