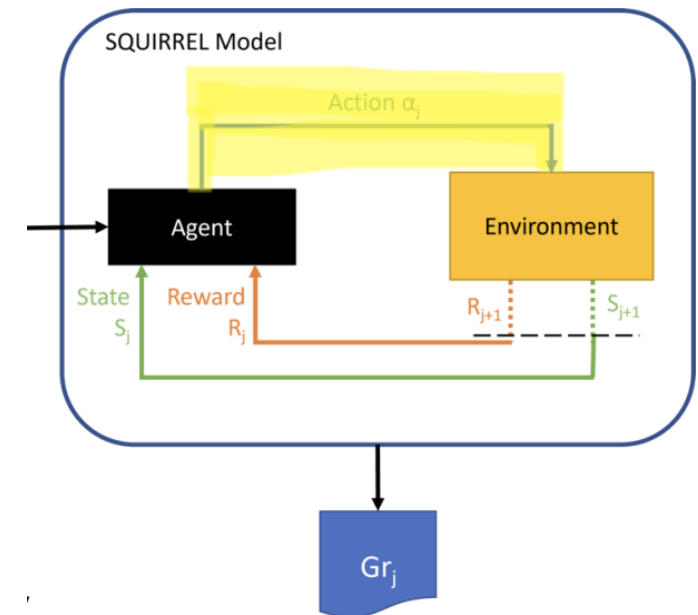


# SDAA Sequential Group Recommendations

## Satisfaction and Disagreement Aware Aggregation

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# From Static to Dynamic Group Recommendations

The Limitations of User-Based Collaborative Filtering and Group Recommendations

**Example:** Movie 1276 predictions

- System predicts User 1 would rate it: 5.00
- System predicts User 2 would rate it: 3.76
- Disagreement : 1.24

**Challenges:**

- Average method and Least misery methods don't learn from previous recommendations
- Some users stay unhappy over multiple rounds
- No adaptation to group dynamics

**Solution:** SDAA framework

- Recommends movies over multiple rounds
- Adjusts strategy based on user satisfaction
- Balances group happiness and individual fairness

# SDAA Implementation

1st satisfaction scores: Decides which movies to recommend to the group

$$score(G, i, j) = (1 - \alpha_j) * avgG(G, i, j) + \alpha_j * leastG(G, i, j)$$

2nd Alpha Adaptation : Measures how unfair the previous round was

$$\alpha_j = \max_{u \in G} sat(u, Gr_{j-1}) - \min_{u \in G} sat(u, Gr_{j-1})$$

3rd Reward Evaluation: Balances group satisfaction and fairness

$$R_{sd}(RS^j) = 2 \frac{groupSatO(RS^j) * (1 - groupDisO(RS^j))}{groupSatO(RS^j) + (1 - groupDisO(RS^j))}$$

# How Alpha adapts strategy :

Small  $\alpha_j$  (users equally satisfied)  $\rightarrow$  More weight on Average method  
Large  $\alpha_j$  (satisfaction differences)  $\rightarrow$  More weight on Least Misery

- Project result:
- Round 1:  $\alpha = 0.2765 \rightarrow 72\%$  Average, 28% Least Misery
- Round 2:  $\alpha = 0.4216 \rightarrow 58\%$  Average, 42% Least Misery
- Round 3:  $\alpha = 0.4415 \rightarrow 56\%$  Average, 44% Least Misery

# SQUIRREL Reinforcement Learning Framework

## State & Reward

Round 1: Satisfaction {1:0.9893, 414:0.7399, 599:0.5677}

Round 2: Satisfaction {1:0.9292, 414:0.6647, 599:0.4876}

Round 3: Satisfaction {1:0.9216, 414:0.7228, 599:0.5337}

Reward: 0.6590 → 0.6391 → 0.6477

## SDAA Recommender System

- Tracks satisfaction history
- Calculates alpha parameters
- Adapts aggregation strategy



## Learning Cycle:

State → Agent → Actions → New State → Reward  
(Continuous adaptation across 3 rounds)

## Environment

- MovieLens dataset
- Users [1, 414, 599]
- 882 popular movies

## Actions

Round 1:  $\alpha=0.2765 \rightarrow [293, 318, 353, 16, 364]$

Round 2:  $\alpha=0.4216 \rightarrow [180, 454, 17, 497, 508]$

Round 3:  $\alpha=0.4415 \rightarrow [541, 529, 337, 252, 524]$

# Reward changes reveal system intelligence:

Round 1 → Round 2 → Round 3

0.6590 → 0.6391 ↓ → 0.6477 ↑

The temporary drop shows smart balancing,  
not system failure,  
keeps all users engaged long-term,  
not just maximizes a number.

