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## Session 4: CuratorNet

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# CuratorNet: Visually-aware Recommendation of Art Images

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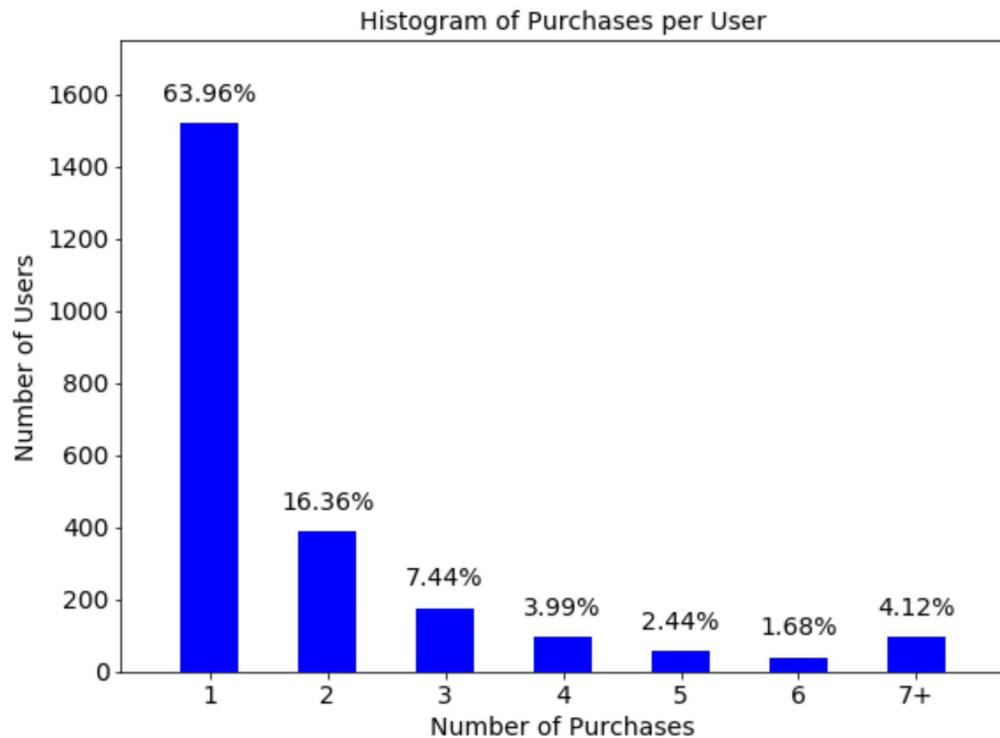
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- Few studies about recommending paintings in a commercial setting.

# Dataset: Ugallery

- 5,336 transactions (purchases)
- 2,378 users
- 6,040 paintings



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- Ideas to addressing our problem: YouTube does not learn a explicit user latent vector and VBPR performs learning by sampling negative feedback.

*IDEA: ¿What about combining **visual content** with **collaborative information** without the need of **explicit user latent factors**?*

# CuratorNet

A neural network architecture for visually-aware recommendation of art images.

Original implementation:  
<https://github.com/ialab-puc/CuratorNet>

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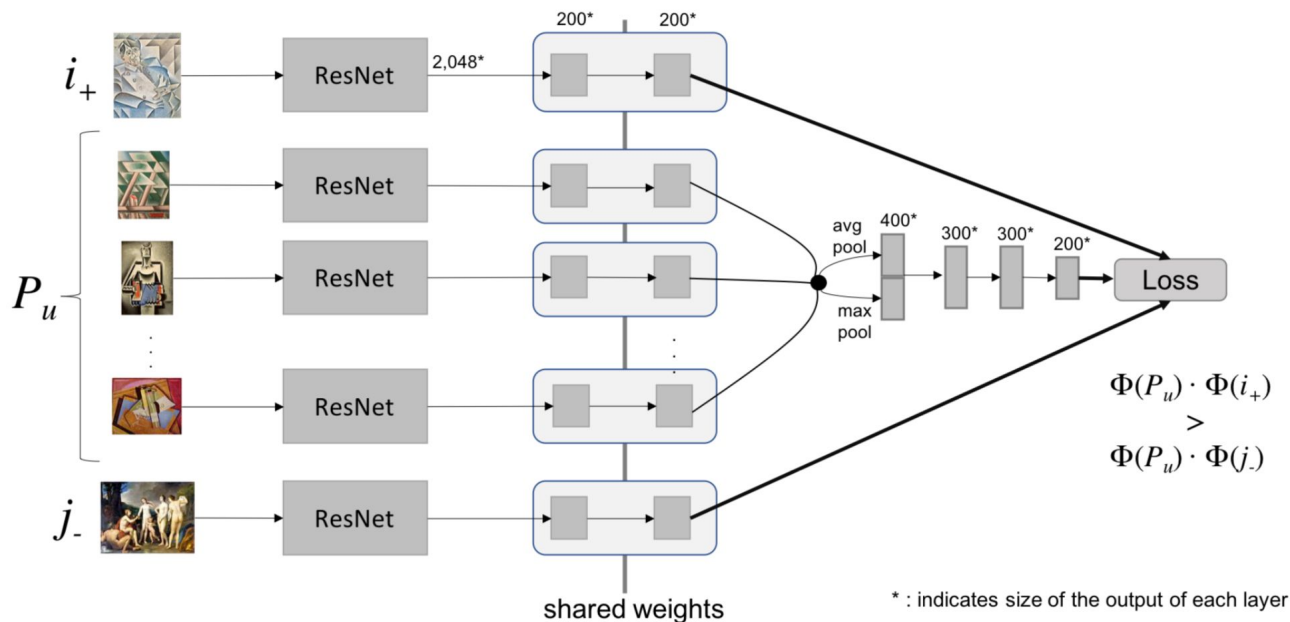


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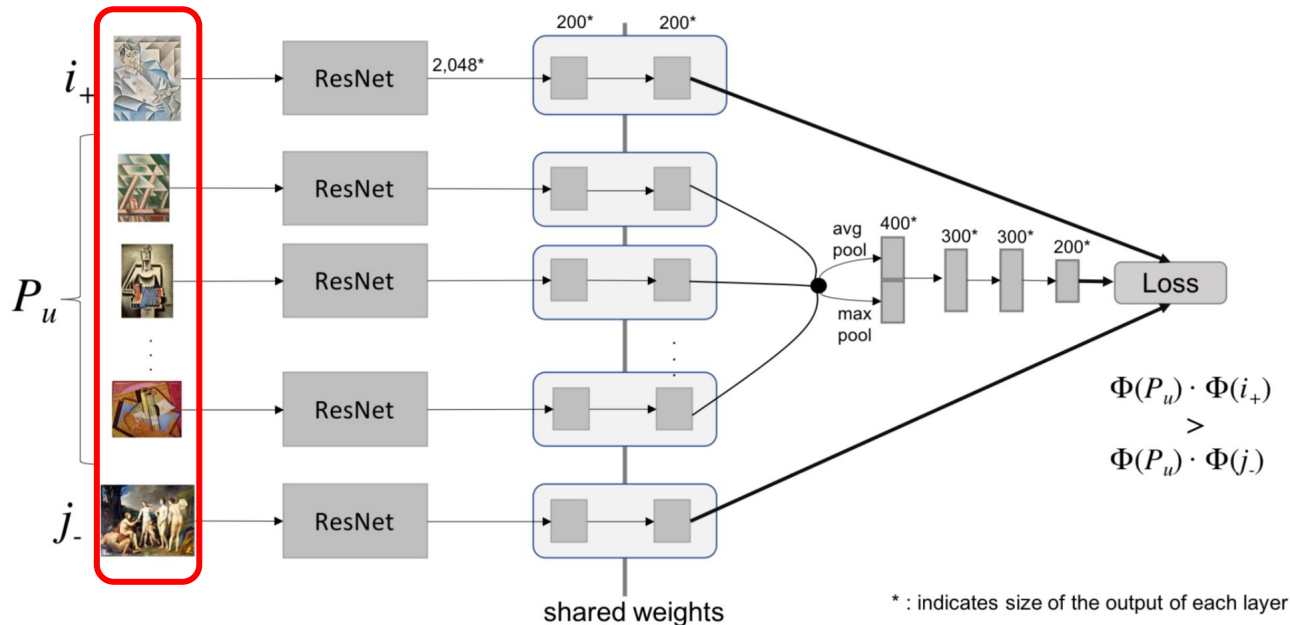


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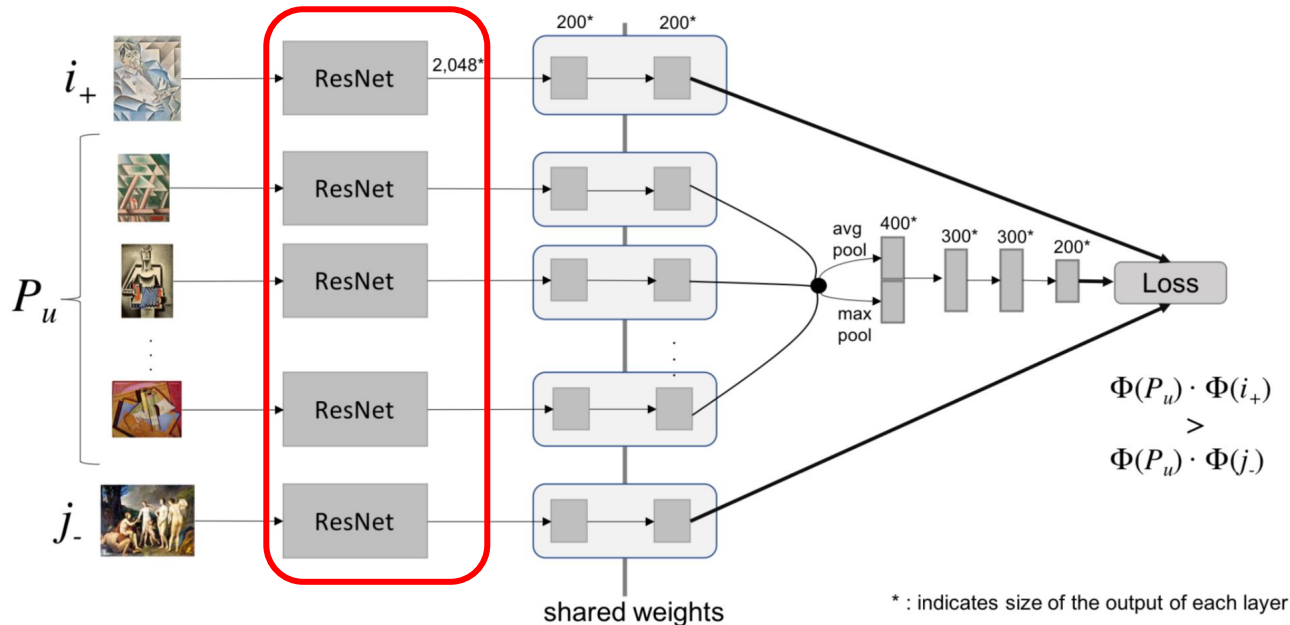


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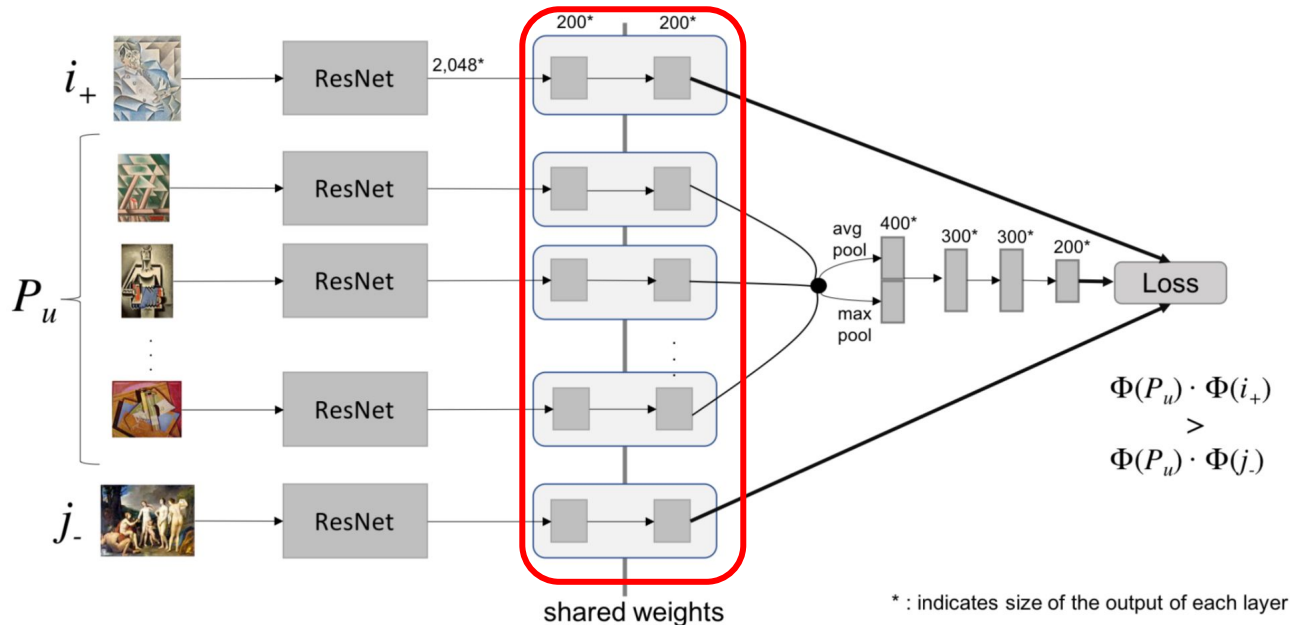


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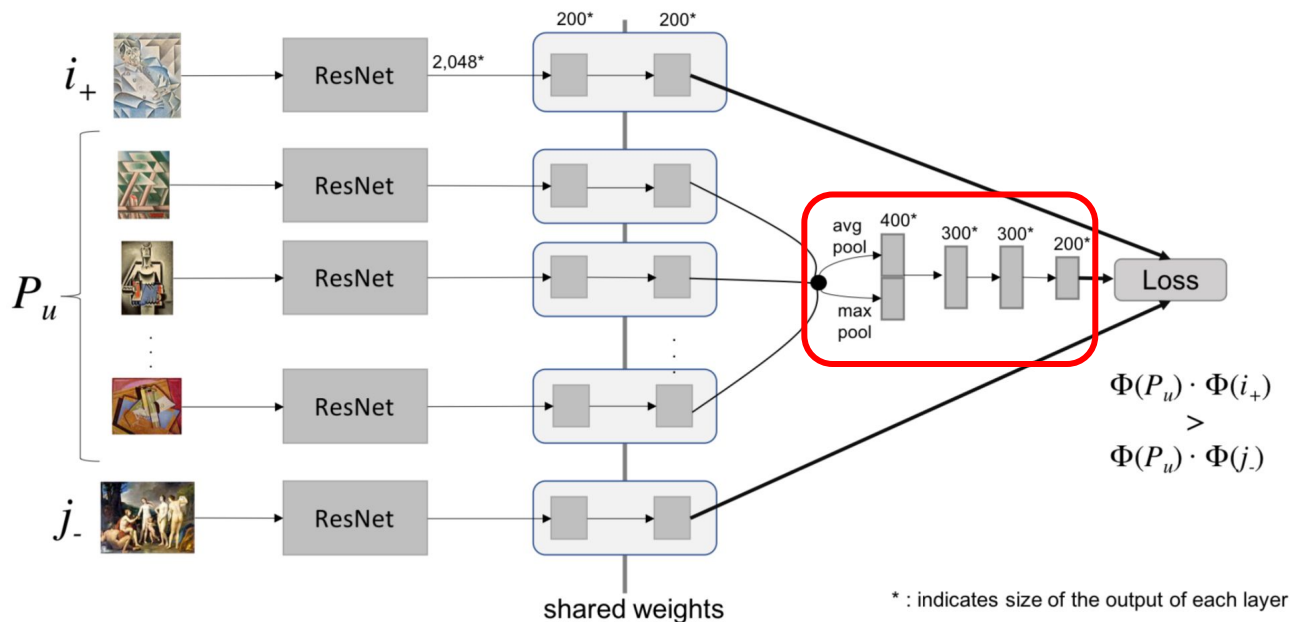


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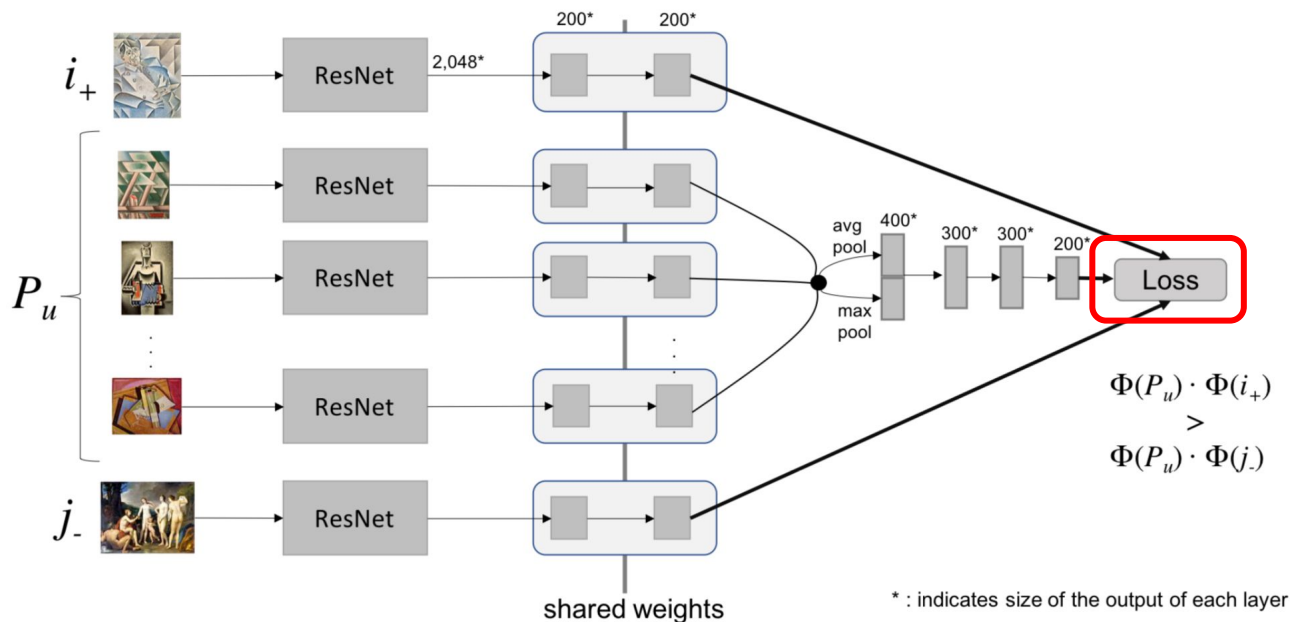
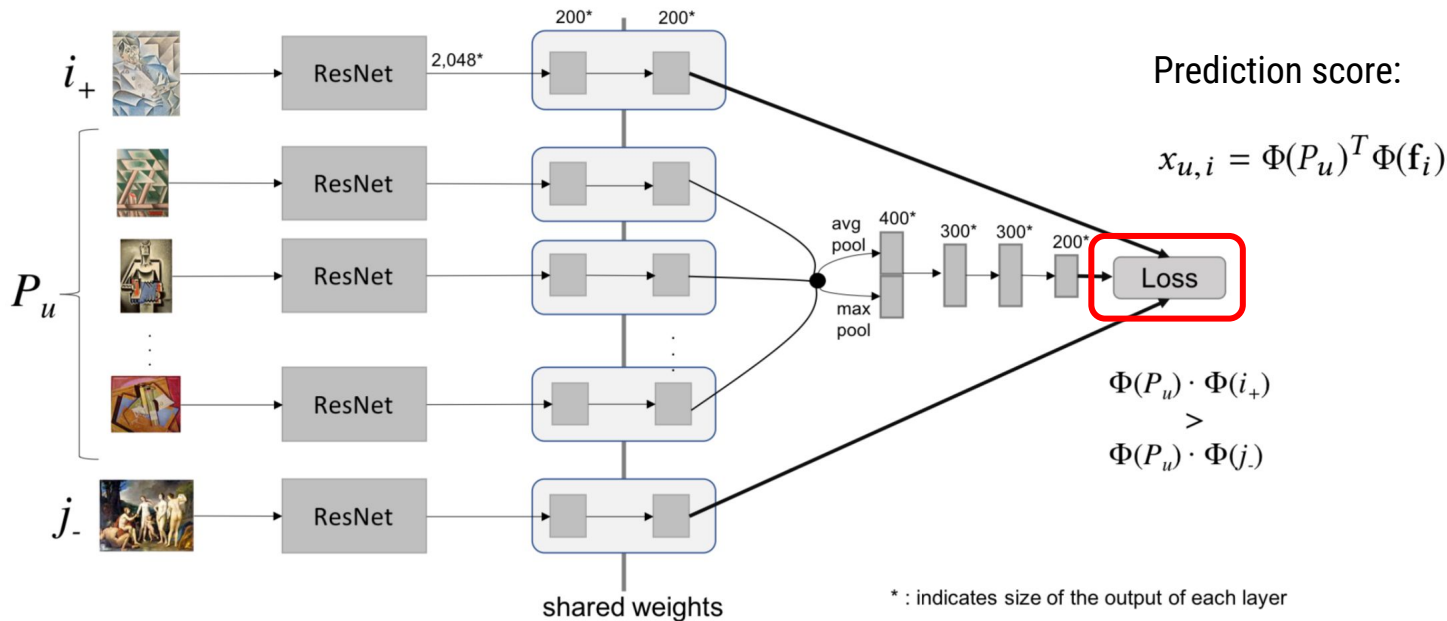


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# Loss function: Sigmoid Cross-Entropy Loss

Class:  
0 = wrongly ranked  
1 = correctly ranked

Probability  
that user  $u$   
prefers  $i$  over  $j$

Probability that  
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L2 Regularization hyperparameter

Sigmoid function ( $\sigma$ )

$$P(i >_u j | \Theta) = \sigma(x_{u,i,j}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_{u,i} - x_{u,j})}}$$

# Loss function Code

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# Training setup
print("\nSetting up training")
optimizer = optim.Adam(
    model.parameters(),
    lr=SETTINGS["optimizer:lr"],
    weight_decay=SETTINGS["optimizer:weight_decay"],
)
criterion = nn.BCEWithLogitsLoss(reduction="sum")
scheduler = optim.lr_scheduler.ReduceLROnPlateau(
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L2 regularization

[Sigmoid cross  
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# Training the model

- Similar to BPR: Given a training set  $D_S$  of triples  $(p, i, j)$  we aim that our model score like:

$$\vec{u}_p \cdot \vec{i} > \vec{u}_p \cdot \vec{j}$$

- Unlike BPR, we do not randomly sample negative examples for the training set  $D_S$

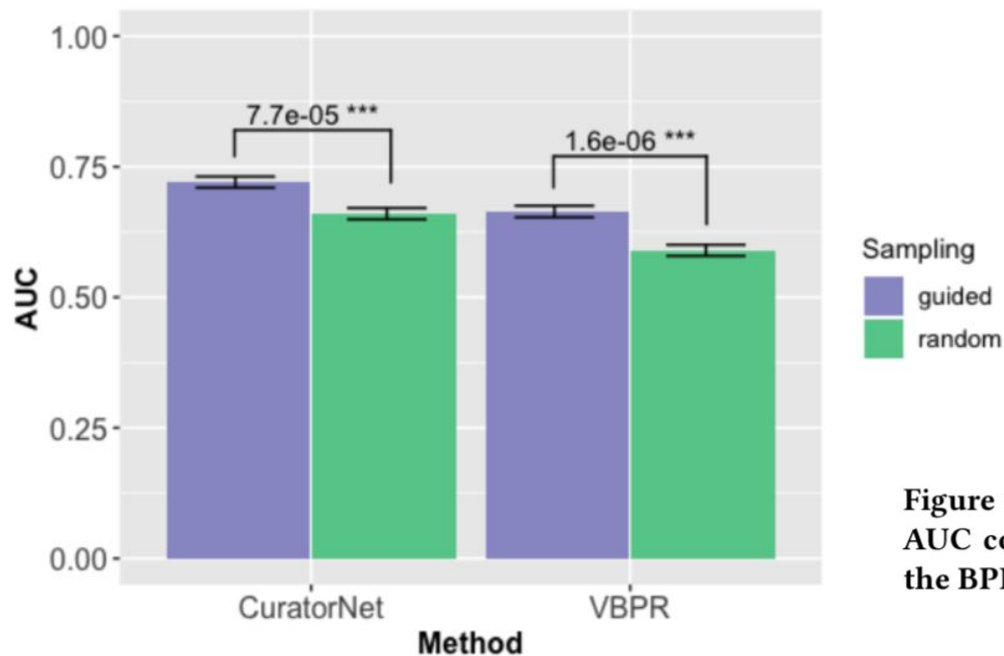
# Sampling guidelines for triples

- Based on findings of our previous work (favorite artist)
- Use notion of visual clusters:



**Figure 3: Examples of visual clusters automatically generated to sample triples for the training set.**

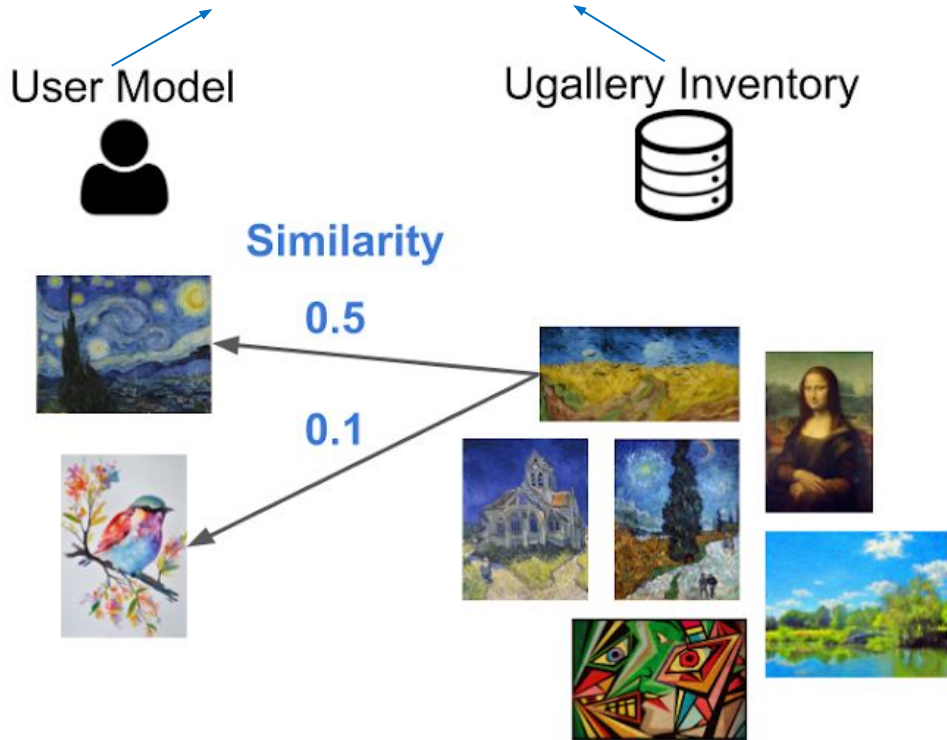
# Effect of sampling guidelines



**Figure 4: The sampling guidelines had a positive effect on AUC compared to random negative sampling for building the BPR training set.**

# Content-based recommendation: VisRank (baseline)

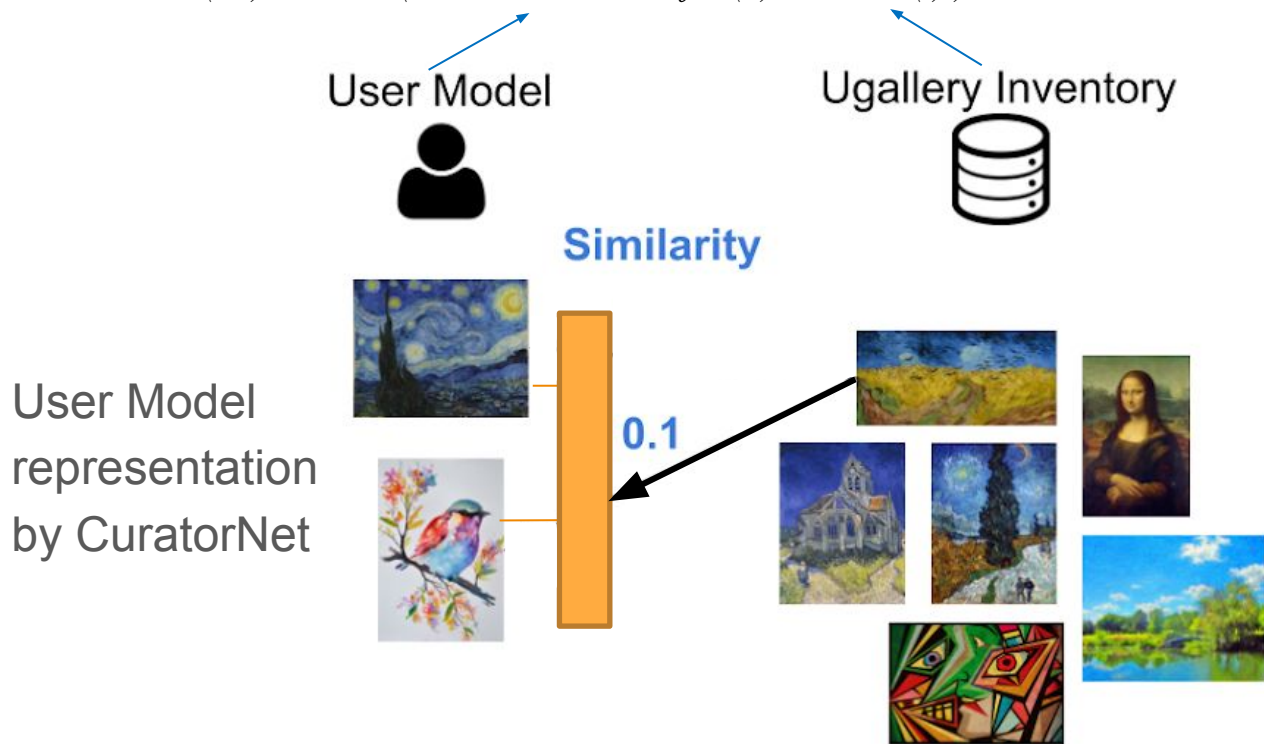
$$s(u,i) = \text{score}(\text{ContentBasedProfile}(u), \text{Content}(i))$$





# Content-based recommendation: CuratorNet

$$s(u,i) = \text{score}(\text{ContentBasedProfile}(u), \text{Content}(i))$$



## Results Wikimedia (Random sampling)

AUC	RR	R@20	P@20	nDCG@20	R@100	P@100	nDCG@100
.66931	.01955	.03803	.00190	.02226	.07884	.00078	.02943

## Results Ugallery (with guidelines)

AUC	R@20	P@20	nDCG@20	R@100	P@100	nDCG@100
.7204	.1683	.0106	.0966	.2399	.0030	.0923



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# *Hands-On*



# Inspiration 1: VBPR

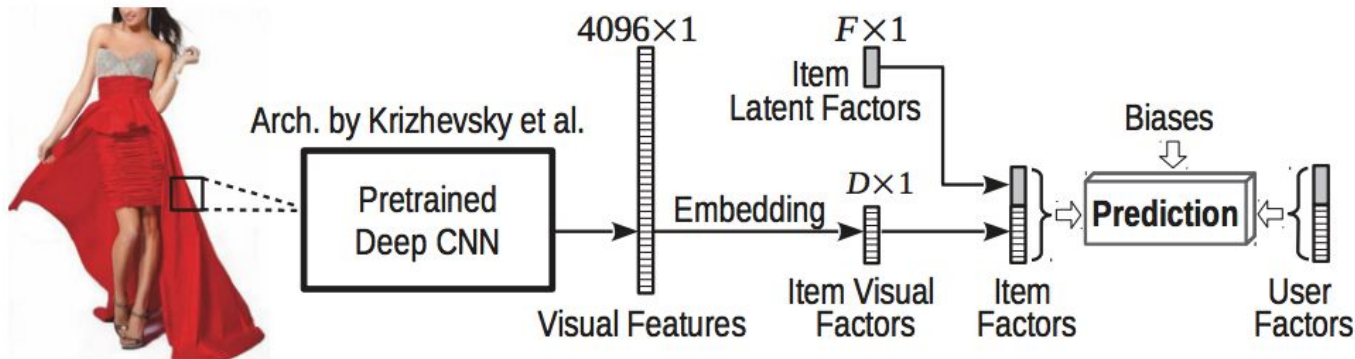
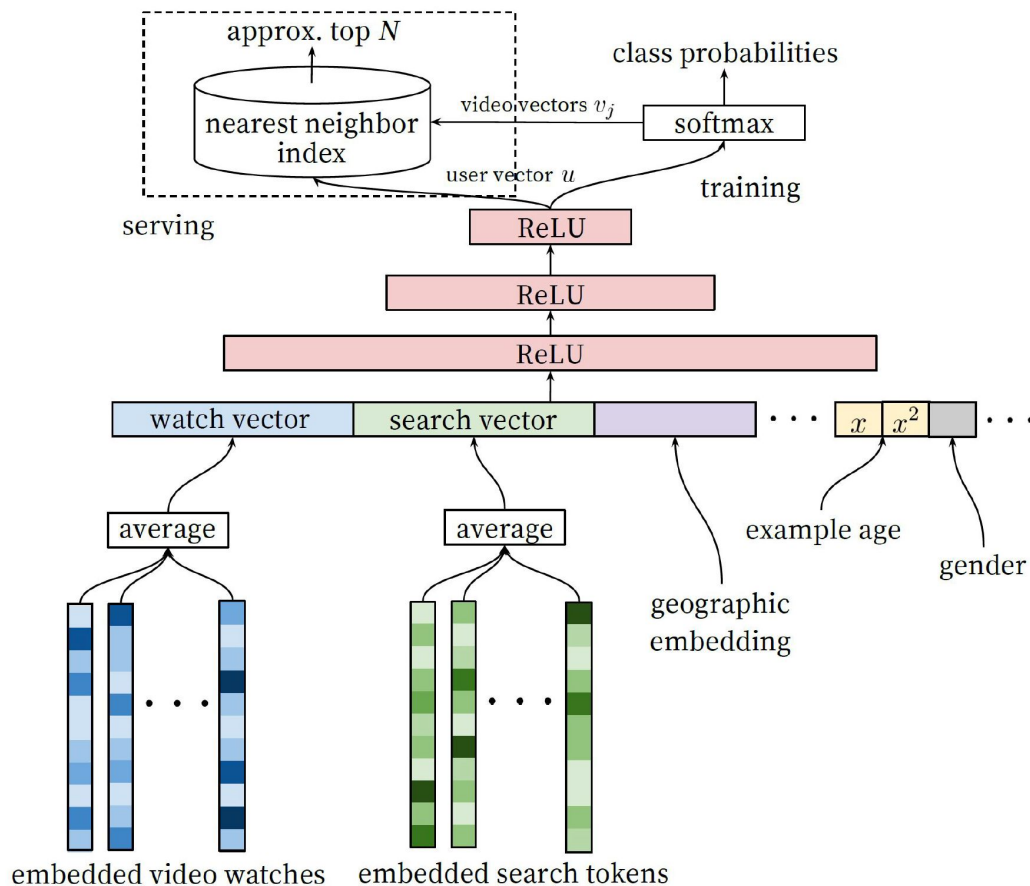


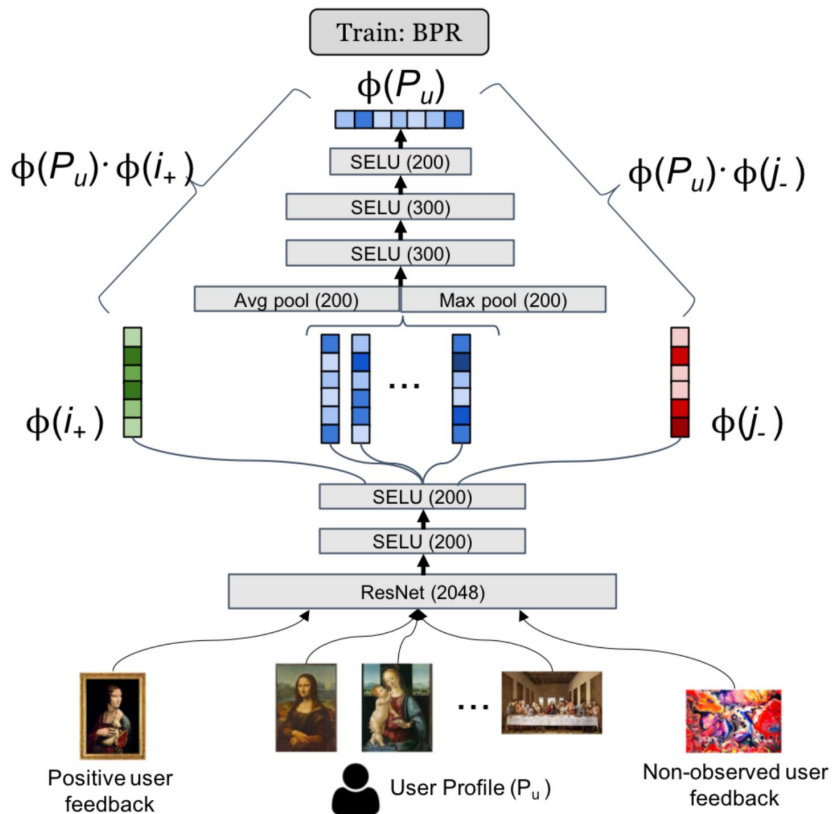
Figure 1: Diagram of our preference predictor. Rating dimensions consist of visual factors and latent (non-visual) factors. Inner products between users and item factors model the compatibility between users and items.

# Inspiration 2: Youtube

- Deep Neural Networks for YouTube Recommendations (Covington et.al, 2016)







**Figure 1: General architecture of CuratorNet. Parameters are learned via BPR [34]. The first two SELU layers have shared weights, similar to triplet loss models [39, 45].**

# The guidelines

- (1) Removing item from purchase basket, and predicting this missing item.
- (2) Sort items purchased sequentially, and then predict next purchase in basket.
- (3) Recommending visually similar artworks from the favorite artists of a user.
- (4) Recommending profile items from the same user profile.
- (5) Create an artificial user profile of a single item purchased, and recommending profile items given this artificially created user profile.
- (6) Create artificial profile with a single item, then recommend visually similar items from the same artist.

# Offline Evaluation (Purchase Records)

