# **Unit 4 - Recommender Systems**

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## **Goals of Rec System**

- 1. Prediction version of problem: predict the rating value for a user-item combination
- 2. Ranking version of problem: determination of the top-k

## **Types of Recommender Systems**

- 1. Collaborative Filtering
  - Memory-based CF
    - User-based
    - Item-based
  - Model-based CF
    - Implicit/explicit ratings
    - Relationship with missing values
- 2. Knowledge-based
  - Constraint-based
  - Case-based
- 3. Content-based
- 4. Demographic
- 5. Hybrid and Ensemble

## **Domain-Specific Challenges in RS**

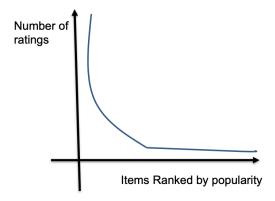
- 1. Context-based
  - Influenced by time, location, social data
  - Eg: clothing based on season and location
- 2. Time-sensitive
  - Evolve over time with community interests
  - Time of day, week, month, year, season
  - Eg: clothing based on season
- 3. Location-based
  - User-specific locality
  - Item-specific locality
- 4. Social
  - Structural rec of nodes and links
  - Product and content
  - Trustworthy
  - Leveraging Social Tagging Feedback

## **Cold Start Problem**

- New items have very few ratings
- New users have no history

## Long Tail Phenomenon

- Most products have low frequency of ratings
- Small fraction of products have high ratings



# 1. Collaborative Filtering

## **Utility Function - Formal Model**

- Maps every pair of (customer, item)
- $U: C \times S \rightarrow R$ 
  - *C*: set of customers
  - $\circ$  S: set of items
  - *R*: set of ratings
- Utility matrix

	Avatar	KGF	Matrix	Bahubali
Alice	1		0.2	
Bob		0.5		0.3
Carol	0.2		1	
David				0.4

# **Collaborative Filtering**

- Use the collaborative power of the ratings by multiple users to make recommendations
- Underlying ratings matrices are sparse
- Impute these ratings
- Observed ratings are highly correlated across various users and items
- Similar to missing values analysis

## 1.1 Memory-Based Methods/Neighborhood-based CF Algorithms

- Ratings of user-item combinations are predicted on the basis of their neighborhoods
- Memory-based techniques are easy to implement
- One of two ways:

### 1. Prediction version of problem

- Predicting the rating value of a user-item combination
- Missing rating  $r_{uj}$  value for user u and item j
- 2. Ranking version of problem
  - Determining the top-k items or top-k users
  - More common to find top k items
  - Items typically have less no of clusters

### **Similarity Measures**

### 1. Jaccard similarity

• 
$$sim(A,B)=rac{|r_A\cap r_B|}{|r_A\cup r_B|}$$

### 2. Cosine similarity

• 
$$sim(A,B) = rac{r_A \cdot r_B}{|r_A| \, |r_B|} = \cos\left( heta_{AB}
ight)$$

### 3. Centered cosine similarity

• mean-centered

### 4. Minkowski distance

• 
$$dist(A,B) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} |A_k - B_k|^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

- *n*: number of dimensions
- $\circ~$  For r=1: Manhattan distance, Hamming distance (binary vectors number of differing bits),  $L_1$  norm distance
- For r=2: Euclidean distance,  $L_2$  norm distance
- For  $r=\infty$ : Supremum distance,  $L_{
  m max}$  norm distance,  $L_{\infty}$  norm distance
- Eg:

point	X	У
p1	0	2
p2	2	0
p3	3	1
p4	5	1

$L_1{\sf norm}$	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	$p_4$
$p_1$	0	4	4	6
$p_2$	4	0	2	4
$p_3$	4	2	0	2
$p_4$	6	4	2	0

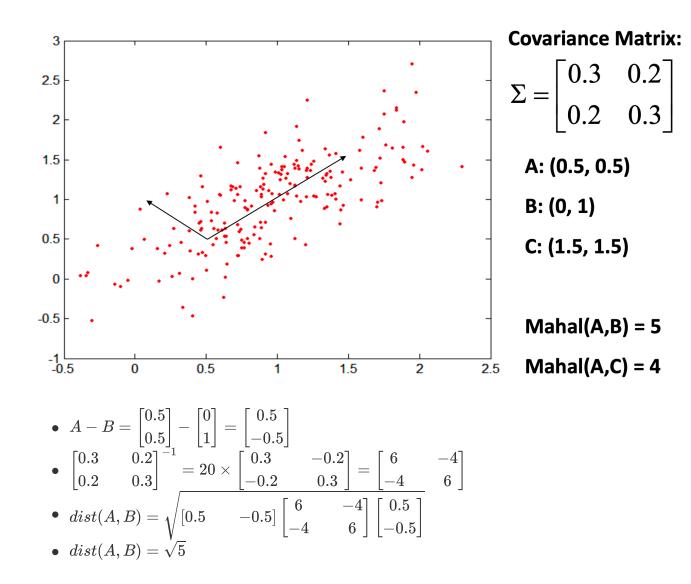
$L_2$ norm	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	$p_4$
$p_1$	0	2.828	3.162	5.099
$p_2$	2.828	0	1.414	3.162
$p_3$	3.162	1.414	0	2
$p_4$	5.099	3.162	2	0

•  $L_\infty$  norm: Maximum difference between any component of the vectors

$L_\infty$ norm	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_3$	$p_4$
$p_1$	0	2	3	5
$p_2$	2	0	1	3
$p_3$	3	1	0	2
$p_4$	5	3	2	0

### 5. Mahalanobis distance

•  $dist(A,B) = \sqrt{(A-B)^T \Sigma^{-1}(A-B)}$ 



#### 6. Simple Matching coefficients for Binary Vectors

• 
$$sim(A, B) = \frac{\text{number of matches}}{\text{number of attributes}}$$
  
•  $sim(A, B) = \frac{f_{00} + f_{11}}{f_{00} + f_{01} + f_{10} + f_{11}}$ 

### 7. Jaccard Matching for Binary Vectors

• 
$$sim(A, B) = rac{ ext{number of 11 matches}}{ ext{number of non-0 attributes}}$$
  
•  $sim(A, B) = rac{f_{11}}{f_{01} + f_{10} + f_{11}}$ 

• Eg:

 $\mathbf{x} = 1000000000$  $\mathbf{y} = 000001001$ 

 $f_{01} = 2$  (the number of attributes where **x** was 0 and **y** was 1)  $f_{10} = 1$  (the number of attributes where **x** was 1 and **y** was 0)  $f_{00} = 7$  (the number of attributes where **x** was 0 and **y** was 0)  $f_{11} = 0$  (the number of attributes where **x** was 1 and **y** was 1)

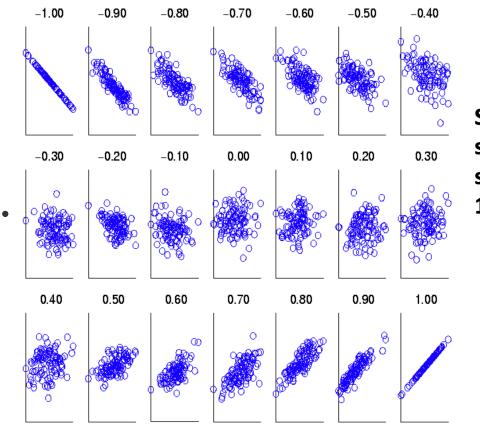
- SMC =  $\frac{7}{10} = 0.7$
- Jaccard =  $\frac{0}{10} = 0$

### 8. Extended Jaccard Coefficient (Tanimoto)

- $sim(A, B) = rac{A \cdot B}{\|A\|^2 + \|B\|^2 A \cdot B}$
- For continuous or count attributes
- Reduces to laccard for binary attributes

### 9. Correlation coefficient

- $sim(A, B) = \frac{covariance(A, B)}{Standard deviation(A) \times Standard deviation(B)}$   $sim(A, B) = \frac{S_{AB}}{S_A \times S_B}$



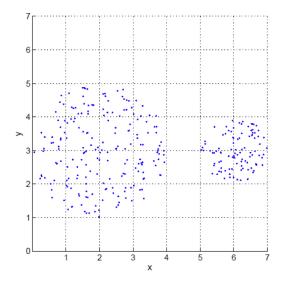
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### 10. Weighted similarity measures

• Use non-negative weights

### 11. Density

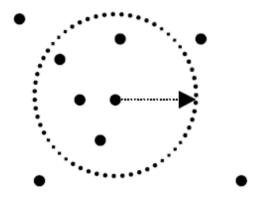
- Euclidean density = number of points per unit volume
- Grid-based Approach
  - Divide region into a number of rectangular cells of equal volume
  - Number of points per cell



0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	17	18	6	0	0	0
14	14	13	13	0	18	27
11	18	10	21	0	24	31
3	20	14	4	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### Centre-based Approach/Euclidean Density •

• Number of points within a specified radius of the point



### 1.1.1 User-Based Collaborative Filtering

- Ratings provided by the like-minded users of a target user A are used in order to make the recommendations for A
- Similarity matrix for users
- Eg: Users A, B, C, D and movies HP1, HP2, KGF, BB1, BB2, BB3

	HP1	HP2	HP3	KGF	BB1	BB2	BB3
А	4			5	1		
В	5	5	4				
С				2	4	5	
D		3					3

- Jaccard similarity:  $sim(A,B) = rac{|r_A \cap r_B|}{|r_A \cup r_B|}$ 

  - $|r_A \cup r_B|$  count(HP1)  $sim(A, B) = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$   $sim(A, C) = \frac{count(KGF, BB1, HP2, HP3)}{count(HP1, KGF, BB1)}$   $sim(A, C) = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$   $sim(A, C) = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$

  - Using Jaccard, sim(A, B) < sim(A, C)
  - Flaw: ignores rating values

• Cosine similarity: 
$$sim(A,B) = \frac{r_A \cdot r_B}{|r_A| |r_B|} = \cos{(\theta_{AB})}$$

•  $sim(A,B) = \frac{4 \times 5 + 0}{\sqrt{4^2 + 5^2 + 1^2}\sqrt{5^2 + 5^2 + 4^2}}$ 

• 
$$sim(A, B) = \frac{20}{\sqrt{42}\sqrt{66}} = 0.3799$$

• 
$$sim(A,C) = rac{5 \times 2 + 1 \times 4 + 0}{\sqrt{4^2 + 5^2 + 1^2}\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 5^2}}$$

• 
$$sim(A, C) = \frac{14}{\sqrt{42}\sqrt{45}} = 0.3220$$

$$\circ$$
 Using cosine,  $sim(A,B)>sim(A,C)$  (only slightly)

• Flaw: ignores missing values

### • Centered cosine similarity: normalise rows by subtracting row mean

• Missing ratings treated as average

• 
$$sim(A, B) = \frac{\frac{2}{9}}{\sqrt{\frac{26}{3}}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}}$$
  
•  $sim(A, B) = 0.0925$ 

• 
$$sim(A, C) = \frac{9}{\sqrt{\frac{26}{3}}\sqrt{\frac{14}{3}}}$$

• 
$$sim(A, C) = -0.5591$$

• sim(A, C) = -0.5591• Using centered cosine, sim(A, B) > sim(A, C)

	HP1	HP2	HP3	KGF	BB1	BB2	BB3
А	4			5	1		
В	5	5	4				
С				2	4	5	
D		3					3

	HP1	HP2	HP3	KGF	BB1	BB2	BB3
А	4-10/3=2/3			5/3	-7/3		
В	1/3	1/3	-2/3				
С				-5/3	1/3	4/3	
D		0					0

### 1.1.2 Item-Based Collaborative Filtering

- Determine a set S of items that are most similar to target item B by user A
- Similar items are identified to a target item
- User's own ratings on those similar items are used to extrapolate the ratings of the target
- Item-based methods provide more relevant recommendations
- Estimate rating of item *i* based on similar items

$$\circ \ \ r_{xi} = rac{\displaystyle\sum\limits_{j \in N(i;x)} S_{ij} \cdot r_{xj}}{\displaystyle\sum\limits_{j \in N(i;x)} S_{ij}}$$

- $\circ \ r_{xi}$  : rating of user x on item i
- $\circ r_{xj}$  : rating of user x on item j
- $\circ S_{ij}$  : similarity of item i and item j
- N(i,x) : set of k nearest items rated by user x similar to item i
- Eg: Users 1 to 10, movies 1 to 6

Users 10 11 **Unknown Rating** ? Rating between 1to 5 Movies 



- Estimate rating of movie 1 by user 5

### • Pearson correlation similarity

• Subtract mean

Users														
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Sim(1,m)
	1	1		3		?	5			5		4		1.00
	2			5	4			4			2	1	3	-0.18
	3	2	4		1	2		3		4	3	5		0.41
Movies	4		2	4		5			4			2		-0.10
NOVIES	5			4	3	4	2					2	5	-0.31
	6	1		3		3			2			4		0.59

- Compute sim(1,m) for m = 1 to m = 6 for normalised values of movie ratings (compute similarities of movies, not users)
- $\circ~$  Taking k=2 nearest neighbours for user 5 we get movie 6 with sim(1,6)=0.59 and movie 3 with sim(1,3)=0.41

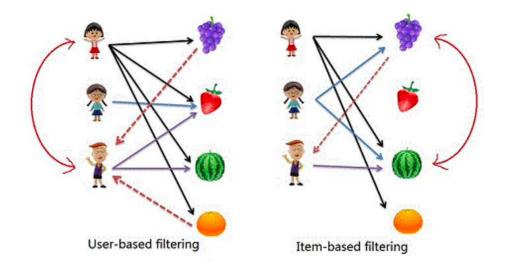
						Use	rs						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	1	1		3		?	5			5		4	
Movies	2			5	4			4			2	1	3
Mo	3	2	4		1	2		3		4	3	5	
	4		2	4		5			4			2	
	5			4	3	4	2					2	5
	6	1		3		3			2			4	

 $\circ~$  Computed weighted average of ratings of k nearest neighbours to find the rating of movie 1 with user 5 ~

$$egin{array}{ll} \circ & r_{15} = rac{sim(1,6) imes r_{65} + sim(1,3) imes r_{35}}{sim(1,6) + sim(1,3)} \ o & r_{15} = rac{0.59 imes 3 + 0.41 imes 2}{0.59 + 0.41} = 2.59 \end{array}$$

### Item-Item vs User-User

- Item-item outperforms user-user in many use cases
- Items belong to a small set of genres, users have varied tastes (more similar)



### Item-Item

- Scalability and performance are achieved by creating the expensive similar-items table offline
- Scales independently of the number of customers
- Fast for large datasets
- Recommends highly correlated similar items
- Performs well with limited user data

### **User-User**

- Minimal offline computation
- Impractical on large datasets
- Dim reduction reduces rec quality

### Clustering

- Much of the computation offline
- Quality poor

### Eg: MovieLens Dataset

	User Based	Model Based	Item Based
Model Construction Time (sec.)	730	254	170
Prediction Time (sec.)	31	1	3
MAE	0.6688	0.6736	0.6382

## 1.2 Model-Based Methods

- ML and data mining methods used
- Predictive models
- Eg: Decision trees, Rule-based models, Bayesian methods and latent factor models

# 2. Knowledge-Based

- Customers want to explicitly specify their requirements (interactivity)
- Difficult to obtain ratings for a specific type of item

## **User-Recommender Interactions**

### 1. Conversational systems

- User preferences in feedback loop
- Iterative conversational system
- Critiquing recommender systems case based

### 2. Search-based systems

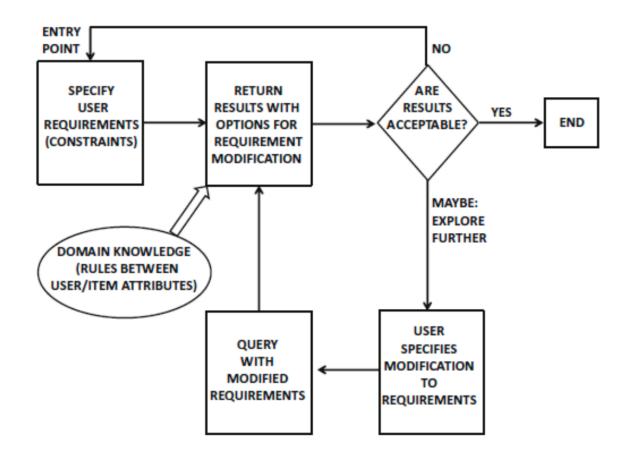
- User preferences from answers to questions
- Eg: "Do you prefer a house in a suburban area or within the city?"
- Can be for constraint based

### 3. Navigation-based systems

- User specifies a number of change requests to item being currently recommended
- Iterative set of change requests
- Eg: "I would like a similar house about 5 miles west of the currently recommended house"
- Critiquing recommender systems case based

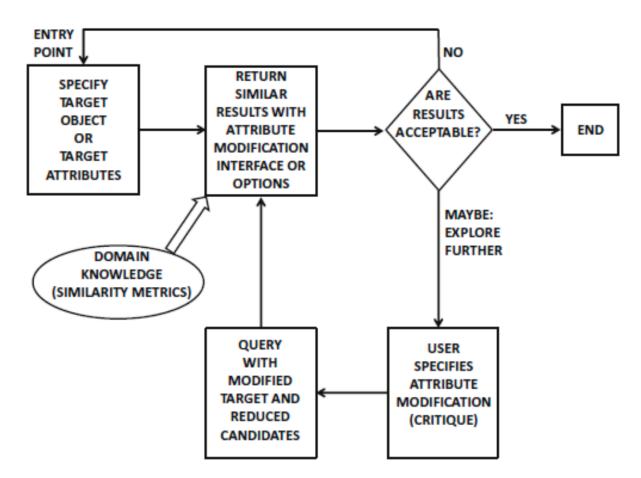
## 2.1 Constraint-Based

- Users specify requirements or constraints on item attributes
- Domain knowledge: mapping user requirements to item attributes
- Original query modified by addition, deletion, modification or relaxation of original requirements
- Complex problem domain



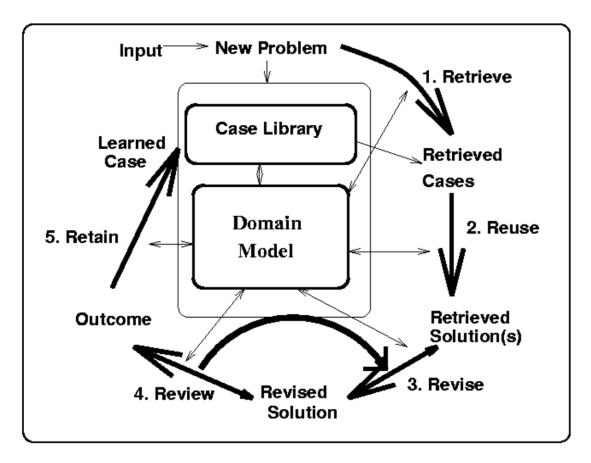
## 2.2 Case-Based

- Specific cases are specified by the user as targets or anchor points
- Similarity metrics on item attributes to retrieve similar items
- Query modified through user interaction or pruning
- Conversational style of critiquing



### **Case-Based Reasoning**

• Store previous experiences (cases) in memory



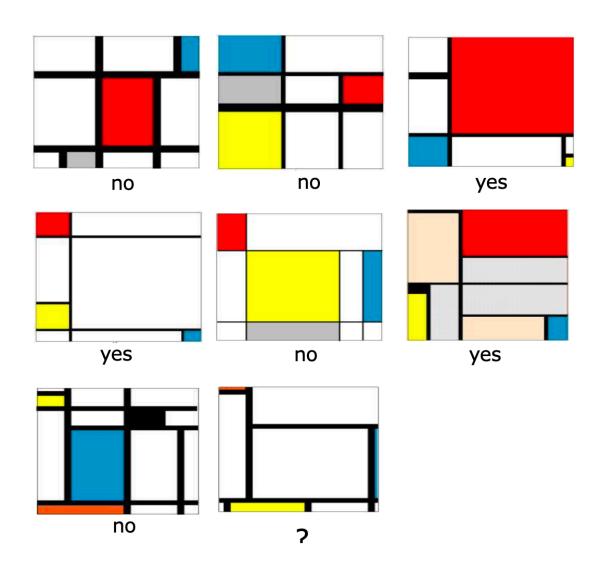
- Assumption: new problem can be solved by retrieving similar problems and adapting retrieved solutions
- Eg: Compiling solutions: "Patient N's heart symptoms can be explained in the same way as previous patient D's"

## (a) kNN - Instance-Based Learning (Lazy Learner)

- Idea: store **all** training examples
  - When test instance comes, compute with all training instances
  - Find closest match (or k closest matches)
- Distance Measure: can use any

### Example problem: identify if a pattern is the work of Mondrian

- Piet Mondrian was a Dutch painter and art theoretician
- Created unique pieces of artwork



• Training data (extract features like number of colours, number of lines, thickness of lines, number of

rectangles)

# **Training data**

Number	Lines	Line types	Rectangles	Colours	Mondrian?					
1	6	1	10	4	No					
2	4	2	8	5	No					
3	5	2	7	4	Yes					
4	5	1	8	4	Yes					
5	5	1	10	5	No					
6	6	1	8	6	Yes					
7	7	1	14	5	No					

• Test instance

# Test instance

Number	Lines	Line types	Rectangles	Colours	Mondrian?
8	7	2	9	4	

• Normalise features and find nearest neighbours using distance measure (check MI unit 2)

# (b) Decision Trees (CART)

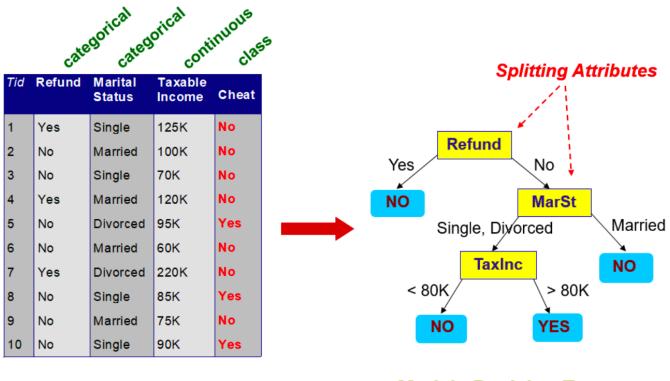
- Supervised learning
- Classification and Regression Tree
- Criteria to develop the tree
  - 1. Splitting criteria
  - 2. Merging criteria
  - 3. Stopping criteria (pruning)
- Impurity measures:
  - $\circ$  Gini index (0-0.5)

• 
$$I_G = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^c p_j^2$$

•  $p_i$  : proportion of samples that belong to class c for a particular node

• Entropy (0-1)

- $I_H = -\sum_{j=1}^c p_j \log_2\left(p_j\right)$
- $p_i$  : proportion of samples that belong to class c for a particular node
- If all samples at a node belong to same class, entropy = 0
- SSE for continous



**Training Data** 

## Model: Decision Tree

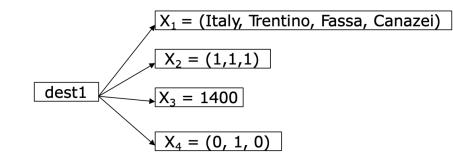
## **Query Augmentation**

- Eg: searching for restaurant, "Thai" can be augmented to "Thai food"
- Eg: if "Thai food" fetches nothing, can augment to "Asian food"
- Eg: if "Asian food" fetches too many and user previously searched for "Chinese food", augment to "Chinese food"

## **Tree-based case representation**

- Case: rooted tree
- Nodes: node type and metric type

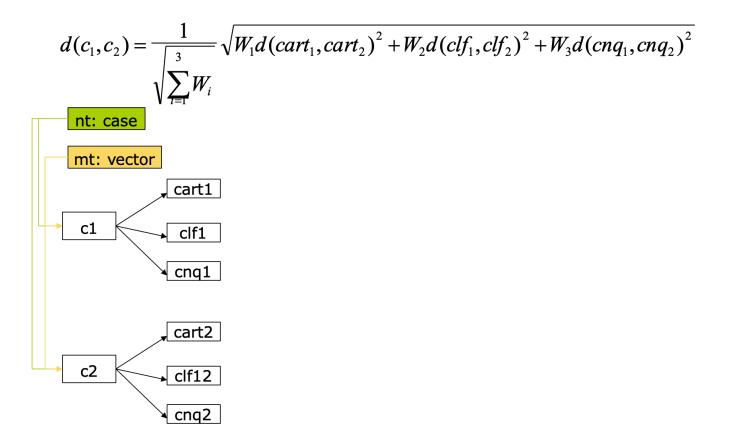
	Node Type	Metric Type	Example: Canazei
X <sub>1</sub>	LOCATION	Set of hierarchical related symbols	Country=ITALY, Region=TRENTINO, TouristArea=FASSA, Village=CANAZEI
X <sub>2</sub>	INTERESTS	Array of Booleans	Hiking=1, Trekking=1, Biking=1
X <sub>3</sub>	ALTITUDE	Numeric	1400
X <sub>4</sub>	LOCTYPE	Array of Booleans	Urban=0, Mountain=1, Rivereside=0



- For querying: represent X as a vector  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ 
  - $\circ \ (Italy, Trentino, Fassa, Canazei, 1, 1, 1, 1400, 0, 1, 0) \\$
- Query: conjunction of constraints over features

 $\circ \ q = c_1 \wedge c_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge c_m ext{ where } m \leq n ext{ and } \ x_{ik} = ext{true} ext{ if } x_{ik} ext{ is boolean} \ x_{ik} = 
u ext{ if } x_{ik} ext{ is nominal} \ l \leq x_{ik} \leq u ext{ if } x_{ik} ext{ is numerical} \ x_{ik} ext{ is numerical}$ 

Case distance



### **CBR Containers**

- 1. Cases
- 2. Case representation language
- 3. Retrieval knowledge
- 4. Adaptation knowledge

## 3. Other Methods

## **Ensemble Methods - Bagging and Boosting**

- Reduce bias and variance
- See MI unit 3
- More accurate, diverse than individual methods

### (a) Bagging

- Boostrap aggregation
- Resampling
- Eg: random forest
- Goal: minimum variance

- Combine: majority vote
- Advantages
  - Reduce overfitting
  - Works with high dimensions
  - Maintains accuracy with missing data
- Disadvantages
  - Not precise predictions (mean prediction from subset trees)
  - Good for unstable algorithms but can hurt stable algorithm

### (b) Boosting

- Reweight data
- All samples used (no resampling)
- Eg: adaboost
- Goal: maximum accuracy
- Combine: weighted average
- Advantages
  - Different loss functions
  - Works with interactions
- Disadvantages
  - Prone to overfitting
  - Careful hyperparameter tuning

## SVM

- MI unit 2
- Identify the correct hyperplane
- Kernel trick: do not need to explicitly add a new dimension for non-linear data

## ANN

- MI unit 2
- Can learn any non-linear function
- Also called Universal Function Approximators
- Activation functions introduce non-linearity
- Further eading: transfer learning

# Clustering

• Group objects (unsupervised learning)

### (a) K-means clustering

- EM algorithm MI unit 4
- Time complexity O(n imes k imes I imes d)
- Within cluster SSE
- Does not work well for inherently nonglobular clusters
- Recommended number of clusters

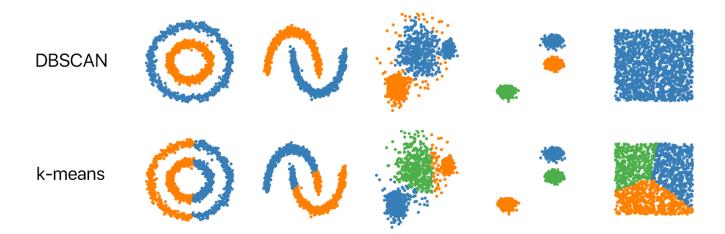
• 
$$\operatorname{CH}(k) = \frac{B(k)/k - 1}{W(k)/(n-k)}$$

### (b) Agglomerative clustering

• MI unit 4

### (c) DBSCAN

- Clusters based on density
- Eg: concentric circles



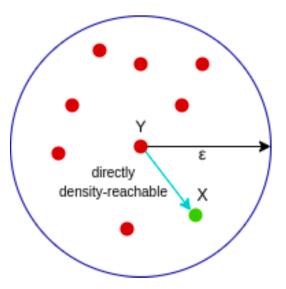
- Noise considered a different cluster
- Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise
- **Density:** number of points within a specified radius
- Core point: point that has more than MinPts number of points within radius of Eps
- **Border point:** point that has fewer than MinPts number of points within Eps, but is in the neighbourhood of a core point
- Noise point: point that is neither a core nor a border point

 $current\_cluster\_label \leftarrow 1$ for all core points do if the core point has no cluster label then  $current\_cluster\_label \leftarrow current\_cluster\_label + 1$ Label the current core point with cluster label  $current\_cluster\_label$ end if for all points in the Eps-neighborhood, except  $i^{th}$  the point itself do if the point does not have a cluster label then Label the point with cluster label  $current\_cluster\_label$ end if end for end for

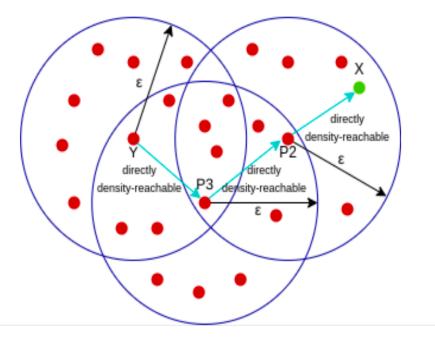
- Robust to outliers
- Does not require the number of clusters to be set beforehand
- Only epsilon (radius) and minpoints to be specified

### **Reachability and Connectivity**

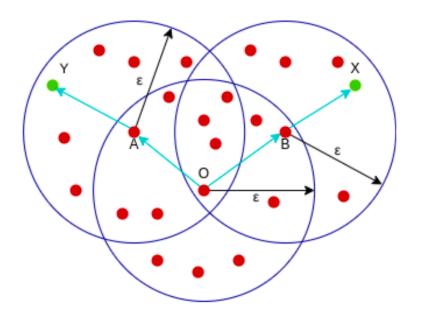
• A point X is directly density reachable from a point Y if X is a border point or core point in core point Y's neighbourhood



• A point is X indirectly density reachable from a point Y if X is directly rechable from a core point Z that is indirectly or directly reachable from Y



- Vice versa not true (X is not a core point)
- Two points X and Y are density connected if they both are density reachable from a common core point O



- DBSCAN is sensitive to parameters epsilon and minpoints
  - $\circ \ \ {\rm minPoints} \geq {\rm Dimensions} + 1$
  - $\circ \ \mathrm{minPoints} \geq 3$
  - $\circ$  Generally, minPoints  $= 2 imes ext{Dimensions}$

### **Cluster Cohesion**

• How compact a cluster is - WCSS

### **Cluster Separation**

- How distinct clusters are
- Between cluster sum of squares BCSS
- ullet  $\operatorname{BCSS} = \sum\limits_i |C_i| (m-m_i)^2$  where  $C_i$  is the size of cluster i

# 4. Content-Based

- Content/desciption is exploited for recommendation
- Keywords, TF-IDF, tree of concepts
- Useful when few ratings available (cold start)
- Not much to do with other users; mainly target user's own ratings
- Dependent on 2 sources of data
  - 1. Description of various items (by manufacturer)
  - 2. User profile (generated from implicit/explicit feedback)
- Steps
  - Preprocessing and feature extraction
  - Content-based learning of user profiles
  - Filtering and recommendation

## **TF-IDF**

- TF: term frequency frequency of word in a document
- IDF: inverse document frequency among the whole corpus of documents
- TF-IDF: product of TF and IDF
- Term frequency of a term t in document d

•  $tf_{t,d}$ 

0

- Weighted term frequency
  - \$ \text{TF} = w\_{t,d} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ c | }
    - 1 + \log\_{10}\textrm{tf}\_{t,d} & \quad \textrm{if tf}\_{t,d} \gt 0  $\$ 
      - & \quad \textrm{otherwise }

\end{array}\right.\$

• Inverse document frequency for term i

$$\circ \ \text{IDF} = \log_{10}\left(\frac{n}{n_i}\right)$$

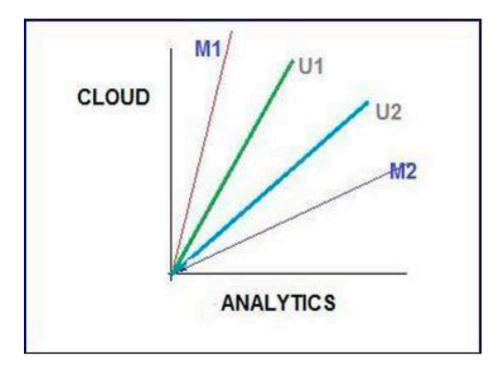
- $\circ$  *n* : total number of docs
- $\circ \ n_i:$  number of documents in which the term i appears
- Sometimes a 1 is added for smoothening

### **Text to Numbers**

- Stop word removal
- Stemming (hoping -> hope)
  - Problem: hope -> hop
  - Lemmatisation
- Phrase extraction (n grams)

### **Vector Space Model**

- Each item: vector of its attributes
- Similarity: angle between vectors
- User profile vectors also created



• Eg: Users U1, U2 and documents M1 and M2

## Example problem

- Google search for "IoT and analytics"
- Top 5 links out of 1 million (corpus)

Articles	Analytics	Data	Cloud	Smart	Insight
<u>Article 1</u>	21	24	0	2	2
<u>Article 2</u>	24	59	2	1	0
<u>Article 3</u>	40	115	8	10	19
<u>Article 4</u>	4	28	5	0	1
<u>Article 5</u>	8	48	4	3	4
<u>Article 6</u>	17	49	8	0	5
DF	5,000	50,000	10,000	5,00,000	7000

- Calculate  $\mathrm{TF}$  of article 1
  - $\circ \ {\rm TF} = 1 + \log_{10} 21 = 1 + 1.3222 = 2.3222$
- Attribute vectors of each article

Articles	Analytics	Data	Cloud	Smart	Insight	Length of Vector
Article 1	2.322219295	2.380211242	0	1.301029996	1.301029996	3.800456039
Article 2	2.380211242	2.770852012	1.301029996	1	0	4.004460697
Article 3	2.602059991	3.06069784	1.903089987	2	2.278753601	5.380804488
Article 4	1.602059991	2.447158031	1.698970004	0	1	3.527276247
<u>Article 5</u>	1.903089987	2.681241237	1.602059991	1.477121255	1.602059991	4.257450611
<u>Article 6</u>	2.230448921	2.69019608	1.903089987	0	1.698970004	4.326697114

• Calculate cosine as dot product of unit vectors

## **Text Classification**

- Bag of words: document is a dict of words and frequencies (independent of sequence)
- Document is sequence of words: n-grams, unigram, bigram

### **Feature Selection**

- Stop word removal
- Stemming
- POS tagging
- Etc

### **Domains of Text Classification**

- News filtering and Organization
- Document Organization and Retrieval
- Opinion Mining
- Email Classification and Spam Filtering

### **Naive Bayes Classifier**

- MI unit 3
- Multivariate model: no frequencies
- Multinomial model: frequencies
- Bayes theorem

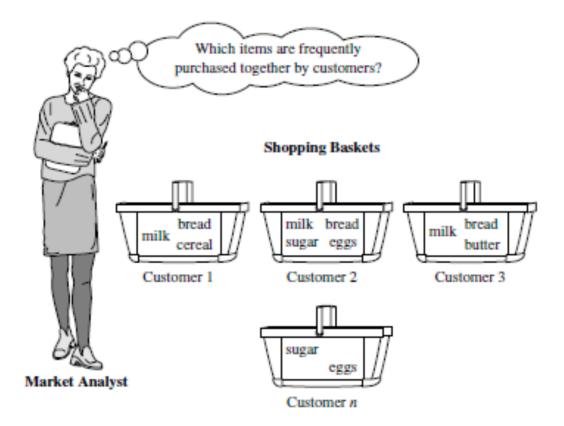
$$\circ \ P(c|x) = rac{P(x|c)P(c)}{P(x)}$$

### **Mixture Models**

- Clustering
- Unlabelled data is much more copiously available than labelled data
- When labelled data is sparse, it should be used in order to assist the classification process
- Documents in the same class are often mixtures of multiple topics
- Probability (not hard clustering)

# Market Based Analysis (Frequent Itemset Mining)

- Describe many-many relationship between two kinds of objects
- Items and baskets
- Basket: contains a set of items called items
  - Number of items in a basket small
  - Much smaller than total number of items
  - Eg: shopping cart
  - Number of baskets very large (cannot fit in memory)
- Data: file containing sequence of basket objects
- Associations between different items that customers place in their shopping baskets



• Helps decide placement of frequently bought together items

## **Frequent Itemset**

TID	Items
1	Bread, Milk
2	Bread, Diaper, Beer, Eggs
3	Milk, Diaper, Beer, Coke
4	Bread, Milk, Diaper, Beer
5	Bread, Milk, Diaper, Coke

- Itemset: collection of one or more items
  - Eg: {Milk, Bread, Diaper}
  - k-itemset: itemset containing k items
- Support count  $\sigma$ 
  - Frequency of occurence of an itemset
  - $\circ \ \operatorname{Eg:} \sigma(\{\operatorname{Milk},\operatorname{Bread},\operatorname{Diaper}\}) = 2$
- Support *s* 
  - Fraction of transactions that contain an itemset
  - Eg:  $s({\text{Milk, Bread, Diaper}}) = \frac{2}{5}$
- Frequent itemset
  - Itemset whose support  $s \geq ext{minsup}$  threshold
- Association rule

- $\circ$  Implication expression of the form X o Y where X and Y are itemsets
- $\circ \ \, \mathsf{Eg:} \left\{ \mathsf{Milk}, \mathsf{Diaper} \to \mathsf{Beer} \right\}$
- Confidence c
  - $\circ~$  How often items in Y appear in transactions that contain X from an association rule X 
    ightarrow Y
  - Eg:

 $c(\{ ext{Milk, Diaper} 
ightarrow \{ ext{Beer}\}) = P(\{ ext{Beer}\} | \{ ext{Milk, Diaper}\}) = rac{\sigma(\{ ext{Milk, Diaper}, ext{Beer}\})}{\sigma(\{ ext{Milk, Diaper}\})} = rac{2}{3}$ 

## **Apriori Principle**

- If an itemset is frequent, then all of its subsets must also be frequent
- $\forall X, Y : (X \subseteq Y) \Rightarrow s(X) \ge s(Y)$
- Support of an itemset never exceeds the support of its subsets
- Anti-monotone property of support

## **Association Rule Mining**

Two step approach

- 1. Frequent itemset generation
  - Generate all frequent itemsets (support  $\geq$  minsup)
- 2. Rule generation
  - Generate high confidence rules from each frequent itemset
  - Each rule is a binary partitioning of a frequent itemset
  - Confidence does not necessarily have an **anti-monotone** property

## Contingency Table for X o Y

	Y	Y	
Х	f <sub>11</sub>	f <sub>10</sub>	f <sub>1+</sub>
Х	f <sub>01</sub>	f <sub>00</sub>	f <sub>o+</sub>
	f <sub>+1</sub>	f <sub>+0</sub>	T

- $f_{11}$  : support of X and Y
- $f_{11}$  : support of X and  $ar{Y}$
- $f_{11}$  : support of  $ar{X}$  and Y
- $f_{11}$  : support of  $ar{X}$  and  $ar{Y}$

• Lift of  $X \to Y$ 

$$\circ \quad \frac{P(Y|X)}{P(Y)}$$

• Interest of  $X \to Y$ 

$$\circ \quad \frac{P(X,Y)}{P(X)P(Y)}$$

• PS

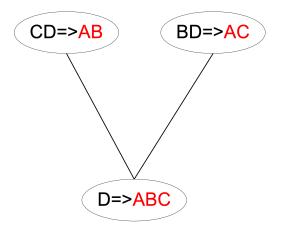
$$\circ P(X,Y) - P(X)P(Y)$$

•  $\phi$ -coefficient

$$\circ \quad \frac{P(X,Y) - P(X)P(Y)}{\sqrt{P(X)(1-P(X))P(Y)(1-P(Y))}}$$

## **Rule Generation**

- Confidence of rules generated from the same itemset has an anti-monotone property
- Candidate rule : generated by merging two rules that share the same prefix in the rule consequent
  - $Join(CD \implies AB, BD \implies AC)$  produces  $D \implies ABC$



- Prune rule  $D \implies ABC$  if a subset  $AD \implies BC$  does not have high confidence
- Given a frequent itemself L, find all non-empty subsets  $f \subset L$  such that  $f \to L f$  satisfies the minimum confidence requirement

• Eg: 
$$L = \{A, B, C, D\}$$
  
ABC  $\rightarrow$  D, ABD  $\rightarrow$  C, ACD  $\rightarrow$  B, BCD  $\rightarrow$  A,  
A  $\rightarrow$  BCD, B  $\rightarrow$  ACD, C  $\rightarrow$  ABD, D  $\rightarrow$  ABC  
AB  $\rightarrow$  CD, AC  $\rightarrow$  BD, AD  $\rightarrow$  BC, BC  $\rightarrow$  AD,  
BD  $\rightarrow$  AC, CD  $\rightarrow$  AB

• Here 
$$|L| = 4$$

 $\circ \;$  If |L|=k then there are  $2^k-2$  candidate association rules ( $L o \phi$  and  $\phi o L$  are omitted)

## Example

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- 1. Generating frequent itemsets for minsup = 3
  - 1-itemsets

Item	Count
Bread	4
Coke	2
Milk	4
Beer	3
Diaper	4
Eggs	1

• 2-itemsets

Itemset	Count
{Bread,Milk}	3
{Bread,Beer}	2
{Bread,Diaper}	3
{Milk,Beer}	2
{Milk,Diaper}	3
{Beer,Diaper}	3

- And so on
- Prune itemsets that are not frequent
- $\circ~$  Set of  $k\text{-}\mathrm{itemsets}$  that are frequent are denoted as  $L_k$
- 2. Generate rules

# Handling of Categorical Attributes

- More than 2 values
- **Potential solution:** Aggregate the low-support attribute values
- If highly skewed, can drop high frequency

## Handling of Continuous Attributes

- Equal-width binning
- Equal-depth binning
- Clustering

Supervised:			Attribute values, v						
Class	<b>V</b> 1	<b>V</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>V</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>V</b> 4	<b>V</b> 5	<b>V</b> 6	<b>V</b> 7	<b>V</b> 8	<b>V</b> 9
Anomalous	0	0	20	10	20	0	0	0	0
Normal	150	100	0	0	0	100	100	150	100
	b	bin <sub>1</sub> bin <sub>2</sub>				bi	in <sub>3</sub>		

# **Evaluation of Recommender Systems**

- Objective
- Subjective