

## Recommendation Top-N with the approach of Novel Rank

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**Abstract**— A Novel trust based recommendation model, which is regularized with user trust and item rating is Trust SVD. Our method is novel for its consideration of both the explicit (rating based on social circle) and implicit influence (self rating) of item ratings and of the user trust. In addition, a weighted regularization technique is used to avoid over fitting for model learning. This trust based matrix factorization model incorporates both rating and trust information for rating prediction. Trust information is very sparse, yet complementary to the information. Thus, focusing too much on either one kind of information achieves only marginal gains in predictive correctness. Also users are strongly correlated with their trust neighbors and have a weakly positive correlation with their trust alike neighbors (e.g., friends). These observations are motivated to consider both explicit and implicit influence of ratings and of trust in a trust based model. A weighted  $\lambda$  regularization technique was used to regularize the user and item specific latent feature vectors. This guarantees that the user specific vectors can be learned from their trust information even if a few or no

ratings are given. So data sparsity and cold start issues for recommendation can be solved. Trust SVD can outperform both trust and ratings based methods in the predictive accuracy. Recommender systems employ from a specific type of information filtering system technique that attempts to recommend information items (movies, TV program/show/episode, video on demand, web pages, books, news, music, images, scientific literature etc.) or social elements (e.g. people, events or groups) that are likely to be of interest to the user. Typically, a recommender system approximates a user profile to some reference characteristics, and tries to predict the 'rating' or 'preference' that a user would give to an item. These characteristics maybe from the information item which may be similar (the content based approach) or the user's social surrounding (the collaborative filtering). The recommender system applies Data Mining (DM) approaches and prediction algorithms to predict user's interest on fact, product and services. However, most of these systems can bear in their core an algorithm that can be used to understand a particular

case of a Data Mining (DM) technique. The process of data mining consists of 3 steps: Data Preprocessing, Data Analysis and Result Interpretation. Examples of recommender system are amazon.com, eBay, snapdeal.com

## II. BACKGROUND

Recommender systems produce a list of recommendations through collaborative or content based filtering. Content based algorithm recommender system are the recommender system

which work with profiles of users that are created at the start. A profile has information about a user and his/her taste. Taste is based on how the user has rated the items. Figure 1 Recommender System Collaborative filtering Algorithm is a type of recommender system became one of the most researched techniques in the recommender systems since this approach was described by Paul Resnick and Hal Varian in 1997. [1] The idea of collaborative filtering is, finding users in a community that shares appreciations. If two users have same or almost same rated items in common, then they have similar tastes [2]. Such users build a group or a so called neighborhood. A user gets recommendations to the items that he/she has not rated before, but that were

already positively rated by users in his/her neighborhood. Several approaches of collaborative filtering are (1) User based approach (2) Item based approach,

**2.1 User based approach:** In this approach, the users perform the main role. If definite majority of the customers has the same taste, then they join into one group. Recommendations are given to the user based on the evaluation of items by other users. If the item was positively rated by the community, it will be recommended to the user.

**2.2 Item Based Approach:** The taste of users remains constant or changes very slightly the similar items build neighborhoods based on the appreciations of the users. Afterwards, the system creates recommendations with items in the neighborhood that a user would choose

## III. LITERATURE SURVEY

Trust aware recommender systems have been studied because social trust provides an alternative view of user preferences other than item ratings. Incorporating social trust can improve performance of recommendations. I.P. Massa and P. Avesani [13] proposes a Trust aware Recommender System. Recommender

Systems based on Collaborative Filtering suggest user's items they might like. Although due to the data sparsity of input ratings matrix, the process of finding similar users often fails. This paper proposes to replace it with the use of a trust metric, an algorithm able to generate trust over trust network. It also evaluates a trust weight that can be used in place of similarity weight. In the first step we find the neighbors and in the second step the system predicts ratings based on a weighted sum of ratings given by neighbors to items. The weight can be derived from the user similarity assessment or with use of a trust metric. The results specify that trust is very effective in solving RS weaknesses.

2. M. Jamali and M. Ester [14] explore a Model based approach for recommendation in social networks, which uses a matrix factorization technique. The dormant characteristics of users and items are absorbed and predict the ratings a user gives to an unknown item. For incorporating the trust propagation a novel SocialMF model is proposed. The SocialMF model labels the transitivity of trust in social network by considering the trust propagation in the network. Because social influence behavior of a user is influenced by his direct

neighbors. Therefore feature vector of each direct neighbor is dependent on feature vector of his direct neighbors. Even if a user has not expressed any ratings, his feature vectors can be absorbed as long as he/she is connected to the social network via a social relation. Thus SocialMF deals better with cold start users than existing methods.

3. H. Fang, Y. Bao, and J. Zhang [12] proposes a latent factor model that identifies more effective

aspects of the trust for recommender systems. Main aim is to bridge the gap between trust and user preference or similarity and to acquire trust information more effectively. By degrading the explicit trust values to finer grained trust aspects, we can derive more effective information for

recommendation. In this paper they discovered four general features of trust (i.e. benevolence, integrity and predictability) and modeled them based on users' past ratings. The four features are combined to a Support Vector Regression (SVR) model for trust value prediction between two users. They incorporated the trust information into the probabilistic matrix factorization model using the trust value got from the SVR model and by measuring

resemblances between the corresponding latent feature vectors factorized from rating matrix of the user. Thus, we can re-explain the trust value for the recommendation, and surely can update user's dormant feature vector by considering social influence of other users trusting and being trusted by the user.

4.X. Yang, H. Steck, and Y. Liu [6] presented a novel approach to improve the recommendation

accuracy by introducing the concept of "inferred circles of friends". The idea is to determine the best subset of a user's friends for making recommendations in an item category of interest. As

these inferred circles dependent on the various item categories, they may differ from the explicit circles of that is popular in social networks (e.g. Circles in Google+ or Facebook). They may not

match to particular item lists that a recommender system may be concerned with. So inferred circles may be of value by themselves. For that uses a set of algorithms to find out category specific circles of friends and to theorize the trust value on each link based on user rating activities in each list. To deduce the trust value of a link in a circle, we first estimate a user's expertise

level in a category based on the rating activities of the user as well as all users trusting him. We then assign to users trust values proportional to their expertise levels. These reconstructed trust circles are then used to develop a low rank matrix factorization type of Recommendation systems. Circle based RS can achieve more accurate recommendation than the traditional matrix factorization approaches that do not use any social trust information, and that use mixed social trust information across all categories.

#### **IV. EXISTING SYSTEM**

Many approaches have been suggested in this field, including both memory and model based methods.

1. Golbeck proposes a TidalTrust[3] approach to aggregate the ratings of trusted neighbors for a

rating prediction, where trust is figured in a breadth first manner.

2. Guo et al. produced a user's rating profile[4] by merging those of trusted users through which

better recommendations can be created and the cold start and data sparsity issues can be handled

better. However, memory based approaches have difficulty in adapting to large scale

data sets, and are often time consuming to find candidate neighbors in a large user area.

3. Zhu et al. propose a graph Laplacian regularizer[5] to capture the potentially social relationships among users, and form the social recommendation issue as a low rank semi definite problem. Although, empirical evaluation indicates that very marginal improvements are obtained in comparison with the RSTE model.

4. Yang et al. propose a hybrid method TrustMF [6] that combines both a truster model and a trustee model from the perspectives of trusters and trustees, that is, both the users who trust the active user and those who are trusted by the user will impact the user's ratings on unknown items.

## **V. DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM**

Existing trust based models may not work well if there prevails only trust alike relationships.

a. These observations could other kinds of recommendation problems.

b. Existing trust based models judges the explicit influence of ratings.

c. The utility of ratings is not well exploited.

d. Existing trust based models do not consider the explicit and implicit influence of trust

simultaneously

## **CONCLUSION**

This article proposed a novel trust-based matrix factorization model which incorporated both rating and trust information. Our analysis of trust in four real-world data sets indicated that trust and ratings were complementary to each other, and both pivotal for more accurate recommendations. Our novel approach, TrustSVD, takes into account both the explicit and implicit influence of ratings and of trust information when predicting ratings of unknown items. Both the trust influence of trustees and trusters of active users are involved in our model. In addition, a weighted-regularization technique is adapted and employed to further regularize the generation of user- and item-specific latent feature vectors. Computational complexity of TrustSVD indicated its capability of scaling up to large-scale data sets. Comprehensive experimental results on the four real-world data sets showed that our approach TrustSVD outperformed both trust- and ratings-based methods (ten models in total) in predictive accuracy across different testing views and

across users with different trust degrees. We concluded that our approach can better alleviate the data sparsity and cold start problems of recommender systems. As a rating prediction model, TrustSVD works well by incorporating trust influence. However, the literature has shown that models for rating prediction cannot suit the task of top-N item recommendation. For future work, we intend to study how trust can influence the ranking score of an item (both explicitly and implicitly). The ranking order between a rated item and an unrated item (but rated by trust users) may be critical to learn users' ranking patterns

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