

## Model explanation

We have a  $n \times m$  matrix  $X$ . We want to decompose  $X$  into low-rank matrices  $U$  and  $V$ . Their shapes are  $n \times k$  and  $k \times m$ , where  $k \ll m, n$ .

The priors of  $u$  and  $v$  are

$$u_i \sim N(0, \lambda^{-1}I), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

,

$$v_j \sim N(0, \lambda^{-1}), \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

The distribution of the elements of  $X$  is,

$$X_{ij} \sim N(u_i^T v_j, \sigma^2), \quad \text{for } (i, j) \in \Omega$$

$\Omega$  is the set containing the pairs  $(i, j)$  such that  $M_{ij}$  is measure i.e. user  $i$  has rated object  $j$ . Similarly  $\Omega_{u_i}$  corresponds to the objects rated by user  $u_i$ , and  $\Omega_{v_j}$  corresponds to the users who have rated object  $j$ .

The joint likelihood is given as ,

$$p(X, U, V) = \prod_{(i,j) \in \Omega} p(X_{ij}|u_i, v_j) \times \prod_{i=1}^n p(u_i) \times \prod_{j=1}^m p(v_j)$$

$$\log p(X, U, V) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \log p(X_{ij}|u_i, v_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log p(u_i) + \sum_{j=1}^m \log p(v_j)$$

The MAP is computed by maximizing the function:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|M_{ij} - u_i^T v_j\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda}{2} \|u_i\|^2 - \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\lambda}{2} \|v_j\|^2$$

By taking the derivative with respect to  $u_i$  and  $v_j$  and setting them to 0, we get

$$u_i = \left( \lambda \sigma^2 I + \sum_{j \in \Omega_{u_i}} v_j v_j^T \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{j \in \Omega_{u_i}} X_{ij} v_j \right)$$

$$v_j = \left( \lambda \sigma^2 I + \sum_{i \in \Omega_{v_j}} u_i u_i^T \right)^{-1} \left( \sum_{i \in \Omega_{v_j}} X_{ij} u_i \right)$$

We then use co-ordinate ascent algorithm to find the solution.