



# A-Z Machine Learning using Azure Machine Learning (AzureML)

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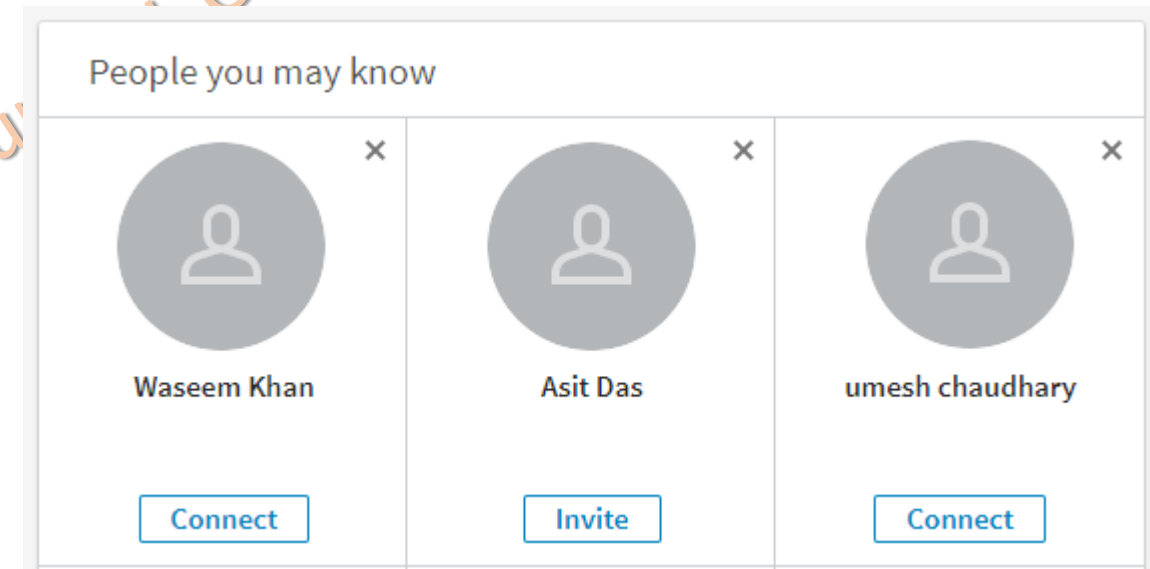
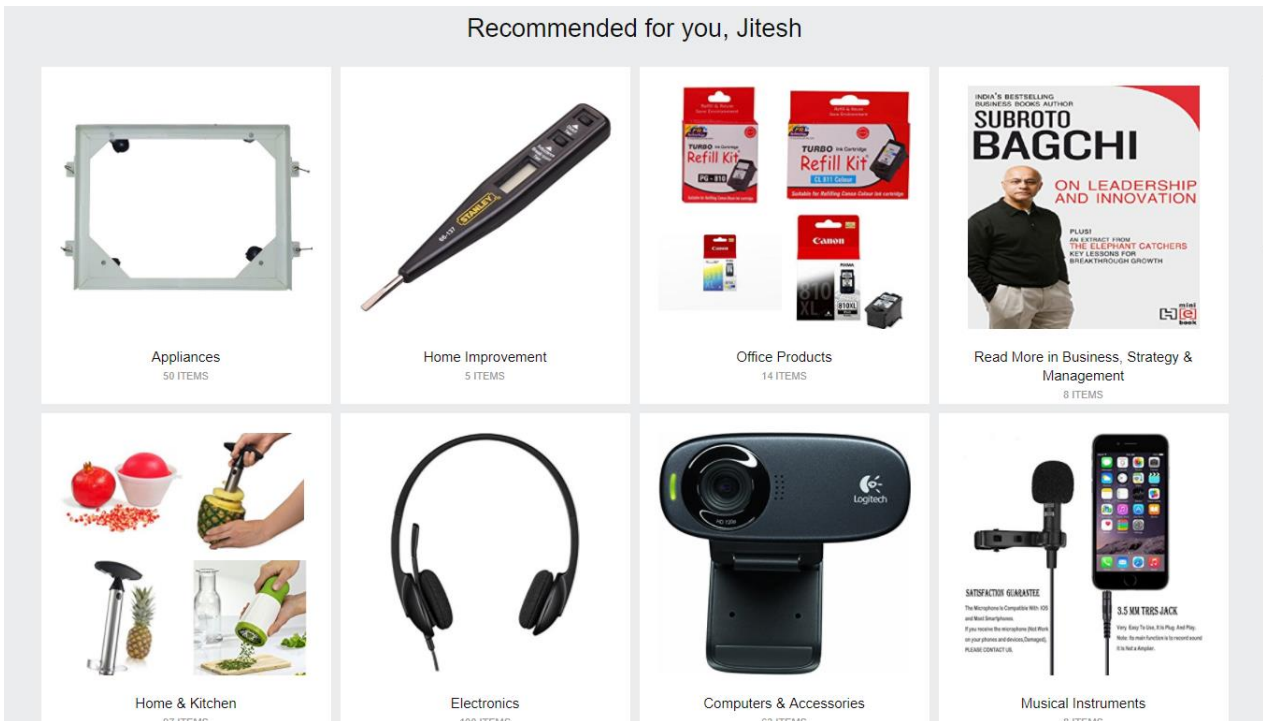
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# AzureML Matchbox Recommender

# What is a Recommendation System?

“A recommender system or a recommendation system (platform or engine) seeks to predict the "rating" or "preference" that a user would give to an item.”



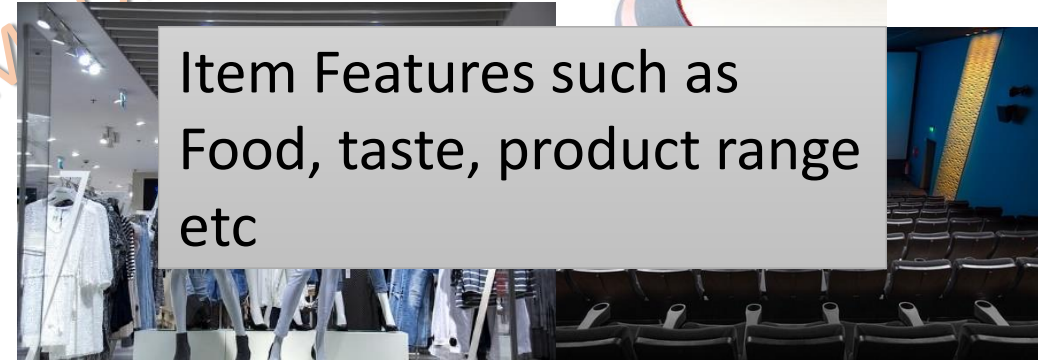
# Everyday Recommendations



History of preferences or behaviour



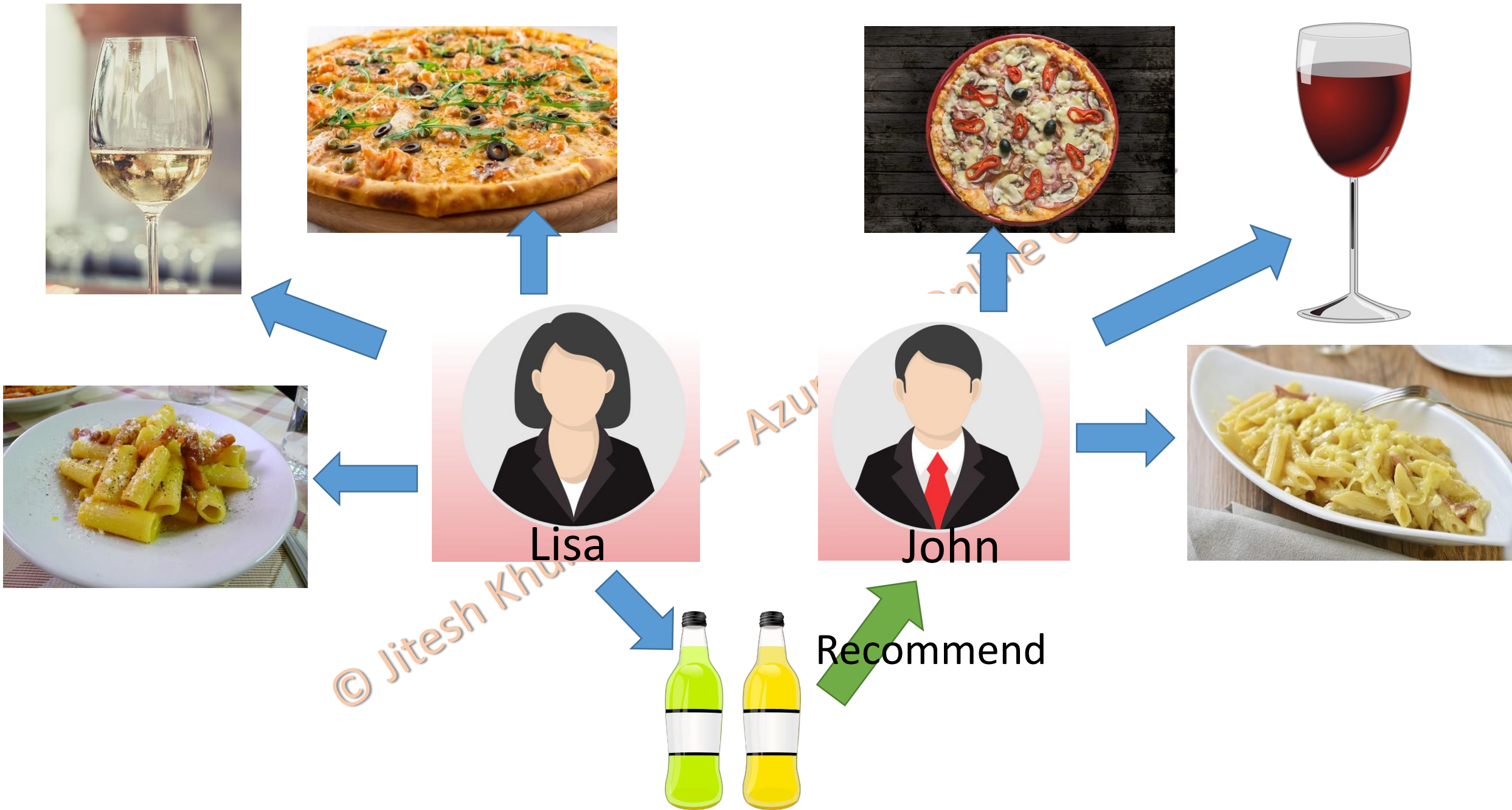
Item Features such as Food, taste, product range etc



Friends, Family, Colleagues, Professors





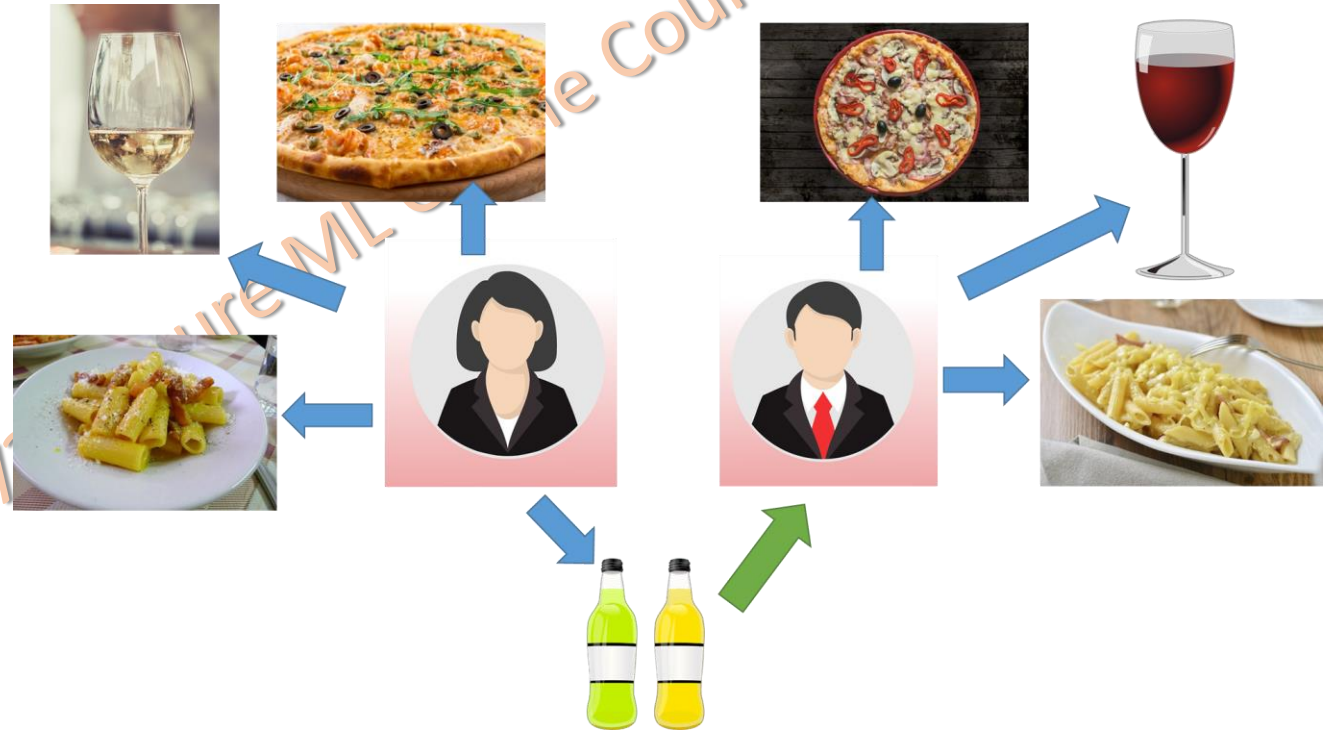


# Types of Recommendation Systems

- Collaborative Filtering
- Content Based Filtering
- Hybrid – Combination of the Collaborative and Content Based
- Popularity based – Most bought, most watched, most downloaded, most heard

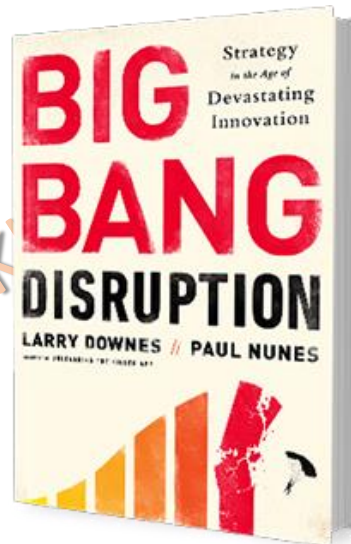
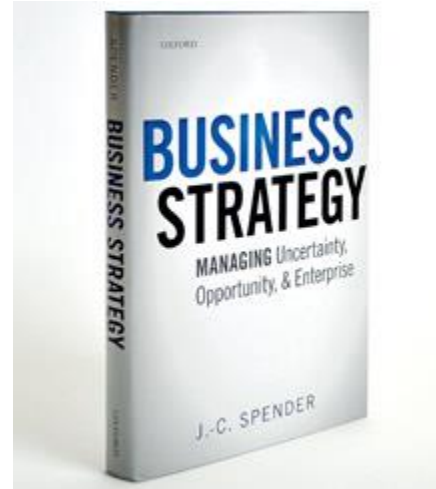
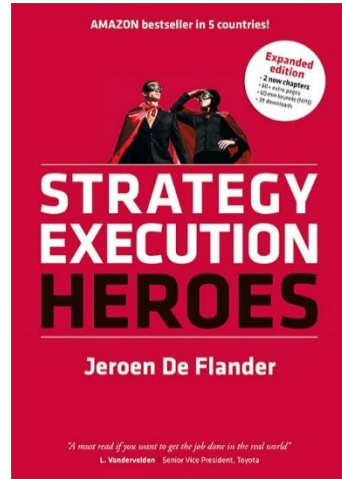
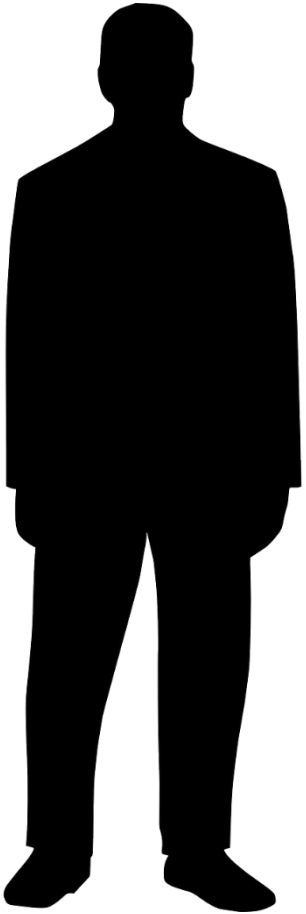
# Collaborative Filtering

- Analyse User behaviour, Activities and preferences
- Recommend based on similarity to other user
- People who agreed in the past will agree in the future, and that they will like similar kinds of items as they liked in the past.

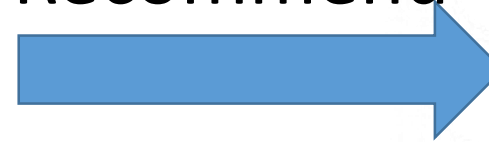


People who buy “x” also buy “y”.

# Content Based Filtering



Recommend



Recommend Items with similar content to the items user purchased and liked in the past.



# Business Problem

A travel booking website books thousands of hotel rooms every day.

With such a huge growth, the task at hand is to improve the booking per customer by showing the best hotels as per the taste and preferences of the user.

# Sample Set

- Hotel 1 – Good Gym, Small Pool
- Hotel 2 – Amazing Gym, No Pool
- Hotel 3 – Great Gym, Small Pool
- Hotel 4 – Basic Gym, Large Pool
- Hotel 5 – No Gym, Large and Beautifully designed pool

- John – Prefers Gym over swimming pool
- Kavin – Likes Gym more than pool
- Bill – Needs a pool with basic Gym
- Frans – A pool is a must compared to Gym

**Item – Feature Matrix**

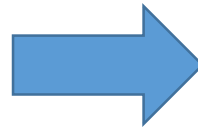
Hotel	Gym	Pool
Hotel 1	0.8	0.2
Hotel 2	1	0
Hotel 3	0.9	0.1
Hotel 4	0.1	0.9
Hotel 5	0	1

**User – Feature Matrix**

User	Gym	Pool
John	0.9	0.1
Kavin	0.8	0.2
Bill	0.3	0.7
Frans	0	1

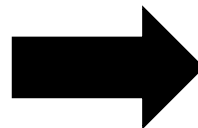
# Creating Feature Vector

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Hotel 4	0.1	0.9
Hotel 5	0	1



Hotel	Feature Vector
H1	[ 0.8, 0.2 ]
H2	[ 1, 0 ]
H3	[ 0.9, 0.1 ]
H4	[ 0.1, 0.9 ]
H5	[ 0, 1 ]

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User	Feature Vector
U1	[ 0.9, 0.1 ]
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# Content Based Recommendation

Hotel	Feature Vector
H1	[ 0.8, 0.2 ]
H2	[ 1, 0 ]
H3	[ 0.9, 0.1 ]
H4	[ 0.1, 0.9 ]
H5	[ 0, 1 ]

User	Feature Vector
U1	[ 0.9, 0.1 ]
U2	[ 0.8, 0.2 ]
U3	[ 0.3, 0.7 ]
U4	[ 0, 1 ]

- Which Hotels should be recommended to John (U1)?
- $\text{MAX} (U_j * H_i)$

$\text{MAX} (U1*H1, U1*H2, U1*H3, U1*H4, U1*H5)$

$\text{MAX} (0.74, 0.9, 0.82, 0.18, 0.1)$

**Recommended Hotels in the order of preference**

**H2, H3, H1**



# Collaborative Filtering

## Workflow of CF, (Wikipedia)

- A user expresses his or her preferences by rating items.
- Ratings can be viewed as an approximate representation of the user's interest in the corresponding domain.
- The system matches this user's ratings against other users' and finds the people with most "similar" tastes.
- With similar users, the system recommends items that the similar users have rated highly but not yet being rated by this user (presumably the absence of rating is often considered as the unfamiliarity of an item)

User	Hotel 1	Hotel 2	Hotel 3	Hotel 4	Hotel 5
John	4	5	?	?	1
Kavin	?	5	4.5	?	1
Bill	2	3	?	5	4
Frans	1	?	?	?	5

# Collaborative Filtering

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Kavin	?	5	4.5	?	1
Bill	2	3	?	5	4
Frans	1	?	?	?	5

# Collaborative Filtering

User	Hotel 1	Hotel 2	Hotel 3	Hotel 4	Hotel 5
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Frans	1	?	?	?	5

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Frans	1	?	?	?	5



# Collaborative Filtering

User	Hotel 1	Hotel 2	Hotel 3	Hotel 4	Hotel 5
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Kavin	?	5	4.5	?	1
Bill	2	3	?	5	4
Frans	1	?	?	?	5

# Collaborative Filtering

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Frans	1	?	?	?	5

Which hotel to recommend to Kavin?

# Collaborative Filtering

User	Hotel 1	Hotel 2	Hotel 3	Hotel 4	Hotel 5
John	4	5	?	?	1
Kavin	?	5	4.5	?	1
Bill	2	3	?	5	4
Frans	1	?	?	?	5

Which hotel to recommend to John?

# Collaborative Filtering

User	Hotel 1	Hotel 2	Hotel 3	Hotel 4	Hotel 5
John	4	5	?	?	1
Kavin	?	5	4.5	?	1
Bill	2	3	?	5	4
Frans	1	?	?	?	5

Which hotel to recommend to Frans?



# Recommendation Data Issues

- **Cold Start**
- **Same Scale Judgement**

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# Cold Start

- Content based filtering constructs user profile before system can recommend
- Collaborative Filtering needs like-minded users for recommendations
- Completely new profile or item
- Can be tackled using Hybrid recommendation

# Same Scale judgement

- A user rates all the items on a same scale
- An item is rated on the same scale by all users

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# Recommender Split

- Fraction of training only users – Fraction of users assigned only to the training dataset. The rows would never be used to test the model.
- Fraction of test user ratings for training – Portion of the user ratings that can be used for training.
- Fraction of cold users – Cold users are users that the system has not previously encountered.
- Fraction of cold items – Cold items are items that the system has not previously encountered.
- Fraction of ignored users – Specify the percentage of users that should be ignored.
- Fraction of ignored items – Specify the percentage of items to ignore.
- Remove occasionally produced cold items



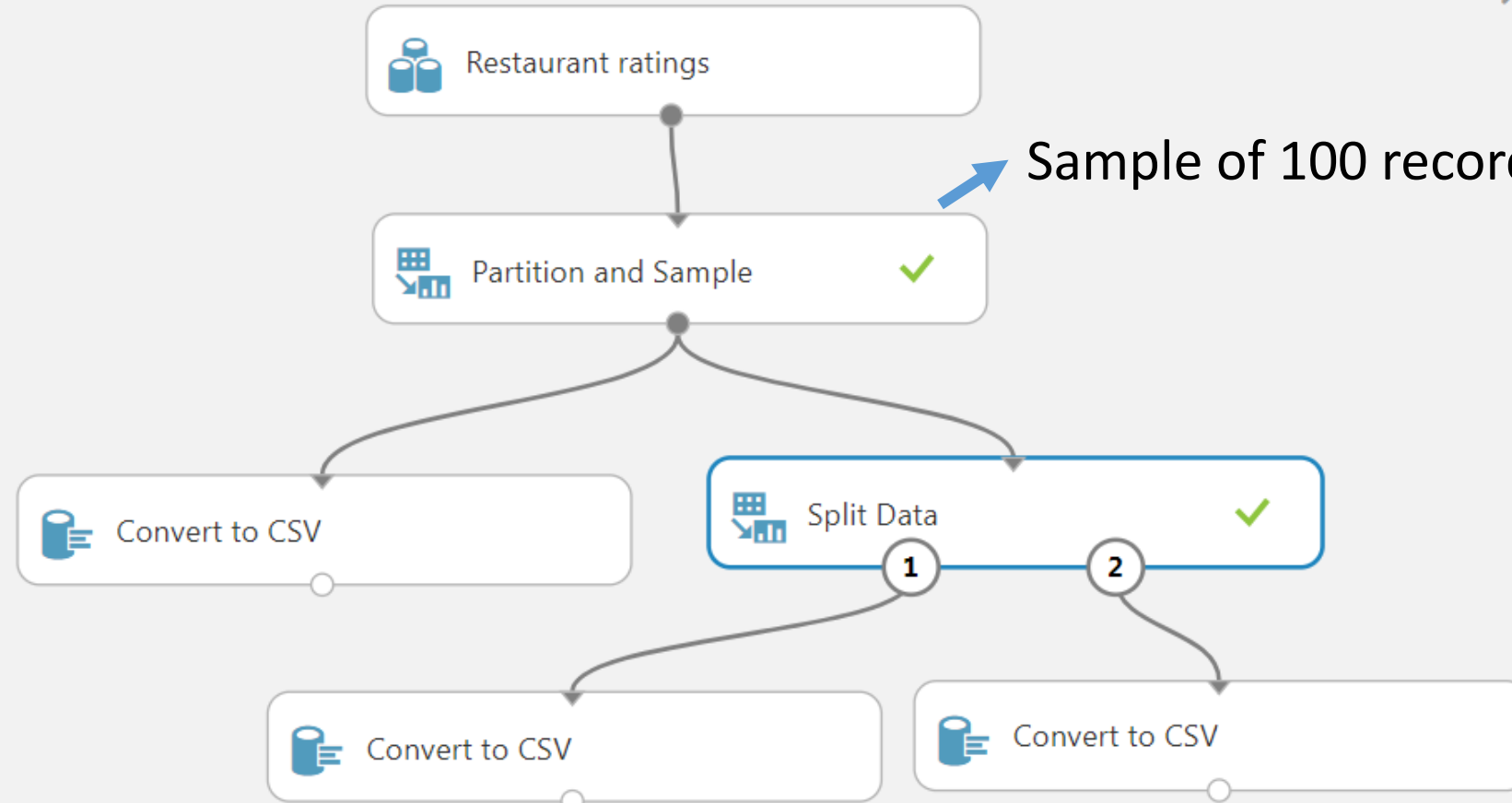


Datasets, Modules, Trained Models, and Transforms

## Recommender Split

In draft

Draft saved at 11:01:20 AM



Properties Project

## Split Data

Splitting mode

Recommender Split

Fraction of training-only users

0.5

Fraction of test user ratings f...

0.25

Fraction of cold users

0

Fraction of cold items

0

Fraction of ignored users

0.2

Fraction of ignored items

0

☐ Remove occasionally pro...

Random seed for Recommen...

0

START TIME

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## Quick Help

Split the rows of a dataset into two distinct sets  
([more help...](#))

# Sample Data Result

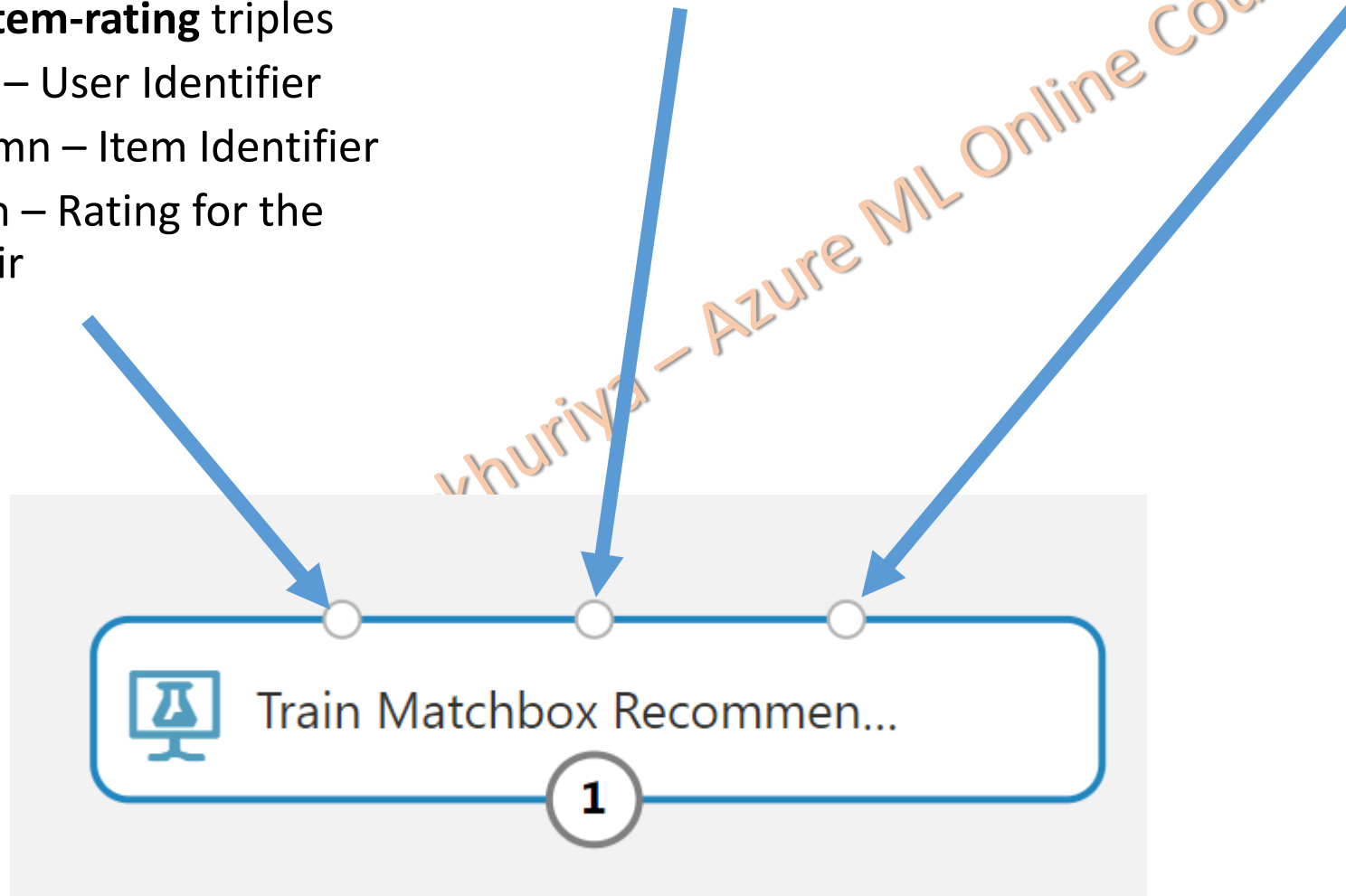
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U1031	132663	0						
U1031	132665	0						
U1031	132668	0						
U1068	132630	1						
U1068	132663	1						
U1068	132732	0						
U1068	132740	0						
U1068	135104	1						
U1093	132767	2						
U1093	134976	2						
U1093	134996	2						
U1093	134999	2						
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U1093	135013	2						
U1093	135019	2						
U1107	132584	2						
U1107	132660	2						
U1107	132733	2						

# What is a Matchbox Recommendation System?

- Recommendation system developed by Microsoft Research
- Based on a the Hybrid Approach of Content and Collaborative filtering
- Uses Train Matchbox Recommender and Score Matchbox Recommender Modules
- Train Matchbox Recommender reads a dataset of **user-item-rating** triples and, optionally, some user and item features.

# Configuring Train Matchbox Recommender

- User-Item-Rating Data - Prepare the data used for training, containing **user-item-rating** triples
  - First Column – User Identifier
  - Second Column – Item Identifier
  - Third Column – Rating for the user-item pair
- User-Feature – userID and the userfeatures
- Item-Feature – itemID and the Itemfeatures



# Parameters to Train Matchbox Recommender

- **Number of Traits**
  - How many traits to learn for each user and item
  - Each feature is associated with a latent “trait” vector
- **Number of recommendation algorithm iterations**
  - how many times the algorithm should process the input data
- **Number of training batches**
  - Number of batches for dividing the data during training

Properties Project

## Train Matchbox Recommender

Number of traits

10

Number of recommendation algorithm iterations

5

Number of training batches

4

# Score Matchbox Recommender

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio interface. The top navigation bar shows the workspace name 'kkjitesh-Free-Workspace' and various utility icons. On the left, a sidebar contains a search bar and a list of experiment items categorized by icons. The 'Machine Learning' category is expanded, and the 'Score' sub-category is selected, with 'Score Matchbox Recommender' highlighted by an orange oval. The main workspace area is titled 'Recommender' and shows a workflow diagram with a single module 'Score Matchbox Recommender...' connected to a sequence of five empty nodes. A red error icon is visible on the right side of the module. The right-hand pane displays the 'Properties' for the 'Score Matchbox Recommender' module, including settings for 'Recommender prediction kind' (Item Recommendation), 'Recommended item selection' (From Rated Items (for model evaluation)), 'Maximum number of items to recom...' (5), and 'Minimum size of the recommendation...' (2). A 'Quick Help' section at the bottom right provides a brief description of the module's function.

Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio

kkjitesh-Free-Workspace

Search experiment items

Transforms

Data Format Conversions

Data Input and Output

Data Transformation

Feature Selection

Machine Learning

Evaluate

Initialize Model

Score

Apply Transformation

Assign Data to Clusters

Score Matchbox Recommender

Score Model

Train

OpenCV Library Modules

Python Language Modules

R Language Modules

Statistical Functions

Recommender

In draft

Draft save failed, retrying...

Score Matchbox Recommender...

1

Recommender prediction kind

Item Recommendation

Recommended item selection

From Rated Items (for model evaluation)

Maximum number of items to recom...

5

Minimum size of the recommendation...

2

Whether to return the predicted r...

Quick Help

Score a dataset using the Matchbox recommender (more help...)

NEW

RUN HISTORY

SAVE

SAVE AS

DISCARD CHANGES

RUN

SET UP WEB SERVICE

PUBLISH TO GALLERY

# Input to Score Matchbox Recommender

Trained Matchbox Recommender   Dataset to Score   User Features   Item Features   Training Data



# Prediction Types

- Predict Ratings
- Item Recommendation
- Related Users
- Related Items

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# Predict Ratings

- Rating predictions by a user
- Input data must contain User and Item
- Does not require any parameter

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# Item Recommendation

- Users and Items as input
- Uses its knowledge about existing items and users
- Generates a list of items that will appeal to each user

## Score Matchbox Recommender

Recommender prediction kind

Item Recommendation

Recommended item selection

From Rated Items (for model evaluation)

Maximum number of items to recommend to a user

5

Minimum size of the recommendation pool for a single user

2

☐ Whether to return the predicted ratings of the items along with the labels

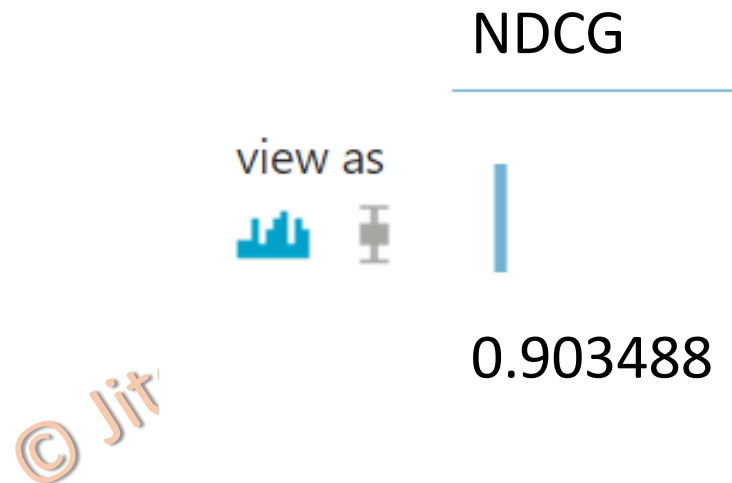
# Related Users and Items

- Can be used for “People like you” predictions
- Generate recommendations for users based on items that have already been rated

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# Understanding the Recommender Result

- For Item Recommendations
- Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain (NDCG)



# Ranking Quality

## Search Result

What is machine learning? - Definition from WhatIs.com

[whatis.techtarget.com](https://www.whatis.techtarget.com/topics/AppDev/Programming) > Topics > AppDev > Programming ▼

Jun 24, 2017 - **Machine learning** is the field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed.

The 10 Algorithms Machine Learning Engineers Need to Know

[www.kdnuggets.com/2016/08/10-algorithms-machine-learning-engineers.html](http://www.kdnuggets.com/2016/08/10-algorithms-machine-learning-engineers.html) ▼

Aug 8, 2016 - It is no doubt that the sub-field of **machine learning** / artificial intelligence has increasingly gained more popularity in the past couple of years.

Machine Learning | SAP - SAP.com

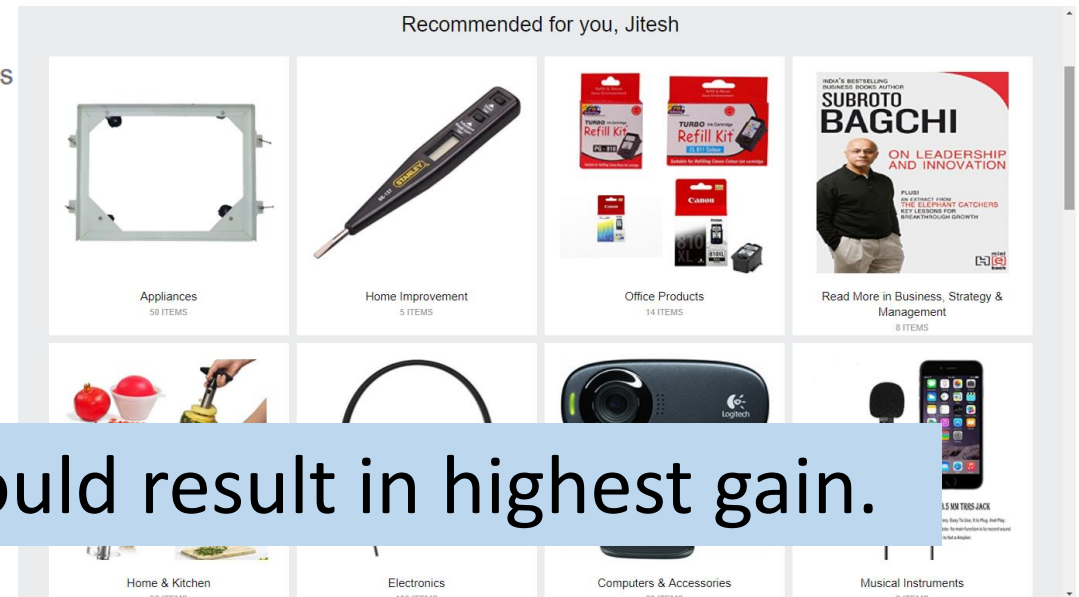
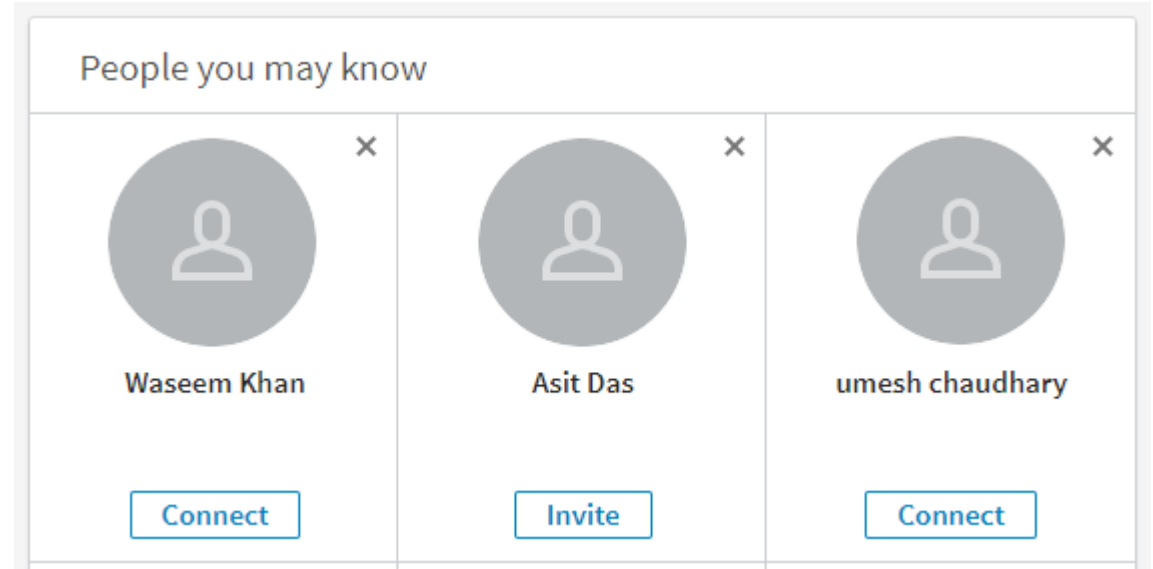
<https://www.sap.com/india/trends/machine-learning.html> ▼

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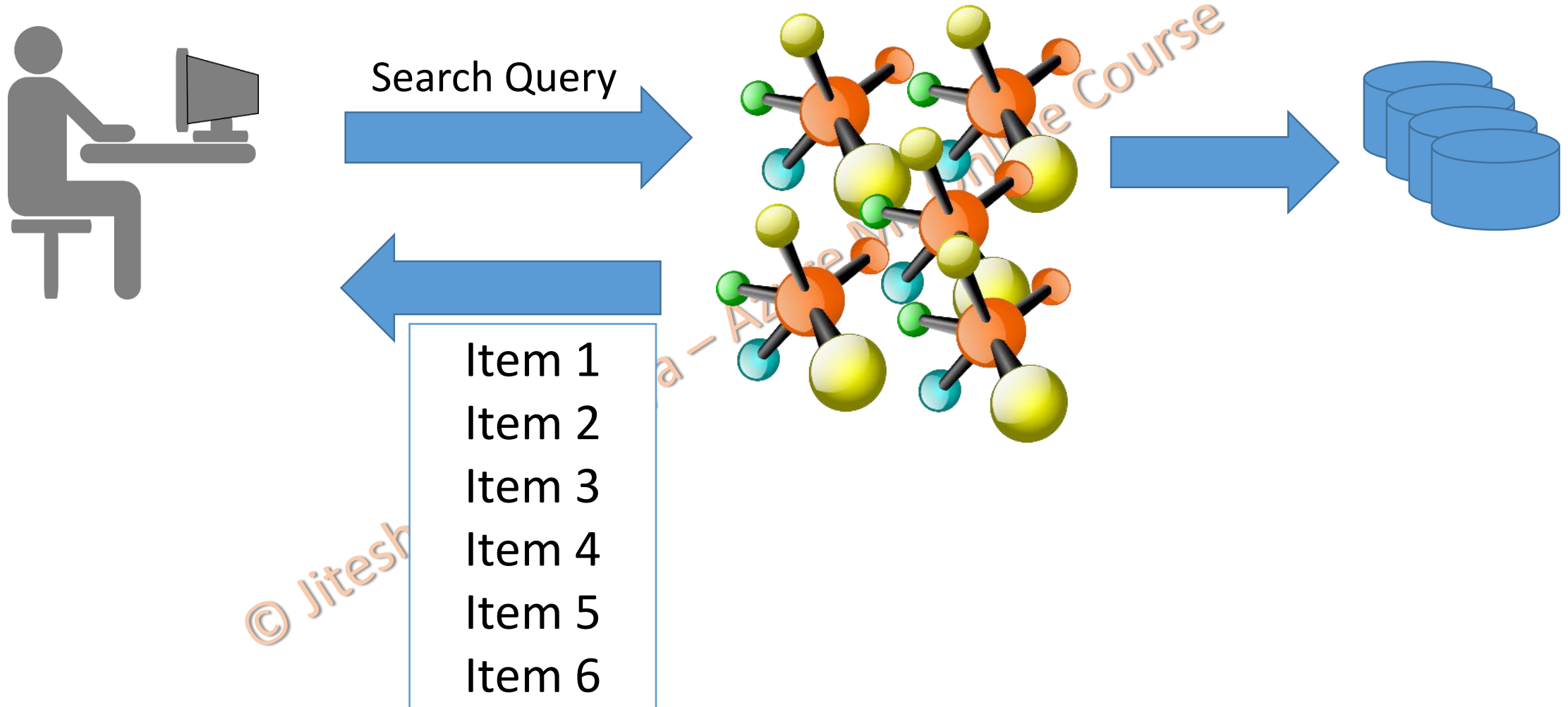
<https://www.edx.org/course/machine-learning-columbiacx-csmm-102x-0> ▼

Master the essentials of **machine learning** and algorithms to help improve learning from data without human intervention.



The highest ranked item should result in highest gain.

# Ranking Quality



# Discounted Cumulative Gain

Ranked items by the algorithms

→ I1, I2, I3, I4, I5, I6

Gain perceived by the user

→ 4, 3, 4, 0, 1, 2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CG} &= 4 + 3 + 4 + 0 + 1 + 2 \\ &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

i	rel <sub>i</sub>	$\log_2 (i+1)$	$\frac{\text{rel}_i}{\log_2 (i+1)}$
1	4	1	4.00
2	3	1.585	1.89
3	4	2	2
4	0	2.322	0
5	1	2.585	0.39
6	2	2.81	0.71
DCG			8.99

# Ideal Discounted Cumulative Gain

Ideal Ranking by algorithm



I1, I3, I2, I6, I5, I4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CG} &= 4 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 0 \\ &= 14 \end{aligned}$$

Ideal Gain perceived by the user



4, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0

i	rel <sub>i</sub>	$\log_2 (i+1)$	$\frac{\text{rel}_i}{\log_2 (i+1)}$
1	4	1	4.00
2	4	1.585	2.52
3	3	2	1.5
4	2	2.322	0.86
5	1	2.585	0.38
6	0	2.81	0
IDCG			9.27



# Normalised DCG

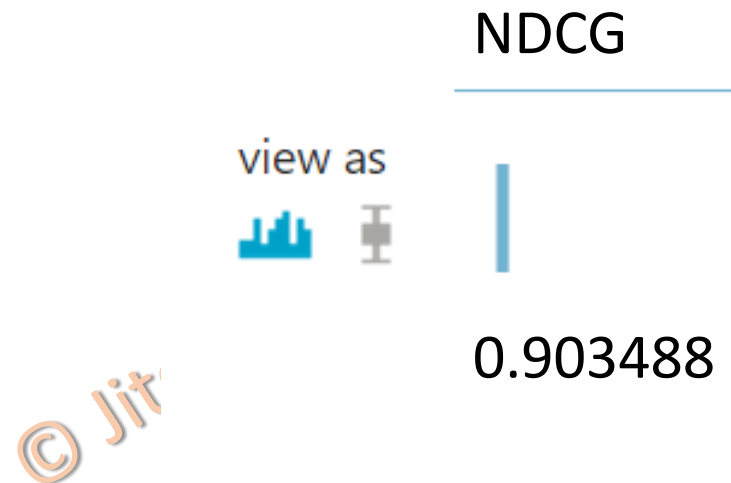
$$\text{DCG} = 8.99 \quad \text{IDCG} = 9.27$$

$$\text{NDCG} = \frac{\text{DCG}}{\text{IDCG}} = \frac{8.99}{9.27} = 0.9697$$

Highly relevant documents are more useful than marginally relevant documents, which are in turn more useful than non-relevant documents

# Understanding the Recommender Result

- Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain (NDCG)



Thank You and Have a Great  
Time..!!