

MVA - Discrete Inference and Learning

Lecture 8

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Recommender Systems

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The screenshot shows a Gmail inbox on a desktop browser. The selected email is from Amazon.fr, titled "KIT de 13pcs Jouet de Cuisine..." and received 16:11 (20 minutes ago). The email body features Amazon's Christmas promotions with four product recommendations:

- Kit de 13pcs Jouet de Cuisine Cuisine/Abo Casserole Pot**: A 13-piece kitchen set. Price: EUR 6.03. Description: "Matériel de simulation en plastique, ne rime pas les mains enfants. Un Set cuisine complète en plastique extensible de... [En savoir plus](#)
- Ecoflair 656 Imitations Vaseiller Coloris aléatoire**: A 656-piece imitation glassware set. Price: EUR 9.99. Description: "Ecoflair est une marque du groupe Smoby. Ecoflair est la spécialiste dans le groupe Smoby Majorelle des jouets de grande... [En savoir plus](#)
- Ecoflair - 990 - Jeu d'imitation - Plateau Pâtisserie**: A 990-piece imitation plate set. Price: EUR 6.99. Description: "Un plateau garni de 12 pâtisseries raffinées : chou à la crème, tartlettes, saucis au chocolat et macarons. Livrées sur... [En savoir plus](#)
- Ecoflair - 856 - Jeu d'imitation - Cuisine - Ecouteur Directe**: A 856-piece imitation cutlery set. Price: EUR 7.99. Description: "Description produit: Un écouteur garni avec 4 assiettes, 4 verres, 4 fourchettes et couteaux, 3 casseroles, 1 spatule et 1... [En savoir plus](#)

Motivation

En lien avec des articles que vous avez regardés [voir plus](#)



A découvrir [voir plus](#)



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★★★★☆ 21

"Aspirateur nettoyeur efficace. Super outil. Plus besoin d'aspirer pour nettoyer."

[Commentaires sur la publicité](#)

Livraison gratuite dès 25€ d'achats éligibles* [En savoir plus >](#)



Personalized content

The screenshot shows the Amazon.fr homepage for a user named Yulia. The header includes the Amazon logo, navigation links, and a search bar. The main banner features a child with the text "Bientôt Noël Découvrez toutes nos idées cadeaux". Below the banner, a section titled "En lien avec des articles que vous avez regardés" displays four colorful play mats. Another section titled "A découvrir" shows various children's toys and games, including "Fanta Color" and "Colorino". On the right, there is a sidebar with a "Boutique de Noël" section and a "Livraison gratuite" offer. The footer area includes a "Bonjour, Yulia" greeting and links to "Vos commandes", "Amazon Prime", and "Sélect Chèques cadeaux et Recharge".

Adapt to general popularity pick based on user preferences

A more formal view

- User (requests content)
- Objects (that can be displayed)
- Context (device, location, time)
- Interface (mobile browser, tablet, viewport)



Objective: recommend relevant objects

Challenges

- Scalability
 - Millions of objects
 - 100s of millions of users
- Cold start
 - Changing use base
 - Changing inventory (movies, stories, goods)
- Imbalanced dataset

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User rates movies using zero to five stars

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Goal: replace ? by ratings

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Content-based recommender systems

How to predict ? ?

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$$x^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.99 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \underset{\uparrow}{\theta^{(1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\theta^{(1)})^T x^{(3)} = 5 \times 0.99 = 4.95$$

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$r(i, j) = 1$ if user j has rated movie i (0 otherwise)

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$\theta^{(j)}$ = parameter vector for user j

$x^{(i)}$ = feature vector for movie i

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Optimization objective

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For $k = 0$:

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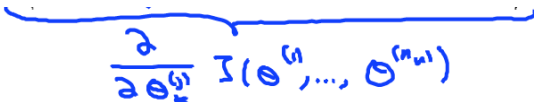
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One can also use more advanced optimization algorithm to optimize this objective function

- Ex: stochastic gradient descent

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Where to get / How to estimate features $x^{(i)}$?

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- In most cases, we want much more than 2 features for each movie

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- Ex: $(\theta^{(1)})^T x^{(1)} \approx 5, \dots \Rightarrow x^{(1)} = [1 \quad 1.0 \quad 0.0]^T$

Optimization algorithm

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Collaborative filtering optimization objective

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Minimizing $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}$ and $\theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$ simultaneously:

$$J(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}) =$$

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Collaborative filtering algorithm

1. Initialize $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)}$ to small random values.
2. Minimize $J(x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n_m)}, \theta^{(1)}, \dots, \theta^{(n_u)})$ using gradient descent (or an advanced optimization algorithm). E.g. for every $j = 1, \dots, n_u, i = 1, \dots, n_m$:

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Users who have not rated any movies

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$$n=2 \quad \underline{\theta^{(5)}} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\underline{\theta^{(5)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(\underline{\theta^{(5)}})^T \underline{x^{(i)}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2} [(\theta_1^{(5)})^2 + (\theta_2^{(5)})^2] \leftarrow$$

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Handwritten annotations: Blue circles around the first row and the last row. Blue arrows pointing to the first column, the last column, and the last row. Blue numbers 2.5, 2.5, 2, and 1.25 are written next to the first, second, third, and last rows respectively.

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 \\ 2.5 \\ 2 \\ 2.25 \\ 1.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\rightarrow Y = \begin{bmatrix} 2.5 & 2.5 & -2.5 & -2.5 & ? \\ 2.5 & ? & ? & -2.5 & ? \\ ? & 2 & -2 & ? & ? \\ -2.25 & -2.25 & 2.75 & 1.75 & ? \\ -1.25 & -1.25 & 3.75 & -1.25 & ? \end{bmatrix}$$

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For user j , on movie i predict:

$$\rightarrow (\theta^{(j)})^T (x^{(i)}) + \mu_i$$

learn $\underline{\theta^{(j)}}$, $\underline{x^{(i)}}$

User 5 (Eve):

$$\underline{\theta^{(5)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$\underbrace{(\theta^{(5)})^T (x^{(i)})}_{\rightarrow 0} + \boxed{\mu_i}$$