Content-based Recommender for Ecommerce site

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Problem Statement

Brick & mortar → Online +
Poor user browsing experience =

Customers spending hours scrolling through tons merchandise never finding the item they want to buy.



Solution?

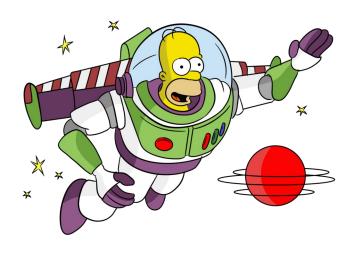
Recommender System!

What is a recommender system?

- An unsupervised learning algorithm
- Mostly used to aid in consumer decision making
 - Shopping
 - Movie selection
 - Online article reading
- Collaborative or Content-based
- Success measured on how similar a product is to another product



Amazon Reviews & Web Scraping



- 278,677 Amazon reviews and ratings of Clothing, Shoes, and Jewelry
- Scraped 23,033 unique Amazon product IDs for additional data:
 - Name
 - Description
 - o Color
 - o Size
 - Department/Category
- Successfully scraped 13,732 = approx 40% loss of data

Feature Engineering

- Name, Category & Average Rating ended up being the most important
- Colors lowered score
- Dropped Description & Size

Scoring

- No target variable
- Revenue and Click-through-rate vs.
 Human evaluation
- Measured relevance between product based on features



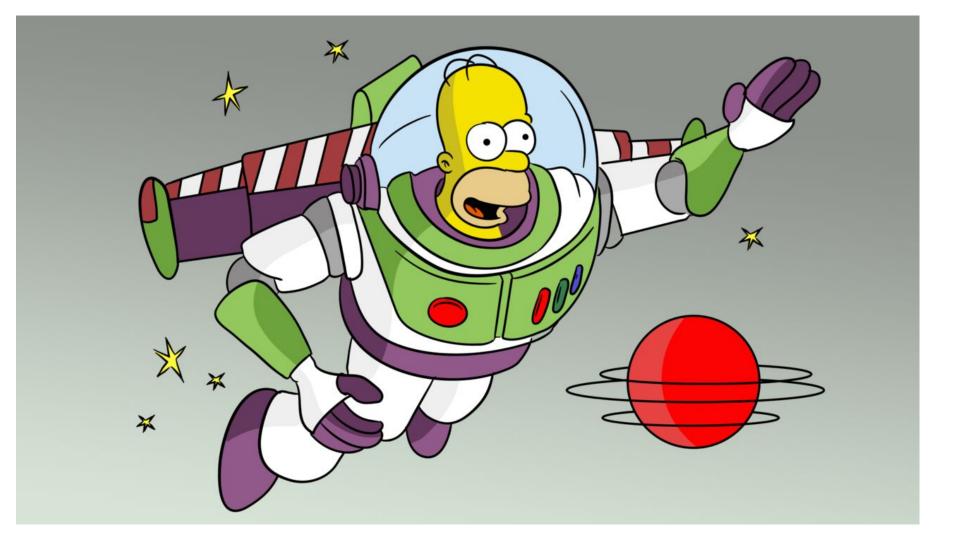




| recommender_tfidf["Kanu Surf Men's Havana Swim Trunk"].sort_values()[1:11] | |
|---|-------|
| name_x | |
| Kanu Surf Men's Barracuda Swim Trunk | 0.007 |
| Kanu Surf Men's Barracuda Swim Trunks (Regular & Extended Sizes) | 0.010 |
| Speedo Surf Runner Volley Swim Trunks, Red Pepper, X-Large | 0.027 |
| Speedo Men's Marina Swim Trunk | 0.029 |
| Speedo Men's Marina Swim Trunk- Manufacturer Discontinued - Manufacturer Discontinued | 0.032 |
| Zehui Mens Swimwear Sexy Sport Shorts Tie Rope Swim Trunks | 0.032 |
| Speedo Men's Poly Mesh Square Leg Swimsuit | 0.048 |
| Kanu Surf Men's CB Rashguard UPF 50+ Swim Shirt | 0.060 |
| Kanu Surf Men's Solid Rashguard UPF 50+ Swim Shirt | 0.062 |
| Mens Solid Color with Racing Stripe Skate Surf Board Short/Swim Trunks | 0.076 |
| Name: Kanu Surf Men's Havana Swim Trunk, dtype: float64 | |
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Kanu Surf Men's Havana Swim Trunk





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recommender tfidf["Buzz Lightyear Boy's Deluxe Toy Story Costume"].sort values()[1:11]
name x
California Costumes Toys Hercules
0.025
California Costumes Toys Vampire Girl
0.026
Rubies Star Wars Classic Child's Deluxe Jedi Knight Costume, Medium
0.029
Rubie's Deluxe George Washington Children's Costume, Large
0.031
Super DC Heroes Deluxe Muscle Chest Superman Costume, Child's Large
0.032
DC Comics Wonder Woman Toddler Costume Red Caped T-Shirt
0.033
Forum Novelties Sparkle Princess Costume, Toddler Size
0.033
Child's Red and Black Spanish Princess Costume, Small
0.033
Melissa & Doug Chef Role-Play Costume Set (Pretend Play, Materials, Machine-Washable, 17.5" H x 24" W x 0.75" L)
0.034
DC Super Heroes Child's Batgirl Costume, Large
0.035
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Buzz Lightyear Boy's Deluxe Toy Story Costume





| recommender_tfidf["Secret Wishes Star Wars Princess Leia Prisone: | r Adult Costume"].sort_values()[1:10] |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| name_x | |
| Secret Wishes Star Wars Princess Leia Costume | 0.013 |
| Secret Wishes Maid Costume | 0.025 |
| Secret Wishes Women's Adult Supergirl Costume | 0.027 |
| Secret Wishes Batman Arkham City Sexy Harley Quinn Costume | 0.033 |
| DC Comics Secret Wishes Wonder Woman Corset Costume | 0.036 |
| DC Comics Deluxe Batgirl Adult Costume | 0.038 |
| InCharacter Wretched Witch Adult Costume- | 0.039 |
| Secret Wishes Women's Dark Knight Rises Adult Catwoman Costume | 0.042 |

0.043

California Costumes Deluxe Hooded Robe Adult Costume

Secret Wishes Star Wars Princess Leia Prisoner Adult Costume



| recommender_tfidf["Long Satin Bandage Evening Gown Formal Bridesmaid Prom Dress Br | ooch"].sort_values()[1:11] |
|--|----------------------------|
| name x | |
| Ever-Pretty Sleeveless V-Neck Semi-Formal Maxi Evening Dress 09016 | 0.030 |
| Ever-Pretty Sleeveless V-Neck Semi-Formal Maxi Evening Dress 09016 | 0.034 |
| 50s Strapless Satin Bridesmaid Bridesmaid Dress Homecoming | 0.034 |
| Wild Zebra Inspired Graphic Print Beaded Halter Smocked Bodice Long/Maxi Dress | 0.035 |
| Sakkas Stonewashed Rayon Embroidered Adjustable Spaghetti Straps Long Dress | 0.036 |
| Arlyn Perez V Neck Floral Lace 3/4 Sleeve Cocktail Party Mini Dress | 0.036 |
| Columbia Women's Saturday Trail Stretch Dress | 0.036 |
| Funfash Plus Size Women Blue Black Empire Waist A Line Block Long Maxi New Dress | 0.036 |
| Funfash Plus Size Women Empire Waist A Line Slimming Cocktail Dress Made in USA | 0.037 |
| Funfash Plus Size Women Empire Waist A Line Slimming Cocktail Dress Made in USA | 0.037 |

Long Satin Bandage Evening Gown Formal Bridesmaid Prom Dress Brooch











Success!!

