Exercises for "Hands-on with Pydata"

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1 Systems check

2 Numpy Questions: Indexing

2.1 1. Access an individual element in a NumPy array

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In [2]: # given the following ndarray, access the its third element
    arr = np.arange(10)
    arr
```

Out[2]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])

2.2 2. Access the last column of a 2d array

2.3 3. Select all elements from a 2d array that are larger than zero

2.4 4. Set all negative values of an array to 1

3 Numpy Questions: Operations

3.1 1. Compute the sum of a 1D array

3.2 2. Compute the mean of a 1D array

3.3 3. How do you detect the presence of NANs in an array?

4 Pandas questions: Series and DataFrames

4.1 1. Adding a column in a DataFrame

4.2 2. Deleting a row in a DataFrame

4.3 3. Creating a DataFrame from a few Series

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In [11]: # given the following three Series, create a DataFrame such that it holds them in its columns
    ser_1 = pd.Series(np.random.randn(6))
    ser_2 = pd.Series(np.random.randn(6))
    ser_3 = pd.Series(np.random.randn(6))
```

5 Pandas questions: Indexing

5.1 1. Indexing into a specific column

```
In [12]: # given the following DataFrame, try to index into the 'col_2' column
         df = pd.DataFrame(data={'col_1': [0.12, 7, 45, 10], 'col_2': [0.9, 9, 34, 11]},
                           columns=['col_1', 'col_2', 'col_3'],
                           index=['obs1', 'obs2', 'obs3', 'obs4'])
         df
Out[12]:
              col_1 col_2 col_3
         obs1
               0.12
                        0.9
                              NaN
               7.00
                        9.0
                              NaN
         obs2
         obs3 45.00
                       34.0
                              NaN
         obs4 10.00 11.0
                             NaN
         [4 rows x 3 columns]
```

5.2 2. Label-based indexing

```
In [13]: # using the same DataFrame, index into the row whose index is 'obs_3'
Out[13]:
              col_1 col_2 col_3
              0.12
                       0.9
                             NaN
        obs1
                       9.0
        obs2
              7.00
                             NaN
        obs3 45.00
                     34.0
                             NaN
        obs4 10.00
                    11.0
                             NaN
         [4 rows x 3 columns]
```

6 Reco systems questions: Data Loading

6.1 1. How to load the users and movies portions of MovieLens

6.2 2. How to load the training and testing subsets

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In [15]: # subset version (hosted notebook)
         movielens_train = pd.read_csv('data/movielens_train.csv', index_col=0)
         movielens_test = pd.read_csv('data/movielens_test.csv', index_col=0)
In [16]: movielens_train.head()
Out[16]:
                user_id movie_id rating timestamp gender age occupation
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         593263
                   3562
                             3798
                                        4 967332344
                                                        F
                                                                           6 32812
                   1051
                                        4 974958593
                                                              25
                                                                           0 60513
         235597
                             3793
                                                          F
         219003
                   3727
                                        3 966309522
                                                         M 35
                                                                           7
                                                                              74401
                             2366
         685090
                   4666
                             1094
                                        3 963843918
                                                          M 35
                                                                           1 53704
         312377
                   3261
                             1095
                                        4 968251750
                                                          M 45
                                                                           20 87505
                                     title
                                                              genres for_testing
         593263
                  What Lies Beneath (2000)
                                                                          False
                                                           Thriller
         235597
                              X-Men (2000)
                                                      Action|Sci-Fi
                                                                          False
                          King Kong (1933) Action|Adventure|Horror
                                                                          False
         219003
         685090
                                                                          False
                   Crying Game, The (1992)
                                                 Drama|Romance|War
                Glengarry Glen Ross (1992)
                                                              Drama
                                                                          False
         [5 rows x 11 columns]
In [17]: movielens_test.head()
Out [17]:
                user_id movie_id rating
                                           timestamp gender age occupation
                                                                                 zip
         693323
                   4653
                             2648
                                        4 975532459
                                                           М
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                                                                            12 95051
         24177
                   2259
                             1270
                                            974591524
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                   3032
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         202202
                             1378
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         262003
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         777848
                   4186
                             2403
                                        3 1017931262
                                                                25
                                                                               33308
                                    title
                                                          genres for_testing
         693323
                      Frankenstein (1931)
                                                          Horror
                                                                       False
                                                   Comedy|Sci-Fi
                Back to the Future (1985)
                                                                       False
         24177
         202202
                        Young Guns (1988) Action | Comedy | Western
                                                                       False
         262003
                       Player, The (1992)
                                                    Comedy | Drama
                                                                       False
         777848
                       First Blood (1982)
                                                          Action
                                                                       False
         [5 rows x 11 columns]
```

7 Reco systems questions: Estimation Functions

7.1 1. Simple content filtering using mean ratings

7.2 2. Simple collaborative filtering using mean ratings

```
In [19]: # write an 'estimate' function that computes the mean rating of a particular user
    def estimate2(user_id, movie_id):
        # first, index into all ratings of this movie
        # second, compute the mean of those ratings
        # for now, we'll just return None
        return None

# try it out for a user_id, movie_id pair
    estimate2(4653, 2648)
```

8 Mini-Challenge

These are the two functions that you will need to test your estimate method.

With those, you can test for performance with the following line, which assumes that your function is called my_estimate_func:

```
In [23]: print 'RMSE for my estimate function: %s' % evaluate(my_estimate_func)

RMSE for my estimate function: 1.23237195265
```

Once you are happy with your score, you can submit your RMSE by running this function (in the hosted notebook only):