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Question 1

Complete

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)

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

Question 2

Correct

9.00 points out of 9.00

Order the Steps in the ALS

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

Your answer is correct.

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

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

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: ✓

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: ✓

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 $^{(-1)}$ for the inverse
- Example: $(X'*X+B)^{(-1)}$

Answer: ✓

The correct answer is: $S=((C'*C)^{(-1)}*C'*R)'$

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