

Lab Assignment 7

Objective: To create a book recommender which can be used to recommend similar books to the reader based on his/her interest. The books recommendation system is used by online websites which provide ebooks like google play books, open library, good Read's, etc.

1. Load dataset book_ratings, books and users
2. Data Pre-processing:
 - Impute the missing values present in categorical columns and numerical columns
 - Create a new dataframe "Combine_Book_Ratings" by merging books csv file with their ratings csv file using `pd.merge()`
 - Calculate total rating count for the books based on the book_ratings columns, using `groupby()` function.
 - Filter out the lesser known books using total rating count. You need to take only those books for which total rating count is greater than or equal to 50.
 - Also filter the users based on the location. Take into consideration the users of "usa" and "Canada".
3. Convert your table into a 2D matrix using userid and movie title and fill the values with movie ratings. Fill the null values with 0 for the cases where user has not given a rating to a book. Hint: Use `pivot` function where `index="Book-Title", columns="User-ID", values="Book-Rating"`.
4. Then transform the values(ratings) of the matrix dataframe into a scipy sparse matrix (use: `from scipy.sparse import csr_matrix`) for more efficient calculations.
5. Define model using `sklearn.neighbors` to find out 5 most similar books for the given book based on the title.
6. Test your model using by giving any random book_title and see the books suggestions returned by your model.
7. *For Fun:* Scrap books data from [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com). Construct a content-based filtering book recommendation system.