Movie Recommendation System

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1 Implementation steps

1.1 Load Movies Dataset:

The code begins by loading the movies dataset from the "movies.csv" file using the pandas library's read_csv() function. This dataset contains information about movies, including their titles and genres.

1.2 Clean the Data

Define a function clean_title(title) that takes a movie title as input and returns a cleaned version of the title. Inside the function, it utilizes the re.sub() function from the re module to perform a regular expression-based substitution. The regular expression [a-zA-Z0-9] matches any character that is not an alphanumeric character or a space. The re.sub() function replaces any matched characters with an empty string, effectively removing them from the title. This cleaning process ensures that only alphanumeric characters and spaces remain in the title, eliminating any special characters or symbols. Finally, the apply() function is used to apply the clean_title function to each title in the "movies" DataFrame, and the cleaned titles are stored in a new column named "clean_title".

1.3 Define Search Function:

Use a TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) vectorizer which converts text data (movie titles) into numerical vectors. Next, create a search function which calculates the cosine similarity between the query vector and the TF-IDF matrix (tfidf) using the cosine_similarity() function from scikit-learn. The resulting similarity scores are flattened into a 1-dimensional array. Then, the indices of the top 5 most similar movies are extracted using np.argpartition(). Finally, the function retrieves the top 5 most similar movies from the "movies" DataFrame based on the calculated indices, reverses the order to display the most similar movie first, and returns these results.

1.4 Define Function to Find Similar Movies:

The ratings data is loaded from a CSV file named "ratings.csv", and users who rated the selected movie highly (rating ξ 4) are identified. Subsequently, movies that these similar users have also rated highly (rating ξ 4) are retrieved, and the percentage of similar users who rated each of these movies is calculated. Movies with a high percentage of ratings from similar users (greater than 10 Percent) are considered as potential recommendations from users who liked the given movie.

1.5 Calculate the Similarity Score:

Considering all users who rated the movies highly (rating ¿ 4), the ratings DataFrame is filtered to include only the ratings for movies that were highly rated by similar users. Then, it calculates the number of times each potential recommendation movie was rated highly by all users and divides it by the total number of unique users who rated any of these movies highly. This calculation yields the percentage of all users who rated each potential recommendation movie highly. These percentages are then combined into a DataFrame named rec_percentages, where each row represents a potential recommendation movie, and columns "similar" and "all" represent the percentage of ratings from similar users and all users, respectively. The DataFrame is then sorted in descending order based on the "score" column to prioritize movies with a higher score, indicating greater popularity among similar users relative to all users. Finally, the top 10 movies with the highest scores are selected from rec_percentages, merged with the "movies" DataFrame based on the movie IDs, and displayed, providing a list of potential movie recommendations ranked by their similarity to the given movie and their popularity among users.

1.6 Create Interactive Movie Recommendation Widget:

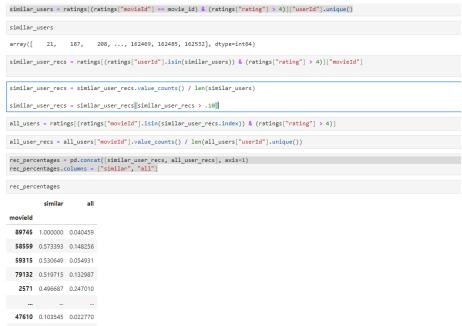
Create an Interactive widget using Jupyter IPython widgets which takes the user's input as a movie title and recommends similar movies with the highest similarity score.

2 Goals

2.1 Calculate the percentage of similar users who rated other movies positively

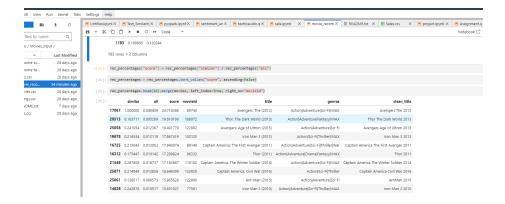
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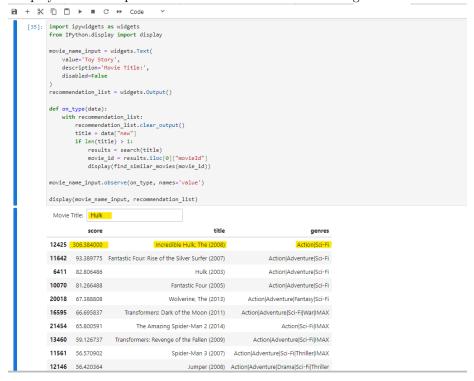
2.2 Find the similarity score for each recommended movie based on the ratio of similar users' ratings to all users' ratings

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2.3 Display the top recommended movies and merges their details using similarity score.

An interactive widget is created using ipywidgets, allowing users to input a movie title. As the user types the movie title, the system dynamically updates and displays a list of top 10 similar movies based on user ratings.



3 Conclusion

In conclusion, leveraging technologies such as Pandas, NumPy, regular expressions (re), and TF-IDF vectorization (TfidfVectorizer), movie recommendation systems have revolutionized the way users discover and consume movies. By harnessing the power of data analysis and machine learning, these systems provide personalized recommendations based on users' preferences and viewing history.

Using Pandas, data about movies, ratings, and user interactions can be efficiently processed and analyzed. NumPy facilitates mathematical operations and data manipulation, enabling the extraction of meaningful insights from large datasets. Regular expressions (re) offer powerful tools for text processing and cleaning, ensuring that movie titles and other textual data are appropriately formatted for analysis.

Moreover, TF-IDF vectorization with TfidfVectorizer converts textual movie data into numerical vectors, allowing for efficient calculation of similarities between movies. This technology plays a crucial role in determining relevant recommendations by identifying movies with similar characteristics or themes.

By integrating these technologies, movie recommendation systems deliver several key benefits. They enhance user satisfaction by offering personalized movie suggestions tailored to individual preferences, leading to increased user engagement and retention. Additionally, these systems drive revenue growth for businesses in the entertainment industry by promoting content that aligns with users' interests, ultimately contributing to a more enjoyable and rewarding movie-watching experience for audiences worldwide.

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