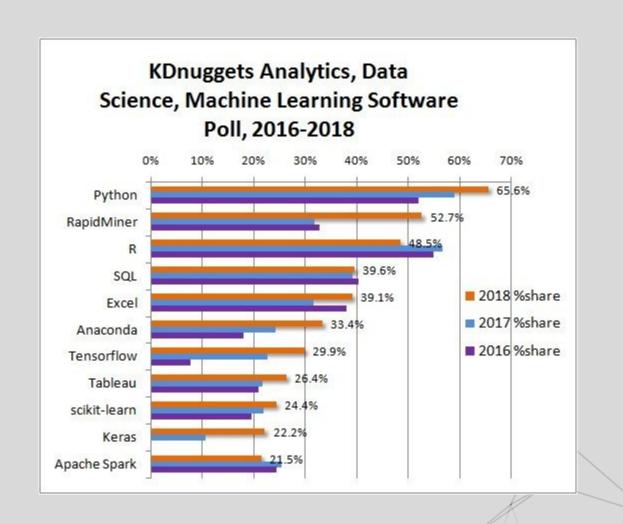
Recommender Systems

Collaborative filtering and dimensionality reduction

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Recommender systems

- Recommender systems are considered as an inevitable part of any larger system that is offering some kind of products/services to the final user
- Recommender systems are beneficial to both service providers and users
- They provide personalized experience



Industry





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Industry

- 35% of what consumers purchase on Amazon
- 75% of what they watch on Netflix
 - comes from product recommendations

Rating systems



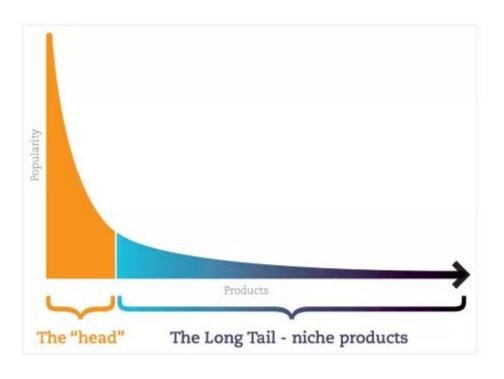
Various rating systems

- continuous and take any values on a specific interval
 (5.2 on a scale from 0 to 10)
- discrete (stars/grades system)
- ordinal (e.g. "new" Facebook like, love, sad, angry etc.)
- **binary** (like or dislike, e.g. voting news articles/comments)
- unary (eg. "old" like on Facebook)

Implicit / explicit feedback

- Explicit feedback from the users -> ratings
- Various implicit feedbacks gets collected during usage of the system (viewed items, mouse hovers etc.)

Ratings distribution



- Pareto principle
- 80% of the ratings come
 from 20% of the items

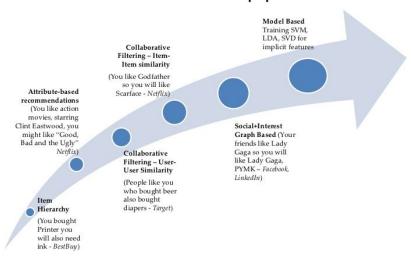
Types of recommender systems



Types of recommender systems

- Content-based
- Collaborative
 - User/Item
 - Neighbourhood/Latent vector
- Hybrid models

Recommender Approaches



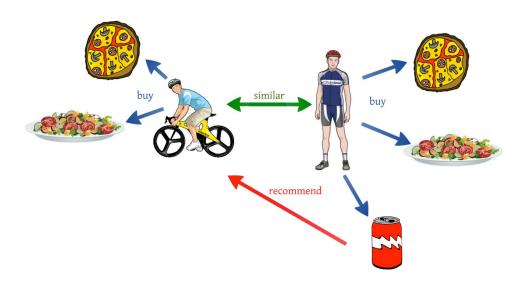
Content-based recommenders

- dependent on properties of an item (categorization, description etc.)
- independent of other users' behavior
- no cold-start problem
- cannot recommend
 anything genuinely "new"

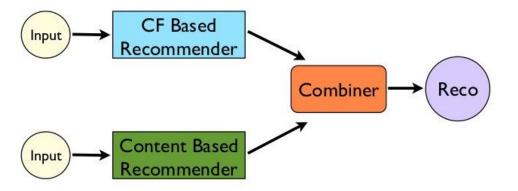


Collaborative recommenders

- better results than content-based
- domain free
- suffer fromcold-start problem
- sparsity of information



Hybrid recommenders



Few words about tools/libraries



SciPy stack

 NumPy // Provides an abundance of useful features for operations on N-dimensional arrays in Python. The library provides vectorization of mathematical operations on the NumPy array type, which boosts performance and speeds up the execution



 Pandas // Pandas is a Python package for data wrangling. It designed for quick and easy data manipulation, aggregation and visualization



Machine learning

Scikit-learn

Scikits are additional packages of SciPy Stack designed for specific functionalities like image processing and **machine learning** facilitation.

The library combines quality code and good documentation, ease of use and high performance and is de-facto industry standard for machine learning with Python.



Jupyter notebooks

- The Jupyter Notebook is an open-source web application that allows you to create and share documents that contain live code, equations, visualizations and narrative text
- Indispensable tool for exploratory data analysis in python



Dataset



Dataset

Movielens https://grouplens.org/datasets/movielens/

This dataset describes 5-star rating and free-text tagging activity from MovieLens, a movie recommender service.





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Dataset // movies table

	movield	title	genres
0	1	Toy Story (1995)	AdventurelAnimationlChildrenlComedylFantasy
1	2	Jumanji (1995)	AdventurelChildrenlFantasy
2	3	Grumpier Old Men (1995)	ComedylRomance
3	4	Waiting to Exhale (1995)	ComedylDramalRomance
4	5	Father of the Bride Part II (1995)	Comedy
5	6	Heat (1995)	ActionlCrimelThriller
6	7	Sabrina (1995)	ComedylRomance
7	8	Tom and Huck (1995)	AdventurelChildren
8	9	Sudden Death (1995)	Action
9	10	GoldenEye (1995)	ActionIAdventurelThriller

Dataset // ratings table

- Another representation of the following table can be in a form of a sparse matrix
- Sparse matrix -> most elements are zero
- Movie recommendations ->
 ~99% missing entries

	userld	movield	rating	timestamp
17208	111	3608	3.5	1098374299
15886	102	3061	4.0	957980939
6527	36	32	5.0	847056901
15282	100	88	2.0	854194208
542	7	780	3.0	851866703
85159	572	52722	3.5	1436779789
11100	73	6953	3.5	1255588164
3241	19	441	3.0	855192455
23348	165	1923	3.5	1111482007
81851	558	4024	4.0	992788160

Dataset // ratings table

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4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7	3.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Simplified dataset

- rows -> users
- columns -> movies
- matrix R is sparse
 (~99% missing entries)

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Content-based



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Content-based

- New user is registered into the system
- The user makes a selection of categories of interest

[Action, Comedy, Crime, Documentary, Drama, Romance, Thriller]

- Filter movies from the desired categories
- Calculate weighted ratings and vote counts
- Offer best rated items from the chosen categories

Weighted rating

An item with rating 8 with 2 votes cannot be considered better than an item with rating 7.9 but with 200 votes

$$WR = (v/(v+m)) * R + (m/(v+m)) * C$$

- v number of votes for the item
- m minimum votes required to be listed
- R average rating of an item
- C mean vote across the whole report

python code

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In [56]: # choose only movies that are in at least one of the categories (but it can be in all)
         dmr = dmr[dmr[user cats].sum(axis=1) == len(user cats)]
         dmr = dmr[['movieId','title'] + user cats]
In [57]: # calculate average rating and number of ratings for each of the movies
         dmr['rating'] = dmr['movieId'].apply(lambda x: weighted rating(x))
         dmr['count'] = dmr['movieId'].apply(lambda x: dr[dr['movieId'] == x]['rating'].count())
In [60]: # filter and sort movie list
         dmr[dmr['count'] > MIN REVIEW].sort values('rating', ascending=False).head(5)
Out[60]:
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	movield	title	Action	Drama	Thriller	rating	count
4432	6016	City of God (Cidade de Deus) (2002)	1	1	1	4.246190	69
2374	2959	Fight Club (1999)	1	1	1	4.162889	202
1018	1264	Diva (1981)	1	1	1	4.090423	14
263	293	Léon: The Professional (a.k.a. The Professiona	1	1	1	4.052686	132
7253	69481	Hurt Locker, The (2008)	1	1	1	4.039292	26

Content-based

- Later, categories can be derived from the user behavior
- We can use all sorts of item's additional metadata to make the recommendation list (e.g actors, directors)
- Using NLP (natural language processing) on the movie synopsis
- Using timestamp of the ratings, following monthly/yearly trends etc.

Collaborative filtering Neighbourhood methods (user/item similarity)

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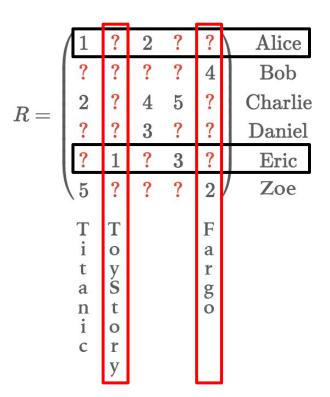
Neighbourhood methods

user similarity

items that are recommended to a user are based on an evaluation of items by users of the same neighborhood

item similarity

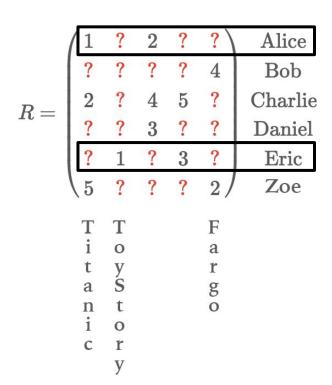
similar items build neighborhoods based on appreciations of users



Similarity measures

Plainly speaking, we're talking about similarity between two vectors

- Number of common rated items
- Manhattan distance
- Pearson correlation coefficient
- Cosine angle between vectors
- Adjusted cosine



Neighbourhood methods

- len(users) >> len(items)
- Amazon // users: ~310 MM, items: 12 MM

Users will have very few mutually rated items, while items will have a larger number of users who have co-rated them

user-based similarity

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             rating matrix = pd.read csv('cf matrix.csv',index col=0)
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            rating matrix.head(10)
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In [44]: # calculate similarities between all users and selected user
         # here we've used cosine similarity, but that's open for debate of the particular problem
         sim = []
         for i in range(len(rating matrix)):
             sim.append(1 - spatial.distance.cosine(rating matrix.iloc[USER ID-1,:], rating matrix.iloc[i,:]))
In [45]: # put similarities into a dataframe for easier manipulation later on
         df sim = pd.Series(sim,index=rating matrix.index)
         df sim.sort values(ascending=False, inplace=True)
         df sim.head()
Out[45]: 19
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         dtype: float64
In [46]: # top rated user by defined similarity
         top sim user = df sim.index[1]
         top sim user
Out[46]: 514
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In [64]: # quick look at two vectors (ratings from both of the users)
    cf_sim = rating_matrix.loc[[top_sim_user,USER_ID]].T
    cf_sim.columns = ['top_sim_user', 'user']
    cf_sim.head(10)
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Out[64]:

	top_sim_user	user
31	0.0	0.0
1029	3.0	5.0
1061	0.0	3.0
1129	3.0	3.0
1172	0.0	0.0
1263	0.0	4.0
1287	0.0	4.0
1293	5.0	0.0
1339	3.0	3.0
1343	4.0	4.0

	top_sim_user	user	recommend
175	5.0	0.0	True
1289	5.0	0.0	True
909	5.0	0.0	True
233	5.0	0.0	True
1120	5.0	0.0	True

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In [72]: # getting movie ids
movie_ids = list(cf_sim[cf_sim['recommend']].sort_values('top_sim_user', ascending=False).index)

In [74]: res = dm[dm['movieId'].isin(movie_ids)].copy()

# append corresponding ratings
res['rating'] = dr[(dr['movieId'].isin(movie_ids)) & (dr['userId'] == top_sim_user)]['rating'].values
res.sort_values('rating', ascending=False).head(10)
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Out[74]:

rating	genres	eld title		movield	
5.0	[Comedy, Drama, War]	M*A*S*H (a.k.a. MASH) (1970)	5060	3918	
5.0	[Drama, Romance]	Farewell My Concubine (Ba wang bie ji) (1993)	446	395	
5.0	[Comedy, Drama]	People vs. Larry Flynt, The (1996)	1120	899	
5.0	[Comedy, Drama, Romance]	Apartment, The (1960)	909	730	
5.0	[Documentary]	Microcosmos: Le peuple de l'herbe	1111	895	
5.0	[Comedy, Drama]	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1990)	1243	997	
5.0	[Comedy, Drama, Thriller]	Shallow Grave (1994)	319	285	
5.0	[Adventure, Animation, Comedy]	Wallace & Gromit: The Best of Aardman Animatio	720	607	
5.0	[Comedy, Drama]	Madness of King George, The (1994)	272	244	
5.0	[Drama]	Exotica (1994)	233	205	

User-based vs item-based

- Two users will generally have very few mutually rated items, while two items will have a larger number of users who have co-rated them -> more stable
- User-based approach requires frequent updates of the similarity matrix -> very costly
- Item-based methods recommend obvious items and items that are not novel from previous experience

Collaborative filtering **Latent Factor Models**SVD // Singular Value Decomposition

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PCA // Principal Component Analysis



- Principal component analysis (PCA) is a mathematical procedure that transforms a number of (possibly) correlated variables into a (smaller) number of uncorrelated variables called principal components.
- The first principal component accounts for as much of the variability in the data as possible, and each succeeding component accounts for as much of the remaining variability as possible

1. Compute the mean feature vector

$$\mu = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{p} x_k$$
, where, x_k is a pattern $(k = 1 \text{ to } p)$, $p = \text{number of patterns}$, x is the feature matrix

2. Find the covariance matrix

$$C = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{k=1}^{p} \{x_k - \mu\} \{x_k - \mu\}^T \text{ where, } T \text{ represents matrix transposition}$$

3. Compute Eigen values λ_i and Eigen vectors v_i of covariance matrix

$$Cv_i = \lambda_i v_i$$
 $(i = 1, 2, 3, ..., q), q = \text{number of features}$

- 4. Estimating high-valued Eigen vectors
 - (i) Arrange all the Eigen values (λ_i) in descending order
 - (ii) Choose a threshold value, θ
 - (iii) Number of high-valued λ_i can be chosen so as to satisfy the relationship

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{s} \lambda_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{q} \lambda_i\right)^{-1} \ge \theta$$
, where, $s = \text{number of high valued } \lambda_i \text{ chosen}$

- (iv) Select Eigen vectors corresponding to selected high valued λ_i
- 5. Extract low dimensional feature vectors (principal components) from raw feature matrix.

$$P = V^{T}x$$
, where, V is the matrix of principal components and x is the feature matrix

Original dataset

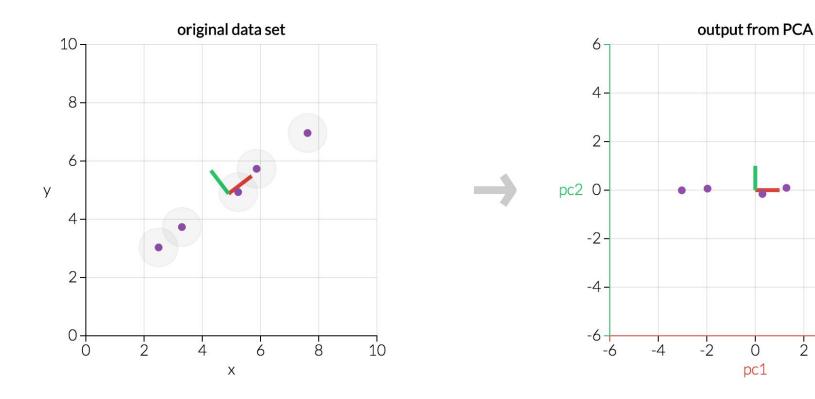
X	2.5	3.2	5.2	5.9	7.8	
у	3.1	3.8	5	5.8	6.9	

Output from PCA



pc1 -3 -1.9 0.2 1.2 3.5

PCA // simple example (2-dim data)



pc1

PCA // 17-dim example

	England	N Ireland	Scotland	Wales
Alcoholic drinks	375	135	458	475
Beverages	57	47	53	73
Carcase meat	245	267	242	227
Cereals	1472	1494	1462	1582
Cheese	105	66	103	103
Confectionery	54	41	62	64
Fats and oils	193	209	184	235
Fish	147	93	122	160
Fresh fruit	1102	674	957	<mark>1</mark> 137
Fresh potatoes	720	1033	566	874
Fresh Veg	253	143	171	265
Other meat	685	586	750	803
Other Veg	488	355	418	570
Processed potatoes	198	187	220	203
Processed Veg	360	334	337	365
Soft drinks	1374	1506	1572	12 56
Sugars	156	139	147	175



In a nutshell, this is what PCA is all about:

- Finding the directions of maximum variance in high-dimensional data and project it onto a smaller dimensional subspace while retaining most of the information
- Var(pc1) > Var(pc2) > Var(pc3) ...

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Collaborative filtering // Netflix

- Open competition to build a collaborative filtering algorithm
- 1,000,000 \$ prize
- Winner beat Netflix's accuracy by 10.06%
- Over 500 different approaches used

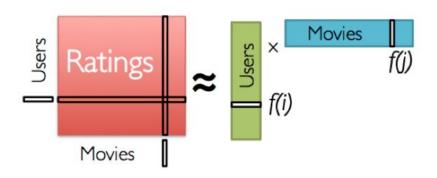


Latent Factor Models

- Latent => Hidden
- Better performance than neighbourhood (similarity-based) methods
- The factors (components) are called latent because they
 are there in our data but are not really discovered until you
 run the low-rank matrix factorization, then the factors
 emerge and hence the "latency"

- Matrix factorization is breaking down of one matrix into a product of multiple matrices
- R = MU^T
- **c** number of latents factors

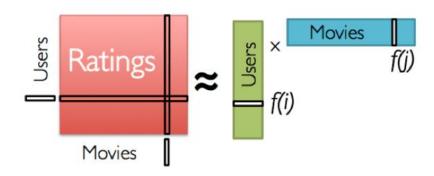
Low-Rank Matrix Factorization:



shape(R) =
$$(u,m)$$
 shape(U) = (u,c) shape(M) = (c,m)

- PCA on R gives you the typical users U
- PCA on R^T gives you the
 typical movies M
- SVD gives you
 both in one shot
- $R = MU^T$

Low-Rank Matrix Factorization:



```
shape(R) = (u,m) shape(U) = (u,c) shape(M) = (c,m)
```

- Each principal component captures a specific latent factor
- Some of the factors can have semantics behind them

```
Alice
          =10\% Action fan
                          +10% Comedy fan
                                            +50% Romance fan
Bob
          =50\% Action fan
                           +30\% Comedy fan
                                            +10% Romance fan
Titanic
          =20\% Action
                           +00% Comedy
                                            +70% Romance
          =30\% Action
                           +60% Comedy
                                            +00% Romance
Toy Story
```

```
Alice
      Bob
    Charlie
    Daniel
     Eric
      Zoe
g
```

The value of $\mathbf{r}_{...}$ is the result of a **dot product** between two vectors:

Vector $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{u}}$ which is a row of \mathbf{M} and which is specific to the user \mathbf{u} and **vector** $\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{i}}$ which is a column of \mathbf{U}^{T} and which is specific to the item \mathbf{i}

$$R = MU^{T}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_{ui} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{u} & p_{u} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_{i} \\ q_{i} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_{ui} = p_{u} \cdot q_{i}$$

$$r_{ui} = \sum_{c \in \text{concepts}} \text{affinity of } u \text{ for } c \times \text{affinity of } i \text{ for } c$$

SVD

- The SVD of sparse matrix R is not defined
- If R was dense, we could compute M and U easily
- A first option that was used for some time is to fill the missing entries of R with some simple heuristic
- Find an approximate solution to the SVD problem using Stochastic Gradient Descent

SVD - using surprise library

```
In [75]: from surprise import Reader, Dataset, SVD, evaluate
           reader = Reader()
           dr.head()
 Out[75]:
              userld movield rating
                                 timestamp
                        31
                             2.5 1260759144
                      1029
                             3.0 1260759179
                 1
                             3.0 1260759182
           2
                 1
                      1061
                      1129
                             2.0 1260759185
                      1172
                             4.0 1260759205
          data = Dataset.load from df(dr[['userId', 'movieId', 'rating']], reader)
           data.split(n folds=5)
  In [ ]: svd = SVD()
           evaluate(svd, data, measures=['RMSE'])
In [213]: trainset = data.build full trainset()
           svd.fit(trainset)
Out[213]: <surprise.prediction algorithms.matrix factorization.SVD at 0x7f4c58c7ad68>
```

SVD - using surprise library

```
In [82]: svd.predict(19, 2)
Out[82]: Prediction(uid=19, iid=2, r ui=None, est=3.120983027200581, details={'was impossible': False})
In [83]: dr[dr['userId'] == 19].head(10)
Out[83]:
                userld movield rating timestamp
                   19
           3105
                                3.0 855190091
           3106
                   19
                           2
                                3.0 855194773
           3107
                   19
                                3.0 855194718
           3108
                   19
                                3.0 855192868
                                3.0 855190128
           3109
                   19
                                3.0 855190128
           3110
                   19
           3111
                   19
                                3.0 855190232
                   19
                                3.0 855192496
           3112
                           10
                                3.0 855192773
           3113
                   19
                           11
           3114
                   19
                           14
                                 5.0 855190167
```

Closing remarks



Closing remarks

- Recommender systems are not reserved only for the product/item recommendation
- It's a great tool to model any kind of interaction between items/services



Presentation material

- https://github.com/mladenj/recommender-systems
- Both presentation and corresponding jupyter notebook

Additional links



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- http://setosa.io/ev/principal-component-analysis/
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gilXNoiqO_U
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