# ECE219\_project3

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# 1 ECE 219 Project 3

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from sklearn.metrics import roc\_curve, auc

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[]: from google.colab import drive drive.mount('/content/drive')
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Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mount("/content/drive", force\_remount=True).

##Q1 Explore the Dataset

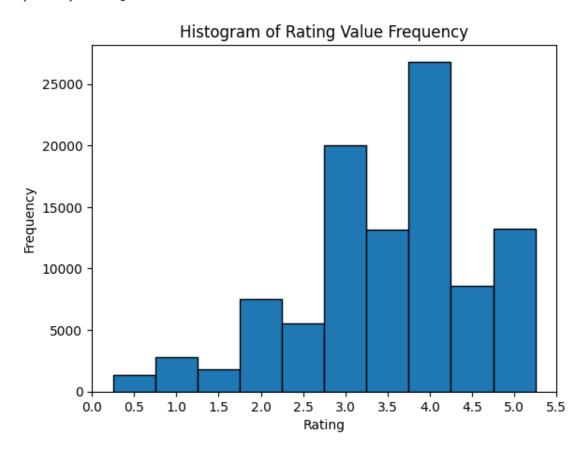
A) The sparsity of the dataset is: 0.0169997, which means only about 1.69997% of all possible rating fields in the ratings matrix have an actual rating specified to it.

Number of users: 610 Number of movies: 9724 Number of total ratings: 100836 Sparsity: 0.016999683055613623

B) The histogram showing the frequency of each possible rating value is plotted below. It is shaped in such a way that it generally slopes upward until reaching the peak frequency at rating 4.0, and then generally slopes downward until reaching the maximum possible rating of 5.0. Therefore, we would describe this shape as a hill that is lopsided to the right. We see that the rating with the highest frequency is rating 4.0, with 26816 occurrences, and the rating with the lowest frequency is rating 0.5 with 1370 occurrences.

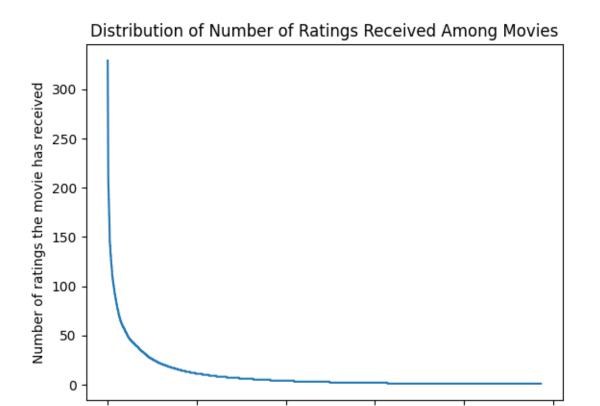
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plt.title('Histogram of Rating Value Frequency')
plt.show()
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Possible Rating Values: [0.5 1. 1.5 2. 2.5 3. 3.5 4. 4.5 5.] Frequency of Each Rating Value: [1370, 2811, 1791, 7551, 5551, 20046, 13136, 26816, 8553, 13211]



C) The distribution of the number of ratings received among movies is plotted below.

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num_movies = len(unique_movieIds)
num_ratings_per_movie = []
for i in range(num_movies):
    num_ratings_per_movie.append(len(movieIds[movieIds == unique_movieIds[i]]))
num_ratings_per_movie.sort(reverse=True)
plt.plot(range(1, num_movies+1), num_ratings_per_movie)
plt.xlabel('Movie index ordered by decreasing frequency')
plt.ylabel('Number of ratings the movie has received')
plt.title('Distribution of Number of Ratings Received Among Movies')
plt.show()
```

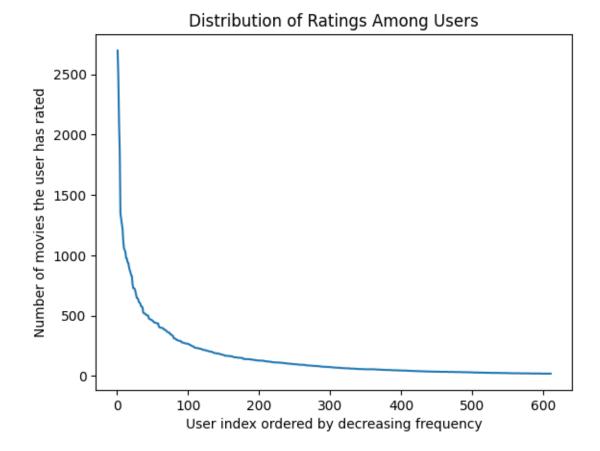


D) The distribution of ratings among users is plotted below.

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[]: num_users = len(unique_userIds)
num_ratings_per_user = []
for i in range(num_users):
    num_ratings_per_user.append(len(userIds[userIds == unique_userIds[i]]))
num_ratings_per_user.sort(reverse=True)
plt.plot(range(1, num_users+1), num_ratings_per_user)
plt.xlabel('User index ordered by decreasing frequency')
plt.ylabel('Number of movies the user has rated')
plt.title('Distribution of Ratings Among Users')
```

Movie index ordered by decreasing frequency

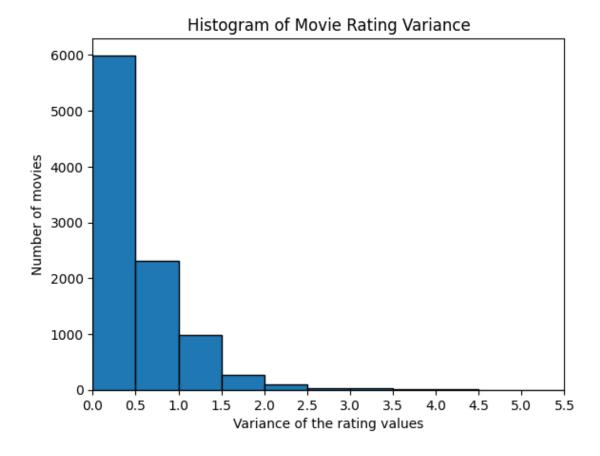
[]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Distribution of Ratings Among Users')



E) In the distribution plotted for Question C, we see that the curve is exponentially decreasing, meaning there are a small portion of movies that received a large and significant number of ratings, while the rest of the movies received comparatively very little ratings. Given the context of the dataset, this pattern makes sense because there are likely a small subset of movies that are well-known, causing many users to watch them and provide ratings for them. On the other hand, movies that don't fall into this small subset of well-known movies receive little attention from users, and the small number of ratings associated with them is reflective of this. The distribution plotted for Question D shows a similar pattern of exponential decline. Essentially, this means that a small subset of users are very active, providing many ratings for many different movies. On the other hand, users which don't fall into this small subset are less active, and only provide ratings for a few movies. Emphasizing this point, even though there are 9724 movies and 610 users, only about 1000 of thees movies received more than 25 user ratings and only about 120 of these users rated more than 250 movies. What this implies is that we will have to take movies which we have a lot of rating information for and extrapolate this data to similar movies with don't have as much rating information. In a similar manner, we will have to take users that we have lots of rating information on and extrapolate this knowledge to make recommendations for similar users that are not as active with rating movies. Essentially, a small subset of movies and a small subset of users will be providing most of the data for our recommendation patterns, and these patterns will have to be extended to other movies and users for which we don't have as much rating data for.

F) We have computed the variance of the rating values received by each movie and plotted the resulting histogram below. By observing the histogram, we can see that out of 9724 movies, about 6000 have a rating variance between 0 and 0.5, about 2200 have a rating variance between 0.5 and 1.0, about 1000 have a rating variance between 1.0 and 1.5, and the remaining movies have a variance greater than 1.5. Therefore, about 9200 of the 9724 movies have a rating variance below 1.5. The shape of the histogram is like a hill that starts at the peak, then rapidly decreases before saturating close to 0 once reaching a variance of about 4.0. This tells us that for most movies, the variance of ratings is rather small, meaning that most users generally tend to agree on the approximate rating it deserves. There are only a small number of movies for which users have trouble agreeing on the approximate rating to give it.

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#Neighborhood-based collaborative filtering

##Q2 Understanding the Pearson Correlation Coefficient

A) The formula for  $\mu_u$  can be given as:

$$\mu_u = \frac{\sum_{k \in I_u} r_{uk}}{|I_u|}$$

In other words, sum all rating  $r_{uk}$  values for which item k is a part of the set  $I_u$ , then divide that by the number of elements in the set  $I_u$ .

B) The meaning of  $I_u \cap I_v$  is the set of item indices that represent the items contained in *both* set  $I_u$  AND set  $I_v$ . Yes, it is possible for  $I_u \cap I_v = \emptyset$  because it's possible that there may not be a single item for which both user u and user v provided a rating for. This can happen if one user or both users have not rated any items, or if they've each rated an exlusive set of items with no items in common.

##Q3 Understanding the Prediction function

The reason behind mean-centering the raw ratings  $(r_{vj} - \mu_v)$  in the prediction function is to ensure that we capture more of a user v's specific rating/thoughts towards an item j rather than their overall, average rating tendencies as a whole. Therefore, if a user v has rated an item j the same

as their overall mean ratings, then we can discard the term (cancels to zero) because the rating is more indicative of their overall rating pattern and less informative about their thoughts on the actual item itself. Additionally, without mean centering the **formula would not work** if we keep the first term in the formula,  $\mu_u$ , because all ratings would add on to this mean rating value  $\mu_u$  positively, whereas mean-centering allows some terms to be negative, thus decreasing the predicted rating  $\hat{r}_{uj}$  via subtraction from this mean rating value  $\mu_u$  as appropriate.

Finally, let's consider the cases where user v rates almost all items very positively (around 4.5-5) or very negatively (around 0.5-1). In the first case, them rating item j highly is not very informative as they rate most items highly anyways, but if they give it a low rating it becomes extra important as it stands out from their usual patterns. In the second case, them rating item j poorly is not very informative as they rate most items poorly anyways, but if they give it a high rating it becomes extra important as it stands out from their usual patterns.

#### ##Q4 Designing a k-NN collaborative filter

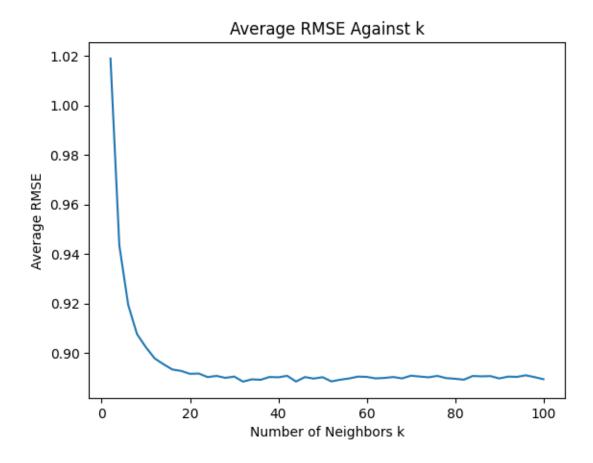
The training and testing of a k-NN collaborative filter using 10-fold cross validation is performed below. This process was repeated for all k values from 2 to 100 in step sizes of 2. Then, the average RMSE against different k values was plotted and the average MAE against different k values was plotted.

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[]: reader = Reader(sep=',',rating_scale=(0.5, 5))
processed_movie_ratings = movie_ratings[['userId', 'movieId', 'rating']]
data = Dataset.load_from_df(df=processed_movie_ratings,reader=reader)
k_values = np.arange(2, 101, 2)
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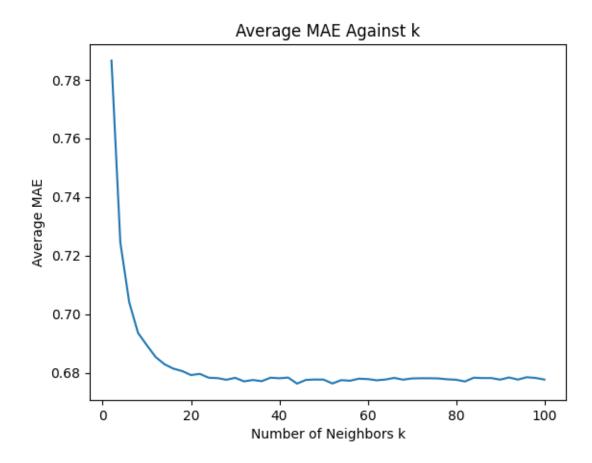
```
[]: avg_rmse_list = []
avg_mae_list = []
for k in k_values:
    print('Testing for k =', k)
    sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
    algo = KNNWithMeans(k=k, sim_options=sim_options)
    res = cross_validate(algo, data, measures=['rmse', 'mae'], cv=10, n_jobs=-1)
    avg_rmse_list.append(np.mean(res['test_rmse']))
    avg_mae_list.append(np.mean(res['test_mae']))
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[]: plt.plot(k_values, avg_rmse_list)
     plt.xlabel('Number of Neighbors k')
     plt.ylabel('Average RMSE')
     plt.title('Average RMSE Against k')
     plt.show()
```



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[]: plt.plot(k_values, avg_mae_list)
  plt.xlabel('Number of Neighbors k')
  plt.ylabel('Average MAE')
  plt.title('Average MAE Against k')
  plt.show()
```



### ##Q5 Finding a minimum k

By observing the two plots above, we can see that a good choice for a 'minimum k' is k=25. This is because at this value of k, both the average RMSE and the average MAE saturate, and increasing k any further does not lead to any significant decrease in average RMSE or average MAE. Thus, this value of k gives us the steady-state values for both metrics. The steady-state value of average RMSE is 0.89 and the steady-state value of average MAE is 0.68.

##Q6 Training and validating a k-NN collaborative filter within each of 3 trimmed subsets

The average RMSE plots for k values ranging from 2 to 100 with a step size of 2 are plotted below for a Popular Movie trimmed dataset, Unpopular Movie trimmed dataset, and High Variance Movie trimmed dataset. The Minimum Average RMSE of each trimming style is reported underneath its corresponding plot.

The ROC curves for all trimming styles as well as no trimming at all have also been plotted. The threshold values used for each of these plots were 2.5, 3, 3.5, and 4. The AUC corresponding to each of these threshold can be found in the plot's legend.

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[]: unique_movieIds.sort()
   popular_movie_list = []
   for i in range(len(unique_movieIds)):
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[]: unpopular_movie_list = []
     for i in range(len(unique_movieIds)):
       num_ratings = len(movieIds[movieIds == unique_movieIds[i]])
       if num_ratings <= 2:</pre>
         unpopular_movie_list.append(unique_movieIds[i])
     processed_movie_ratings_unpopular =_u
      →processed_movie_ratings[processed_movie_ratings['movieId'].
      →isin(unpopular_movie_list)]
     print(processed_movie_ratings_unpopular.shape)
    (6042, 3)
[]: data_unpopular = Dataset.
      →load_from_df(df=processed_movie_ratings_unpopular,reader=reader)
     kf = KFold(n_splits=10)
     avg_rmse_list_unpopular = []
     for k in k_values:
       print('Testing for k =', k)
```

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sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
algo = KNNWithMeans(k=k, sim_options=sim_options, verbose=False)
rmse_for_split = []
for trainset, testset in kf.split(data_unpopular):
    algo.fit(trainset)
    predictions = algo.test(testset)
    rmse_for_split.append(accuracy.rmse(predictions, verbose=False))
avg_rmse_list_unpopular.append(np.mean(rmse_for_split))
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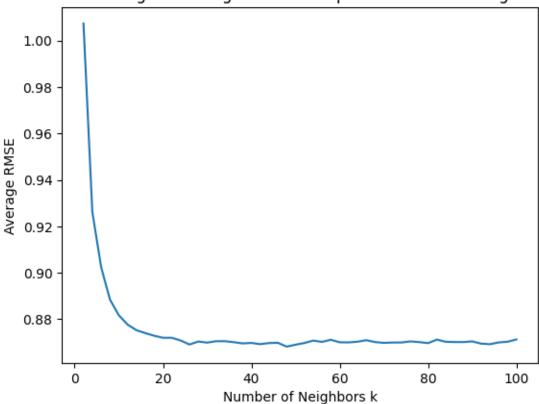
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[]: high_variance_movie_list = []
     for i in range(len(unique_movieIds)):
       variance = np.var(movie_ratings['rating'][movie_ratings['movieId'] ==__

unique_movieIds[i]])
      num_ratings = len(movieIds[movieIds == unique_movieIds[i]])
       if variance >= 2 and num ratings >= 5:
         high_variance_movie_list.append(unique_movieIds[i])
     processed_movie_ratings_high_variance = ___
      →processed_movie_ratings[processed_movie_ratings['movieId'].
      →isin(high_variance_movie_list)]
     print(processed_movie_ratings_high_variance.shape)
    (250, 3)
[]: data_high_variance = Dataset.
      -load_from_df(df=processed_movie_ratings_high_variance,reader=reader)
     kf = KFold(n splits=10)
     avg_rmse_list_high_variance = []
     for k in k_values:
      print('Testing for k =', k)
       sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
       algo = KNNWithMeans(k=k, sim_options=sim_options, verbose=False)
       rmse_for_split = []
       for trainset, testset in kf.split(data_high_variance):
         algo.fit(trainset)
         predictions = algo.test(testset)
         rmse_for_split.append(accuracy.rmse(predictions, verbose=False))
       avg_rmse_list_high_variance.append(np.mean(rmse_for_split))
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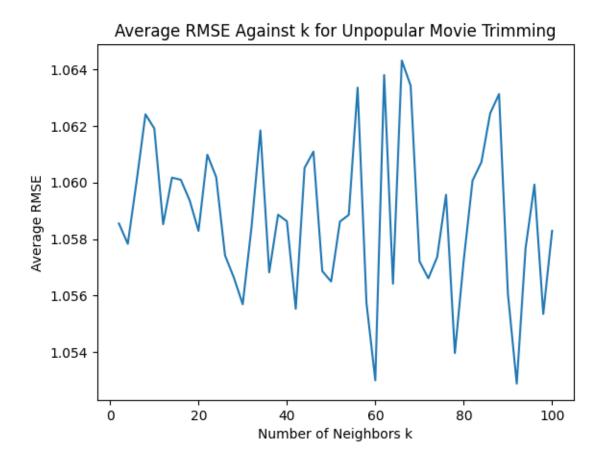
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[]: plt.plot(k_values, avg_rmse_list_popular)
     plt.xlabel('Number of Neighbors k')
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plt.ylabel('Average RMSE')
plt.title('Average RMSE Against k for Popular Movie Trimming')
plt.show()
print('Minimum Average RMSE for Popular Trimming:', min(avg_rmse_list_popular))
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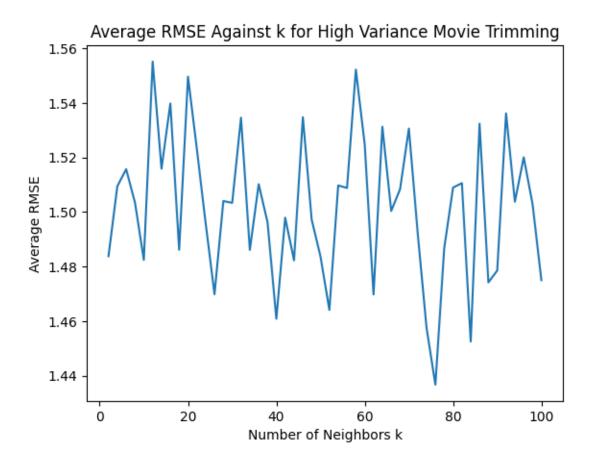




### Minimum Average RMSE for Popular Trimming: 0.868222201569923



### Minimum Average RMSE for Unpopular Trimming: 1.0528914915829497



Minimum Average RMSE for High Variance Trimming: 1.4366965289123832

trainset, testset = train\_test\_split(data, test\_size=0.1)

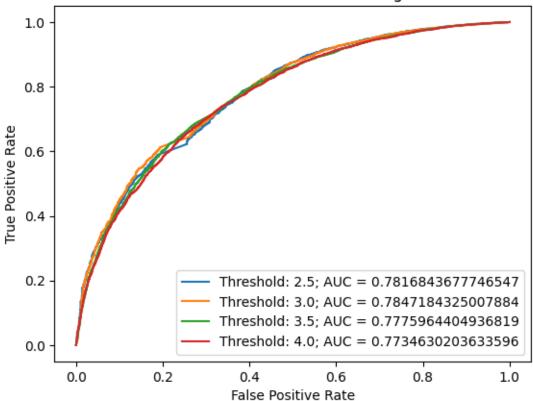
[]: thresholds = [2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0]

roc\_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)

```
sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
algo = KNNWithMeans(k=25, sim_options=sim_options, verbose=False)
algo.fit(trainset)
predictions = algo.test(testset)

[]: true_ratings = [row.r_ui for row in predictions]
predicted_ratings = [row.est for row in predictions]
for threshold in thresholds:
    true_labels = []
    for i in range(len(true_ratings)):
        if true_ratings[i] >= threshold:
            true_labels.append(1)
        else:
            true_labels.append(0)
        fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(true_labels, predicted_ratings)
```

## **ROC Curve for No Trimming**

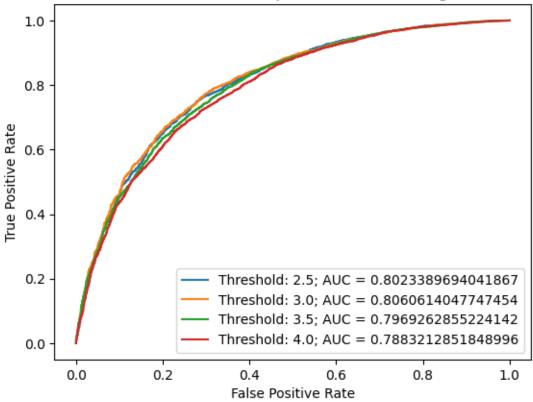


```
[]: trainset, testset = train_test_split(data_popular, test_size=0.1)
    sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
    algo = KNNWithMeans(k=25, sim_options=sim_options, verbose=False)
    algo.fit(trainset)
    predictions = algo.test(testset)

[]: true_ratings = [row.r_ui for row in predictions]
    predicted_ratings = [row.est for row in predictions]
    for threshold in thresholds:
        true_labels = []
        for i in range(len(true_ratings)):
        if true_ratings[i] >= threshold:
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true_labels.append(1)
else:
    true_labels.append(0)
fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(true_labels, predicted_ratings)
roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label='Threshold: ' + str(threshold) + '; AUC = ' +
    str(roc_auc))
plt.legend()
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('ROC Curve for Popular Movie Trimming')
plt.show()
```

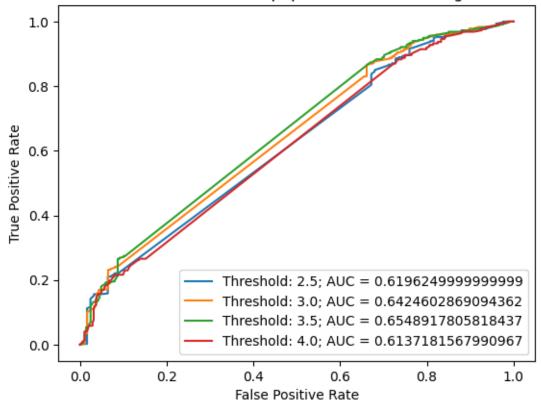
# **ROC Curve for Popular Movie Trimming**



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[]: trainset, testset = train_test_split(data_unpopular, test_size=0.1)
    sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
    algo = KNNWithMeans(k=25, sim_options=sim_options, verbose=False)
    algo.fit(trainset)
    predictions = algo.test(testset)
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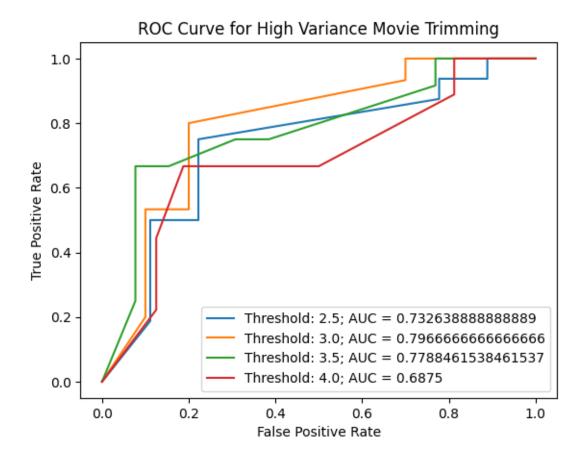
```
[]: true_ratings = [row.r_ui for row in predictions]
     predicted_ratings = [row.est for row in predictions]
     for threshold in thresholds:
       true_labels = []
       for i in range(len(true_ratings)):
         if true_ratings[i] >= threshold:
           true_labels.append(1)
         else:
           true_labels.append(0)
       fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(true_labels, predicted_ratings)
       roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
      plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label='Threshold: ' + str(threshold) + '; AUC = ' +
      ⇔str(roc_auc))
     plt.legend()
     plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
     plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
     plt.title('ROC Curve for Unpopular Movie Trimming')
     plt.show()
```

## **ROC Curve for Unpopular Movie Trimming**



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[]: trainset, testset = train_test_split(data_high_variance, test_size=0.1)
    sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
    algo = KNNWithMeans(k=25, sim_options=sim_options, verbose=False)
    algo.fit(trainset)
    predictions = algo.test(testset)
```

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[]: true_ratings = [row.r_ui for row in predictions]
     predicted_ratings = [row.est for row in predictions]
     for threshold in thresholds:
       true_labels = []
       for i in range(len(true_ratings)):
         if true_ratings[i] >= threshold:
           true_labels.append(1)
         else:
           true_labels.append(0)
      fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(true_labels, predicted_ratings)
      roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
      plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label='Threshold: ' + str(threshold) + '; AUC = ' +
      ⇔str(roc_auc))
     plt.legend()
     plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
     plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
     plt.title('ROC Curve for High Variance Movie Trimming')
     plt.show()
```



#Model-based collaborative filtering

##Non-negative matrix factorization (NMF)

##Q7

No, The optimization problem described is not convex when considering both matrices U and V as unknown variables simultaneously. This is because the problem involves optimizing with respect to both matrices at once, leading to a scenario where the objective function does not exhibit a single global minimum due to the presence of multiple local minima. However, if we fix one of these matrices and solve for the other, the problem can be reformulated into a convex least-squares problem. Therefore, while the optimization problem is not jointly convex with respect to both U and V due to the potential for multiple local minima, it becomes convex when addressing each matrix individually.

# []: !pip install scikit-surprise

Requirement already satisfied: scikit-surprise in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (1.1.3)

Requirement already satisfied: joblib>=1.0.0 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-

packages (from scikit-surprise) (1.3.2)

Requirement already satisfied: numpy>=1.17.3 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-

```
packages (from scikit-surprise) (1.25.2)
Requirement already satisfied: scipy>=1.3.2 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
packages (from scikit-surprise) (1.11.4)
```

##Q8

For the NMF Collaborative Filter model, both RMSE and MAE metrics exhibit a similar trend when plotted against the number of latent factors, k. Initially, as k increases, the error decreases, indicating an improvement in the model's predictive accuracy. However, beyond a certain point, the error begins to rise again, displaying a linear increase. This phenomenon suggests that simply increasing k does not necessarily enhance performance and may indeed be counterproductive due to the curse of dimensionality. With higher k values, the dimensionality of the model increases, leading to a more complex and potentially noisier rating matrix.

Minimum average RMSE (NMF): 0.914353, value of k: 16 Minimum average MAE (NMF): 0.693310, value of k: 20

For the Popular Trimming, the lowest average RMSE observed was 0.8699042681391524, indicating that the dataset trimmed for popular movies outperformed the untrimmed original set. Where the average RMSE initially decreases before increasing with the number of latent factors, suggests that the addition of principal components beyond a certain point does not add meaningful information and instead introduces noise. Initially, the error decreases as the model captures more relevant information, but as k increases further, the error begins to rise due to overfitting and the inherent limitations of NMF, including high information loss from enforcing non-negativity, which impacts its effectiveness at higher dimensions.

For the Unpopular Trimming, the minimum average RMSE was 1.598643274858693, significantly higher than that observed for the popularly trimmed dataset. As depicted in The average RMSE exhibits slight fluctuations rather than a consistent decrease. This irregular behavior can be attributed to the presence of outliers, with the model struggling to accurately predict ratings for less commonly rated items due to insufficient data.

For the High Variance Trimming, the minimum average RMSE significantly increased to 1.598643274858693, marking the poorest performance among the datasets. The trend, is not only non-monotonic but also highly erratic. This is because the subset includes movies with a wide range of ratings, making the model overly sensitive to outliers and consequently leading to a higher prediction error. This highlights the challenges in modeling data with high variance in ratings, where the predictor's accuracy is severely compromised.

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from surprise import Reader, Dataset, accuracy
from surprise.prediction_algorithms.knns import KNNWithMeans
from surprise.model_selection import cross_validate, KFold, train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc, mean_squared_error
from surprise.prediction_algorithms.matrix_factorization import NMF, SVD
from pathlib import Path
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mount("/content/drive", force\_remount=True).

```
[]: ac = '/content/drive/Shareddrives/ECE219/Project3/Synthetic Movie Lens/'
    rd = pd.read_csv(ac+"ratings.csv",index_col = 0)
    from pathlib import Path
    filepath = Path('/content/drive/Shareddrives/ECE219/Project3/data1.csv')
    filepath.parent.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
    rd.to_csv(filepath,index = False)
    reader = Reader(line_format='user item rating_
     ratings_dataset = Dataset.load_from_file('/content/drive/Shareddrives/ECE219/
     →Project3/data1.csv',reader = reader)
    Ratings_file = pd.read_csv(df+"ratings.

¬csv",usecols=['userId','movieId','rating'])
    k = np.arange(2,52,2)
    rmse_NMF = []
    mae NMF = []
    for item in k:
        print('Testing for k =',item)
        res = cross_validate(NMF(n_factors=item,n_epochs=50,verbose=False),_
     →measures=['rmse', 'mae'],data = ratings_dataset,cv=10,n_jobs=-1)
        rmse_NMF.append(np.mean(res['test_rmse']))
        mae_NMF.append(np.mean(res['test_mae']))
```

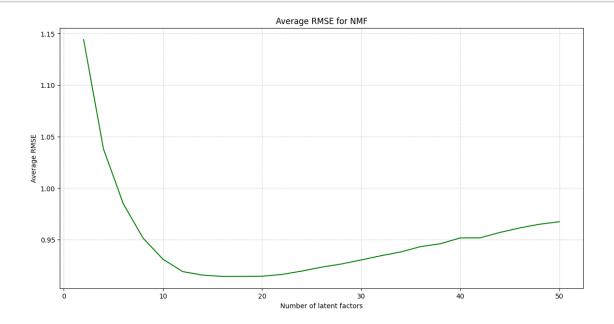
```
Testing for k = 2
Testing for k = 4
Testing for k = 6
Testing for k = 8
Testing for k = 10
Testing for k = 12
Testing for k = 14
Testing for k = 16
Testing for k = 18
Testing for k = 20
Testing for k = 22
Testing for k = 24
Testing for k = 26
Testing for k = 28
Testing for k = 30
Testing for k = 32
Testing for k = 34
```

```
Testing for k = 40
Testing for k = 42
Testing for k = 44
Testing for k = 46
Testing for k = 48
Testing for k = 50

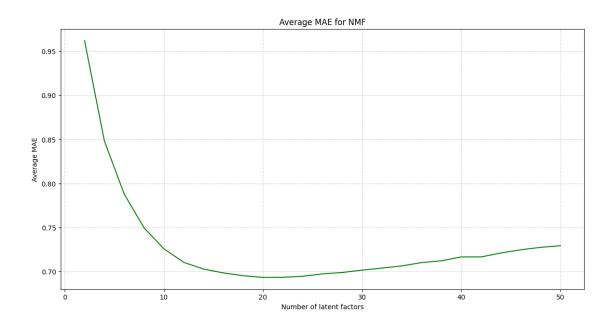
[]: plt.figure(figsize=(14, 7))
   plt.plot(k,rmse_NMF,color='g')
   plt.grid(linestyle=':')
   plt.title('Average RMSE for NMF')
   plt.ylabel('Average RMSE')
   plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
   plt.savefig('Q8a.png',dpi=500,bbox_inches='tight')
```

Testing for k = 36Testing for k = 38

plt.show()



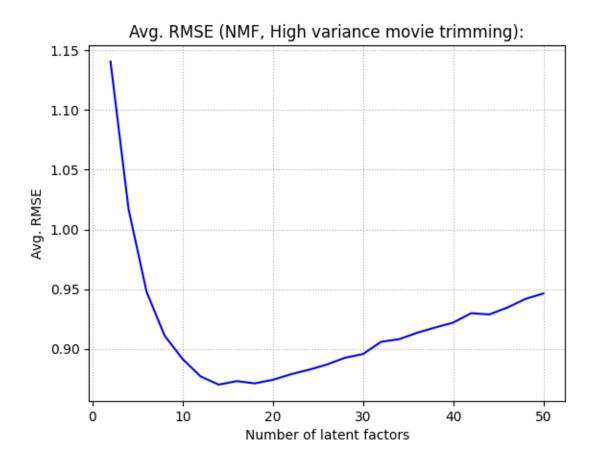
```
[]: plt.figure(figsize=(14, 7))
   plt.plot(k,mae_NMF,color='g')
   plt.grid(linestyle=':')
   plt.title('Average MAE for NMF')
   plt.ylabel('Average MAE')
   plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
   plt.savefig('Q8b.png',dpi=500,bbox_inches='tight')
   plt.show()
```



Minimum average RMSE (NMF): 0.914353, value of k: 16 Minimum average MAE (NMF): 0.693310, value of k: 20

```
[]: rmse_NMF_popular = []
     kf = KFold(n_splits=10)
     for item in k:
         local_rmse = []
         print('Testing for k =', item)
         for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
             trim_list = []
             unique, counts = np.unique([row[1] for row in testset],
      →return_counts=True)
             for i in range(len(counts)):
                 if counts[i] <= 2:</pre>
                     trim_list.append(unique[i])
             trimmed_set = [j for j in testset if j[1] not in trim_list]
             model = NMF(n_factors=item, n_epochs=50, verbose=False)
             model.fit(trainset)
             predictions = model.test(trimmed_set)
             local_rmse.append(accuracy.rmse(predictions, verbose=False))
         rmse NMF popular.append(np.mean(local rmse))
```

```
# Optionally, you could print or plot the results similar to the previous
      \rightarrow example
     print("RMSE for NMF with popularity-based trimming:", rmse NMF popular)
    Testing for k = 2
    Testing for k = 4
    Testing for k = 6
    Testing for k = 8
    Testing for k = 10
    Testing for k = 12
    Testing for k = 14
    Testing for k = 16
    Testing for k = 18
    Testing for k = 20
    Testing for k = 22
    Testing for k = 24
    Testing for k = 26
    Testing for k = 28
    Testing for k = 30
    Testing for k = 32
    Testing for k = 34
    Testing for k = 36
    Testing for k = 38
    Testing for k = 40
    Testing for k = 42
    Testing for k = 44
    Testing for k = 46
    Testing for k = 48
    Testing for k = 50
    RMSE for NMF with popularity-based trimming: [1.1407418287040072,
    1.0171357955141274, 0.9476988133441019, 0.9109770158671047, 0.891315183597224,
    0.8767237412596597, 0.8699042681391524, 0.8728272153669948, 0.8709407230877698,
    0.8739310484965686, 0.8785717077689833, 0.8823613130353051, 0.8867530162539687,
    0.8924166172344178, 0.8955363180896352, 0.9058004976587632, 0.9079997674717827,
    0.9133739216972542, 0.9177744170131295, 0.9219121461734096, 0.929785920893688,
    0.9287474445886807, 0.9345145380218394, 0.9417264974626051, 0.9463050389387572]
[]: plt.plot(k,rmse_NMF_popular, color='b')
     plt.grid(linestyle=':')
     plt.title('Avg. RMSE (NMF, High variance movie trimming):')
     plt.ylabel('Avg. RMSE')
     plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
     plt.savefig('Q21.png',dpi=300,bbox_inches='tight')
     plt.show()
```



```
[]: print("Minimum avg. RMSE (NMF, Popular movie trimming):", min(rmse_NMF_popular))
```

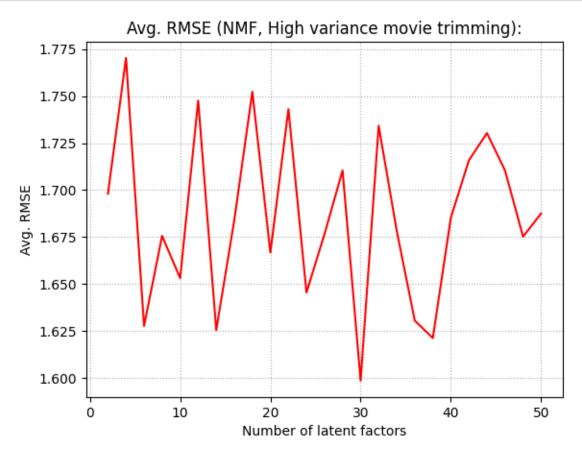
Minimum avg. RMSE (NMF, Popular movie trimming): 0.8699042681391524

```
local_rmse = []
    print('Testing for k =', item)
    for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
         # Trim test set based on pre-computed criteria
        trimmed_set = [j for j in testset if j[1] in filtered_items]
        model = NMF(n_factors=item, n_epochs=50, verbose=False)
        model.fit(trainset)
        predictions = model.test(trimmed_set)
        local_rmse.append(accuracy.rmse(predictions, verbose=False))
    rmse_NMF_var.append(np.mean(local_rmse))
# Output the results
print("RMSE for NMF with variance-based trimming:", rmse_NMF_var)
Testing for k = 2
Testing for k = 4
Testing for k = 6
Testing for k = 8
Testing for k = 10
Testing for k = 12
Testing for k = 14
Testing for k = 16
Testing for k = 18
Testing for k = 20
Testing for k = 22
Testing for k = 24
Testing for k = 26
Testing for k = 28
Testing for k = 30
Testing for k = 32
Testing for k = 34
Testing for k = 36
Testing for k = 38
Testing for k = 40
Testing for k = 42
Testing for k = 44
Testing for k = 46
Testing for k = 48
Testing for k = 50
RMSE for NMF with variance-based trimming: [1.6980534898733335,
1.7702385141698596, 1.6277093274402634, 1.675635449005884, 1.6531692937893958,
1.7475541130619496, 1.625545948140828, 1.6839504740608675, 1.7522686444921038,
1.6667937388486145, 1.7430504450394722, 1.6455421617311732, 1.6766328264068118,
1.7104584193175305, 1.598643274858693, 1.7341923989340575, 1.6783950802856196,
1.630597930084182, 1.621316372578503, 1.6853436563131736, 1.7158470807571913,
```

1.730307807896357, 1.7104297769546304, 1.6752430042903115, 1.687541012672843]

```
[]: print("Minimum avg. RMSE (NMF, Popular movie trimming):", min(rmse_NMF_var))
```

Minimum avg. RMSE (NMF, Popular movie trimming): 1.598643274858693



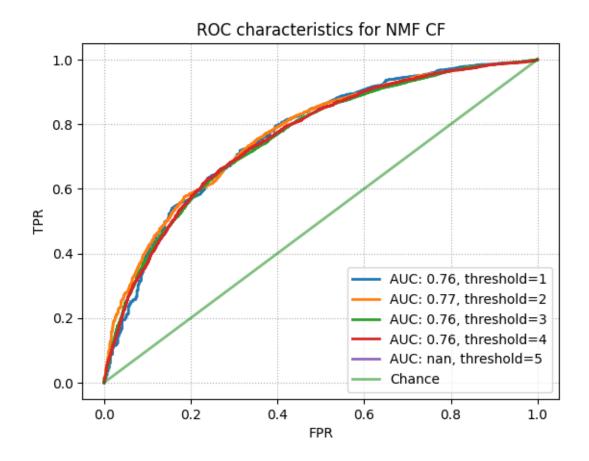
Minimum avg. RMSE (NMF, High variance movie trimming): 1.598643274858693

```
[]: min_rmse_index = np.argmin(rmse_NMF)  # This gets the index of the minimum RMSE optimal_k = k[min_rmse_index]  # This uses the index to find the corresponding k  # Now you can use optimal_k for further operations
```

```
thres = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
trainset, testset = train_test_split(ratings_dataset, test_size=0.1)
model = NMF(n_factors=optimal_k, n_epochs=50, verbose=False)
model.fit(trainset)
predictions = model.test(testset)
```

```
[]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc
     trainset, testset = train_test_split(ratings_dataset, test_size=0.1)
     # Initialize NMF model with the optimal number of latent factors
     model = NMF(n_factors=optimal_k, n_epochs=50, verbose=False)
     model.fit(trainset)
     res = model.test(testset)
     fig, ax = plt.subplots()
     for item in thres:
         # Binarize the actual ratings based on the current threshold
         thresholded_out = [1 if row.r_ui > item else 0 for row in res]
         # Compute the ROC curve and AUC for the current threshold
         fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(thresholded_out, [row.est for row in res])
         current_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
         # Plot the ROC curve for the current threshold
         ax.plot(fpr, tpr, lw=2, label=f"AUC: {current_auc:.2f}, threshold={item}")
     # Plot the chance line
     ax.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], lw=2, color='g', label='Chance', alpha=.5)
     # Finalize the plot
     plt.legend(loc='best')
     plt.grid(linestyle=':')
     plt.title('ROC characteristics for NMF CF')
     plt.xlabel('FPR')
     plt.ylabel('TPR')
    plt.show()
```

/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/sklearn/metrics/\_ranking.py:1029: UndefinedMetricWarning: No positive samples in y\_true, true positive value should be meaningless warnings.warn(



### ##Q9

Upon reviewing the genres of the top 10 movies across selected latent factors, it emerged that these movies often clustered within particular genres or a limited set of closely related genres. This trend indicates that the NMF model's latent factors may indeed capture underlying thematic or stylistic elements common to groups of movies, thereby aligning these factors closely with distinct genre categories.

```
# Selected latent factors to analyze
cols = [1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 15, 19] # Adjusted for zero-based indexing
for item in cols:
     print('Column number of V: ',item)
     selected_col = V[:,item]
     sorted_col = np.argsort(selected_col)[::-1]
     for i in sorted_col[0:10]:
         print(genre['genres'][i])
Column number of V: 1
Children | Comedy
Action|Crime|Thriller|IMAX
Drama
Documentary
Action
Action|Drama|Romance|Thriller
Comedy
Adventure | Drama | Romance
Animation | Children | Fantasy | Musical | Romance
Adventure | Children | Comedy
Column number of V: 3
Drama
Animation | Children | Comedy
Comedy | Drama | Romance
Action | Adventure | Drama
Drama
Horror|Sci-Fi
Fantasy
Drama
Children|Fantasy|Musical
```

Action|Drama|Thriller

Column number of V: 5

Children | Comedy

Action | Animation | Sci-Fi

Documentary | Drama

Action|Drama

Comedy | Drama | Romance

Comedy

Action|Adventure|Thriller|IMAX

Action|Animation|Fantasy|Sci-Fi

Drama | Romance

Action | Adventure | Comedy | Crime | Drama

Column number of V: 7

Comedy | Romance

Documentary

Comedy | Crime

Drama|Horror|Mystery|Thriller

Comedy | Drama

Adventure | Drama | Romance

Drama | Romance

Comedy | Drama

Action | Crime | Thriller

Comedy

Column number of V: 11

Adventure | Animation | Comedy | Fantasy | Romance | Sci-Fi

Comedy | Drama | Romance

Drama | Romance

Drama | Mystery | Thriller

Comedy

Drama

Animation | Documentary | Drama | War

Comedy | Fantasy

Horror|Thriller

Adventure | Children | Comedy

Column number of V: 15

Drama

Documentary

Action|Adventure|Crime|Thriller

Drama

Action | Comedy | Romance | Thriller

Children | Comedy | Drama

Documentary

Action|Drama|War

Animation | Children

Drama|Horror|Mystery|Thriller

Column number of V: 19

Action | Comedy | Crime | Thriller

Drama|Sci-Fi|IMAX

Drama

Horror | Mystery | Thriller

Crime|Thriller

Drama

Crime | Drama | Thriller

Comedy | Drama | Romance

Drama

Drama|Thriller|Western

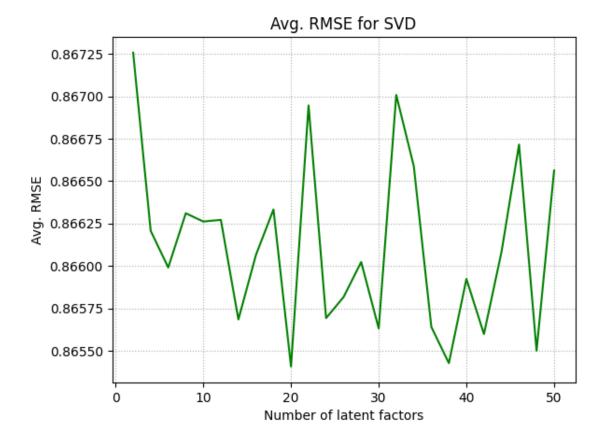
##Matrix factorization with bias (MF with bias)

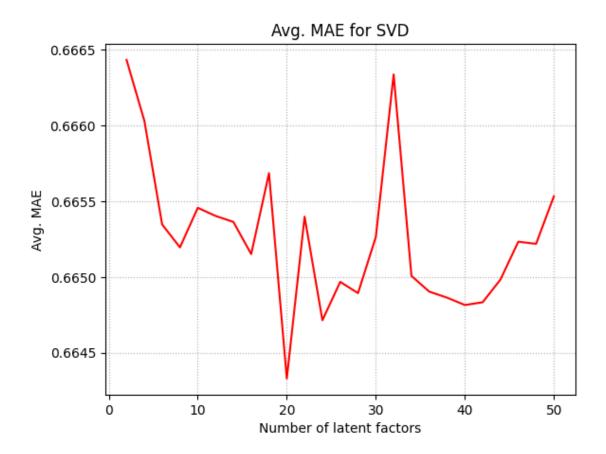
##Q10

Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD): 0.865406, value of k: 20 Minimum avg. MAE (SVD): 0.664329, value of k: 20

```
[]: k = np.arange(2,52,2)
     rmse_SVD = []
     mae_SVD = []
     for item in k:
         print('Testing for k =',item)
         res = cross_validate(SVD(n_factors=item,n_epochs=20,verbose=False),__
      →measures=['rmse', 'mae'],data = ratings_dataset,cv=10,n_jobs=-1)
         rmse_SVD.append(np.mean(res['test_rmse']))
         mae_SVD.append(np.mean(res['test_mae']))
     plt.plot(k,rmse_SVD,color='g')
     plt.grid(linestyle=':')
     plt.title('Avg. RMSE for SVD')
     plt.ylabel('Avg. RMSE')
     plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
     plt.show()
     plt.plot(k,mae SVD,color='r')
     plt.grid(linestyle=':')
     plt.title('Avg. MAE for SVD')
     plt.ylabel('Avg. MAE')
     plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
     plt.show()
```

```
Testing for k = 2
Testing for k = 4
Testing for k = 6
Testing for k = 8
Testing for k = 10
Testing for k = 12
Testing for k = 14
Testing for k = 16
Testing for k = 18
Testing for k = 20
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Testing for k = 26
Testing for k = 28
Testing for k = 30
Testing for k = 32
Testing for k = 34
Testing for k = 36
Testing for k = 38
Testing for k = 40
Testing for k = 42
Testing for k = 44
Testing for k = 46
Testing for k = 48
```





```
[]: print("Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD): %f, value of k: %d" % (min(rmse_SVD),k[[i for i, x in enumerate(rmse_SVD) if x == min(rmse_SVD)][0]]))

print("Minimum avg. MAE (SVD): %f, value of k: %d" % (min(mae_SVD),k[[i for i, i enumerate(mae_SVD) if x == min(mae_SVD)][0]]))
```

Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD): 0.865406, value of k: 20 Minimum avg. MAE (SVD): 0.664329, value of k: 20

## POPULAR TRIMMING

```
[]: rmse_SVD_pop = []
# Initialize KFold for cross-validation
kf = KFold(n_splits=10)
for item in k:
    local_rmse = []
    print(f'Testing for k = {item}')

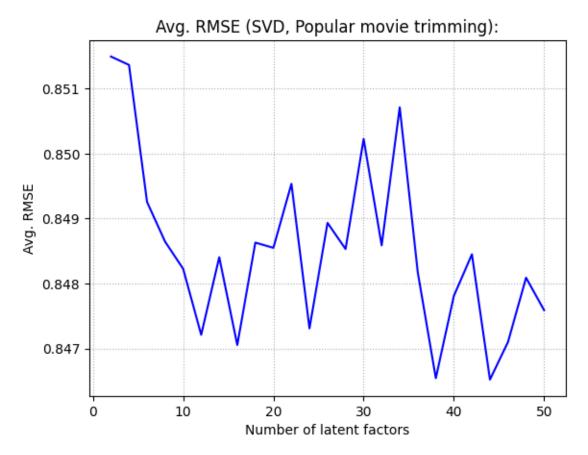
for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
    # Create a dictionary with movie IDs as keys and their rating counts in_
the test set as values
    movie_rating_counts = {}
```

```
for _, movieID, _ in testset:
             movie_rating_counts[movieID] = movie_rating_counts.get(movieID, 0)_
  →+ 1
         # Trim the test set to include only movies with more than 2 ratings
        trimmed testset = [rating for rating in testset if___
 →movie_rating_counts[rating[1]] > 2]
         \# Fit the SVD model and make predictions on the trimmed test set
        model = SVD(n_factors=item, n_epochs=20, verbose=False)
        model.fit(trainset)
        predictions = model.test(trimmed_testset)
         # Compute RMSE for this fold and add it to the local_rmse list
        fold_rmse = accuracy.rmse(predictions, verbose=False)
        local_rmse.append(fold_rmse)
    # Compute the average RMSE for this value of k and add it to the
 \hookrightarrow rmse\_SVD\_pop\ list
    avg_rmse = np.mean(local_rmse)
    rmse_SVD_pop.append(avg_rmse)
# Output the results
print(f'Average RMSE for popular movies trimmed test set: {rmse_SVD_pop}')
Testing for k = 2
```

```
Testing for k = 4
Testing for k = 6
Testing for k = 8
Testing for k = 10
Testing for k = 12
Testing for k = 14
Testing for k = 16
Testing for k = 18
Testing for k = 20
Testing for k = 22
Testing for k = 24
Testing for k = 26
Testing for k = 28
Testing for k = 30
Testing for k = 32
Testing for k = 34
Testing for k = 36
Testing for k = 38
Testing for k = 40
Testing for k = 42
Testing for k = 44
```

```
Testing for k = 46
Testing for k = 48
Testing for k = 50
Average RMSE for popular movies trimmed test set: [0.8514939887104834,
0.851364859875219, 0.8492556139232781, 0.8486443090119291, 0.8482265821017044,
0.8472109195881445, 0.8484051357299359, 0.8470532295977442, 0.8486301085797404,
0.84854936740936, 0.8495349561452296, 0.8473098829905764, 0.8489333229367964,
0.8485308450235515, 0.850225536149645, 0.8485876519466455, 0.8507124371056504,
0.8481736237158468, 0.8465432940272122, 0.8478092656893924, 0.8484496626613393,
0.8465207729892015, 0.8471004084860789, 0.8480895808420632, 0.8475893304240577]
```

```
[]: plt.plot(k,rmse_SVD_pop,color='b')
   plt.grid(linestyle=':')
   plt.title('Avg. RMSE (SVD, Popular movie trimming):')
   plt.ylabel('Avg. RMSE')
   plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
   plt.show()
   print("Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD, Popular movie trimming):", min(rmse_SVD_pop))
```



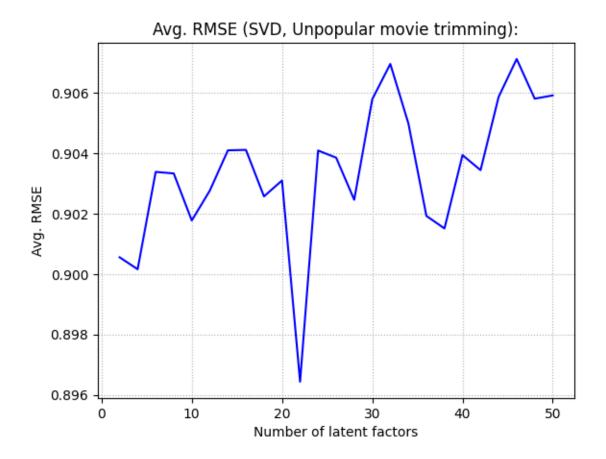
Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD, Popular movie trimming): 0.8465207729892015

### UNPOPULAR TRIMMING

Testing for k = 16

```
[]: rmse_SVD_unpop = []
     # Initialize KFold for cross-validation
     kf = KFold(n splits=10)
     for item in k:
         local rmse = []
         print(f'Testing for k = {item}')
         for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
             # Create a dictionary with movie IDs as keys and their rating counts in
      → the test set as values
             movie_rating_counts = {}
             for , movieID, in testset:
                 movie_rating_counts[movieID] = movie_rating_counts.get(movieID, 0)_
      → 1
             # Trim the test set to include only movies with 2 or fewer ratings
             trimmed_testset = [rating for rating in testset if_{\sqcup}]
      →movie_rating_counts[rating[1]] <= 2]</pre>
             \# Fit the SVD model and make predictions on the trimmed test set
             model = SVD(n_factors=item, n_epochs=20, verbose=False)
             model.fit(trainset)
             predictions = model.test(trimmed_testset)
             # Compute RMSE for this fold and add it to the local_rmse list
             fold_rmse = accuracy.rmse(predictions, verbose=False)
             local_rmse.append(fold_rmse)
         \# Compute the average RMSE for this value of k and add it to the
      ⇔rmse_SVD_unpop list
         avg_rmse = np.mean(local_rmse)
         rmse_SVD_unpop.append(avg_rmse)
     # Output the results
     print(f'Average RMSE for unpopular movies trimmed test set: {rmse_SVD_unpop}')
    Testing for k = 2
    Testing for k = 4
    Testing for k = 6
    Testing for k = 8
    Testing for k = 10
    Testing for k = 12
    Testing for k = 14
```

```
Testing for k = 18
    Testing for k = 20
    Testing for k = 22
    Testing for k = 24
    Testing for k = 26
    Testing for k = 28
    Testing for k = 30
    Testing for k = 32
    Testing for k = 34
    Testing for k = 36
    Testing for k = 38
    Testing for k = 40
    Testing for k = 42
    Testing for k = 44
    Testing for k = 46
    Testing for k = 48
    Testing for k = 50
    Average RMSE for unpopular movies trimmed test set: [0.9005555481740739,
    0.9001598025209411, 0.9033847561810205, 0.903334166055956, 0.9017746645766851,
    0.9027656197770394, 0.9040988125821924, 0.9041148942623826, 0.9025734588789567,
    0.9030999526717609, 0.8964325463408889, 0.9040930872905033, 0.9038560186284814,
    0.9024612503290796, 0.9057933288961333, 0.9069630537537098, 0.9049940824788537,
    0.9019260176108137, 0.9015108940381136, 0.9039406984636988, 0.9034443708865117,
    0.9058681607149554, 0.9071271819113399, 0.9058116214699773, 0.9059194389348363]
[]: plt.plot(k,rmse_SVD_unpop,color='b')
     plt.grid(linestyle=':')
     plt.title('Avg. RMSE (SVD, Unpopular movie trimming):')
     plt.ylabel('Avg. RMSE')
     plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
     plt.show()
     print("Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD, Unpopular movie trimming):", min(rmse_SVD_unpop))
```



Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD, Unpopular movie trimming): 0.8964325463408889 HIGH VARIANCE TRIMMING

```
[]: rmse_SVD_var = []

# Initialize KFold for cross-validation
kf = KFold(n_splits=10)

# Pre-compute variance and rating counts for all movies in the dataset
movie_variances = {}
for j in ratings_dataset.raw_ratings:
    movie_id, rating = j[1], j[2]
    if movie_id not in movie_variances:
        movie_variances[movie_id] = []
    movie_variances[movie_id] .append(rating)

movie_variances = {movie: np.var(ratings) for movie, ratings in movie_variances.
    items() if len(ratings) >= 5}

for item in k:
```

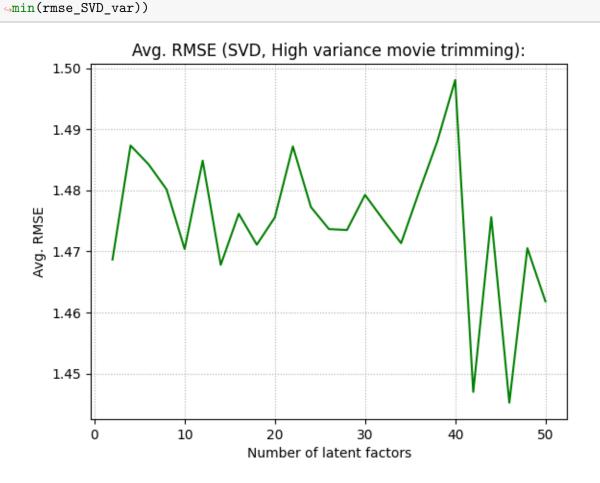
```
local_rmse = []
    print(f'Testing for k = {item}')
    for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
         # Trim the test set to include only high-variance movies (variance >= 2
  →and at least 5 ratings)
         trimmed_testset = [rating for rating in testset if movie_variances.
  \rightarrowget(rating[1], 0) >= 2]
         # Fit the SVD model and make predictions on the trimmed test set
        model = SVD(n_factors=item, n_epochs=20, verbose=False)
         model.fit(trainset)
        predictions = model.test(trimmed_testset)
         # Compute RMSE for this fold and add it to the local_rmse list
         fold_rmse = accuracy.rmse(predictions, verbose=False)
         local_rmse.append(fold_rmse)
     # Compute the average RMSE for this value of k and add it to the
 \hookrightarrow rmse\_SVD\_var\ list
    avg_rmse = np.mean(local_rmse)
    rmse_SVD_var.append(avg_rmse)
# Output the results
print(f'Average RMSE for high-variance movies trimmed test set: {rmse_SVD_var}')
Testing for k = 2
```

```
Testing for k = 4
Testing for k = 6
Testing for k = 8
Testing for k = 10
Testing for k = 12
Testing for k = 14
Testing for k = 16
Testing for k = 18
Testing for k = 20
Testing for k = 22
Testing for k = 24
Testing for k = 26
Testing for k = 28
Testing for k = 30
Testing for k = 32
Testing for k = 34
Testing for k = 36
Testing for k = 38
Testing for k = 40
Testing for k = 42
```

```
Testing for k = 46
    Testing for k = 48
    Testing for k = 50
    Average RMSE for high-variance movies trimmed test set: [1.4686634969930492,
    1.4873197371648015, 1.4842469284796658, 1.4801339580550739, 1.470391460951616,
    1.4848516634998066, 1.4678001971721724, 1.4761562390424041, 1.4711038871183086,
    1.4755577614168578, 1.4871696920860684, 1.477259943411568, 1.4736518439630746,
    1.4734983836044484, 1.4792472483109798, 1.4752209129242888, 1.4713462387982017,
    1.4797832442656607, 1.4879317694119525, 1.4980481036403692, 1.4470095111241776,
    1.475610826508584, 1.445245204013721, 1.4705327038733165, 1.461836785501527]
[]: plt.plot(k,rmse_SVD_var,color='g')
    plt.grid(linestyle=':')
     plt.title('Avg. RMSE (SVD, High variance movie trimming):')
     plt.ylabel('Avg. RMSE')
     plt.xlabel('Number of latent factors')
     plt.show()
```

print("Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD, High variance movie trimming):",

Testing for k = 44

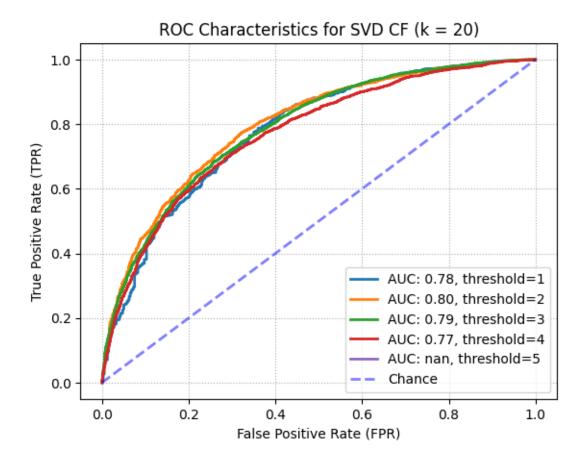


Minimum avg. RMSE (SVD, High variance movie trimming): 1.445245204013721 ROC CURVE

```
[]: k = k[[i for i, x in enumerate(rmse_SVD) if x == min(rmse_SVD)][0]]
    thres = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
    trainset, testset = train_test_split(ratings_dataset, test_size=0.1)
    res = SVD(n_factors=k,n_epochs=20,verbose=False).fit(trainset).test(testset)
```

```
[]: fig, ax = plt.subplots()
     for item in thres:
         # Binarize the actual ratings based on the threshold
         thresholded_out = [1 if row.r_ui > item else 0 for row in res]
         estimated_ratings = [row.est for row in res]
         # Compute ROC curve and AUC
         fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(thresholded_out, estimated_ratings)
         roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
         # Plot ROC curve
         ax.plot(fpr, tpr, lw=2, label=f"AUC: {roc_auc:.2f}, threshold={item}")
     # Plot chance line
     ax.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], linestyle='--', lw=2, color='b', label='Chance', alpha=.
      ⇒5)
     plt.legend(loc='best')
     plt.grid(linestyle=':')
     plt.title(f'ROC Characteristics for SVD CF (k = {k})')
     plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate (FPR)')
     plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate (TPR)')
    plt.show()
```

/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/sklearn/metrics/\_ranking.py:1029: UndefinedMetricWarning: No positive samples in y\_true, true positive value should be meaningless warnings.warn(



#Naive collaborative filtering ##Q11

```
[]: from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
from surprise import Dataset, Reader
from surprise.model_selection import KFold
import numpy as np

user_ID = Ratings_file['userId'].values
movie_ID = Ratings_file['movieId'].values
rating = Ratings_file['rating'].values
```

```
# Calculate sparsity
sparsity = len(rating) / (len(set(movie_ID)) * len(set(user_ID)))
print(f'Sparsity: {sparsity}')
user_ID = Ratings_file['userId'].values
movie_ID = Ratings_file['movieId'].values
rating = Ratings_file['rating'].values
```

```
unique(user_ID)}
    # Setup for cross-validation
    kf = KFold(n_splits=10)
    def evaluate_naive_approach(ratings_dataset, mean_ratings_per_user,_
      rmse_values = []
        for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
             # Optionally trim the testset based on a provided function
             if trim func is not None:
                 testset = trim_func(testset, trainset)
            predictions = [mean_ratings_per_user.get(str(row[0]), np.
      →mean(list(mean_ratings_per_user.values()))) for row in testset]
            actual ratings = [row[2] for row in testset]
            rmse_values.append(mean_squared_error(actual_ratings, predictions,_
      →squared=False))
        return np.mean(rmse_values)
     # Evaluate on the entire dataset without trimming
    rmse_naive = evaluate_naive_approach(ratings_dataset, mean_ratings_per_user)
    print(f'Avg. RMSE for Naive Filtering: {rmse_naive}')
    Sparsity: 0.016999683055613623
    Avg. RMSE for Naive Filtering: 1.0540629337034328
[]: kf = KFold(n_splits=10)
    def trim_unpopular(testset, trainset):
        movie_counts = {}
        for _, movieID, _ in trainset.all_ratings():
            raw_movie_id = trainset.to_raw_iid(movieID)
            movie counts[raw movie id] = movie counts.get(raw movie id, 0) + 1
        return [rating for rating in testset if movie_counts.get(str(rating[1]), 0)
      ⇔<= 2]
    def evaluate naive approach unpopular(ratings_dataset, mean_ratings_per_user):
        for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
            trimmed_testset = trim_unpopular(testset, trainset)
            predictions = [mean_ratings_per_user.get(str(row[0]), np.
      -mean(list(mean_ratings_per_user.values()))) for row in trimmed_testset]
            actual_ratings = [row[2] for row in trimmed_testset]
```

mean\_ratings\_per\_user = {user: np.mean(rating[user\_ID == user]) for user in np.

```
local_rmse.append(mean_squared_error(actual_ratings, predictions, usquared=False))

return np.mean(local_rmse)

rmse_naive_unpop = evaluate_naive_approach_unpopular(ratings_dataset, usmean_ratings_per_user)

print(f'Avg. RMSE for Naive Filtering (Unpopular movie trimming): usufrmse_naive_unpop}')
```

Avg. RMSE for Naive Filtering (Unpopular movie trimming): 1.1879583567731404

```
[]: from surprise.model_selection import KFold
     from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
     import numpy as np
     movie_ratings = {}
     for uid, iid, rating, _ in ratings_dataset.raw_ratings:
         movie_ratings.setdefault(iid, []).append(rating)
     movie_variances = {movie: np.var(ratings) for movie, ratings in movie_ratings.
      →items() if len(ratings) >= 5}
     def trim_high_variance(testset, _):
         # Filter based on variance without converting IDs
         return [rating for rating in testset if str(rating[1]) in movie_variances]
     def evaluate_naive_approach_high_variance(ratings_dataset,__
      →mean_ratings_per_user):
         local_rmse = []
         kf = KFold(n_splits=10)
         for trainset, testset in kf.split(ratings_dataset):
             trimmed_testset = trim_high_variance(testset, trainset)
            predictions = [mean_ratings_per_user.get(str(row[0]), np.
      wmean(list(mean_ratings_per_user.values()))) for row in trimmed_testset]
             actual ratings = [row[2] for row in trimmed testset]
             local_rmse.append(mean_squared_error(actual_ratings, predictions,_
      ⇔squared=False))
         return np.mean(local_rmse)
     rmse_naive_var = evaluate_naive_approach_high_variance(ratings_dataset,__
      →mean_ratings_per_user)
     print(f'Avg. RMSE for Naive Filtering (High-variance movie trimming):⊔
      →{rmse naive var}')
```

Avg. RMSE for Naive Filtering (High-variance movie trimming): 1.0367661528383887 #Performance comparison

##Q12 k-NN, NMF, and MF performance comparison plot has been plotted below. Their ROC

curve values at threshold of 3 are relatively the same, [KNN, NMF, MF] -> [0.78, 0.76, 0.79]. Overall, MF model seems to have a slightly better performance according to a higher ROC value.

[2]: !pip install scikit-surprise

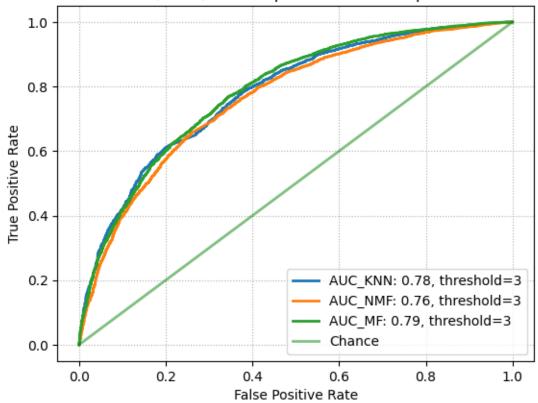
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Collecting scikit-surprise
       Downloading scikit-surprise-1.1.3.tar.gz (771 kB)
                                 772.0/772.0
     kB 5.4 MB/s eta 0:00:00
       Preparing metadata (setup.py) ... done
     Requirement already satisfied: joblib>=1.0.0 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
     packages (from scikit-surprise) (1.3.2)
     Requirement already satisfied: numpy>=1.17.3 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
     packages (from scikit-surprise) (1.25.2)
     Requirement already satisfied: scipy>=1.3.2 in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-
     packages (from scikit-surprise) (1.11.4)
     Building wheels for collected packages: scikit-surprise
       Building wheel for scikit-surprise (setup.py) ... done
       Created wheel for scikit-surprise:
     filename=scikit_surprise-1.1.3-cp310-cp310-linux_x86_64.whl size=3163008
     \verb|sha| 256 = 188b6ff60bc5eca| 4056181d0e0332fbf95a7f17f24a67e6667f4527996d10406| \\
       Stored in directory: /root/.cache/pip/wheels/a5/ca/a8/4e28def53797fdc4363ca4af
     740db15a9c2f1595ebc51fb445
     Successfully built scikit-surprise
     Installing collected packages: scikit-surprise
     Successfully installed scikit-surprise-1.1.3
 [6]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from surprise import Reader, Dataset
      from surprise.model_selection import train_test_split
      from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc
      from surprise.prediction_algorithms.matrix_factorization import NMF, SVD
      from surprise.prediction_algorithms.knns import KNNWithMeans
[11]: # read file
      reader = Reader(line_format='user item rating_
       →timestamp',sep=',',rating_scale=(0.5, 5),skip_lines=1)
      ratings_dataset = Dataset.load_from_file('/content/drive/Shareddrives/ECE219/
       →Project3/data1.csv',reader = reader)
      trainset, testset = train_test_split(ratings_dataset, test_size=0.1)
      # define variables
      thres = [3]
      # KNN model
      sim_options = {'name': 'pearson', 'user_based': True}
      algo = KNNWithMeans(k=25, sim_options=sim_options, verbose=False)
```

```
algo.fit(trainset)
pred_knn = algo.test(testset)
true_ratings = [row.r_ui for row in pred_knn]
predicted_ratings = [row.est for row in pred_knn]
# NMF model
optimal k knn = 16
model_nmf = NMF(n_factors=optimal_k_knn, n_epochs=50, verbose=False)
model nmf.fit(trainset)
pred_nmf = model_nmf.test(testset)
# MF model
optimal k mf = 20
pred_mf = SVD(n_factors=optimal_k_mf,n_epochs=20,verbose=False).fit(trainset).
 →test(testset)
# plot
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
for threshold in thres:
  # KNN model
 true labels = []
 for i in range(len(true_ratings)):
   if true_ratings[i] >= threshold:
     true_labels.append(1)
   else:
     true_labels.append(0)
 fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(true_labels, predicted_ratings)
 roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
 ax.plot(fpr, tpr, lw=2, label=f"AUC_KNN: {roc_auc:.2f},__
 ⇔threshold={threshold}")
  # NMF model
 thresholded out = [1 if row.r ui > threshold else 0 for row in pred nmf]
 fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(thresholded_out, [row.est for row in_
 →pred_nmf])
 roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
 ax.plot(fpr, tpr, lw=2, label=f"AUC_NMF: {roc_auc:.2f},__
 ⇔threshold={threshold}")
  # MF model
 thresholded_out = [1 if row.r_ui > threshold else 0 for row in pred_mf]
 estimated_ratings = [row.est for row in pred_mf]
 fpr, tpr, thresholds = roc_curve(thresholded_out, estimated_ratings)
 roc_auc = auc(fpr, tpr)
 ax.plot(fpr, tpr, lw=2, label=f"AUC_MF: {roc_auc:.2f}, threshold={threshold}")
```

```
# Plot the chance line
ax.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], lw=2, color='g', label='Chance', alpha=.5)

# Finalize the plot
plt.legend(loc='best')
plt.grid(linestyle=':')
plt.title('k-NN, NMF, and MF performance comparison')
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.show()
```





#Ranking

```
[1]: # mount google drive for dataset access
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

Mounted at /content/drive

##Q13 Data Understanding and Preprocessing Print the number of unique queries in total and

show distribution of relevance labels below

```
[]: from sklearn.datasets import load_svmlight_file
     from sklearn.metrics import ndcg_score
     import numpy as np
     # Load the dataset for one fold
     def load_one_folder(data_path):
         X_train, y_train, qid_train = load_svmlight_file(str(data_path + 'train.
     →txt'), query_id=True)
         X_test, y_test, qid_test = load_svmlight_file(str(data_path + 'test.txt'),__

¬query_id=True)

         y_train = y_train.astype(int)
         y_test = y_test.astype(int)
         _, group_train = np.unique(qid_train, return_counts=True) # return (unique_
      ⇔element, counts)
         _, group_test = np.unique(qid_test, return_counts=True) # return (unique_
      ⇔element, counts)
         return X_train, y_train, qid_train, group_train, X_test, y_test, qid_test, u
      ⇔group_test
     def ndcg_single_query(y_score, y_true, k):
         order = np.argsort(y_score)[::-1]
         y_true = np.take(y_true, order[:k])
         gain = 2 ** y_true - 1
         discounts = np.log2(np.arange(len(y_true)) + 2)
         return np.sum(gain / discounts)
     # calculate NDCG score given a trained model
     def compute_ndcg_all(model, X_test, y_test, qids_test, k):
         unique_qids = np.unique(qids_test)
         ndcg_ = list()
         for i, qid in enumerate(unique_qids):
             y = y_test[qids_test == qid]
             if np.sum(y) == 0:
                 continue
             p = model.predict(X_test[qids_test == qid])
             idcg = ndcg_single_query(y, y, k=k)
             ndcg_.append(ndcg_single_query(p, y, k=k) / idcg)
         return np.mean(ndcg_)
     # get importance of features
```

```
return model.feature_importance(importance_type=importance_type)
[]: # save all folders variable into file
     from scipy import sparse
     import numpy as np
     for idx in range(1,6):
       folder_path = '/content/drive/Shareddrives/ECE219/Project3/MSLR_WEB10K/Fold'
      \rightarrow+ str(idx) + '/'
       X_train, y_train, qid_train, group_train, X_test, y_test, qid_test,__
      ⇒group_test = load_one_folder(folder_path)
       # save train_set
       sparse.save_npz(('mydata/X_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npz'), X_train)
       np.save(('mydata/y_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npy'), y_train)
       np.save(('mydata/qid_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npy'), qid_train)
       np.save(('mydata/group_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npy'), group_train)
       # save test_set
       sparse.save_npz(('mydata/X_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npz'), X_test)
       np.save(('mydata/y_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npy'), y_test)
       np.save(('mydata/qid_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npy'), qid_test)
       np.save(('mydata/group_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npy'), group_test)
       print('folder ' + str(idx) + 'complete')
    folder 1complete
    folder 2complete
    folder 3complete
    folder 4complete
    folder 5complete
[]: # load variables from file
     from scipy import sparse
     import numpy as np
     data_path = '/content/drive/Shareddrives/ECE219/Project3/mydata'
     def load folder(idx):
       # load train set
      X_train = sparse.load_npz(data_path + '/X_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npz')
      y_train = np.load(data_path + '/y_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npy')
       qid_train = np.load(data_path + '/qid_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npy')
       group_train = np.load(data_path + '/group_train_f' + str(idx) + '.npy')
       # load test_set
```

def get\_feature\_importance(model, importance\_type='gain'):

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X_test = sparse.load_npz(data_path + '/X_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npz')
       y_test = np.load(data_path + '/y_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npy')
       qid_test = np.load(data_path + '/qid_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npy')
       group_test = np.load(data_path + '/group_test_f' + str(idx) + '.npy')
      return X_train, y_train, qid_train, group_train, X_test, y_test, qid_test,_u
      →group_test
     # load in five folders
     X_train = []
     y_train = []
     qid_train = []
     group_train = []
     X_{test} = []
     y_test = []
     qid_test = []
     group_test = []
     for idx in range(1,6): # file idx from 1 to 5
      tr1, tr2, tr3, tr4, te1, te2, te3, te4 = load_folder(idx)
      X train.append(tr1)
      y_train.append(tr2)
       qid_train.append(tr3)
      group_train.append(tr4)
      X_test.append(te1)
      y_test.append(te2)
       qid_test.append(te3)
       group_test.append(te4)
       print('load folder ', idx, ' complete')
    load folder 1 complete
    load folder 2 complete
    load folder 3 complete
    load folder 4 complete
    load folder 5 complete
[]: # print properties
     for idx in range(5):
      print('-'*20)
      print('Training set in folder ', idx+1)
      print('Number of unique queries:', group_train[idx].shape)
      print('Relevance labels:', y_train[idx])
      print(' ')
      print('Testing set in folder ', idx+1)
      print('Number of unique queries:', group_test[idx].shape)
      print('Relevance labels:', y_test[idx])
       print('-'*20)
```

\_\_\_\_\_ Training set in folder 1 Number of unique queries: (6000,) Relevance labels: [2 2 0 ... 0 0 1] Testing set in folder 1 Number of unique queries: (2000,) Relevance labels: [2 1 3 ... 1 0 0] \_\_\_\_\_ Training set in folder 2 Number of unique queries: (6000,) Relevance labels: [0 0 0 ... 1 2 1] Testing set in folder 2 Number of unique queries: (2000,) Relevance labels: [2 2 0 ... 0 1 1] \_\_\_\_\_ Training set in folder 3 Number of unique queries: (6000,) Relevance labels: [0 0 1 ... 1 0 0] Testing set in folder 3 Number of unique queries: (2000,) Relevance labels: [0 0 0 ... 1 1 0] \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Training set in folder 4 Number of unique queries: (6000,) Relevance labels: [0 0 1 ... 0 1 1] Testing set in folder 4 Number of unique queries: (2000,) Relevance labels: [0 0 1 ... 0 0 1] \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Training set in folder 5 Number of unique queries: (6000,) Relevance labels: [2 1 3 ... 1 1 0] Testing set in folder 5 Number of unique queries: (2000,) Relevance labels: [0 0 1 ... 1 2 1] \_\_\_\_\_\_

 $\#\#\mathrm{Q}14$  LightGBM Model Training Model's performance on five folders in order of 3, 5, 10 have been printed below.

##Q15 Result Analysis and Interpretation The top 5 features of each dataset folder are printed after the model performance below.

# []: !pip install lightgbm

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Requirement already satisfied: lightgbm in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (4.1.0)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from lightgbm) (1.25.2)
Requirement already satisfied: scipy in /usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages (from lightgbm) (1.11.4)
```

```
[]: # define functions
     import lightgbm as lgb
     import pandas as pd
     def train_model(X_train, y_train, group_train):
       param = { # define parameters
             'objective': 'lambdarank',
             'metric': 'ndcg',
             'ndcg eval at': [3, 5, 10],
       train_data = lgb.Dataset(X_train, label=y_train, group=group_train) # convert_
      \hookrightarrow train\_data
       bst = lgb.train(param, train_data) # training
       return bst
     def evaluate_model(model, X_test, y_test, qids_test, k_values, folder_idx):
         # Calculate nDCG scores
         print('-'*20)
         print('Folder', folder_idx)
         for idx in k_values:
           ndcg_result = compute_ndcg_all(model, X_test, y_test, qids_test, idx)
           print('ndcg_order',idx, ':', ndcg_result)
     def get_feature(bst):
       # compute importances
       importance_df = (
           pd.DataFrame({
               'feature_name': bst.feature_name(),
               'importance_gain': bst.feature_importance(importance_type='gain'),
           .sort_values('importance_gain', ascending=False)
           .reset_index(drop=True)
       )
       return importance_df
```

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[]: # train LightGBM models with 'lambdarank' objective
     order_list = [3, 5, 10]
     feature_list = []
     for idx in range(5): # matrix idx from 0 to 4
       bst_model = train_model(X_train[idx], y_train[idx], group_train[idx])
       evaluate_model(bst_model, X_test[idx], y_test[idx], qid_test[idx],_u
      →order_list, idx+1)
      model_feature = get_feature(bst_model)
       feature_list.append(model_feature)
       print(' ')
      print('Top 5 features:')
      print(model_feature.iloc[:5])
      print('-'*20)
    [LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of
    testing was 0.579821 seconds.
    You can set `force_row_wise=true` to remove the overhead.
    And if memory is not enough, you can set `force_col_wise=true`.
    [LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 25637
    [LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 723412, number of used
    features: 136
    Folder 1
    ndcg_order 3 : 0.4564571300800643
    ndcg_order 5 : 0.4632890672260867
    ndcg_order 10 : 0.48286731451235976
    Top 5 features:
      feature_name importance_gain
    0
        Column_133
                     23856.702951
          Column_7
                      4248.546391
    1
    2
        Column_107
                      4135.244450
    3
        Column_54
                       4078.463216
        Column_129
                        3635.037024
    [LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of
    testing was 1.050678 seconds.
    You can set `force_row_wise=true` to remove the overhead.
    And if memory is not enough, you can set `force_col_wise=true`.
    [LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 25623
    [LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 716683, number of used
    features: 136
    Folder 2
    ndcg_order 3 : 0.4538895365009714
    ndcg_order 5 : 0.4573292117374164
```

## ndcg\_order 10 : 0.4767546810011047

## Top 5 features:

feature\_name importance\_gain
0 Column\_133 23578.908250
1 Column\_7 5157.964912
2 Column\_54 4386.669757
3 Column\_107 4094.012172
4 Column\_129 4035.070673

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.563127 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 25659

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 719111, number of used

features: 136

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#### Folder 3

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.4490681494620125 ndcg\_order 5 : 0.4583480538865081 ndcg\_order 10 : 0.47589507831078093

## Top 5 features:

feature\_name importance\_gain
0 Column\_133 23218.075441
1 Column\_54 4991.303372
2 Column\_107 4226.807395
3 Column\_129 4059.752514
4 Column\_7 3691.792320

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.468223 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 25631

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 718768, number of used features: 136

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## Folder 4

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.461178820507814
ndcg\_order 5 : 0.4663860127875315
ndcg\_order 10 : 0.487724614983737

## Top 5 features:

feature\_name importance\_gain
0 Column\_133 23796.899673
1 Column\_7 4622.622978

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2
         Column_54
                        3883.481706
    3
        Column_129
                        3356.846980
    4
        Column_128
                        3207.575537
    [LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of
    testing was 0.370622 seconds.
    You can set `force row wise=true` to remove the overhead.
    And if memory is not enough, you can set `force_col_wise=true`.
    [LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 25501
    [LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 722602, number of used
    features: 136
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    Folder 5
    ndcg_order 3 : 0.46963442883961365
    ndcg_order 5 : 0.4714315145908388
    ndcg_order 10 : 0.49035928048966515
    Top 5 features:
      feature_name
                    importance_gain
        Column 133
                       23540.942354
    0
          Column 7
    1
                        4794.945172
    2
         Column 54
                        4079.608554
    3
        Column_107
                        3514.835752
        Column_129
                        3209.058444
[]: # save featureList to file
     import pickle
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##Q16 Experiments with Subset of Features (1) Remove the top 20 features and retrain the model. NDCG socre of all folders decrease as expected. Intuitively, removing top features making it more difficult to identify one qurey from another, which makes sense that model perdormace downgrade from ndcg\_score at around 0.5 to 0.3. (2) Remove the top 60 features and retrain the model. As explained above, the nscg scores decrease as expected. However, it is not a rapid change from the previous case. The first folder for instance, [0.46, 0.46, 0.48] -> [0.38, 0.39, 0.40] -> [0.34, 0.35, 0.38]. The model performance of removing top 20 features and removing top 60 features are very colse, meaning that The extra 40 features does not affect model performance that much. Only a few features at the top significantly affecting the performance. The statement can be supported by observing the importance score of the top 5 features printed above.

Top 5 features: feature\_name importance\_gain 0 Column\_133 23856.702951 1 Column\_7 4248.546391 2 Column 107 4135.244450 3 Column 54 4078.463216 4 Column 129 3635.037024

The top feature weights 5 times than the second feature.

with open('feature\_list.pkl', 'wb') as file:

pickle.dump(feature\_list, file)

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[]: # remove feature function
     def remove_feature(X_train, X_test, columns_to_remove):
       # Convert to a list of all column indices
       all_columns = list(range(X_train.shape[1]))
       # Find which columns to keep
       columns_to_keep = [col for col in all_columns if col not in columns_to_remove]
       # reduce dataset
       reduced_train = X_train[:, columns_to_keep]
       reduced test = X test[:, columns to keep]
       return reduced_train, reduced_test
[]: # Loading feature_list from the pickle file
     import pickle
     with open('feature_list.pkl', 'rb') as file:
       feature_list = pickle.load(file)
[]: # remove the top 20 features and retrain the model
     order_list = [3, 5, 10]
     for idx in range(5): # matrix idx from 0 to 4
       # retrive features
       top_20_feature_names = feature_list[idx]['feature_name'].head(20)
       top_20_indices = [int(name.split('_')[1]) for name in top_20_feature_names]
       # remove features
      X_train_reduced, X_test_reduced = remove_feature(X_train[idx], X_test[idx],_
      →top_20_indices)
       # retrain the model
      bst_model = train_model(X_train_reduced, y_train[idx], group_train[idx])
       evaluate model(bst model, X test reduced, y test[idx], qid test[idx], u
      →order_list, idx+1)
      print('-'*20)
    [LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of
    testing was 0.326594 seconds.
    You can set `force_row_wise=true` to remove the overhead.
    And if memory is not enough, you can set `force_col_wise=true`.
    [LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 21582
    [LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 723412, number of used
    features: 116
    Folder 1
    ndcg_order 3 : 0.37967488460229254
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ndcg\_order 5 : 0.3850299691938894 ndcg\_order 10 : 0.4083636029390886

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.887943 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force col wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 21551

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 716683, number of used features: 116

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### Folder 2

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.3739449461043477 ndcg\_order 5 : 0.3819536013454118 ndcg\_order 10 : 0.4045026694861529

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.319891 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 21720

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 719111, number of used features: 116

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## Folder 3

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.3823833692306899
ndcg\_order 5 : 0.3899961152757789
ndcg\_order 10 : 0.4116363812695088

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.505140 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 21670

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 718768, number of used features: 116

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## Folder 4

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.381976845689231
ndcg\_order 5 : 0.39281004672399866
ndcg\_order 10 : 0.4121071637228934

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.331246 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 21348

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 722602, number of used

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Folder 5
    ndcg_order 3 : 0.38428336621785103
    ndcg_order 5 : 0.39216767580543455
    ndcg_order 10 : 0.4166871494621703
[]: # remove the top 60 features and retrain the model
    order_list = [3, 5, 10]
    for idx in range(5): # matrix idx from 0 to 4
       # retrive features
      top_60_feature_names = feature_list[idx]['feature_name'].head(60)
      top_60_indices = [int(name.split('_')[1]) for name in top_60_feature_names]
       # remove features
      X_train_reduced, X_test_reduced = remove_feature(X_train[idx], X_test[idx],_
      →top_60_indices)
       # retrain the model
      bst_model = train_model(X_train_reduced, y_train[idx], group_train[idx])
      evaluate_model(bst_model, X_test_reduced, y_test[idx], qid_test[idx],_u
      →order_list, idx+1)
      print('-'*20)
    [LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of
    testing was 0.219537 seconds.
    You can set `force_row_wise=true` to remove the overhead.
    And if memory is not enough, you can set `force_col_wise=true`.
    [LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 13014
    [LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 723412, number of used
    features: 76
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    Folder 1
    ndcg_order 3 : 0.33546915606221284
    ndcg_order 5 : 0.34660877109472304
    ndcg_order 10 : 0.3761216118110393
    [LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of
    testing was 0.249899 seconds.
    You can set `force_row_wise=true` to remove the overhead.
    And if memory is not enough, you can set `force_col_wise=true`.
    [LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 12229
    [LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 716683, number of used
    features: 76
    Folder 2
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features: 116

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.33254089926505576 ndcg\_order 5 : 0.3440485383851923 ndcg\_order 10 : 0.3724982237661007

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.242466 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 12248

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 719111, number of used features: 76

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### Folder 3

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.33398837904270495 ndcg\_order 5 : 0.34898624914192033 ndcg\_order 10 : 0.3744687542130175

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.393125 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 12917

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 718768, number of used features: 76

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### Folder 4

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.33684455492642207 ndcg\_order 5 : 0.34965123359792155 ndcg\_order 10 : 0.3764053801895373

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[LightGBM] [Info] Auto-choosing row-wise multi-threading, the overhead of testing was 0.224938 seconds.

You can set `force\_row\_wise=true` to remove the overhead.

And if memory is not enough, you can set `force\_col\_wise=true`.

[LightGBM] [Info] Total Bins 13062

[LightGBM] [Info] Number of data points in the train set: 722602, number of used features: 76

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#### Folder 5

ndcg\_order 3 : 0.3359472114864704
ndcg\_order 5 : 0.3483230442217811
ndcg\_order 10 : 0.3795631808598626

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