

# Machine Learning Recommendation Engine

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## High-Level Design (HLD)

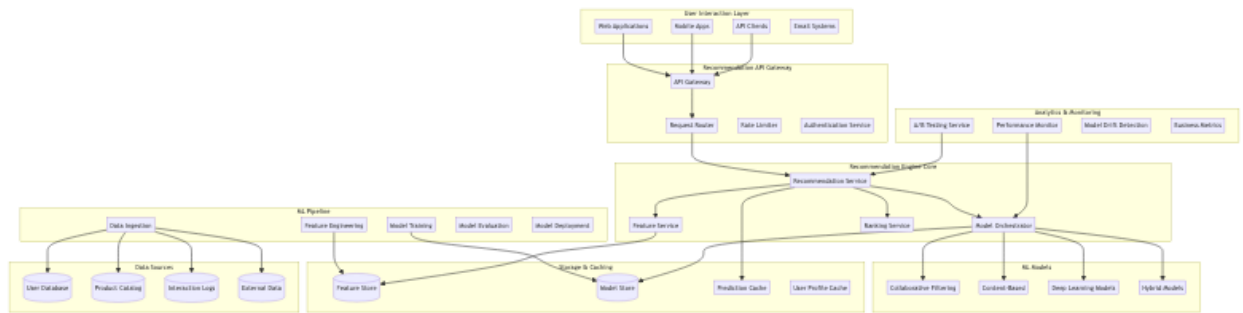
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## System Architecture Overview

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## Recommendation Pipeline Flow

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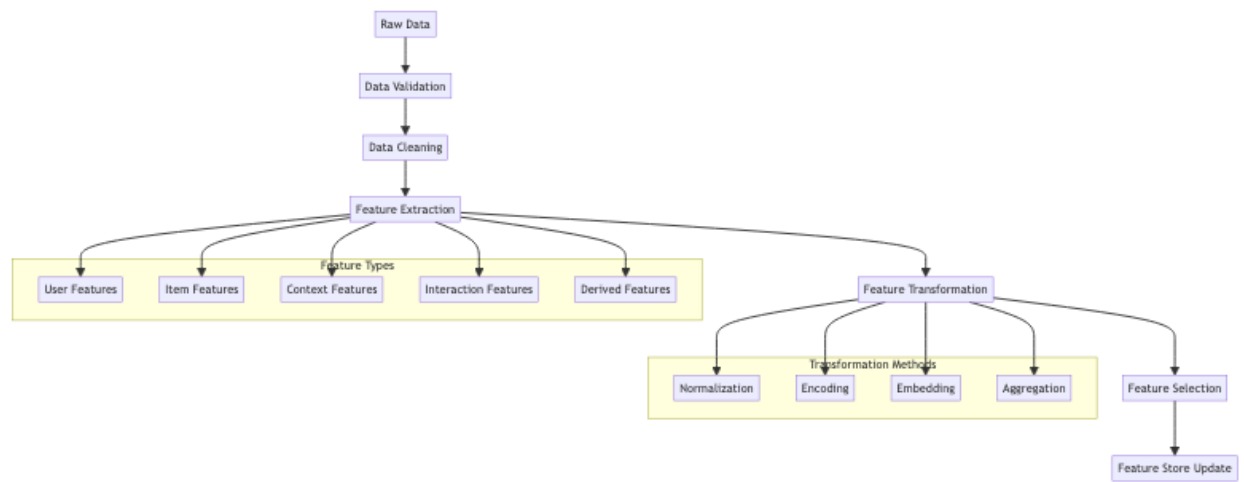


## Low-Level Design (LLD)

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## Feature Engineering Pipeline

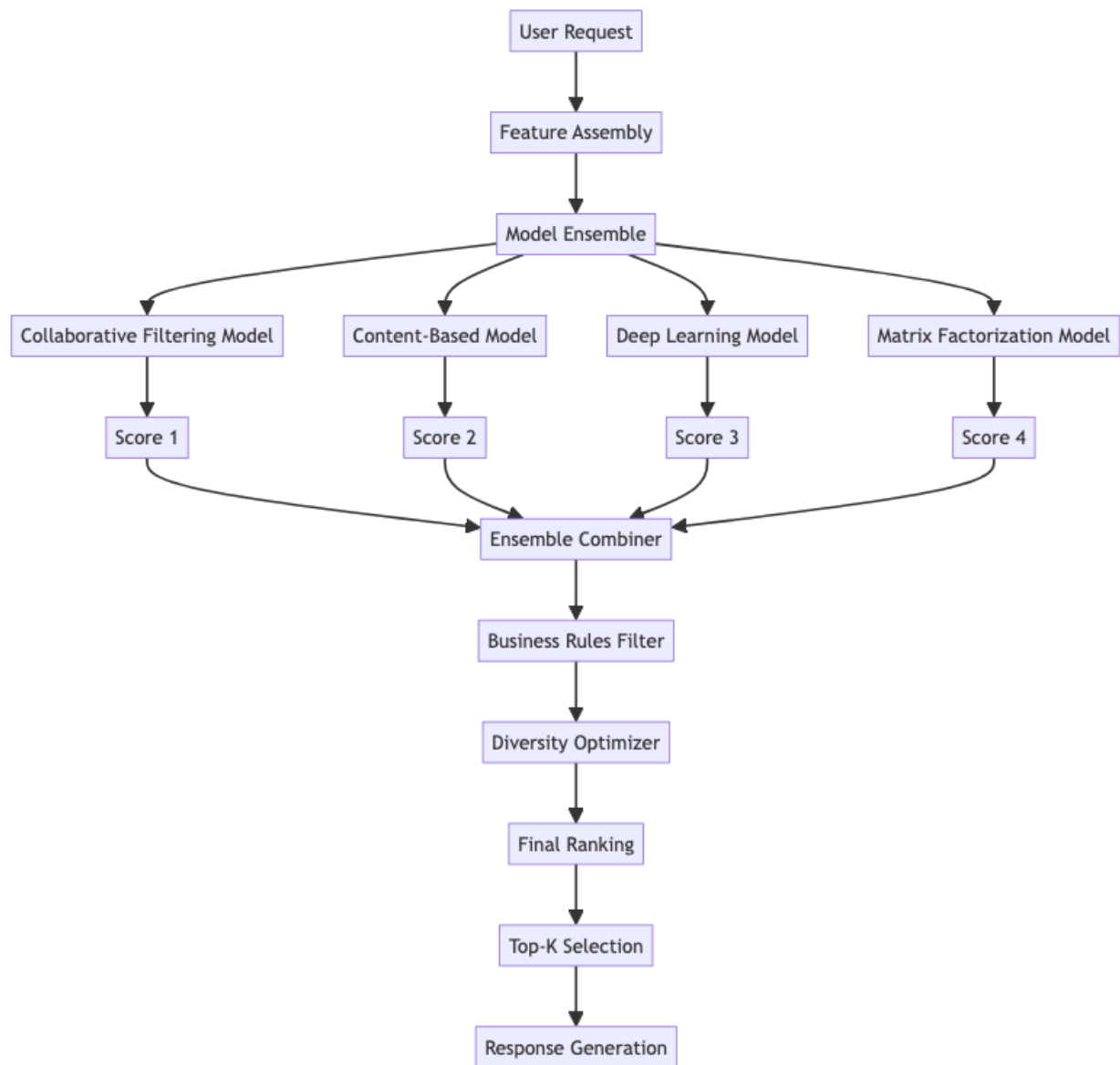
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## Model Ensemble Architecture

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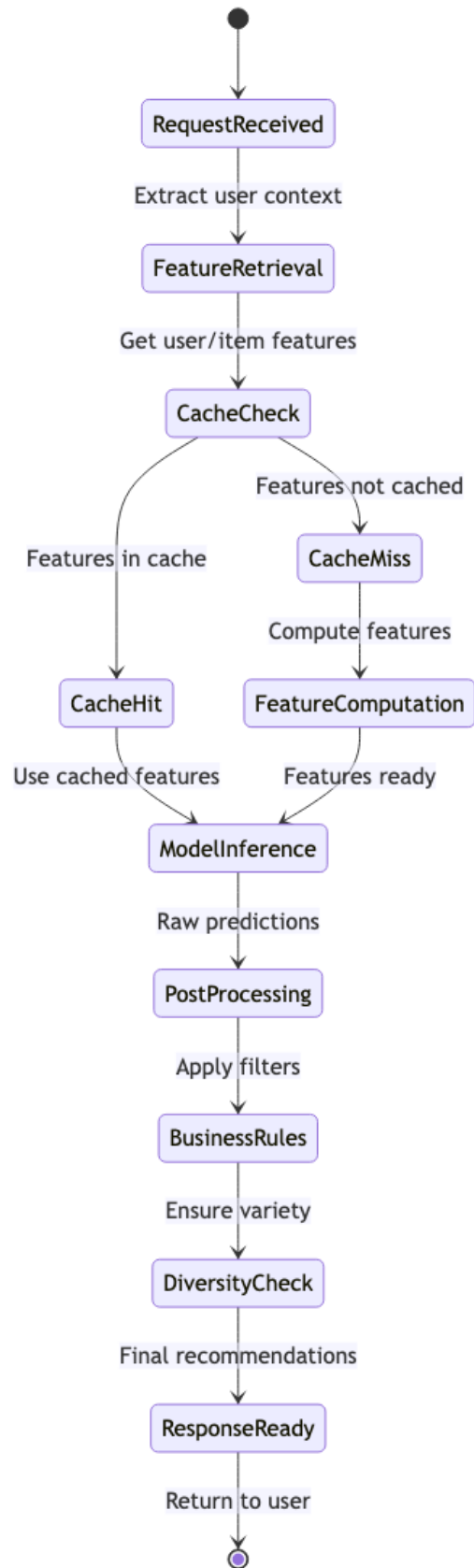
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## Core Algorithms

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### 1. Advanced Collaborative Filtering Algorithm

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**Purpose:** Generate recommendations based on user behavior patterns and similarities using advanced matrix factorization and deep learning techniques.

#### Matrix Factorization with Deep Learning Enhancement:

```
CollaborativeFilteringConfig = {
  algorithm: 'neural_collaborative_filtering', // 'svd', 'nmf', 'neural_cf'
  embeddingDimension: 64,
  hiddenLayers: [128, 64, 32],
  dropoutRate: 0.2,
  regularization: 0.001,

  training: {
    batchSize: 1024,
    epochs: 100,
    learningRate: 0.001,
    validationSplit: 0.2,
    earlyStopping: true
  },

  inference: {
    candidateGeneration: 1000, // Top-K candidates before ranking
    negativesampling: 5,       // Negative samples per positive
    confidenceThreshold: 0.5   // Minimum confidence for recommendations
  }
}

class NeuralCollaborativeFiltering:
  constructor(config):
    this.config = config
    this.userEmbeddings = new EmbeddingLayer(config.numUsers, config.embeddingDimension)
    this.itemEmbeddings = new EmbeddingLayer(config.numItems, config.embeddingDimension)
    this.neuralNetwork = this.buildNeuralNetwork()
    this.interactionMatrix = new SparseMatrix()
```

```

function generateRecommendations(userId, numRecommendations):
    userProfile = this.getUserProfile(userId)

    if not userProfile or userProfile.interactions.length < 5:
        return this.handleColdStart(userId, numRecommendations)

    // Get candidate items
    candidates = this.generateCandidates(userId)

    // Score candidates using neural network
    scoredCandidates = []

    for itemId in candidates:
        features = this.createInteractionFeatures(userId, itemId)
        score = this.neuralNetwork.predict(features)

        scoredCandidates.push({
            itemId: itemId,
            score: score,
            confidence: this.calculateConfidence(features, score)
        })

    // Sort by score and filter by confidence
    validCandidates = scoredCandidates
        .filter(candidate => candidate.confidence >= this.config.inference.confidenceThres
        .sort((a, b) => b.score - a.score)

    // Apply diversity and business rules
    diverseRecommendations = this.applyDiversityConstraints(validCandidates, userProfile)

    return diverseRecommendations.slice(0, numRecommendations)

function createInteractionFeatures(userId, itemId):
    userEmbedding = this.userEmbeddings.getEmbedding(userId)
    itemEmbedding = this.itemEmbeddings.getEmbedding(itemId)

    // Element-wise product (Generalized Matrix Factorization component)
    gmfvVector = userEmbedding.elementwiseProduct(itemEmbedding)

    // Concatenation (Multi-Layer Perceptron component)
    mlpVector = userEmbedding.concatenate(itemEmbedding)

    // Additional contextual features
    contextFeatures = this.getContextualFeatures(userId, itemId)

```

```

// Combine all features
combinedFeatures = gmfVector.concatenate(mlpVector).concatenate(contextFeatures)

return combinedFeatures

function generateCandidates(userId):
  // Multiple candidate generation strategies
  candidates = new Set()

  // Similar users' items
  similarUsers = this.findSimilarUsers(userId, 50)
  for similarUser in similarUsers:
    userItems = this.getUserItems(similarUser.userId)
    candidates.addAll(userItems.slice(0, 20))

  // Items similar to user's liked items
  userItems = this.getUserItems(userId)
  for item in userItems.slice(-10): // Recent items
    similarItems = this.findSimilarItems(item, 20)
    candidates.addAll(similarItems)

  // Popular items in user's categories
  userCategories = this.getUserPreferredCategories(userId)
  for category in userCategories:
    popularItems = this.getPopularItemsInCategory(category, 30)
    candidates.addAll(popularItems)

  // Remove items user has already interacted with
  userInteractedItems = new Set(this.getUserItems(userId))
  candidates = candidates.filter(item => not userInteractedItems.has(item))

  return Array.from(candidates).slice(0, this.config.inference.candidateGeneration)

function findSimilarUsers(userId, topK):
  userVector = this.getUserInteractionVector(userId)
  similarities = []

  // Use approximate nearest neighbors for efficiency
  candidateUsers = this.getRandomUserSample(1000) // Sample for efficiency

  for candidateUser in candidateUsers:
    if candidateUser === userId:
      continue

    candidateVector = this.getUserInteractionVector(candidateUser)

```



```

        similarity = this.calculateCosineSimilarity(userVector, candidateVector)

        if similarity > 0.1: // Minimum similarity threshold
            similarities.push({
                userId: candidateUser,
                similarity: similarity
            })

        return similarities
            .sort((a, b) => b.similarity - a.similarity)
            .slice(0, topK)

function handleColdStart(userId, numRecommendations):
    // Cold start strategy for new users
    userProfile = this.getUserProfile(userId)

    recommendations = []

    // Use demographic-based recommendations
    if userProfile.demographics:
        demographicRecs = this.getDemographicBasedRecommendations(userProfile.demographics)
        recommendations.push(...demographicRecs)

    // Use popular items
    popularItems = this.getPopularItems(numRecommendations * 2)
    recommendations.push(...popularItems)

    // Use trending items
    trendingItems = this.getTrendingItems(numRecommendations)
    recommendations.push(...trendingItems)

    // Remove duplicates and limit
    uniqueRecommendations = this.removeDuplicates(recommendations)

    return uniqueRecommendations.slice(0, numRecommendations).map(item => ({
        itemId: item.id,
        score: item.popularity || 0.5,
        confidence: 0.3, // Lower confidence for cold start
        reason: 'cold_start'
    }))

```

## 2. Content-Based Filtering with Deep Learning

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**Purpose:** Recommend items based on content similarity using advanced NLP and computer vision techniques for feature extraction.

### Multi-Modal Content Analysis:

```
ContentBasedConfig = {
  featureExtractors: {
    text: {
      model: 'transformer',          // 'tfidf', 'word2vec', 'transformer'
      maxSequenceLength: 512,
      embeddingDimension: 768
    },
    image: {
      model: 'resnet50',            // 'vgg16', 'resnet50', 'efficientnet'
      embeddingDimension: 2048,
      imageSize: [224, 224]
    },
    categorical: {
      embeddingDimension: 32,
      categoryMapping: true
    }
  },

  similarity: {
    metric: 'cosine',              // 'cosine', 'euclidean', 'manhattan'
    threshold: 0.6,                // Minimum similarity for recommendation
    maxCandidates: 500
  },

  userProfile: {
    updateStrategy: 'weighted_average', // 'average', 'weighted_average', 'decay'
    decayFactor: 0.9,
    minInteractions: 3
  }
}

class ContentBasedRecommender:
  constructor(config):
    this.config = config
    this.textEncoder = new TransformerTextEncoder()
    this.imageEncoder = new CNNImageEncoder()
    this.itemProfiles = new Map()
    this.userProfiles = new Map()
    this.similarityIndex = new FaissIndex()
```

```

function generateContentBasedRecommendations(userId, numRecommendations):
    userProfile = this.getUserContentProfile(userId)

    if not userProfile:
        return this.getPopularContentRecommendations(numRecommendations)

    // Generate candidates based on content similarity
    candidates = this.findSimilarContent(userProfile, this.config.similarity.maxCandidates)

    // Score candidates
    scoredCandidates = candidates.map(candidate => ({
        itemId: candidate.itemId,
        score: this.calculateContentScore(userProfile, candidate.profile),
        similarity: candidate.similarity,
        explanations: this.generateExplanations(userProfile, candidate.profile)
    }))

    // Filter and rank
    validCandidates = scoredCandidates
        .filter(candidate => candidate.score >= this.config.similarity.threshold)
        .sort((a, b) => b.score - a.score)

    return validCandidates.slice(0, numRecommendations)

function buildItemProfile(item):
    profile = {
        itemId: item.id,
        features: {},
        embedding: null,
        lastUpdated: Date.now()
    }

    // Extract text features
    if item.textContent:
        textEmbedding = this.textEncoder.encode(item.textContent)
        profile.features.text = textEmbedding

    // Extract image features
    if item.images and item.images.length > 0:
        imageEmbeddings = item.images.map(image => this.imageEncoder.encode(image))
        profile.features.image = this.averageEmbeddings(imageEmbeddings)

    // Extract categorical features
    if item.categories:

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        categoryEmbedding = this.encodeCategoricalFeatures(item.categories)
        profile.features.categorical = categoryEmbedding

    // Extract numerical features
    if item.attributes:
        numericalFeatures = this.extractNumericalFeatures(item.attributes)
        profile.features.numerical = numericalFeatures

    // Combine all features into single embedding
    profile.embedding = this.combineFeatures(profile.features)

    // Store in similarity index
    this.similarityIndex.addVector(item.id, profile.embedding)

    return profile

function buildUserContentProfile(userId):
    userInteractions = this.getUserInteractions(userId)

    if userInteractions.length < this.config.userProfile.minInteractions:
        return null

    // Weight interactions by recency and type
    weightedInteractions = userInteractions.map(interaction => ({
        itemProfile: this.getItemProfile(interaction.itemId),
        weight: this.calculateInteractionWeight(interaction),
        timestamp: interaction.timestamp
    }))

    // Calculate weighted average of item profiles
    userProfile = this.calculateWeightedProfile(weightedInteractions)

    // Apply temporal decay
    if this.config.userProfile.updateStrategy === 'decay':
        userProfile = this.applyTemporalDecay(userProfile, weightedInteractions)

    return userProfile

function calculateContentScore(userProfile, itemProfile):
    scores = []

    // Text similarity
    if userProfile.features.text and itemProfile.features.text:
        textSimilarity = this.calculateCosineSimilarity(
            userProfile.features.text,

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        itemProfile.features.text
    )
    scores.push({ type: 'text', score: textSimilarity, weight: 0.4 })

// Image similarity
if userProfile.features.image and itemProfile.features.image:
    imageSimilarity = this.calculateCosineSimilarity(
        userProfile.features.image,
        itemProfile.features.image
    )
    scores.push({ type: 'image', score: imageSimilarity, weight: 0.3 })

// Categorical similarity
if userProfile.features.categorical and itemProfile.features.categorical:
    categoricalSimilarity = this.calculateJaccardSimilarity(
        userProfile.features.categorical,
        itemProfile.features.categorical
    )
    scores.push({ type: 'categorical', score: categoricalSimilarity, weight: 0.2 })

// Numerical similarity
if userProfile.features.numerical and itemProfile.features.numerical:
    numericalSimilarity = this.calculateNumericalSimilarity(
        userProfile.features.numerical,
        itemProfile.features.numerical
    )
    scores.push({ type: 'numerical', score: numericalSimilarity, weight: 0.1 })

// Calculate weighted average
totalWeight = scores.reduce((sum, score) => sum + score.weight, 0)
weightedScore = scores.reduce((sum, score) => sum + (score.score * score.weight), 0)

return weightedScore

function generateExplanations(userProfile, itemProfile):
    explanations = []

    // Find strongest similarity dimensions
    similarities = this.calculateDimensionSimilarities(userProfile, itemProfile)

    topSimilarities = similarities
        .sort((a, b) => b.score - a.score)
        .slice(0, 3)

    for similarity in topSimilarities:

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switch similarity.dimension:
    case 'category':
        explanations.push(`Similar category: ${similarity.value}`)
        break
    case 'brand':
        explanations.push(`Same brand: ${similarity.value}`)
        break
    case 'topic':
        explanations.push(`Related topic: ${similarity.value}`)
        break
    case 'style':
        explanations.push(`Similar style: ${similarity.value}`)
        break

return explanations

```

### 3. Deep Learning Recommendation Models

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**Purpose:** Leverage advanced neural architectures like autoencoders, RNNs, and attention mechanisms for complex pattern recognition in user behavior.

#### Sequential Deep Learning Model:

```

DeepLearningConfig = {
    architecture: 'transformer_recommender', // 'autoencoder', 'rnn', 'transformer'
    sequenceLength: 50,
    embeddingDimension: 128,

    transformer: {
        numHeads: 8,
        numLayers: 6,
        feedForwardDimension: 512,
        dropoutRate: 0.1,
        positionEncoding: true
    },

    training: {
        batchSize: 256,
        learningRate: 0.0001,
        weightDecay: 0.01,
        warmupSteps: 4000,
        maxSteps: 100000
    },
}

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inference: {
  beamSize: 10,
  maxLength: 20,
  temperature: 0.8
}
}

class TransformerRecommender:
  constructor(config):
    this.config = config
    this.itemEmbedding = new EmbeddingLayer(config.vocabSize, config.embeddingDimension)
    this.positionEmbedding = new PositionalEncoding(config.sequenceLength, config.embeddingDimension)
    this.transformerLayers = this.buildTransformerLayers()
    this.outputProjection = new LinearLayer(config.embeddingDimension, config.vocabSize)

  function generateSequentialRecommendations(userId, numRecommendations):
    userSequence = this.getUserInteractionSequence(userId)

    if userSequence.length < 3:
      return this.handleShortSequence(userId, numRecommendations)

    // Prepare sequence for model input
    inputSequence = this.prepareInputSequence(userSequence)

    // Generate recommendations using beam search
    recommendations = this.beamSearchGeneration(inputSequence, numRecommendations)

    // Post-process and score recommendations
    scoredRecommendations = recommendations.map(rec => ({
      itemId: rec.itemId,
      score: rec.probability,
      confidence: this.calculateSequentialConfidence(rec, userSequence),
      position: rec.position,
      reasoning: this.explainSequentialChoice(rec, userSequence)
    }))

    return scoredRecommendations

  function beamSearchGeneration(inputSequence, numRecommendations):
    beamSize = this.config.inference.beamSize
    maxLength = this.config.inference.maxLength

    // Initialize beam with input sequence
    beams = [{

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        sequence: inputSequence,
        logProbability: 0.0,
        completed: false
    }]

    completedBeams = []

    for step in range(maxLength):
        if completedBeams.length >= numRecommendations:
            break

        candidateBeams = []

        for beam in beams:
            if beam.completed:
                continue

            // Get next token predictions
            predictions = this.predict(beam.sequence)

            // Get top-k candidates
            topCandidates = this.getTopKCandidates(predictions, beamSize)

            for candidate in topCandidates:
                newSequence = [...beam.sequence, candidate.itemId]
                newLogProb = beam.logProbability + Math.log(candidate.probability)

                candidateBeam = {
                    sequence: newSequence,
                    logProbability: newLogProb,
                    completed: this.isSequenceComplete(newSequence),
                    lastItem: candidate
                }

                candidateBeams.push(candidateBeam)

            // Select top beams
            candidateBeams.sort((a, b) => b.logProbability - a.logProbability)

            // Separate completed and ongoing beams
            for beam in candidateBeams:
                if beam.completed:
                    completedBeams.push(beam)
                else:
                    beams.push(beam)

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    // Keep only top beams
    beams = beams.slice(0, beamSize)

    // Convert to recommendations
    recommendations = completedBeams
        .concat(beams) // Include incomplete beams if needed
        .sort((a, b) => b.logProbability - a.logProbability)
        .slice(0, numRecommendations)
        .map((beam, index) => ({
            itemId: beam.lastItem?.itemId || beam.sequence[beam.sequence.length - 1],
            probability: Math.exp(beam.logProbability / beam.sequence.length),
            position: index + 1,
            sequence: beam.sequence
        })))

    return recommendations
}

function predict(sequence):
    // Encode sequence
    embeddings = sequence.map(itemId => this.itemEmbedding.getEmbedding(itemId))

    // Add positional encoding
    positionEncodedEmbeddings = embeddings.map((embedding, index) =>
        embedding.add(this.positionEmbedding.getEncoding(index))
    )

    // Apply transformer layers
    hiddenStates = positionEncodedEmbeddings

    for layer in this.transformerLayers:
        hiddenStates = layer.forward(hiddenStates)

    // Get last hidden state for prediction
    lastHidden = hiddenStates[hiddenStates.length - 1]

    // Project to output vocabulary
    logits = this.outputProjection.forward(lastHidden)

    // Apply temperature scaling
    scaledLogits = logits.divide(this.config.inference.temperature)

    // Convert to probabilities
    probabilities = softmax(scaledLogits)

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    return probabilities

function explainSequentialChoice(recommendation, userSequence):
    explanations = []

    // Analyze sequence patterns
    sequencePatterns = this.analyzeSequencePatterns(userSequence)

    // Find matching patterns
    for pattern in sequencePatterns:
        if this.matchesPattern(recommendation.itemId, pattern):
            explanations.push(`Follows your ${pattern.type} pattern`)

    // Analyze temporal patterns
    temporalPatterns = this.analyzeTemporalPatterns(userSequence)
    if temporalPatterns:
        explanations.push(`Based on your ${temporalPatterns.description} behavior`)

    // Analyze category progression
    categoryProgression = this.analyzeCategoryProgression(userSequence)
    if categoryProgression:
        explanations.push(`Natural progression in ${categoryProgression.category}`)

    return explanations

```

## 4. Hybrid Ensemble Model

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**Purpose:** Combine multiple recommendation algorithms to leverage their individual strengths and provide more robust and diverse recommendations.

### Advanced Model Ensemble with Meta-Learning:

```

HybridEnsembleConfig = {
  models: {
    collaborative: { weight: 0.4, confidenceThreshold: 0.6 },
    contentBased: { weight: 0.3, confidenceThreshold: 0.5 },
    deepLearning: { weight: 0.2, confidenceThreshold: 0.7 },
    popularity: { weight: 0.1, confidenceThreshold: 0.3 }
  },

  ensembleStrategy: 'meta_learning', // 'weighted_average', 'rank_fusion', 'meta_learning'

  metaLearner: {

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    algorithm: 'gradient_boosting',    // 'linear', 'neural_network', 'gradient_boosting'
    features: ['model_confidence', 'user_context', 'item_context', 'temporal_features'],
    crossValidationFolds: 5
  },

  diversification: {
    enabled: true,
    algorithm: 'mmr',                  // 'mmr', 'dpp', 'greedy'
    lambda: 0.7,                      // Relevance vs diversity trade-off
    maxSimilarity: 0.8
  }
}

class HybridEnsembleRecommender:
  constructor(config):
    this.config = config
    this.models = this.initializeModels()
    this.metaLearner = new GradientBoostingMetaLearner()
    this.diversityOptimizer = new MaximalMarginalRelevance()
    this.modelPerformanceTracker = new ModelPerformanceTracker()

  function generateHybridRecommendations(userId, numRecommendations, context):
    // Get predictions from all models
    modelPredictions = []

    for [modelName, modelConfig] in Object.entries(this.config.models):
      model = this.models[modelName]

      try:
        predictions = model.predict(userId, numRecommendations * 3) // Get more candidates

        // Filter by confidence threshold
        filteredPredictions = predictions.filter(pred =>
          pred.confidence >= modelConfig.confidenceThreshold
        )

        modelPredictions.push({
          modelName: modelName,
          predictions: filteredPredictions,
          weight: modelConfig.weight,
          modelPerformance: this.modelPerformanceTracker.getPerformance(modelName, userId)
        })

      catch error:
        logModelError(modelName, userId, error)

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        continue

    // Ensemble predictions
    ensembledRecommendations = this.ensemblePredictions(modelPredictions, userId, context)

    // Apply diversification
    if this.config.diversification.enabled:
        ensembledRecommendations = this.applyDiversification(ensembledRecommendations)

    // Apply business rules and final ranking
    finalRecommendations = this.applyBusinessRules(ensembledRecommendations, userId, context)

    return finalRecommendations.slice(0, numRecommendations)

function ensemblePredictions(modelPredictions, userId, context):
    // Collect all unique items
    allItems = new Map()

    for modelPrediction in modelPredictions:
        for prediction in modelPrediction.predictions:
            if not allItems.has(prediction.itemId):
                allItems.set(prediction.itemId, {
                    itemId: prediction.itemId,
                    modelScores: new Map(),
                    modelConfidences: new Map(),
                    modelExplanations: new Map()
                })

            item = allItems.get(prediction.itemId)
            item.modelScores.set(modelPrediction.modelName, prediction.score)
            item.modelConfidences.set(modelPrediction.modelName, prediction.confidence)
            item.modelExplanations.set(modelPrediction.modelName, prediction.explanations || [])

    // Apply ensemble strategy
    ensembledItems = []

    for [itemId, item] in allItems:
        switch this.config.ensembleStrategy:
            case 'weighted_average':
                ensembledScore = this.calculateWeightedAverage(item, modelPredictions)
                break
            case 'rank_fusion':
                ensembledScore = this.calculateRankFusion(item, modelPredictions)
                break
            case 'meta_learning':

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        ensembledScore = this.calculateMetaLearnerScore(item, userId, context)
        break
    default:
        ensembledScore = this.calculateWeightedAverage(item, modelPredictions)

    ensembledItems.push({
        itemId: itemId,
        score: ensembledScore.score,
        confidence: ensembledScore.confidence,
        modelContributions: this.calculateModelContributions(item, modelPredictions),
        explanations: this.combineExplanations(item)
    })

    return ensembledItems.sort((a, b) => b.score - a.score)

function calculateMetaLearnerScore(item, userId, context):
    // Prepare features for meta-learner
    features = []

    // Model confidence features
    for [modelName, confidence] in item.modelConfidences:
        features.push(confidence)

    // Model score features
    for [modelName, score] in item.modelScores:
        features.push(score)

    // User context features
    userFeatures = this.extractUserContextFeatures(userId, context)
    features.push(...userFeatures)

    // Item context features
    itemFeatures = this.extractItemContextFeatures(item.itemId, context)
    features.push(...itemFeatures)

    // Temporal features
    temporalFeatures = this.extractTemporalFeatures(context)
    features.push(...temporalFeatures)

    // Predict final score using meta-learner
    prediction = this.metaLearner.predict(features)

    return {
        score: prediction.score,
        confidence: prediction.confidence
    }

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    }

function applyDiversification(recommendations):
    if this.config.diversification.algorithm === 'mmr':
        return this.applyMMR(recommendations)
    else if this.config.diversification.algorithm === 'dpp':
        return this.applyDPP(recommendations)
    else:
        return this.applyGreedyDiversification(recommendations)

function applyMMR(recommendations):
    // Maximal Marginal Relevance for diversification
    selectedItems = []
    remainingItems = [...recommendations]
    lambda = this.config.diversification.lambda

    // Select first item (highest relevance)
    if remainingItems.length > 0:
        selectedItems.push(remainingItems.shift())

    while selectedItems.length < recommendations.length and remainingItems.length > 0:
        maxMMRScore = -Infinity
        bestItemIndex = -1

        for i in range(remainingItems.length):
            item = remainingItems[i]

            // Calculate MMR score
            relevanceScore = item.score

            // Calculate max similarity to already selected items
            maxSimilarity = 0
            for selectedItem in selectedItems:
                similarity = this.calculateItemSimilarity(item.itemId, selectedItem.itemId)
                maxSimilarity = Math.max(maxSimilarity, similarity)

            // MMR formula:  $\lambda \cdot \text{relevance} - (1 - \lambda) \cdot \text{max\_similarity}$ 
            mmrScore = lambda * relevanceScore - (1 - lambda) * maxSimilarity

            if mmrScore > maxMMRScore:
                maxMMRScore = mmrScore
                bestItemIndex = i

        if bestItemIndex >= 0:
            selectedItems.push(remainingItems.splice(bestItemIndex, 1)[0])

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return selectedItems

function calculateModelContributions(item, modelPredictions):
    contributions = new Map()
    totalWeight = 0

    for modelPrediction in modelPredictions:
        if item.modelScores.has(modelPrediction.modelName):
            score = item.modelScores.get(modelPrediction.modelName)
            weight = modelPrediction.weight

            contributions.set(modelPrediction.modelName, {
                score: score,
                weight: weight,
                normalizedContribution: score * weight
            })

            totalWeight += weight

    // Normalize contributions
    for [modelName, contribution] in contributions:
        contribution.normalizedContribution /= totalWeight

    return contributions

```

## 5. Real-time Personalization Engine

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**Purpose:** Provide real-time recommendation updates based on immediate user interactions and contextual changes.

### Contextual Bandits for Real-time Learning:

```

RealTimePersonalizationConfig = {
    algorithm: 'contextual_bandits',      // 'contextual_bandits', 'online_learning'

    bandits: {
        algorithm: 'linear_ucb',          // 'epsilon_greedy', 'ucb', 'linear_ucb', 'thomps
        alpha: 0.2,                       // Confidence parameter
        dimension: 100,                   // Feature dimension
        lambda: 1.0                       // Regularization parameter
    },

```

```

contextFeatures: {
  user: ['demographics', 'behavior_history', 'current_session'],
  item: ['content_features', 'popularity', 'freshness'],
  temporal: ['time_of_day', 'day_of_week', 'season'],
  environmental: ['device', 'location', 'weather']
},

updateStrategy: {
  frequency: 'immediate',           // 'immediate', 'batch', 'periodic'
  rewardDelay: 300000,              // 5 minutes max delay for reward
  explorationRate: 0.1              // 10% exploration
}
}

class RealTimePersonalizationEngine:
  constructor(config):
    this.config = config
    this.contextualBandits = new LinearContextualBandits(config.bandits)
    this.featureExtractor = new ContextualFeatureExtractor()
    this.rewardTracker = new RewardTracker()
    this.sessionManager = new UserSessionManager()

  function getPersonalizedRecommendations(userId, context, numRecommendations):
    # Extract current context features
    contextFeatures = this.featureExtractor.extract(userId, context)

    # Get candidate items
    candidates = this.getCandidateItems(userId, context)

    # Score candidates using contextual bandits
    scoredCandidates = []

    for candidate in candidates:
      candidateFeatures = this.featureExtractor.extractItemFeatures(candidate, context)
      combinedFeatures = this.combineFeatures(contextFeatures, candidateFeatures)

      # Get bandit prediction with confidence bounds
      prediction = this.contextualBandits.predict(combinedFeatures)

      scoredCandidates.push({
        itemId: candidate.id,
        score: prediction.expectedReward,
        confidence: prediction.confidenceBound,
        features: combinedFeatures,
        explorationBonus: prediction.explorationBonus

```



```

    })

    # Balance exploration and exploitation
    finalCandidates = this.balanceExplorationExploitation(scoredCandidates)

    # Track recommendations for reward learning
    recommendationIds = finalCandidates.slice(0, numRecommendations).map(c => c.itemId)
    this.trackRecommendations(userId, recommendationIds, contextFeatures)

    return finalCandidates.slice(0, numRecommendations)

function updateWithFeedback(userId, itemId, feedbackType, context):
    # Convert feedback to reward signal
    reward = this.convertFeedbackToReward(feedbackType, context)

    # Get the features used for this recommendation
    recommendationFeatures = this.getRecommendationFeatures(userId, itemId)

    if recommendationFeatures:
        # Update contextual bandit with reward
        this.contextualBandits.update(recommendationFeatures, reward)

        # Update user session state
        this.sessionManager.updateSession(userId, {
            itemId: itemId,
            feedback: feedbackType,
            reward: reward,
            timestamp: Date.now()
        })

        # Trigger real-time model updates if needed
        if this.shouldTriggerModelUpdate(userId, reward):
            this.triggerModelUpdate(userId)

function balanceExplorationExploitation(candidates):
    explorationRate = this.config.updateStrategy.explorationRate

    # Sort by expected reward + exploration bonus
    candidates.sort((a, b) =>
        (b.score + b.explorationBonus) - (a.score + a.explorationBonus)
    )

    # Implement epsilon-greedy exploration
    finalCandidates = []

```

```

for i in range(candidates.length):
    if Math.random() < explorationRate:
        # Exploration: select based on confidence/uncertainty
        explorationCandidate = this.selectExplorationCandidate(candidates)
        finalCandidates.push(explorationCandidate)
    else:
        # Exploitation: select best predicted candidate
        finalCandidates.push(candidates[i])

return finalCandidates

function convertFeedbackToReward(feedbackType, context):
    rewardMapping = {
        'click': 1.0,
        'view': 0.5,
        'like': 2.0,
        'share': 3.0,
        'purchase': 10.0,
        'ignore': 0.0,
        'dislike': -1.0,
        'block': -5.0
    }

    baseReward = rewardMapping[feedbackType] || 0.0

    # Apply contextual modifiers
    if context.timeToFeedback < 10000: # Quick feedback (< 10 seconds)
        baseReward *= 1.2

    if context.sessionPosition === 1: # First recommendation clicked
        baseReward *= 1.1

    return baseReward

function extractContextualFeatures(userId, context):
    features = []

    # User features
    userProfile = this.getUserProfile(userId)
    features.push(...this.encodeUserFeatures(userProfile))

    # Temporal features
    temporalFeatures = this.encodeTemporalFeatures(context.timestamp)
    features.push(...temporalFeatures)

```

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# Session features
sessionFeatures = this.encodeSessionFeatures(userId, context)
features.push(...sessionFeatures)

# Device and environment features
environmentFeatures = this.encodeEnvironmentFeatures(context)
features.push(...environmentFeatures)

return features

function encodeSessionFeatures(userId, context):
    session = this.sessionManager.getSession(userId)

    return [
        session.duration / 3600000,           # Session duration in hours
        session.pageViews,                     # Number of page views
        session.interactions,                  # Number of interactions
        session.conversionEvents,              # Number of conversions
        session.bounceRate,                    # Session bounce rate
        context.positionInSession || 0         # Position in current session
    ]

```

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## Real-time Serving Optimization

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## Caching and Precomputation Strategy:

```

ServingOptimization = {
  precomputation: {
    userEmbeddings: true,
    itemEmbeddings: true,
    popularityScores: true,
    categoryTrends: true
  },

  caching: {
    userProfiles: { ttl: 3600000, size: 100000 },    # 1 hour, 100K users

```

```

    recommendations: { ttl: 1800000, size: 50000 },    # 30 minutes, 50K sets
    modelPredictions: { ttl: 600000, size: 200000 }    # 10 minutes, 200K predictions
  },

  approximation: {
    nearestNeighbors: 'faiss',
    dimensionalityReduction: 'pca',
    quantization: 'product_quantization'
  }
}

```

## Model Training Optimization

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**Distributed Training Pipeline:** - Parallel feature extraction - Distributed model training - Incremental learning updates - A/B testing infrastructure

## Security Considerations

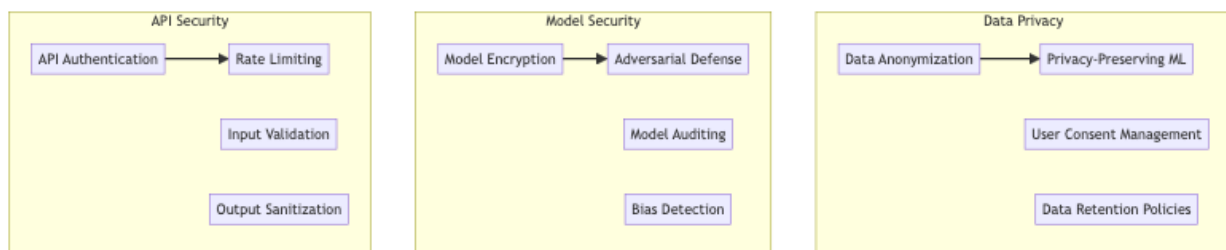
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## Recommendation Security Framework

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**Experimentation Platform:** - Multi-armed bandit testing - Statistical significance testing - Business metric tracking - Model performance comparison

## Model Evaluation

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**Evaluation Metrics:** - Precision, Recall, F1-Score - NDCG (Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain) - Diversity metrics - Novelty and serendipity measures

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### Accuracy vs Explainability

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- **Complex models:** Higher accuracy vs interpretability
- **Feature engineering:** Performance vs transparency
- **Ensemble methods:** Robustness vs complexity
- **Deep learning:** Pattern recognition vs explainability

### Personalization vs Privacy

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- **Data collection:** Personalization quality vs privacy concerns
- **Model complexity:** Individual targeting vs data minimization
- **Cross-platform tracking:** Consistency vs privacy
- **Real-time updates:** Responsiveness vs data protection

## Exploration vs Exploitation

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- **Recommendation diversity:** Discovery vs relevance
  - **New item promotion:** Novelty vs proven preferences
  - **Long-tail coverage:** Comprehensive catalog vs popular items
  - **User engagement:** Immediate satisfaction vs long-term value

This machine learning recommendation engine provides a comprehensive foundation for personalized recommendations with features like advanced collaborative filtering, content-based analysis, deep learning models, hybrid ensembles, and real-time personalization while maintaining high accuracy, scalability, and user privacy standards.