



# Building recommendation system

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# Why recommendation system



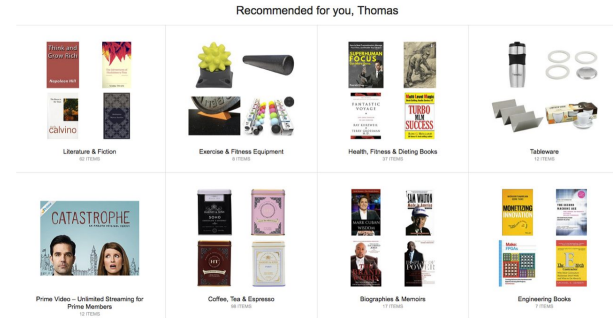
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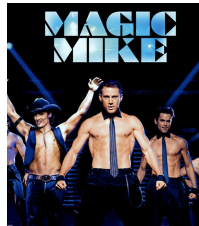


# Goal

Goal: Guessing



's rating on the movie



# Naive Approaches

$$r = \mu + b_i + b_u$$

Prediction = Avg Rating of all movies + how Magic Mike is rated overall + how Yexiang rates movies



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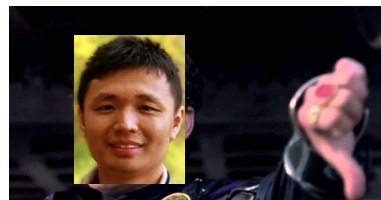
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# Cooler approaches

Neighborhood Models

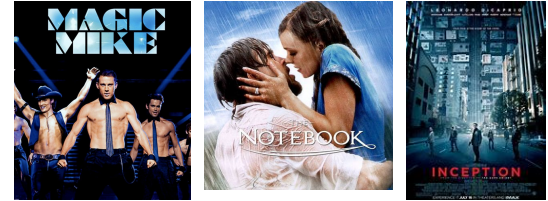
Latent factor Models

# Neighborhood method

Users



Movies



Observation - Yexiang and Mohit have similar tastes.

Problem Statement - Figure out Yexiang's rating for an unseen movie (say **Inception!**)

Method - Take weighted average of rating given by top K similar users.

Similarity Measure - Cosine Distance etc.

# Latent Factor Method

We want to capture more information about both the item and user.



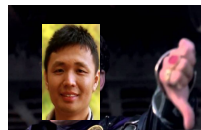
$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ \vdots \\ a_m \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

## Funk SVD

$$r_{ui} = \mu + b_i + b_u + p_u^T q_i$$







## SVD++

Implicit information

$$r_{ui} = \mu + b_i + b_u + q_i^T (p_u + |N(u)|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j \in N(u)} y_j)$$

R(u)	The Notebook	Magic Mike	Lion King
Yexiang	4	?	2

N(u)	The Notebook	Magic Mike	Lion King
Yexiang	1	0	1

# Not very practical

## Netflix now has more than 137 million subscribers

By Jill Disis, CNN Business

Updated 7:12 PM ET, Tue October 16, 2018



### TOP STORIES



### Mortgage

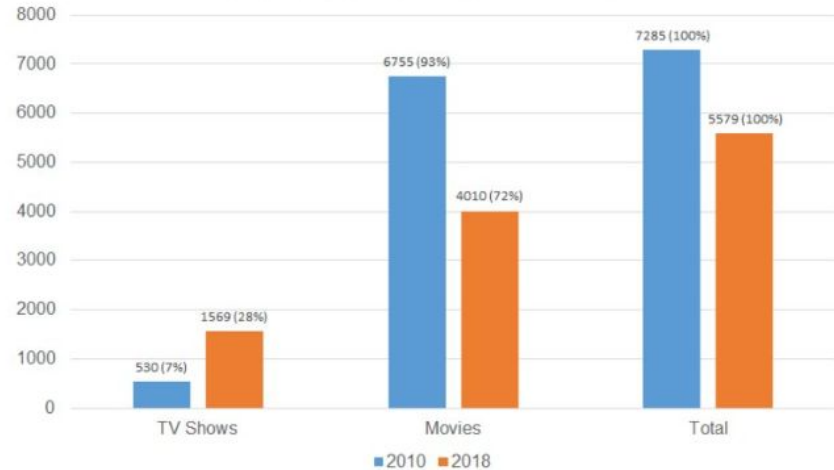
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30-yr fixed

15-yr fixed

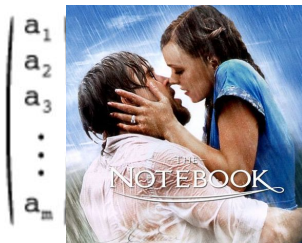
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Number of Titles on Netflix in the U.S.



# Asymmetric SVD

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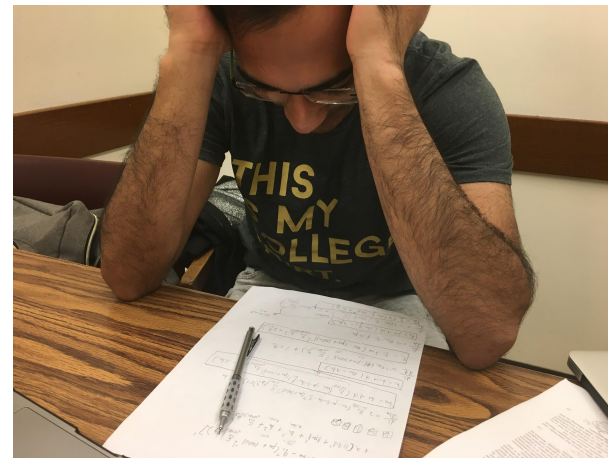
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## Asymmetric SVD Cont.

$$r_{ui} = b_{ui} + q_i^T \left( |R(u)|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j \in R(u)} (r_{uj} - b_{uj}) x_j \right) + |N(u)|^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j \in N(u)} y_j$$
$$b_{ui} = \mu + b_i + b_u$$

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## What are the results?

MSE	10 Iterations	50 Iterations	100 Iterations	Best Result
Funk SVD	1.01832	0.95265	0.93090	0.90125
SVD++	0.95797	0.90997	0.88431	0.88317
Asymmetric SVD	0.95293	0.91231	0.89169	0.88789



**Thank you!**