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# Basic Approaches

- Content-based Filtering
  - Recommend items based on key-words
  - More appropriate for information retrieval
- Collaborative Filtering (CF)
  - Look at users with similar rating styles
  - Look at similar items for each item

Underling assumption: personal tastes are correlated-- Active users will prefer those items which the similar users prefer!



#### Framework



#### •The tasks

- Find the unknown rating!
- Which item(s) should be recommended?



# **Collaborative Filtering**

- Memory-based (Neighborhood-based)
  - User-based
  - Item-based
- Model-based
  - Clustering Methods
  - Bayesian Methods
  - Matrix Factorization
  - etc.



#### **User-User Similarity**





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Items



#### Users





Items



Items





Items

uı **U**2 **U**3 U4 U5 U6





- Predict the ratings of active users based on the ratings of similar users found in the user-item matrix
  - Pearson correlation coefficient

$$w(a,i) = \frac{\sum_{j} (r_{aj} - \bar{r}_a)(r_{ij} - \bar{r}_i)}{\sqrt{\sum_{j} (r_{aj} - \bar{r}_a)^2 \sum_{j} (r_{ij} - \bar{r}_i)^2}} \quad j \in I(a) \cap I(i)$$

• Cosine measure

$$c(a,i) = \frac{r_a \cdot r_i}{||r_a||_2 * ||r_i||_2} \quad \stackrel{\text{ui}}{\underset{\text{ua}}{}} \quad \stackrel{\text{l}}{\underbrace{3}} \quad \stackrel{\text{d}}{\underbrace{4}} \quad \stackrel{\text{2}}{\underbrace{5}} \quad \stackrel{\text{3}}{\underbrace{3}} \quad \stackrel{\text{d}}{\underbrace{4}} \quad \stackrel{\text{2}}{\underbrace{5}} \quad \stackrel{\text{3}}{\underbrace{4}} \quad \stackrel{\text{d}}{\underbrace{5}} \quad \stackrel{\text{d}$$



# Nearest Neighbor Approaches

[Sarwar, 00a]



Figure 1: Three main parts of a Recommender System.

- Identify highly similar users to the active one
  - All with a measure greater than a threshold
  - Best K ones

• Prediction 
$$r_{aj} = \bar{r}_a + \frac{\sum_i w(a,i)(r_{ij} - \bar{r}_i)}{\sum_i w(a,i)}$$



# **Collaborative Filtering**

- Memory-based Method (Simple)
  - User-based Method [Xue et al., SIGIR '05]
  - Item-based [Deshpande et al., TOIS '04]
- Model-based (Robust)
  - Clustering Methods [Hkors et al, CIMCA '99]
  - Bayesian Methods [Chien et al., IWAIS '99]
  - Aspect Method [Hofmann, SIFIR '03]
  - Matrix Factorization [Sarwar et al., WWW '01]



# **Collaborative Filtering**

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#### Item-Item Similarity

- Search for similarities among items
- Item-Item similarity is more stable than user-user similarity



#### Correlation-based Method

[Sarwar, 2001]

- Same as in user-user similarity but on item vectors
- Pearson correlation coefficient
  - Look for users who rated both items

$$s_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{u} (r_{uj} - \bar{r}_j)(r_{ui} - \bar{r}_i)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u} (r_{uj} - \bar{r}_j)^2 \sum_{u} (r_{ui} - \bar{r}_i)^2}}$$
  
• u: users rated both items  

$$u_{u_1} = \frac{1}{1 + 1} + \frac{1$$

# **Correlation-based Method**

[Sarwar, 2001]

Calculate item similarity, then determine its k-most similar items



• Predict rating for a given user-item pair as a weighted sum over similar items that he rated  $r_{ai} = \frac{\sum_{j} s_{ij} r_{aj}}{\sum_{j} s_{ij}}$ 

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	$i_1$	$i_2$	i <sub>3</sub>	i4	i <sub>5</sub>	i <sub>6</sub>	$i_7$	i <sub>8</sub>
$u_1$	5	2		3		4		
$u_2$	4	3			5			
$u_3$	4		2				2	4
$u_4$								
$u_5$	5	1	2		4	3		
$u_6$	4	3		2	4		3	5

	$i_1$	$i_2$	i <sub>3</sub>	i4	i <sub>s</sub>	i <sub>6</sub>	i,	i <sub>8</sub>
$u_1$	5	2	2.5	3	4.8	4	2.2	4.8
$u_2$	4	3	2.4	2.9	5	4.1	2.6	4.7
<i>u</i> <sub>3</sub>	4	1.7	2	3.2	3.9	3.0	2	4
u4	4.8	2.1	2.7	2.6	4.7	3.8	2.4	4.9
$u_5$	5	1	2	3.4	4	3	1.5	4.6
$u_6$	4	3	2.9	2	4	3.4	3	5

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1.00 & -0.05 & -0.24 & 0.26 & 1.28 & 0.54 & -0.31 & 0.52 \\ 0.19 & -0.86 & -0.72 & 0.05 & 0.68 & 0.02 & -0.61 & 0.70 \\ 0.49 & 0.09 & -0.05 & -0.62 & 0.12 & 0.08 & 0.02 & 1.60 \\ -0.40 & 0.70 & 0.27 & -0.27 & 0.99 & 0.44 & 0.39 & 0.74 \\ 1.49 & -1.00 & 0.06 & 0.05 & 0.23 & 0.01 & -0.36 & 0.80 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1.55 \ 1.22 & 0.37 & 0.81 & 0.62 & -0.01 \\ 0.36 & 0.91 & 1.21 & 0.39 & 1.10 & 0.25 \\ 0.59 & 0.20 & 0.14 & 0.83 & 0.27 & 1.51 \\ 0.39 & 1.33 & -0.43 & 0.70 & -0.90 & 0.68 \\ 1.05 & 0.11 & 0.17 & 1.18 & 1.81 & 0.40 \end{bmatrix}$$



- Matrix Factorization in Collaborative Filtering
  - To fit the product of two (low rank) matrices to the observed rating matrix.
  - To find two latent user and item feature matrices.
  - To use the fitted matrix to predict the unobserved ratings.

$$Y \approx UV = \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & \cdots & u_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{m1} & \cdots & u_{mk} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & \cdots & v_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_{k1} & \cdots & v_{kn} \end{pmatrix}$$
  
User-specific latent  
feature vector   
ltem-specific latent  
feature column vector



- Optimization Problem
  - Given a  $m \times n$  rating matrix R, to find two matrices  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times n}$

$$R \approx U^T V,$$

where  $l < \min(m, n)$ , is the number of factors





- SVD-like Algorithm
- Regularized Matrix Factorization (RMF)
- Probabilistic Matrix Factorization (PMF)
- Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)



# SVD-like Algorithm

Minimizing

$$\frac{1}{2}||R - U^T V||_F^2,$$

For collaborative filtering

$$\min_{U,V} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} I_{ij} (R_{ij} - U_i^T V_j)^2$$

where  $I_{ij}$  is the indicator function that is equal to 1 if user  $u_i$  rated item  $v_j$  and equal to 0 otherwise.



 Minimize the loss based on the observed ratings with regularization terms to avoid over-fitting problem

$$\min_{U,V} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} I_{ij} (R_{ij} - U_i^T V_j)^2 + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda_1}{2} ||U||_F^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} ||V||_F^2}_{\text{Regularization terms}}$$

where

• The proplem can be solved by simple gradient descent algorithm.



- Algorithm for RMF
  - Not convex & local optimal
  - Gradient-decent algorithm
    - Gradient computation with randomly initialized U and V

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{il}} = \lambda u_{il} - \sum_{j \mid (i,j) \in S} (y_{ij} - \widehat{y_{ij}}) v_{jl}$$
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_{il}} = \lambda v_{il} - \sum_{j \mid (i,j) \in S} (y_{ij} - \widehat{y_{ij}}) u_{jl}$$

• Update *U* and *V* alternatively

$$u_{il}^{(t+1)} = u_{il}^{(t)} - \tau \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_{il}^{(t)}}$$
$$v_{jl}^{(t+1)} = v_{jl}^{(t)} - \tau \frac{\partial L}{\partial v_{jl}^{(t)}}$$



au is the step size of gradient decent.

- PMF
  - Define a conditional distribution over the observed ratings as:





- PMF
  - Assume zero-mean spherical Gaussian priors on user and item feature:





- PMF
  - Bayesian inference





#### **RMF** and **PMF**

PMF is the probabilistic interpretation of RMF

PMF and RMF have the same optimization objective function



#### Non-negative Matrix Factorization

- NMF
  - Non-negative constraints on all entries of matrices U and V





# Non-negative Matrix Factorization

- NMF
  - Given an observed matrix Y, to find two non-negative matrices U and V
  - Two types of loss functions
    - Squared error function

$$\sum_{ij} \left( R_{ij} - U_i^T V_j \right)^2$$

• Divergence

$$D(R||U^T V) = \sum_{ij} \left( R_{ij} \log \frac{R_{ij}}{U_i^T V_j} - R_{ij} + U_i^T V_j \right)$$

Solving by multiplicative updating rules



#### Non-negative Matrix Factorization

- Multiplicative updating rules
  - For divergence objective function

$$u_{il} \leftarrow u_{il} \frac{\sum_{j} v_{jl} y_{ij} / (\widehat{y}_{ij})}{\sum_{a} v_{al}}$$
$$v_{il} \leftarrow v_{il} \frac{\sum_{j} u_{jl} y_{ij} / (\widehat{y}_{ij})}{\sum_{a} u_{al}}$$

