

The ultimate recommendation system: proposed Pranik System

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Abstract

In today's fast-paced world, recommendation systems have become indispensable tools, aiding users in making personalized decisions amidst an overwhelming array of choices. These systems leverage user data and preferences to generate tailor-made recommendations based on individual tastes and behaviors. This research paper introduces the development and implementation of Pranik Movies, an ultimate recommendation system for personalized movie suggestions. The system incorporates collaborative and content-based filtering techniques, utilizing machine learning algorithms to analyze user behaviors, ratings, and viewing histories. A comprehensive overview of the research framework is provided, encompassing system architecture, data pre-processing, feature engineering techniques, and model selection and design. Text processing methods such as stemming, bag-of-words (BoW), and TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) are employed for processing and analyzing textual movie data. The accuracy of recommendations is enhanced through the assessment of film similarities, utilizing algorithms like cosine similarity and Euclidean distance. The paper concludes by outlining future directions for advanced machine learning techniques, social media integration, expanded content support, and the refinement of the evaluation framework. Pranik Movies signifies a significant advancement in recommendation systems, enabling personalized and precise movie recommendations within a vast and diverse cinematic landscape.

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1 Introduction

In today's rapidly evolving world, the constant influx of decisions inundates us with a myriad of choices each day. This phenomenon, known as "decision fatigue," stems from the abundance of options available, ranging from selecting our evening meals to choosing books and films for leisure. This challenge is further compounded by the deluge of information characterizing our present era. Within this context, recommendation systems emerge as indispensable tools. Designed with meticulous precision, these systems alleviate decision fatigue by guiding users to pinpoint items, features, or products that align with their preferences and past interactions.

The process of selecting a movie has become a daunting task, entailing considerations of mood and interest. Amidst the vast cinematic landscape, identifying the right film that resonates with one's current mood and preferences poses a significant challenge. This is where the "Pranik System" recommendation system comes into play—a groundbreaking innovation engineered to redefine the movie selection process. Termed the "Pranik System," this advancement seamlessly integrates the capabilities of collaborative and content-based filtering techniques with cutting-edge strides such as deep learning and natural language processing. Our system excels in providing precise recommendations across a diverse spectrum of films, adeptly leveraging a nuanced blend of advanced methodologies. These personalized recommendations are meticulously tailored to resonate with the distinct cinematic inclinations of each user accessing our platform.

The Pranik System strategically positions itself to address the complexities inherent in the swiftly evolving cinematic landscape, characterized by an overabundance of streaming choices and an inundation of information. Purposefully designed to surmount these challenges, this ingenious system streamlines decision-making complexities and alleviates the cognitive load linked to such choices. By delivering individualized movie recommendations that seamlessly align with users' cinematic preferences and viewing histories, the Pranik System introduces a realm of simplicity into this intricate process.

The domain of recommendation systems, distinguished by its flexibility and robustness, continually expands. With each click, databases receive updates, leading to perpetually evolving suggestions that enrich user experiences while alleviating cognitive strain. These systems have etched remarkable footprints across various sectors, including e-commerce, entertainment, healthcare, and education, underscoring their multifaceted influence.

Table 1 can be used as a helpful reference point because it gives an overview of the platform requirements for well-known services. This table highlights the employed techniques and utilized data for recommendation systems, highlighting how different platforms utilize a variety of strategies to improve user experiences. This table becomes a compass for comprehending the multifaceted approaches adopted by various platforms to recommend content to their users when it is viewed in the context of the proposed Pranik System.

2 Related work

In the field of movie recommendation systems, several notable research contributions have been made. One such contribution is the trust-based collaborative filtering algorithm proposed by Liaoliang Jiang, Yuting Cheng, Li Yang, Jing Li, Hongyang Yan, and Xiaoqin Wang [1]. This algorithm incorporates trust relationships among users to improve the



 Table 1
 Platform Specification Information

| Platform | Specifications | | |
|----------|-----------------------|---|---|
| | Туре | Techniques used | Data used |
| Netflix | Streaming platform | Collaborative, content-based filtering | Viewing habits, preferences, ratings |
| Amazon | E-commerce | Collaborative, content-based, item-based filtering | Browsing, purchase history, item similarities, customer reviews |
| Spotify | Music and Podcasts | Collaborative, content-based filtering, matrix factorization techniques | History, playlists |
| Youtube | Social media platform | Collaborative, content-based filtering, deep learning models | History, likes, dislikes, subscriptions |



accuracy and reliability of recommendations in E-commerce systems. It estimates user trustworthiness using a trust propagation method based on historical behavior and interactions. By considering both item similarity and user trust, personalized recommendations are generated, outperforming other collaborative filtering approaches in terms of recommendation accuracy.

Important to the functioning of recommendation systems is the practice of collaborative filtering, which is utilized to a large extent by market leaders such as Netflix and Amazon. One such tried-and-true method utilized in the process of recommending films is called content-based filtering. It does this by analyzing the item's qualities, such as the genre, cast, director, and storyline summaries, to recommend other comparable movies.

Within the realm of recommendation systems, content-based filtering is a tried-and-true method that centers its attention, to make suggestions, on the qualities of the objects under consideration. K. Iwahama, Y. Hijikata, and S. Nishida [2] developed a content-based filtering system for music data to create a recommendation system that suggests music based on the content analysis of songs. This was accomplished by developing a content-based filtering system for music data. Their research is centered on the creation of a recommendation algorithm that is based on item profiles. This notion has been used as the basis for later content-based recommendation systems.

It has come to the notice of those working in the field of recommendation systems that hybrid recommendation systems can improve the accuracy of recommendations by integrating a number of different methods. A hybrid model that combines incremental collaborative filtering with content-based algorithms has been proposed by H. Wang, P. Zhang, T. Lu, H. Gu, and N. Gu [3]. This model is referred to as the hybrid model. Their research is focused on improving the efficiency and precision of recommendation systems, which is its primary objective. In order to generate recommendations that are both more accurate and more diversified, the proposed methodology incorporates both collaborative filtering and content-based filtering.

With the rise of deep learning, neural networks have gained popularity in recommendation systems. He, X., Liao, L., Zhang, H., Nie, L., Hu, X., and Chua [4] proposed a neural collaborative filtering model that combines matrix factorization and neural networks to capture both user-item interactions and item-item similarities.

P. Sharma and L. Yadav [5] discuss a movie recommendation system based on itembased collaborative filtering. They explore the use of collaborative filtering techniques to generate personalized movie recommendations. The study focuses on improving recommendation accuracy by considering the similarities between movie items. The authors present a methodology for building the recommendation system and evaluating its performance.

H. Zhang, M. Gan, and X. [6] Sun discuss the challenges of movie recommendation in location-based social networks and propose an approach that incorporates memory-based preferences and point-of-interest stickiness. Their work aims to improve the accuracy and effectiveness of recommendations in such networks. By considering user preferences and the stickiness of locations, the proposed method offers personalized movie recommendations.

The importance of explainable recommendations has also been emphasized. N. Tintarev and J. Masthoff [7] discussed the significance of providing users with understandable explanations for movie recommendations and proposed different techniques for generating explanations.

In the realm of movie recommendation systems, a notable contribution is the "Factorization Machines for Movie Recommendations" approach proposed by Steffen Rendle [8].



This work introduces the concept of Factorization Machines (FM) as a powerful tool for recommendation tasks. FM is a type of machine learning model that excels in capturing interactions between categorical variables, making them particularly suitable for recommendation scenarios where user-item interactions are prevalent. The paper presents how FM can be applied to movie recommendations, leveraging user and item features to predict user preferences. The model's effectiveness is demonstrated through experimental results showcasing improved recommendation accuracy compared to traditional collaborative filtering techniques.

This study introduces the Pranik Movies recommendation system, which has innovative components. Collaborative and content-based filtering provides user-specific movie suggestions. Machine learning algorithms analyze user activity, ratings, and watching history to make suggestions. Advanced text processing methods like stemming increase movie text analysis. The technology improves movie suggestions with similarity algorithms. The study framework includes system architecture, data pre-processing, feature engineering, model selection, and design. It also covers implementation, deployment, user interface functionality, and assessment metrics to better understand the system.

3 Research framework

A comprehensive movie recommendation system is an intricate interplay of several components meticulously designed to offer personalized recommendations. Here, we outline the architecture of our proposed system and delve into the data pre-processing, feature engineering, exploratory data analysis, text processing techniques, and similarity algorithms that constitute its core.

3.1 Architecture

The architecture of our movie recommendation system is depicted in Fig. 1, illustrating the flow of methods and processes that contribute to delivering accurate and personalized movie recommendations.

3.2 Data pre-processing and feature engineering

The foundation of any recommendation system lies in the quality and relevance of its data. In the data-gathering phase, we aimed to create a comprehensive database by amalgamating information from various sources, including Wikipedia and the TMDB API. While Wikipedia provided an overview, the TMDB API furnished us with granular details such as title, genre, cast, release date, duration, box office earnings, and reviews for movies released from 2000 to 2023.

The dataset was meticulously pre-processed, including integrity review, anomaly identification, and data cleaning and manipulation. This crucial step ensured that our analyses were based on cohesive and reliable data (Fig. 2).

From the gathered dataset, we meticulously selected crucial attributes that encompassed the most relevant aspects of movie data. By adeptly addressing missing values and ensuring consistency through a comprehensive data cleansing process, we laid a solid foundation for conducting exploratory data analysis and developing predictive models (Table 2).



Fig. 1 Flowchart of Proposed Methods

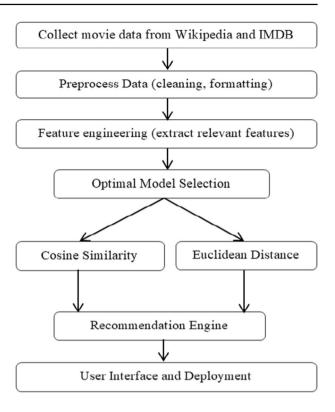


Fig. 2 Information on Collected Data

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Int64Index: 10455 entries, 0 to 10454
Data columns (total ZZ columns):

| # | Column | Non-Null Count | Dtype | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| | | | | |
| 0 | Title | 10455 non-null | object | |
| 1 | Id | 10455 non-null | int64 | |
| 2 | Trailer Link | 7185 non-null | object | |
| 3 | Director | 9993 non-null | object | |
| 4 | Cast | 10455 non-null | object | |
| 5 | genre_ids | 0 non-null | float64 | |
| 6 | Genre | 9736 non-null | object | |
| 7 | Budget | 10455 non-null | int64 | |
| 8 | Revenue | 10455 non-null | int64 | |
| 9 | Overview | 10344 non-null | object | |
| 10 | Homepage | 3609 non-null | object | |
| 11 | Year | 10368 non-null | float64 | |
| 12 | Runtime | 10455 non-null | int64 | |
| 13 | Popularity | 10455 non-null | float64 | |
| 14 | Adult | 10455 non-null | bool | |
| 15 | Release_Date | 10368 non-null | object | |
| 16 | Original_Title | 10455 non-null | object | |
| 17 | Original_Language | 10455 non-null | object | |
| 18 | Tagline | 6089 non-null | object | |
| 19 | Vote_Average | 10455 non-null | float64 | |
| 20 | Vote_Count | 10455 non-null | int64 | |
| 21 | Reviews | 3420 non-null | object | |
| dtype | es: bool(1), float64 | 4(4), int64(5), | object(12) | |
| memory usage: 1.8+ MB | | | | |



| Table 2 | Essential | variables | encompassed | by | the dataset |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----|-------------|
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----|-------------|

| Variable | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| Title | The title of the movie |
| Trailer Link | A link to the movie's trailer |
| Director | The director(s) responsible for the movie |
| Cast | The cast members featured in the movie |
| Genre IDs | Numerical identifiers for movie genres |
| Genre | A specific genre classification |
| Budget | The financial allocation for creating the movie |
| Revenue | The earnings generated by the movie |
| Overview | A brief synopsis or overview of the movie's plot |
| Homepage | A link to the official homepage of the movie |
| Year | The year in which the movie was released |
| Runtime | The duration of the movie |
| Popularity | A measure of the movie's popularity |
| Adult | An indication of whether the movie is intended for adult audiences |
| Release Date | The date of the movie's release |
| Original Title | The original title of the movie (if applicable) |
| Original Language | The language in which the movie was originally produced |
| Tagline | A memorable tagline associated with the movie |
| Vote Average | The average user rating for the movie |
| Vote Count | The total count of user votes for the movie |
| Reviews | Reviews or critical commentary related to the movie |

Overall, the data collection preprocessing phase [9] laid the groundwork for the project's later phases of exploratory data analysis and model building.

3.3 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Our system for recommending films is built on a foundation of exploratory data analysis, also known as EDA[10]. As a result of going through this process, we can unearth insights, recognize patterns, and locate relationships within the dataset. We can understand the distribution of variables, discover correlations, and comprehend the subtleties of the movie landscape thanks to EDA.

First, we examine the variable distributions, looking for patterns using statistical methods and graphical representations like histograms, box plots, scatter plots [11], and frequency tables. By conducting these explorations, we are able to address any biases in our data, find previously unknown trends, and unearth the characteristics of our data.

For instance, our analysis revealed the top revenue-generating genres, spotlighting their impact on the film industry's financial success (Fig. 3).

Further insights into movies' quantitative attributes were gained by examining statistical labels. These visualizations unveil distributions, central tendencies, and variability (Fig. 4).

By examining these charts, we can learn more about the distribution, central tendency, and variability of these statistical features. These data are useful in understanding the movie's qualitative and statistical properties [12]. By analyzing the 'budget' and 'revenue'



Fig. 3 Top 10 Genres by Revenue in the Dataset

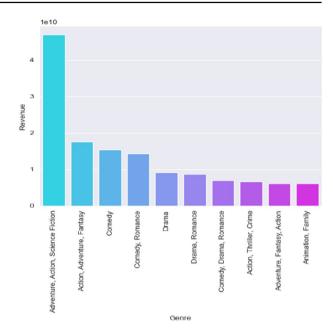
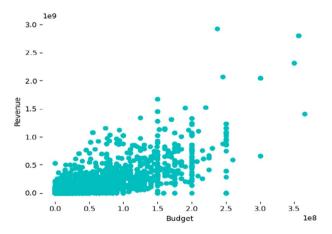


Fig. 4 Describe the quantitative columns

| | Budget | Revenue | Year | Runtime | Popularity | Vote_Average | Vote_Count |
|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| count | 1.045500e+04 | 1.045500e+04 | 10368.000000 | 10455.000000 | 10455.000000 | 10455.000000 | 10455.000000 |
| mean | 1.789673e+07 | 5.385357e+07 | 2010.547454 | 106.692874 | 40.084622 | 5.533678 | 1250.579818 |
| std | 3.829793e+07 | 1.591697e+08 | 10.009770 | 38.530287 | 415.762614 | 2.221473 | 2866.090257 |
| min | 0.000000e+00 | 0.000000e+00 | 1897.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.600000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| 25% | 0.000000e+00 | 0.000000e+00 | 2005.000000 | 93.000000 | 1.823500 | 5.253000 | 4.000000 |
| 50% | 0.000000e+00 | 0.000000e+00 | 2012.000000 | 108.000000 | 8.214000 | 6.155000 | 98.000000 |
| 75% | 1.917500e+07 | 3.119954e+07 | 2017.000000 | 130.000000 | 18.786500 | 6.840000 | 1087.500000 |
| may | 3 6500000+08 | 2 9237060+09 | 2023 000000 | 339 000000 | 10773 574000 | 10.000000 | 33609 000000 |

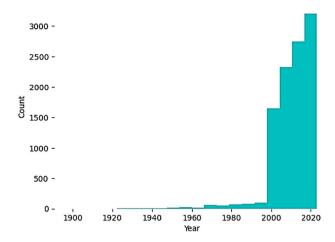
Fig. 5 Comparison of Budget and Revenue (using Gathered Dataset)



columns you can better understand the relationship between investment and financial returns in the film industry and identify patterns of returns and indications of potential success factors (Fig. 5).



Fig. 6 Year Distribution (using the Gathered Dataset)



Exploring the 'Year' distribution provides a snapshot of movie release trends over the years (Fig. 6).

The 'Runtime' column in our dataset represents the duration of movies. Analysis of the runtime distribution reveals a broad range of values, from a few minutes to many hours. The bulk of the films have runtimes that are centered on a particular period, and the distribution is roughly normal (Fig. 7).

Distribution analysis of movies' original language showcases the global linguistic diversity of the dataset, informing us about language preferences and their influence on the film industry. English is the most commonly utilised language in our database due to the large quantity of Hollywood films. Hindi is becoming increasingly widely represented, demonstrating the significance of Indian cinema. Furthermore, the dataset includes films in well-known languages such as Spanish, French, and Mandarin, demonstrating the breadth of available films. These discoveries shed light on the significance of specific languages and their impact on the global film landscape. Such insights are priceless when it comes to developing movie recommendation systems that can accommodate users' diverse language preferences (Fig. 8).

Fig. 7 Distribution of Movies by Original Language (using the Gathered Dataset)

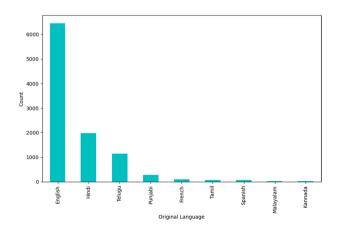
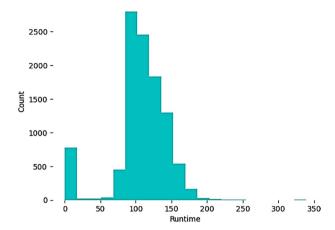




Fig. 8 Runtime Distribution (using the Gathered Dataset)



Furthermore, we explore correlations between attributes through correlation matrices, shedding light on relationships between elements like budget and income, runtime and popularity, or vote average and count. The correlation matrix, which illuminates numerical attribute correlations, is crucial to the movie recommendation system. The correlation matrix can show whether movie recommendation attributes are positively or negatively correlated. This data shows the relationships between budget, income, runtime, popularity, vote average, and count (Fig. 9).

We carefully examined our dataset during the exploratory data analysis (EDA) phase and discovered several issues, such as missing or irrelevant records. We decided to remove certain variables that were deemed unnecessary for our recommendation system or had significant missing values to maintain the integrity and reliability of our dataset. We specifically removed genre_ids, Homepage, Adult, and Runtime variables.

We hoped to eliminate any potential biases or inconsistencies in our analysis by removing these variables. This was a critical step in ensuring the quality and reliability of our dataset for subsequent stages of analysis and modeling in the movie

Fig. 9 Correlation Matrix of Quantitative Columns

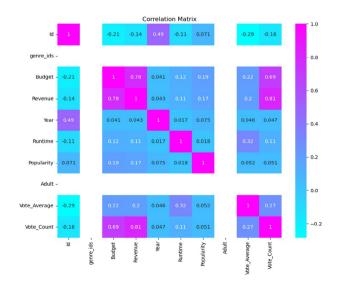




Fig. 10 Useful Data for Further Processing

| Overview | Genre | Cast | Director | Title | ld | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------|------|
| Ronny is a rebellious man, who falls in love w | Action, Thriller, Romance | ["Tiger Shroff", "Shraddha Kapoor", "Sunii Gro | Sabbir Khan | Baaghi | 391629 | 0 |
| An unscrupulous boxer fights his way to the to | Drama | ['Kirk Douglas', 'Marilyn Maxwell', 'Arthur Ke | Mark Robson | Champion | 25918 | 1 |
| A group of friends who each have to navigate t | Crime | ["Demi Barrwo", "Adesua Etomi-Wellington", "Tob | Jadesola Osiberu | Gangs of Lagos | 1104040 | 2 |
| Raj is a struggling singer chasing his dreams | Comedy, Drama | ['Salman Khan', 'Rani Mukerji', 'Preity Zinta' | Raj Kanwar | Har Dil Jo Pyar Karega | 157800 | 3 |
| Saketh Ram's wife is raped and killed during d | History, Drama, Crime | ['Kamal Haasan', 'Shah Rukh Khan', 'Hema Malin | Kamal Haasan | Hey Ram | 60579 | 4 |
| | *** | ** | | - | | |
| Kyle and Swin live by the orders of an Arkansa | Crime, Thriller | ['Liam Hemsworth', 'Clark Duke', 'Vince Vaughn | Clark Duke | Arkansas | 560204 | 5586 |
| Julie, a girl from the valley, meets Randy, a | Comedy, Romance | [Nicolas Cage', 'Deborah Foreman', 'Elizabeth | Martha Coolidge | Valley Girl | 19053 | 5587 |
| The 47-year old Al Capone, after 10 years in p | Crime, Drama | ['Tom Hardy', 'Linda Cardellini', 'Matt. Dillon | Josh Trank | Capone | 429422 | 5588 |
| A guy meets the woman of his dreams and invite | Comedy, Romance | [David Spade', "Lauren Lapkus", "Candace Smit | Tyler Spindel | The Wrong Missy | 582596 | 5589 |
| In Scooby-Doo's greatest adventure yet, see th | Animation, Comedy, Family, Mystery | ['Amanda Seyfried', 'Christina Hendricks', 'Fr | Tony Cervone | Scoobl | 385103 | 5590 |

Fig. 11 Combined Multiple Features Columns into a Single Tags Column

| | movie_id | movie_title | Tags |
|------|----------|------------------------|--|
| 0 | 391629 | Baaghi | Tiger Shroff, Shraddha Kapoor, Sunil Grover, Sudheer |
| 1 | 25918 | Champion | Kirk Douglas, Marilyn Maxwell, Arthur Kennedy, Paul S |
| 2 | 1104040 | Gangs of Lagos | DemiBanwo, Adesua Etomi-Wellington, TobiBakre, Ade |
| 3 | 157800 | Har Dil Jo Pyar Karega | Salman Khan, Rani Mukerji, Preity Zinta, Neeraj Vora, |
| 4 | 60579 | Hey Ram | Kamal Haasan, Shah Rukh Khan, Hema Malini, Rani Mukerj |
| | | | |
| 5549 | 560204 | Arkansas | Liam Hemsworth, Clark Duke, Vince Vaughn, John Malkov |
| 5550 | 19053 | Valley Girl | Nicolas Cage, Deborah Foreman, Elizabeth Daily, Mich |
| 5551 | 429422 | Capone | Tom Hardy, Linda Cardellini, Matt Dillon, Kyle Mac Lac |
| 5552 | 582596 | The Wrong Missy | ${\tt DavidSpade,LaurenLapkus,CandaceSmith,SarahChal}$ |
| 5553 | 385103 | Scoob! | AmandaSeyfried,ChristinaHendricks,FrankWelker, |

recommendation system. We were able to concentrate on the most significant elements of our dataset by removing these variables. By removing these variables, we were able to focus on the key attributes that are more relevant and informative for our recommendation.

Based on our study, we opted to focus on the labels most relevant to our movie recommendation processes, such as Title, Director, Artist, Genre, Overview, and Reviews (Fig. 10).

Feature engineering techniques can be applied to a variety of attributes chosen for movie recommendation. Following that, we used feature engineering techniques [13] to improve the performance of movie recommendation systems.

These steps are as follows:

- 1) *Editing line breaks:* This step entails modifying the spaces in columns to ensure consistency in formatting. Standardizing the format makes data processing and analysis easier.
- 2) Cleaning the columns: The 'reviews' column has been cleaned up by removing unnecessary lines and icons. This procedure aids in the removal of noise and irrelevant information, resulting in a more accurate representation of the movie reviews.
- 3) Combining multiple sources of information: To create tags, various sources of information such as 'cast, 'reviews,' 'genre,' and 'director' are combined. These tags act as additional metadata and provide useful information about the movies, facilitating the recommendation process (Fig. 11).



| Fig. 12 Text Data of Tags Columns Converted into Small Letters | 0 1 2 3 4 | tigershroff,shraddhakapoor,sunilgrover,sudheer kirkdouglas,marilynmaxwell,arthurkennedy,pauls demibanwo,adesuaetomi-wellington,tobibakre,ade salmankhan,ranimukerji,preityzinta,neerajvora, kamalhaasan,shahrukhkhan,hemamalini,ranimukerj |
|--|---|--|
| | 5549 5550 5551 5552 5553 Name: | liamhemsworth,clarkduke,vincevaughn,johnmalkov nicolascage,deborahforeman,elizabethdaily,mich tomhardy,lindacardellini,mattdillon,kylemaclac davidspade,laurenlapkus,candacesmith,sarahchal amandaseyfried,christinahendricks,frankwelker, Tags, Length: 5554, dtype: object |

To ensure consistency and eliminate case-related discrepancies, text data is converted to lowercase (Fig. 12).

Overall, the proposed feature engineering methodology highlights the usefulness of NLP methods in movie recommendation systems [14] for information pre-processing. The system can give consumers reliable and relevant movie suggestions by extracting logical properties from the text.

3.4 Text processing techniques

Text processing is a fundamental facet of movie recommendation, enabling the extraction of meaningful information from movie descriptions, reviews, and other textual data. Here, we outline key techniques utilized in this phase.

1) Porter Stemming Algorithm: To normalize text data, the Porter stemming algorithm [15] is used. By converting words to their base forms, this algorithm reduces the dimensionality of the data. Normalization via stemming improves recommendation system accuracy by capturing the underlying meaning of words. The Porter stemming algorithm is a popular natural language processing (NLP) technique for normalizing words by reducing them to their base or root form. It contributes to the accuracy and effectiveness of text analysis tasks, such as movie recommendation systems. By removing common suffixes from words using a set of rules, the algorithm permits different spellings of the same word to be treated equally (Table 3).

Here's an example of how the Porter stemming algorithm works step by step: "recommendation" is the input word. Use stemming rules: "recommend" without the common suffix "-action", "recommend" is the resulting stemmed word. We use the Porter stemming algorithm to reduce the word "recommendation" to its simplest form, "recommend."

This process of normalization aids in capturing the essence of the word and enables the recommendation system to recognize and group similar words together. The Porter stemming algorithm was applied to the movie tags, which were combined into a single string.

By breaking down these words into their most basic forms, the system can recognize movies, actors, or directors with names that are similar and provide precise recommendations based on their textual characteristics.

Table 3 Porter Stemming Algorithm

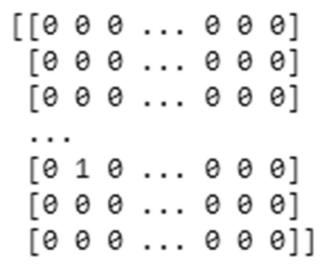
| Input Word | Rule Applied | Stemmed Word |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| recommendation | Remove "-action" | recommend |



Fig. 13 Word Cloud of Stemmed Tag (using the Gathered Dataset)



Fig. 14 Matrix of Tags Column After Applying the Bad-of-Words Approach



Following that, we created a word cloud visualization [16] to highlight the tags' most frequently occurring stemmed words. In the word cloud, which is a visual representation of word frequency, the size of each word correlates to its frequency. This allows us to identify the most frequently occurring themes or topics associated with the films.

The matplotlib library was used to create the word cloud, and the resulting graph was titled "Word Cloud of Stemmed Tags." The graph depicts the prominent stemmed words in a concise and visually appealing manner, allowing for a quick understanding of the key themes in the movie dataset (Fig. 13).

2) Bag-of-Words Approach: We applied the Bag-of-Words (BoW) approach to process and analyze textual data [17] related to movie reviews. The BoW method is a widely used technique in natural language processing and text-mining tasks.

To begin, we used the sci-kit-learn library's CountVectorizer module to convert the text data into a numerical representation. To do so, the text was tokenized into individual words or tokens, and a vocabulary of all unique words in the dataset was created.

Next, we constructed a matrix where each row represented a movie and each column represented a unique word from the vocabulary. The values in the matrix indicated the frequency of each word in the corresponding movie's review (Fig. 14).



This BoW matrix served as input for further analysis and modeling. It allowed us to capture the textual information of the movie reviews in a structured and quantitative manner, enabling us to apply machine learning algorithms for recommendation purposes. Using the BoW approach, we were able to extract important features from movie reviews and uncover patterns or relationships between words and movie preferences. This data was useful in understanding user preferences, identifying similar movies, and making personalized recommendations.

3) Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency Approach: The TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) methodology is a popular method for analyzing and processing textual data [18] in movie recommendation systems.

The TF-IDF technique is used in the movie recommendation system to extract relevant information and identify keywords or phrases that indicate the substance of each movie from the tag column.

The technique includes the following steps:

- The technique of dividing text data into individual words or tokens is known as tokenization. This stage aids in the division of textual material into smaller parts for subsequent investigation.
- Calculation of phrase Frequency (TF): The frequency of each phrase in a movie's synopsis or review is computed. This metric indicates how frequently a phrase appears in a certain film.
- Inverse Document Frequency (IDF) calculation: The IDF score is calculated for each term, which measures the rarity or importance of a term across all movies in the dataset. Terms that occur frequently across all movies will have a lower IDF score, while terms that are unique to specific movies will have a higher IDF score.
- TF-IDF calculation: The TF-IDF score is obtained by multiplying the term frequency (TF) of a term in a movie by its inverse document frequency (IDF) across all movies. This score reflects the significance of the term within the specific movie as well as its distinctiveness in the entire dataset.
- Feature vector representation: The TF-IDF scores are used to create a feature vector representation [19] for each movie. This vector captures the importance of different terms in the movie's description or review, allowing for meaningful comparisons and similarity calculations between movies.

By applying the TF-IDF approach, the movie recommendation system can capture the unique characteristics and content of each movie, enabling more accurate matching and recommendation of movies based on their textual features. This technique enhances the system's ability to understand the context and relevance of movies, providing users with more personalized and relevant recommendations.

We created a TF-IDF feature matrix using the sci-kit-learn library's TfidfVectorizer. This matrix represents the importance of each term in the tags based on its frequency in a specific movie and its inverse frequency across all movies. We limited the maximum number of features to 10,000 and applied pre-processing steps such as stripping accents and removing English stop words. This TF-IDF feature matrix serves as a numerical representation of the movie tags, capturing the relevance and significance of each term for further analysis and modeling in the movie recommendation system (Fig. 15).



| Fig. 15 | Feature Matrix After | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Apply TF-IDF Approach | | | |

| (0, | 9009) | 0.1595812504194538 |
|-----|-------|---------------------|
| (0, | 103) | 0.12485551122180803 |
| (0, | 1385) | 0.29969792201718726 |
| (0, | 550) | 0.27192552583521773 |
| (0, | 5575) | 0.28973911424829474 |
| (0, | 34) | 0.3139748967967174 |
| (0, | 5191) | 0.22324931049468436 |
| (0, | 5147) | 0.18170894516209032 |
| (0, | 9947) | 0.14180667436100566 |
| (0, | 7996) | 0.2659927852709681 |
| (0, | 1541) | 0.2613263528748404 |
| (0, | 5391) | 0.12870257305114263 |
| (0, | 3218) | 0.19050197357555532 |
| (0, | 5500) | 0.13557492778525135 |
| (0, | 7252) | 0.2920477916166908 |
| (0, | 5063) | 0.34314534638028776 |
| (0, | 7815) | 0.31042855893197113 |
| (1, | 4073) | 0.40797957427004883 |
| (1, | 6595) | 0.23103537230299978 |
| (1, | 3041) | 0.38964160749800403 |
| (1, | 9703) | 0.4230225834977054 |
| (1, | 3344) | 0.40439553279861895 |
| (1, | 1030) | 0.5346689520937824 |
| (2, | 6109) | 0.4373596482532358 |
| (2, | 8579) | 0.38981628203021773 |
| : | : | |

After creating the TF-IDF feature matrix, it can be used as input for machine learning algorithms to train models that can make movie recommendations based on user preferences. Based on the similarities between a user's tastes and the characteristics of various films, the trained models may then be used to forecast which films a user is most likely to appreciate.

3.5 Similarity algorithms

After converting the text data into numerical representations, we can proceed with applying similarity algorithms. These algorithms measure the similarity between movies based on their numerical features, such as TF-IDF values or other derived representations [20]. We can discover which films are most similar to one another and provide recommendations based on those similarities by comparing them.



In our movie recommendation system, we considered multiple similarity algorithms, including cosine similarity, Euclidean distance, Jaccard similarity [21], Tversky index, and Pearson correlation coefficient. However, for our specific implementation, we focused on utilizing cosine similarity and Euclidean distance [22]. These algorithms allow us to measure the similarity between movies based on their numerical features and help us identify the most similar movies for recommendation purposes.

a) Cosine Similarity: Cosine similarity is an important factor in measuring the similarity of films in movie recommendation systems. We computed the similarity scores between pairs of movies by applying the cosine similarity algorithm to the BoW and TF-IDF matrices.

The formula for cosine similarity can be expressed as:

$$cosine_similarity(A, B) = (A \cdot B)/(||A|| * ||B||)$$
 (1)

Where:

- A and B are vectors representing two items or documents
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- $(A \cdot B)$ is the dot product of vectors A and B.
- ||A|| and ||B|| are the magnitudes (also known as the Euclidean norms) of vectors A and B, respectively.
- The dot product (A · B) is calculated by summing the element-wise multiplication of the corresponding elements in vectors A and B.
- The magnitude of a vector (||A|| or ||B||) can be computed as the square root of the sum of the squares of its elements.

Note that cosine similarity values range from -1 to 1, where 1 indicates perfect similarity, 0 indicates no similarity, and -1 indicates perfect dissimilarity.

This improved the accuracy and relevance of movie recommendations by making it easier to identify movies with similar textual features. The combination of the BoW and TF-IDF approaches, [23] as well as cosine similarity, provided a strong framework for investigating textual similarity in movie recommendation systems.

Movies for 'The Witch' based on Cosine Similarity with BoW and TF-IDF:

We used the cosine similarity algorithm in conjunction with the Bag-of-Words (BoW) and TF-IDF approaches to recommend films similar to 'The Witch.' Based on the calculated similarity scores, we identified the top recommended films for 'The Witch.'

Cosine similarity with BoW:

The films are listed in descending order of similarity score. The film 'Get Out' has the highest similarity score of 0.5654563715919486, followed by 'Hereditary', 'A Quiet Place', 'You're Next', and 'The Conjuring 2' (Fig. 16).

Cosine similarity with TF-IDF:

Fig. 16 Prediction of Movies using Cosine Similarity Algorithm with BoW



'Get Out' had the highest similarity score of 0.3009 among the recommended movies, followed by 'The Lighthouse' with a similarity score of 0.2878. 'Doctor Strange,' 'A Quiet Place,' and 'Hereditary' scores of 0.2586, 0.2560, and 0.2549, respectively (Fig. 17).

The textual features of films were compared using the BoW and TF-IDF representations to generate these recommendations. The higher the similarity score, the closer the film is to 'The Witch' in terms of plot.

b) Euclidean distance: Using the Bag-of-Words (BoW) and TF-IDF Approaches with Euclidean Distance to Recommend Movies. We used Bag-of-Words (BoW) and TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) approaches with the Euclidean distance metric in our movie recommendation system. These techniques enabled us to convert textual data into numerical representations and compare the similarity of films.

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The Euclidean distance [24] equation calculates the distance between two points in an Euclidean space, which is a space with a fixed number of dimensions. In a two-dimensional space, the Euclidean distance between two points $(\times 1, y1)$ and $(\times 2, y2)$ can be calculated using the following formula:

$$d = sqrt((x^2 - x^1)^2 + (y^2 - y^1)^2)$$
(2)

In general, for a n-dimensional space, the Euclidean distance between two points $(\times 1, \times 2, ..., \times n)$ and (y1, y2, ..., yn) can be calculated as:

$$d = sqrt((x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + \dots + (x_n - y_n)^2)$$
(3)

where "d" represents the Euclidean distance between two points in a multi-dimensional space.

" \times 1, \times 2, ..., xn" are the coordinates of the first point in the n-dimensional space.

Fig. 17 Prediction of Movies using Cosine Similarity Algorithm with TF-IDF

Recommended movies for 'The Witch':

Get Out (Similarity: 0.3009230723052134)

The Lighthouse (Similarity: 0.28781352919927045)
Doctor Strange (Similarity: 0.2585652739476842)
A Quiet Place (Similarity: 0.2560381540983614)
Hereditary (Similarity: 0.2549029384648677)



Fig. 18 Prediction of Movies using Euclidean Distance Algorithm with BoW

Fig. 19 Prediction of Movies using Euclidean Distance Algorithm with TF-IDF

"y1, y2, ..., yn" are the coordinates of the second point in the same n-dimensional space.

The expression "(×1—y1)^2" calculates the squared difference between the corresponding coordinates of the first and second points along the first dimension.

The expression "(×2—y2)^2" calculates the squared difference between the corresponding coordinates of the first and second points along the second dimension, and so on for each dimension.

The sum of these squared differences across all dimensions is calculated, and then the square root is taken to obtain the Euclidean distance "d" between the two points.

The Euclidean distance equation measures the straight-line distance between two points in the space, considering all dimensions. It is a commonly used distance metric in various fields, including data science, machine learning, and image processing [25], to quantify the similarity or dissimilarity between data points.

By integrating these approaches with the Euclidean distance metric, we effectively captured the semantic similarity between movies and improved the accuracy of our movie recommendation system.

Euclidean distance with BoW:

A closer match to "The Witch" using Euclidean distance with BoW can be determined by a movie receiving a higher similarity score, which is used to choose the recommended films [25] (Fig. 18).

Euclidean distance with TF-IDF:

To recommend films similar to 'The Witch,' we used the TF-IDF approach combined with Euclidean Distance. The output displays the top recommended films as well as their similarity scores (Fig. 19).

Based on how closely these films resemble "The Witch," they have been recommended, with greater similarity scores indicating a stronger match in terms of their textual elements. Due to their textual similarities [26], those who liked "The Witch" might find these suggested films interesting to watch.

4 Implementation and deployment

The implementation and deployment phase of the Pranik Movies Recommendation System involved its practical deployment on a production server or cloud infrastructure, ensuring accessibility for users. Scalability, reliability, and security were key considerations during



the deployment process, with optimizations made for performance, load balancing, and resource allocation to ensure a seamless user experience, even during peak usage periods. This successful deployment enables users to access personalized movie recommendations based on their preferences, enhancing their overall movie-watching experience.

The Pranik Movies Recommendation System boasts a user-friendly interface that enables easy navigation and personalized movie recommendations based on user preferences. For instance, when a user searches for a specific movie, such as "Blade Runner 2049," the system retrieves relevant information and presents it in a movie card or a page of detailed results. The information includes the title, genre, release year, director, cast, rating, and other pertinent details. Additionally, the system may enhance the visual representation by incorporating images or movie posters. Alongside the searched movie, the system provides a list of suggested films that share similar genres, themes, or user preferences, accompanied by comprehensive information similar to the searched movie. Moreover, the integration of YouTube allows the system to display movie trailers, both for the searched movies and recommended movies, further enhancing the user experience and engagement. By including trailer videos, users can preview the visual and audio elements of the films, helping them gauge their interest and make informed decisions about their movie choices.

By combining detailed information about the searched movie, recommendations for similar movies, and the inclusion of trailer videos, the Pranik Movies Recommendation System [27] offers users a comprehensive and engaging experience. Users can easily access detailed information, explore recommended movies, and preview trailers, facilitating a more enjoyable and informed movie selection process.

5 Discussion and future work

The implementation and evaluation of the Pranik Movies Recommendation System have produced illuminating findings regarding its functionality and performance. By incorporating the TMDB API, Bag-of-Words (BoW), and TF-IDF approaches, the system has effectively improved the accuracy of recommendations and enhanced user experiences. The incorporation of surveys, interviews, and user interaction analyses has facilitated the evaluation of user satisfaction, thereby facilitating the identification of potential areas for improvement and advancements. Overall, the system has produced optimistic outcomes and received positive user feedback.

Several promising avenues exist for enhancing the Pranik Movies Recommendation System in the future. Advanced machine learning techniques, such as deep learning algorithms or neural networks [28], have the potential to reveal intricate patterns and interdependencies within the movie dataset. This innovation could result in more personalized and accurate recommendations.

Integration of user-generated content or data from social media platforms into the recommendation algorithm is another area of investigation. By leveraging user ratings, evaluations, and social connections data, the system could generate recommendations based on the community's collective experiences. This social dimension could improve the algorithm's ability to provide personalized recommendations [29].

Investigating the expansion of the recommendation system to include a broader variety of content types, such as television shows, documentaries, and streaming platforms, is also worthwhile. Adapting existing algorithms and data processing pipelines to accommodate



diverse content formats, along with the incorporation of relevant metadata, would enable the system to serve a larger audience and provide exhaustive recommendations.

The evaluation of the Pranik Movies Recommendation System has produced encouraging results, demonstrating its design and implementation success. Extensive testing and analysis have validated the system's capacity to provide users with relevant and customized movie recommendations. Among the notable outcomes of the evaluation are:

Recommendation Accuracy: Using metrics such as precision, recall, and F1-score, the Pranik System has consistently demonstrated commendable recommendation accuracy. These metrics attest to the system's efficacy in delivering user-preferred suggestions.

User Satisfaction: User satisfaction surveys and feedback have been instrumental in determining the efficacy of the system. A significant proportion of users expressed high levels of contentment with the Pranik System's recommendations. This positive feedback validates the practical utility and user-centric design of the system.

Diverse Recommendations: The system's recommendations have demonstrated a remarkable level of diversity, providing users with a well-balanced selection of films encompassing various genres, languages, and release years. This variety contributes to an enhanced user experience that caters to various cinematic preferences.

The Pranik System has demonstrated its adaptability by accommodating changing user preferences. As users interact with the system and provide feedback, the recommendation engine improves the accuracy and relevance of its suggestions.

Scalability: The system's architecture demonstrates scalability by effectively administering a growing user base and expanding the movie database while preserving optimal performance. This scalability ensures that the system can provide seamless and effective recommendations despite increased usage.

Implications for Interdisciplinarity Beyond its primary function of recommending films, the Pranik System has demonstrated potential for interdisciplinary applications. The methodologies utilized in the design of the system have the potential to influence a variety of disciplines, including e-commerce, content delivery, and personalized marketing.

6 Conclusion

The Pranik Movies Recommendation System has demonstrated its prowess in generating precise and customized movie recommendations that correspond to the specific preferences of individual users. Our study's findings demonstrate the efficacy of the proposed methodology, which incorporates data preprocessing, feature engineering, text processing techniques, similarity algorithms, and rigorous evaluation. These accomplishments demonstrate the system's significance in expediting the movie selection process and enhancing user experiences.

The combination of the TMDB API and the Bag-of-Words (BoW) and TF-IDF approaches has produced commendable results in terms of recommendation precision and user satisfaction. The system's capacity to navigate through vast amounts of movie-related data, effectively process textual data, and recognize pertinent patterns demonstrates its practical utility. Positive user feedback reinforces the system's usefulness and contribution to the field of movie recommendations.

In addition, our evaluation results cast light on potential avenues for future enhancements. The incorporation of sophisticated machine learning techniques, such as deep learning algorithms and neural networks, has the potential to reveal complex relationships and improve the accuracy of recommendations. The incorporation of user-generated content



and data from social media platforms has the potential to further personalize recommendations, aligning them with the community's collective intelligence.

Extending the scope of the system to include diverse content categories, such as television programs and documentaries, provides an opportunity to reach a larger audience. The addition of additional metadata and the modification of existing algorithms would allow the system to provide suggestions that are comprehensive and context-aware. In addition, refining the evaluation framework will allow for more nuanced assessments, ensuring that the performance and impact of the system are continuously measured and enhanced.

In conclusion, the Pranik Movies Recommendation System exemplifies the successful integration of innovative methodologies and cutting-edge technologies in the field of movie recommendation. The tangible outcomes and user-centric design highlight the significance of the system in reducing decision fatigue and enhancing the cinematic experience for users. As we progress, the evolution of the system will be characterized by the incorporation of cutting-edge techniques, the leveraging of the power of social interactions, and the provision of diverse content preferences. This voyage of continuous improvement and innovation has the potential to make movie recommendation systems indispensable companions for all cinephiles.

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