

## Hybrid[ Fastai + AutoSurprise ]: Rating Prediction for Book Recommendation System

### Learning Objective/ Goal

- 1) To predict book ratings for the given 'train.csv' using different approaches.
- 2) To use the book's metadata, learn and build a memory-based recommendation system listed in the [article](#)

### Source code

<https://github.com/sudha-vijayakumar/CMPE256-BOOK-RECOMMENDATION-SYSTEM.git>

### Input files (7) - input/metadata/

[goodreads\\_books\\_children.json.gz](#),  
[goodreads\\_reviews\\_children.json.gz](#)

### - input/

train.csv  
test.csv

### - processed\_data/

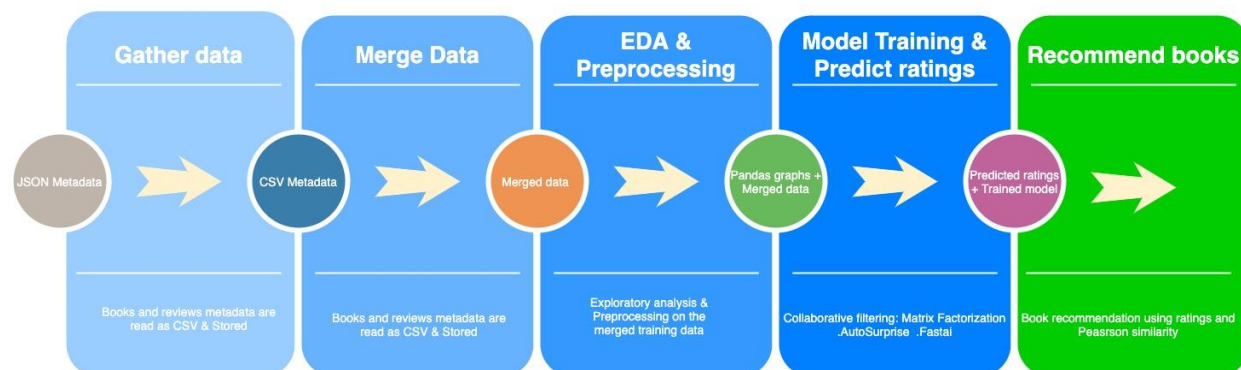
books.csv  
reviews.csv  
books\_with\_review.csv (will be generated at step-1,2)

### Output (5)

#### - output/

predictions-svd-75.csv  
predictions\_Fast\_ai.csv  
Final\_submission.csv  
Book\_with\_reviews.html  
User\_Ratings.html

### ML Pipeline



**HOW TO RUN (Run the notebooks in the below order)**

No.	STEP	Filename
<b><u>1</u></b>	Read metadata as CSV	1_JSON_To_CSV.ipynb
<b><u>2</u></b>	Merge reviews with books (Preprocessing)	2_Merge_reviews_books_user_data.ipynb
<b><u>3</u></b>	EDA	3_EDA_using_Pandas.ipynb
<b><u>4</u></b>	<b>Model Training (Algorithms used)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Identifying the best model for the train data <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) AutoSurprise - SVD</li> <li>b) Fastai - Matrix Factorization</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Train &amp; make predictions for the test.csv using Surprise - SVD[Matrix Factorization]</li> </ol>	4.0_Auto_Surprise_BestModel.ipynb <b>Run-time:</b> limited to 6hours  4.1_Surprise-SVD_Book_Rating_Prediction.ipynb <b>Run-time:</b> 1hour  4.2_Fastai_Book_Rating_Prediction.ipynb <b>Run-time:</b> 50mins  <b>Submission:</b> $[0.7 * 4.1_{(prediction)}] + [0.3 * 4.2_{(prediction)}]$  6_submission.ipynb
<b><u>5</u></b>	<b>Recommendation System</b> Collaborative filter - Memory-based - PearsonR	5_Recommendation_using_Colab_Filtering.ipynb

**Learning outcome**

- 1) Experimented with different approaches on how to predict ratings for the given dataset.
- 2) Collaborative filtering + Matrix factorization: for 700k dataset,
  - a) Surprise is slow and also did not scale well.
  - b) fastai is faster and scales well comparatively.
- 3) Built basic recommendation systems using the practical approaches taught in this course(Collaborative filtering using Pearson similarity).

**Future work**

To try [HGN baseline for sequential recommendation](#) (Rank\_1) [Source](#)