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Latest works

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- **Learning Strategy**

Optimization methods: Pointwise loss (binary cross-entropy, mean square error), pairwise loss (BPR, WARP), and **softmax loss**

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = - \sum_{(u,i) \in O^+} \log \frac{\exp(\cos(\hat{\theta}_{ui})/\tau)}{\exp(\cos(\hat{\theta}_{ui})/\tau) + \sum_{j \in N_u} \exp(\cos(\hat{\theta}_{uj})/\tau)},$$

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SOTA debiasing strategies

- **Sample re-weighting methods** (e.g. IPS-CN)
exploit the item popularity's inverse to re-weight loss of each instance.
- **Causal inference methods** (e.g. MACR, CausE)
 - specify the role of popularity bias in assumed causal graphs
 - mitigate the bias effect on the prediction.
- **Regularization-based frameworks** (e.g. Sam-reg)
 - Provides a tunable mechanism for controlling the trade-off between recommendation accuracy and coverage.
 - **Sam-reg** regularizes the biased correlation between user-item relevance and item popularity

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- BC Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{BC} = - \sum_{(u,i) \in O^+} \log \frac{\exp(\cos(\hat{\theta}_{ui} + M_{ui})/\tau)}{\exp(\cos(\hat{\theta}_{ui} + M_{ui})/\tau) + \sum_{j \in N_u} \exp(\cos(\hat{\theta}_{uj})/\tau)},$$

M_{ui} : the bias-aware angular margin for the interaction (u, i)

$$M_{ui} = \min\{\hat{\xi}_{ui}, \pi - \hat{\theta}_{ui}\}$$

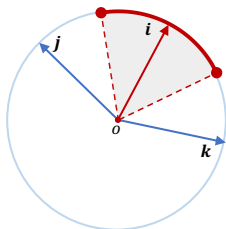
- Intuition

If a user-item pair is the hard interaction that can hardly be reconstructed by its popularity statistics, it holds a high value of ξ_{ui} and leads to a high value of M_{ui} . Henceforward, BC loss imposes the large angular margin M_{ui} between the negative item j and positive item i .

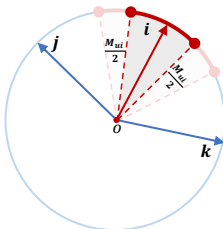
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- Geometric Interpretation**

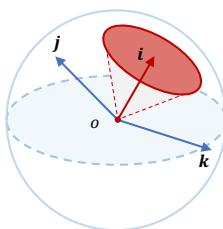
User u with one observed item i and two unobserved items j and k .



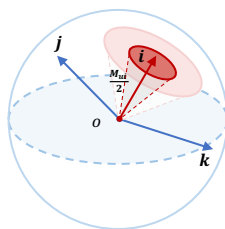
(a) Softmax Loss (2D)



(b) BC Loss (2D)



(c) Softmax Loss (3D)



(d) BC Loss (3D)

- Theoretical Properties

Proof.

1. There exists an upper bound m , s.t. $-1 < \cos(\hat{\theta}_{ui} + M_{ui}) \leq v_u^T v_i - m < 1$
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.



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Baselines

- Backbone: only use softmax loss
- IPS-CN: sample re-weighting methods
- CausE: bias removal by causal inference
- sam + reg: regularization-based framework
- MACR: bias removal by causal inference

Datasets

	KuaiRec	Douban Movie	Tencent	Amazon-Book	Alibaba-iFashion	Yahoo!R3	Coat
#Users	7175	36,644	95,709	52,643	300,000	14382	290
#Items	10611	22,226	41,602	91,599	81,614	1000	295
#Interactions	1062969	5,397,926	2,937,228	2,984,108	1,607,813	129,748	2,776
Sparsity	0.01396	0.00663	0.00074	0.00062	0.00007	0.00902	0.03245

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- **Contribution**

- (Originality) Popular bias extractor has an intuitive geometric interpretation.
- (Quality) Outperforms existing methods in various evaluation protocols.
- (Clarity) Well-written and easy to understand. Theoretical proof is quite solid.

- **Limitation**

- The technical contribution of this paper is limited. It only proposes to employ an extra popularity-based predictor and combine the results with an existing CF model [1].
- Overclaims the strength of the proposed BC loss in theoretical analysis. The geometric interpretability and the hard-negative mining ability are actually the same thing[2, 3]

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Thank you!