Comments slides for Thursday, Oct 1: Recommender systems; engineering limits

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- predictive accuracy metrics (discussed briefly subsets and normalized mean absolute error), classification accuracy metrics (not as interesting to me), and rank accuracy metrics (interesting to me, but what about ties); I like the idea of comparing them empirically but there are other ways to compare too

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- How do the kind of measurement problems you worked on in class today combine? If there is an error term made up of the sum of two random variables A and B, then $Var(A+B) = Var(A) + Var(B) + 2Cov(A, B)$.

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