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## Question 1

Complete

10.00 points out of 10.00

In class, we derived the formula for the matrix C in the ALS factorization of the matrix R, assuming S is known (Slide 25).

Assuming that C is known/fixed, write down the sequence of derivations that leads to the factorization for S in terms C and R?

Write your final answer as  $S=...$  on the new line to ease grading.

To ease grading, use the following notation:

- Use \* for the product of two matrices
- Use ' (i.e., prime) for the matrix transpose, e.g., X'
- Use ^(-1) for the inverse
- Example:  $(X'X + B)^{-1}$

$$R = C * S'$$

$$C' * R = (C' * C) * S'$$

$$(C' * C)^{-1} * C' * R = S'$$

$$((C' * C)^{-1} * C' * R)' = S$$

Comment:

## Question 2

Correct

9.00 points out of 9.00

Order the Steps in the ALS

Solve for C

Step 5



Solve for S

Step 3



Repeat Steps 3-6 (k-times)

Step 7



Fix C

Step 6



Repeat Steps 1-5 (k-times)

N/A



Fix the number of hidden factors, h and the number of iterations, k

Step 1



Repeat Steps 2-5 (k-times)

N/A



Assign random numbers to matrix C

Step 2



Fix S

Step 4



Your answer is correct.

The correct answer is: Solve for C → Step 5, Solve for S → Step 3, Repeat Steps 3-6 (k-times) → Step 7, Fix C → Step 6, Repeat Steps 1-5 (k-times) → N/A, Fix the number of hidden factors, h and the number of iterations, k → Step 1, Repeat Steps 2-5 (k-times) → N/A, Assign random numbers to matrix C → Step 2, Fix S → Step 4

## Question 3

Correct

10.00 points out of 10.00

Check all the conditions that must hold true for the ALS to complete its run successfully.

Note:  $X'$  (prime) denotes the transpose

Select one or more:

- ☐ a.  $C$  must be square
- ☐ b.  $S$  must be initialized with the row means of  $R$
- ☒ c.  $C'C$  must be invertible during all the iterations of the ALS execution ✓
- ☐ d.  $S$  must square
- ☐ e.  $R$  can be initialized with any random numbers
- ☒ f.  $S'S$  must be invertible during all the iterations of the ALS execution ✓
- ☐ g. Product of  $C$  and  $S'$  must be commutative.
- ☐ h.  $S'S$  must be invertible ONLY during the initialization phase of the algorithm.
- ☐ i.  $C$  must be invertible
- ☐ j.  $S'$  must be invertible

Your answer is correct.

The correct answers are:  $S'S$  must be invertible during all the iterations of the ALS execution,  $C'C$  must be invertible during all the iterations of the ALS execution

## Question 4

Correct

5.00 points out of 5.00

Recall that the Loss function in the ALS problem formulation is the Frobenius Norm of the matrix  $E = R - \hat{R}$  (or least squares) (see slides 26 and 28).

Suppose that the Loss Function was changed to the  $L_1$ -norm from its original  $L_2$ -norm.

Suppose as a result of running the ALS algorithm on the matrix R using this new Loss Function, the rating vector for the 5th user was  $c_5 = (1, 2, 3)$  and the service vector for the 7th service was  $s_7 = (3, 2, 1)$ . Assuming that the true rating  $r_{5,7} = 5$  in the matrix R, how much loss is being contributed to the Loss Function assuming the optimization problem for this new ALS was solved without regularization?

Answer: 5



The correct answer is: 5

## Question 5

Correct

3.00 points out of 3.00

Suppose as a result of running the ALS algorithm on the matrix R, the rating vector for the 5th user was  $c_5 = (1, 2, 3)$  and the service vector for the 7th service was  $s_7 = (3, 2, 1)$ . What is the estimated rating  $r_{5,7}$  for the matrix R?

Answer: 10



The correct answer is: 10

## Question 6

Correct

3.00 points out of 3.00

Suppose as a result of running the ALS algorithm on the matrix  $R$ , the rating vector for the 5th user was  $c_5 = (1, 2, 3)$  and the service vector for the 7th service was  $s_7 = (3, 2, 1)$ . Assuming that the true rating  $r_{5,7} = 5$  in the matrix  $R$ , how much loss is being contributed to the Loss Function assuming the least squares optimization problem for ALS was solved without regularization?

(HINT: See slide 28, the form of the optimization problem for the ALS)

Answer: 25



The correct answer is: 25

## Question 7

Correct

5.00 points out of 5.00

In class, we derived the formula for the matrix  $C$  in the ALS factorization of the matrix  $R$ , assuming  $S$  is known (Slide 25).

Assuming that  $C$  is known/fixed, what is the factorization for  $S$ ?

Write your answer as  $S=...$

To allow for automatic grading:

- Do not use white-space characters
- Use  $*$  for the product of two matrices
- Use  $'$  (i.e., prime) for the matrix transpose, e.g.,  $X'$
- Use  $\wedge(-1)$  for the inverse
- Example:  $(X'*X+B)\wedge(-1)$

Answer:  $((C'*C)\wedge(-1)*C'*R)'$ 

The correct answer is:  $S=((C'*C)\wedge(-1)*C'*R)'$

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