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Recommender System

Fourth homework assignment for Datamining

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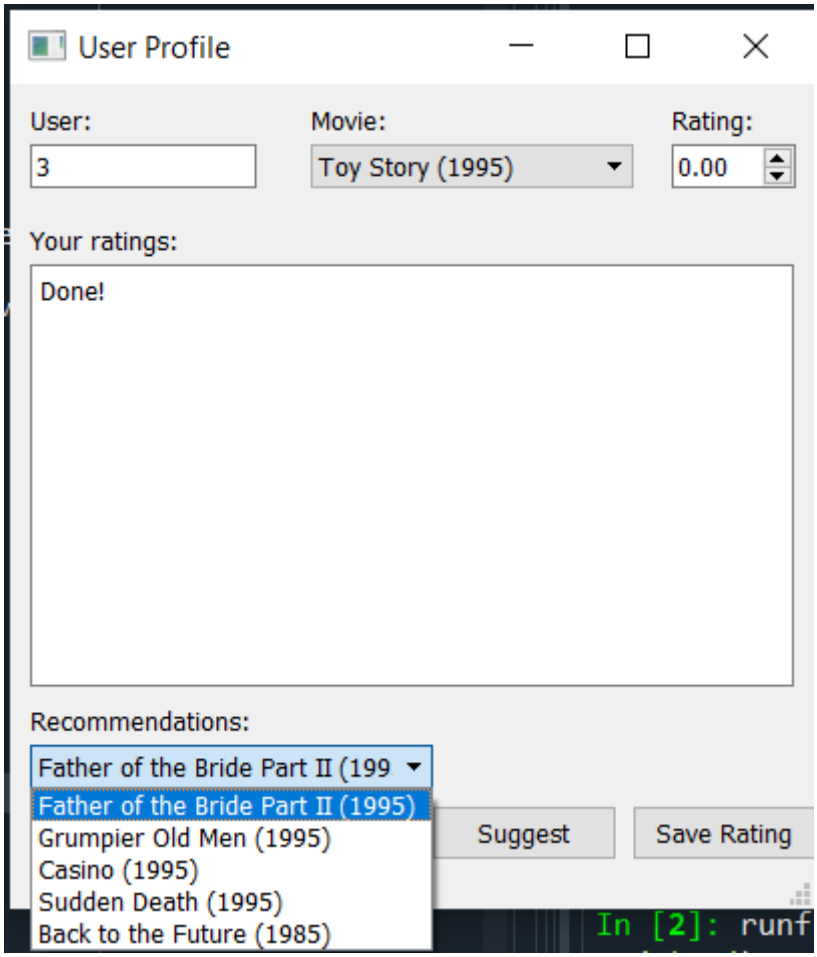
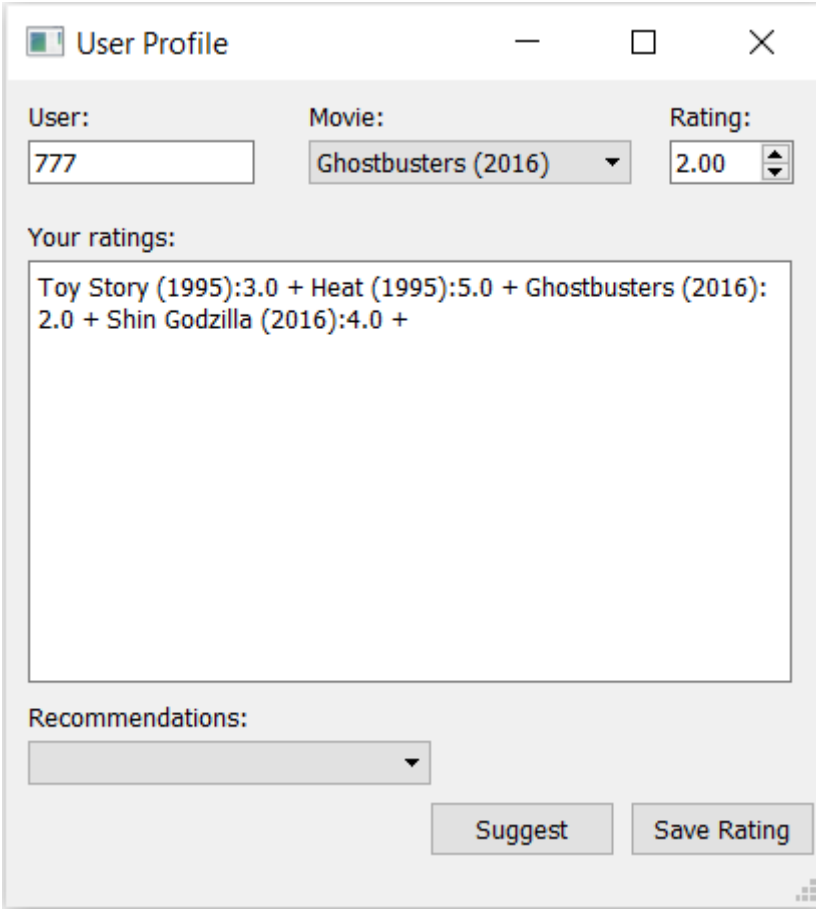
User Interface

I created a GUI using the pyqt library (the template file is stored as a .ui file and I load it in my main python script).

Default User Profile



After a user ID is entered and the “Suggest” button is pressed, your movie recommendations will appear in a combo box.



You may also add a new rating for the given user.

NOTE: Suggestions only work for already existing users.

Recommender

I decided to use matrix factorization (more specifically, singular value decomposition) to build my recommender system (I was inspired by the early days of Netflix). I used the built-in numpy.linalg.svg function to get u, sigma and vh. Afterwards, I calculated the recommendation matrix by using their dot product:

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# to ease multiplication
sigma = np.diag(sigma)
pred_matrix = np.dot(np.dot(u, sigma), vh)
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Finally, I wrote a function that would give 5 suggestions for the given user based on the prediction matrix:

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def getRecommendations(self, userID, movies, ratings, predictions):
    user_row_number = userID - 1
    sorted_preds = predictions.iloc[user_row_number].sort_values(ascending=False)

    # get user data and merge with movies
    user_data = ratings[ratings["userId"] == userID]
    user_full = (user_data.merge(movies, how = 'left', left_on = 'movieId', right_on = 'movieId').
                 sort_values(['rating'], ascending=False))

    recommendations = (movies[~movies['movieId'].isin(user_full['movieId'])].
                       merge(pd.DataFrame(sorted_preds).reset_index(), how = 'left',
                             left_on = 'movieId',
                             right_on = 'movieId').
                       rename(columns = {user_row_number: 'predictions'}).
                       sort_values('predictions', ascending = False).
                       iloc[:5, :-1])

    return user_full, recommendations
```