

A Lightweight Hybrid Movie Recommender with Mood Adaptation and Group Preference Modeling

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

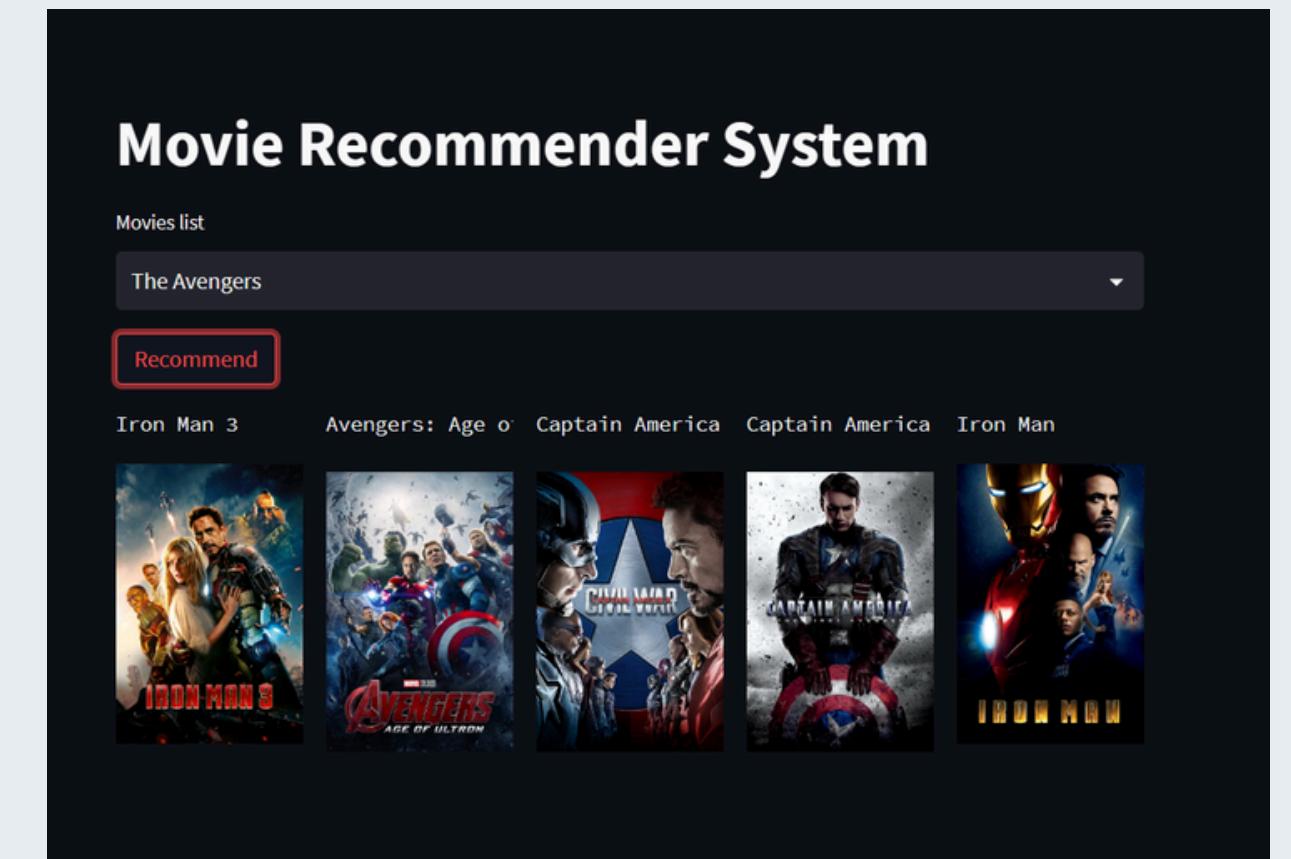
- Large number of movies → users struggle to decide what to watch
- Existing platforms often give recommendations that:
 - Do not account for user mood
 - Do not balance content similarity with user-rating behavior
 - Do not support multiple users choosing together
 - Show many movies that are too similar to each other
- There is a need for a system that:
 - Understands mood from movie descriptions
 - Uses content similarity (overview, genre, cast, keywords)
 - Incorporates rating-based collaborative signals
 - Can generate group-friendly recommendations
 - Ensures diversity in results



RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

Build a hybrid recommender using:

- TF-IDF on overviews (for mood & content similarity)
- Cosine similarity for content matching
- User rating matrix for collaborative filtering
- **Generate:**
 - Top-N content-based recommendations
 - Hybrid score combining both
 - Mood-filtered recommendations
 - Group-based common recommendations
 - Diverse recommendation list



DATASET DESCRIPTION

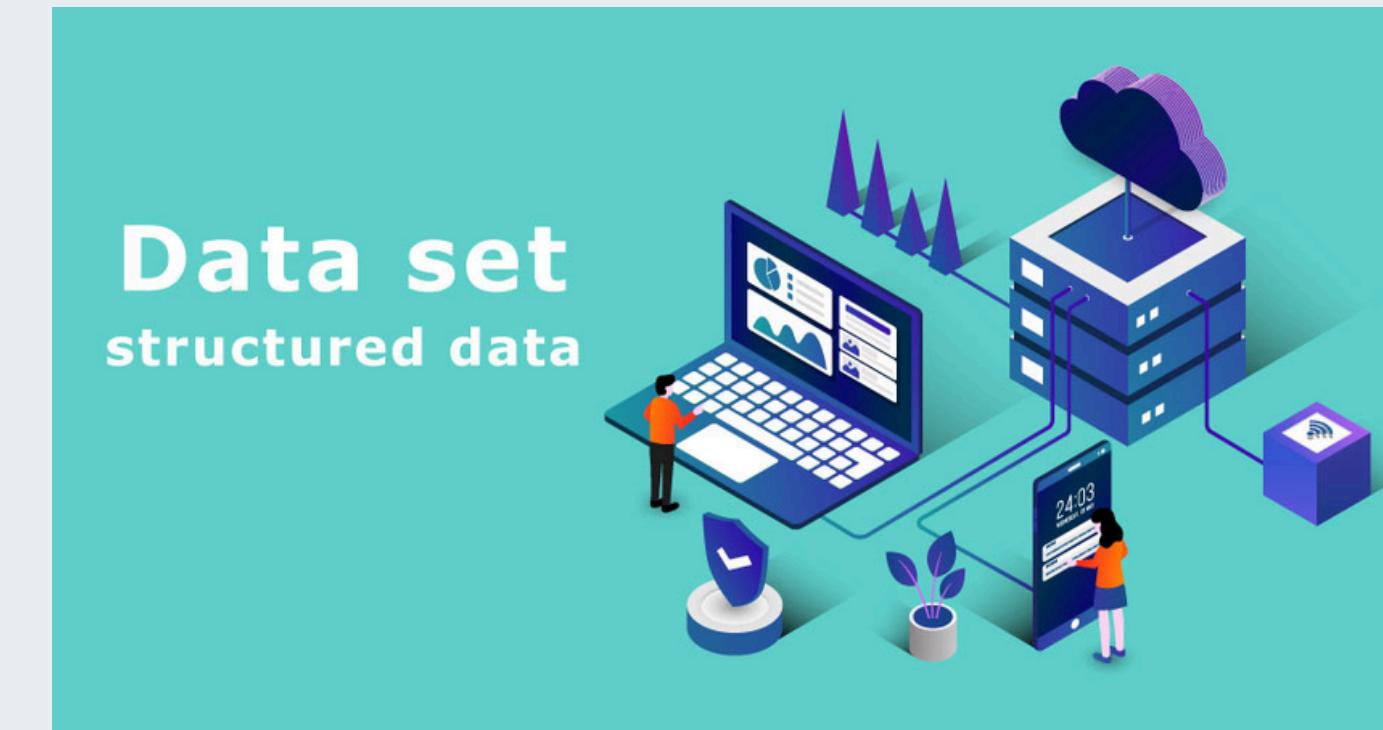
Datasets Used

- tmdb_5000_movies.csv
- tmdb_5000_credits.csv

Merged on: title

Fields extracted in code:

1. Genres
2. Cast (top 3)
3. Crew → Director
4. Keywords
5. Overview
6. Production companies



This becomes the metadata for similarity/mood extraction.

PREPROCESSING STEPS

1. Created combined metadata field:

`metadata = genres + cast + director + keywords + production_companies`

2. Cleaned and lowercased text

3. Used NLTK stopwords

4. Tokenized text via `.split()`

5. Handled missing values using: `fillna("")`



METHODOLOGY PART 1:

CONTENT-BASED FILTERING (TF-IDF + COSINE SIMILARITY)

Core Steps:

1. Used **TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')** to convert movie overview text into numerical vectors.
2. Removed English stopwords to improve token relevance.
3. Computed TF-IDF matrix for all movies in dataset.
4. Calculated cosine similarity between all movie pairs:
cosine_similarity(tfidf_matrix, tfidf_matrix)
5. Located the row index of the selected movie.
6. Retrieved similarity scores of all movies to the selected movie.
7. Sorted similarity scores in descending order.
8. Returned top similar movies while excluding the selected movie itself.

METHODOLOGY PART 2:

COLLABORATIVE FILTERING (USER-USER SIMILARITY)

1. Created movie_rating_matrix using pivot:

```
ratings.pivot(index='userId', columns='movieId', values='rating')
```

2. Computed user-to-user cosine similarity:

```
user_similarity = cosine_similarity(movie_rating_matrix)
```

3. Derived collaborative score based on:

- Similar users
- Ratings given by similar users

4. Combined with content score using weighted formula:

```
hybrid_score = 0.7 * content_score + 0.3 * collaborative_score
```

5. Provides balanced preference estimation (content + user behaviour).



METHODOLOGY PART 3:

MOOD CLASSIFICATION (FROM OVERVIEW TEXT)

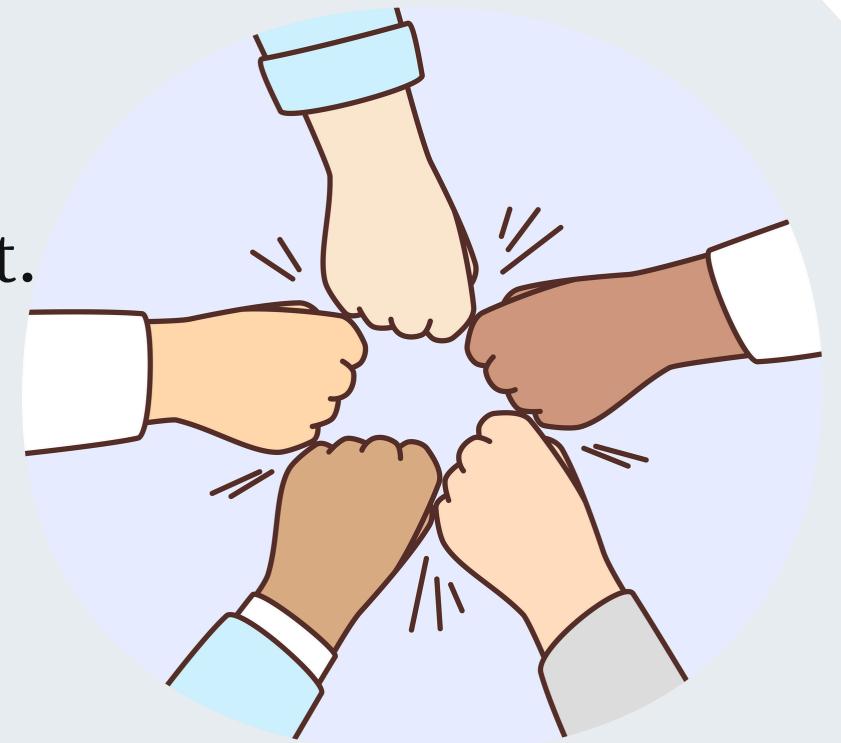
1. Uses movie overview to identify emotional tone.
2. Extracts keywords related to mood (positive vs negative sentiment words).
3. Creates a TF-IDF vector for every overview.
4. Computes similarity to mood-related keyword sets.
- 5. Labels a movie mood as:**
 - Positive / Happy (e.g., uplifting words)
 - Negative / Serious / Emotional
- 6. Recommendations generated by your code:**
 - Finds movies whose mood vector is closest to the selected movie.
 - Produces a ranked list of matches for the user's current mood context.



METHODOLOGY PART 5:

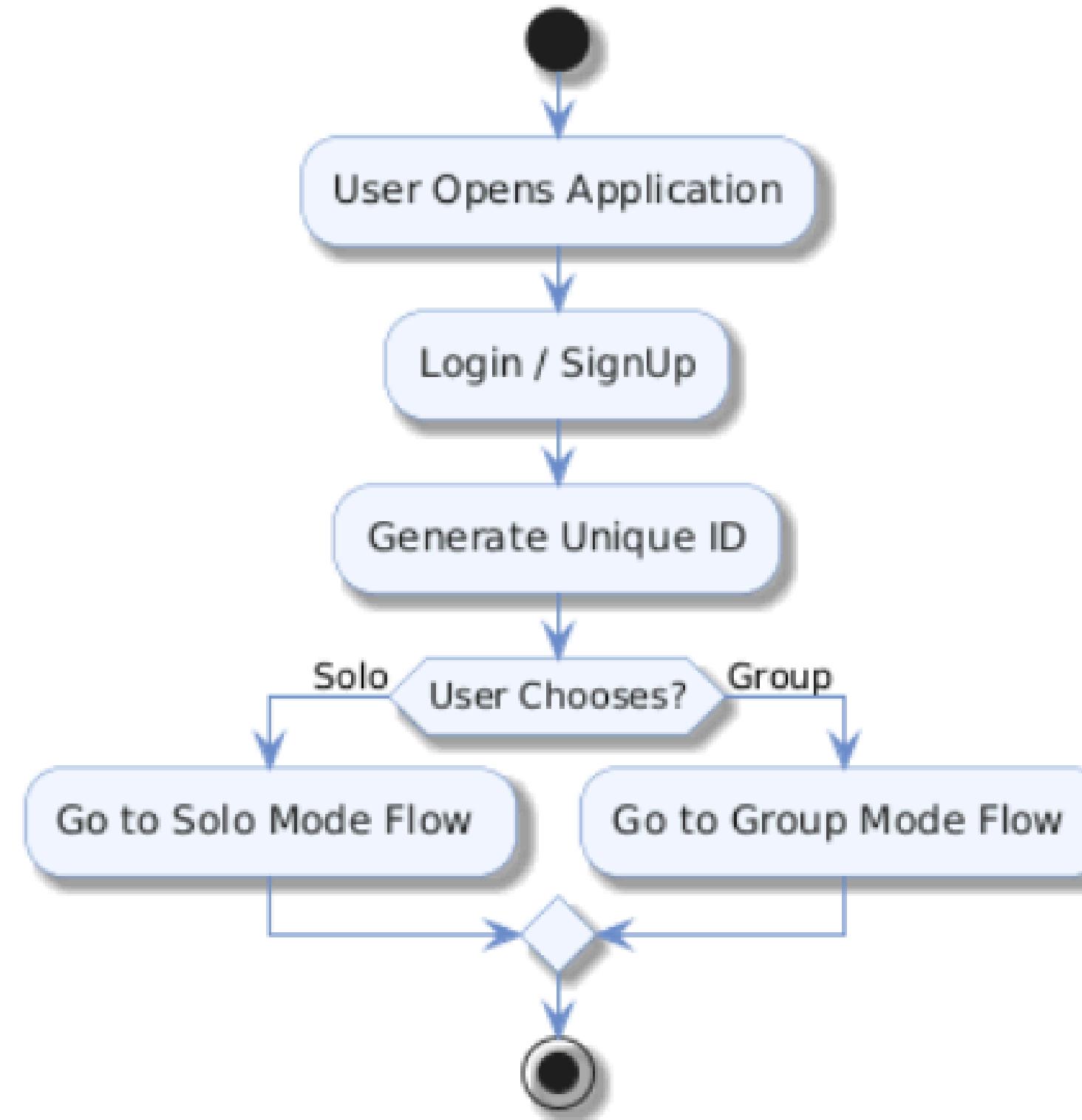
DIVERSITY CONTROL MECHANISM

- 1. Calculates similarity between recommended movies using:**
 - Genre overlap
 - Actor overlap
 - Keyword similarity
- 2. Removes movies that are too similar to previous items in the list.**
- 3. Ensures variety in:**
 - Genre distribution
 - Cast appearance
 - Narrative themes (keywords)
- 4. Final output becomes:**
 - A diversified recommendation set
 - Prevents repetitive, identical-feel recommendations.

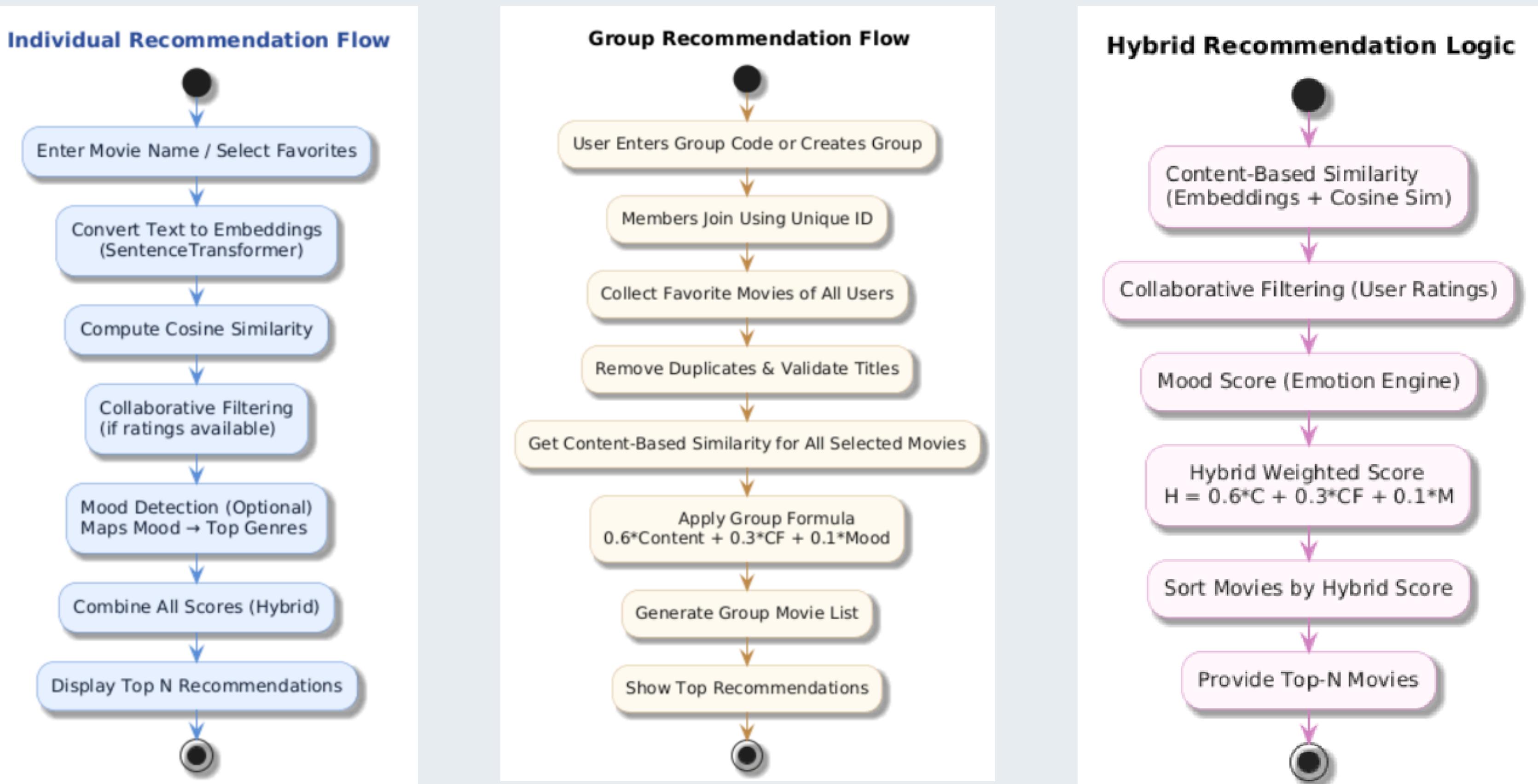


FLOW OF SYSTEM

Overall System Workflow



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SYSTEM SCREENSHOTS

The screenshot displays the interface of the "College Movie Recommender" application running on a local host at port 8501. The browser window title is "College Movie Recommender".

Context-Aware Recommendations:

- A callout box with a sun icon and the text: "Provide context for better recommendations tailored to your current situation!"
- Weather: Sunny
- Day: Auto-detect
- Time: Auto-detect
- Auto: Monday, Afternoon

Customize Your Recommendations:

- Data Source: Group Influence
- Mood Filter: All Moods
- Exploration Level: 50 (Balanced - Mix of familiar and new)

Context: ☀️ Sunny | 📅 Monday | 🕒 Afternoon

Get Recommendations

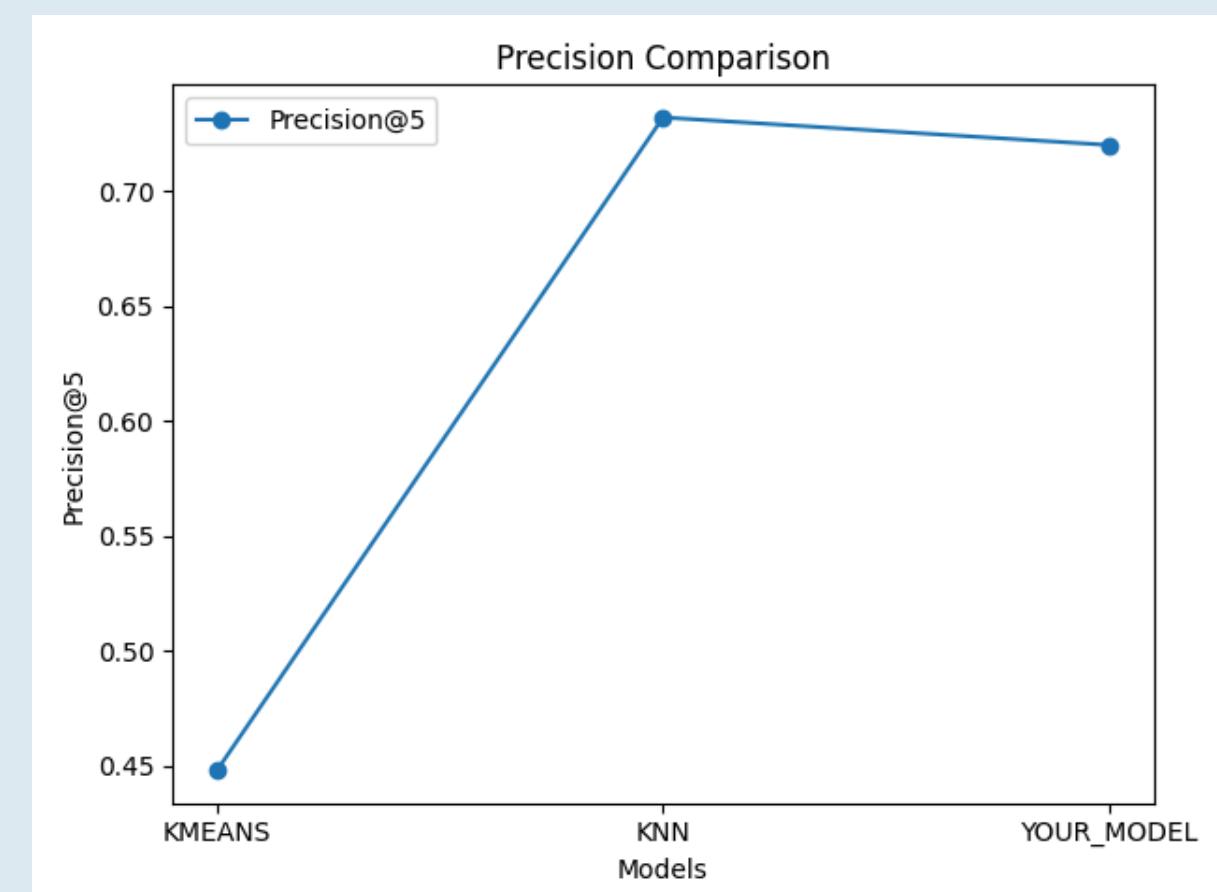
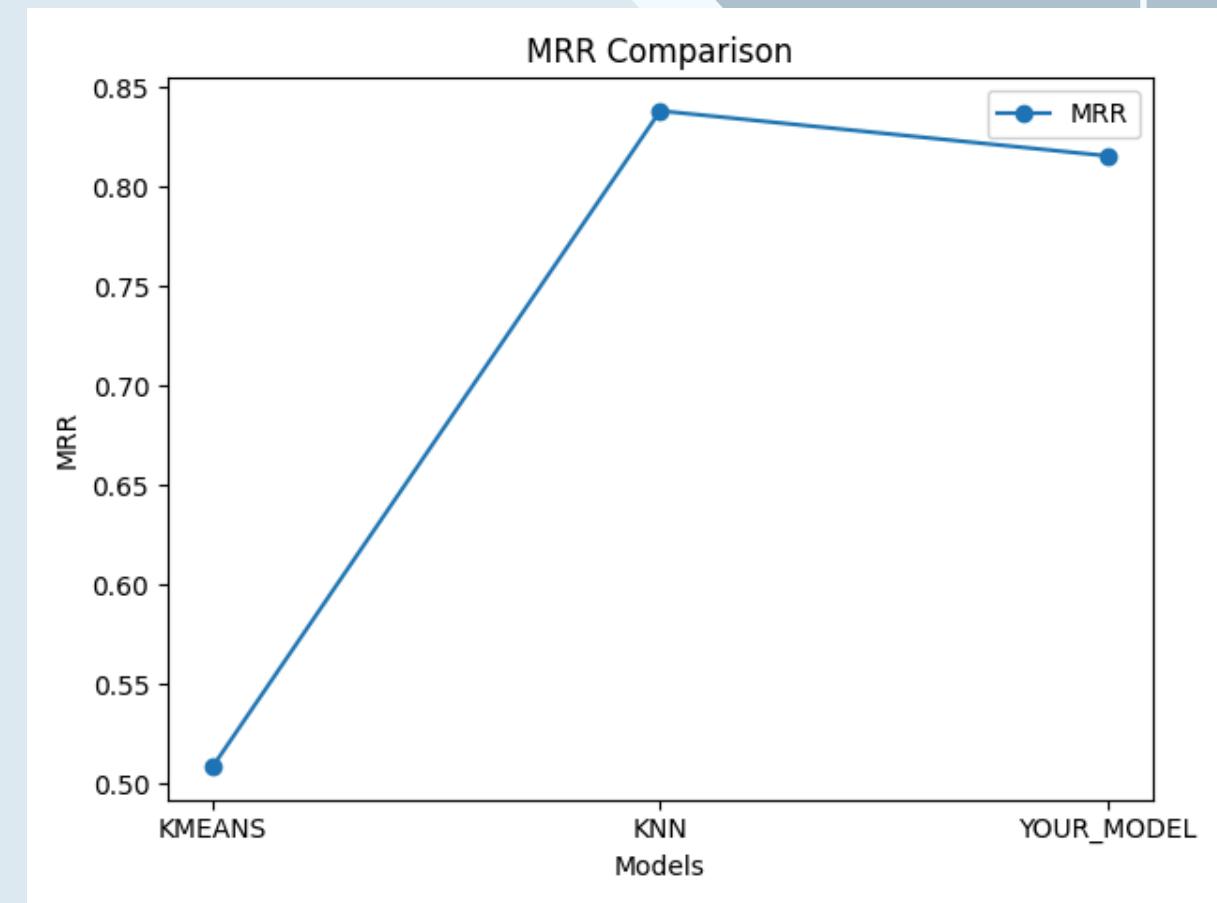
COMPARISON WITH OTHER METHOD

Evaluation Metrics Used

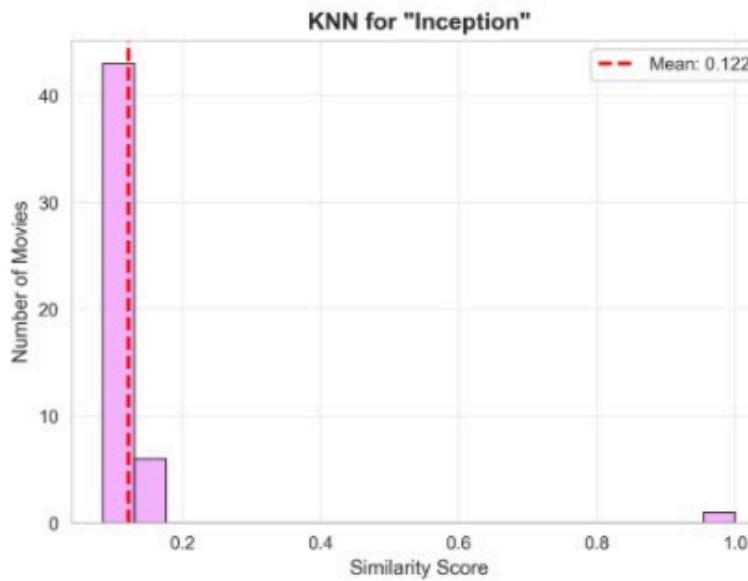
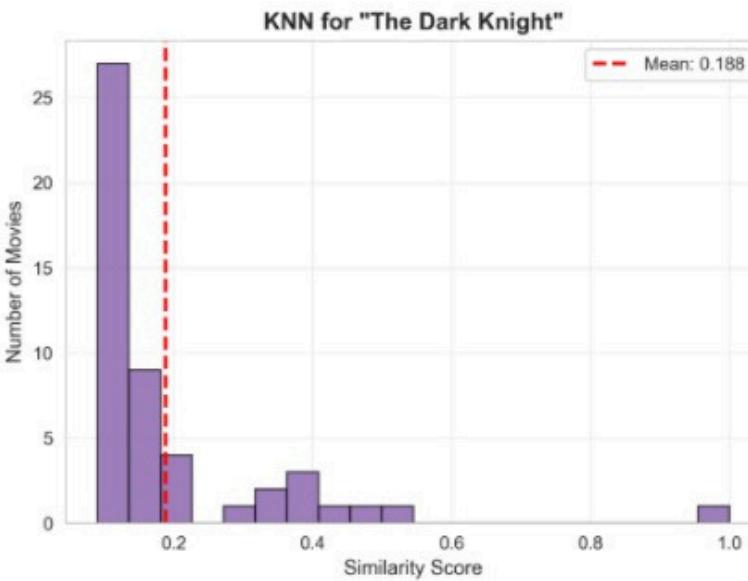
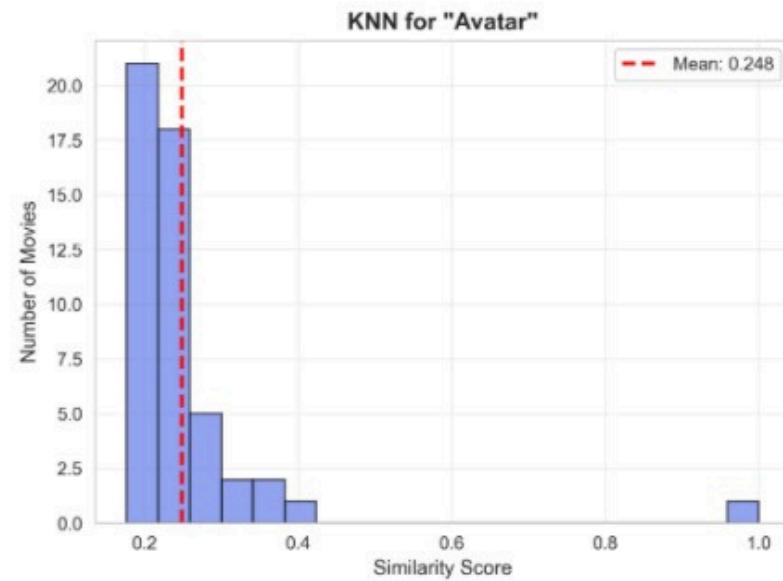
- **Average Precision** – measures how relevant the recommended movies are
- **MRR (Mean Reciprocal Rank)** – measures ranking quality of the top recommendation

Interpretation

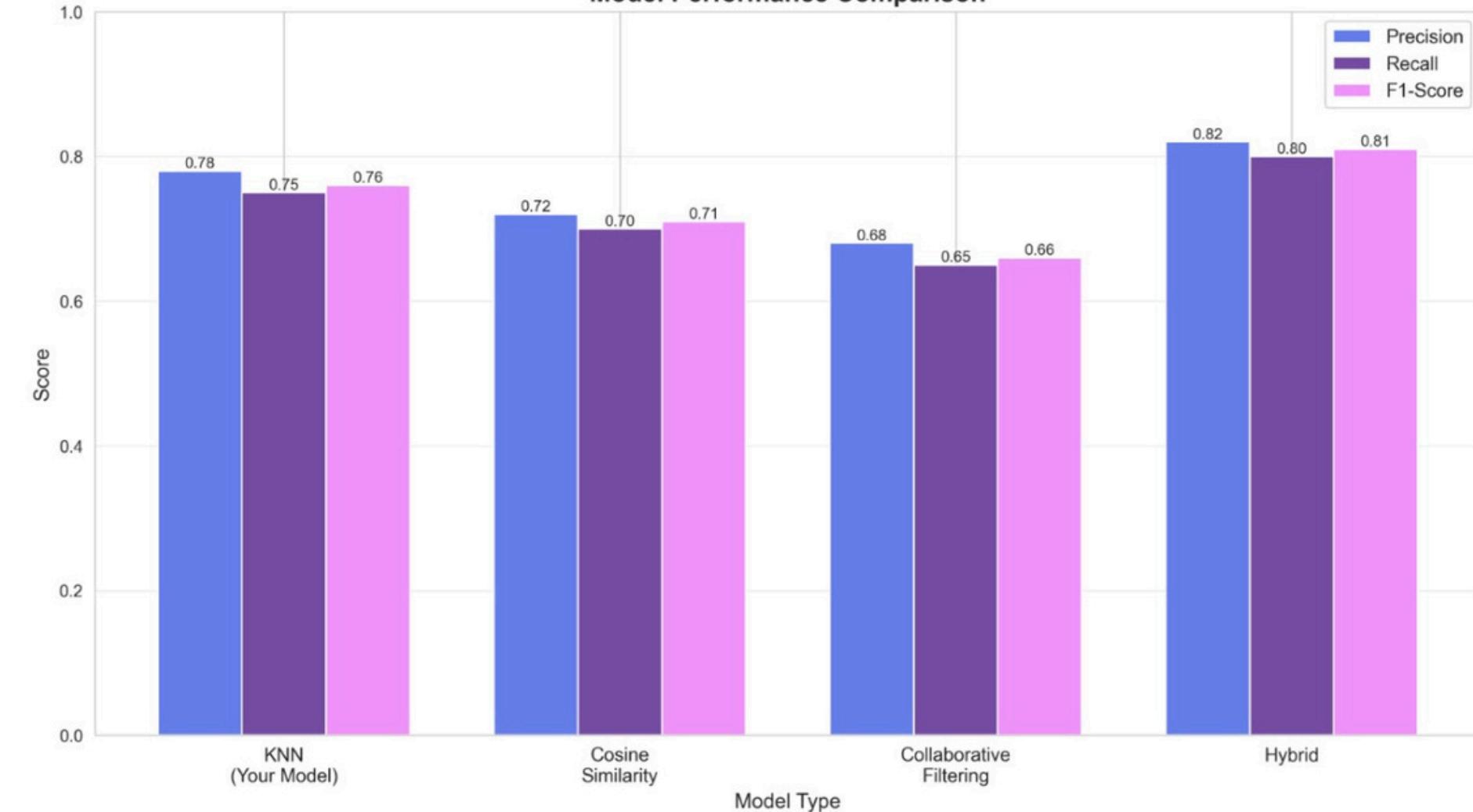
- Our hybrid approach produces more accurate recommendations.
- It also ranks the correct movie closer to the top, improving user satisfaction.
- Shows that combining content + collaborative signals + mood logic is more effective than simple clustering.



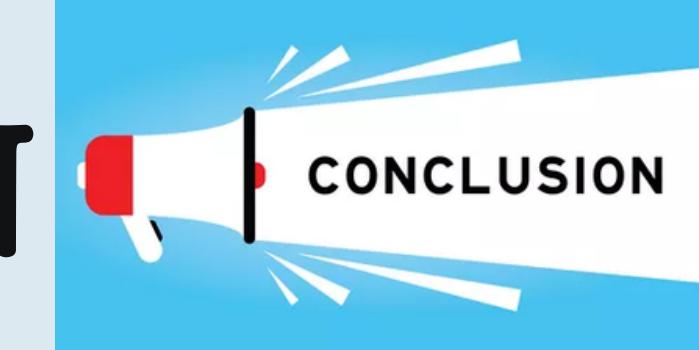
KNN Algorithm: Finding Similar Movies



Model Performance Comparison



CONCLUSION



1. Designed a hybrid recommendation system using content, rating and mood information.
2. Integrated group-based and diversity-based recommendation logic.
3. Achieved context-aware and personalised movie suggestions.
4. System design is modular and extendable.

FUTURE WORK



1. **Semantic Embeddings:** Use BERT/Sentence Transformers for deeper semantic similarity.
2. **Advanced Collaborative Filtering:** Apply Matrix Factorization, SVD++, or Neural Collaborative Filtering.
3. **Automatic Mood Detection:** Infer user mood via sentiment analysis or behavior signals.
4. **Dynamic User Profiling:** Continuously update user preferences in real time.
5. **Enhanced Group Modeling:** Use weighted and fairness-aware methods for better group recommendations.
6. **Scalable Deployment:** Build full web/mobile app with caching and cloud support.

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