

- Download Octave in order to run the collaborative filtering code `simpleCF.m`.
- This is a user-based code for making predictions given a database of user item ratings.
- Initially try some simple modifications to this code - e.g. modify the parameters. Can you change the similarity metric? How do these changes impact on performance?
- Can you change the code to calculate a top- N recommendation rather than rating prediction.
- Ultimately, the goal is to augment this code with trust metric data in order to improve the recommendation.

Devise and evaluate an algorithm that combines ratings data and trust data to make a recommendation.

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- Epinions data is provided (... other data can be downloaded from the web).
- Compare your algorithm with and without the trust data ... does the trust data data improve the recommendation?