

Neighborhood methods

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Interaction matrix

$$[r_{ui}] \quad r = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} 5 \text{ users} \\ 6 \text{ items} \end{array}$$

Interaction vectors as features

Users

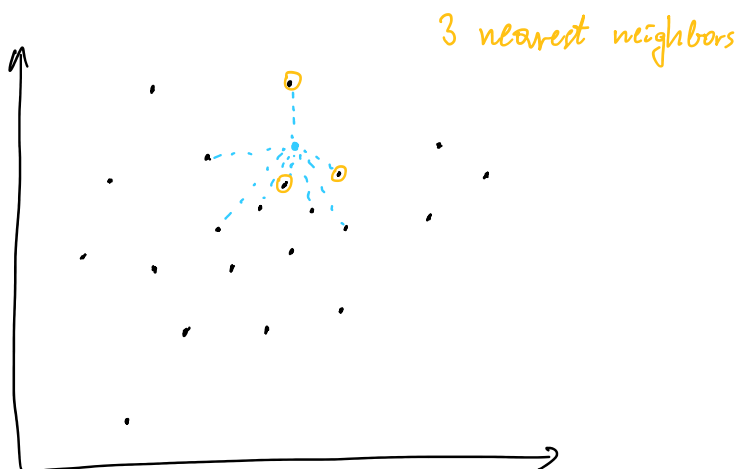
$$r_0 = [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0] \quad r_1 = [0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0]$$
$$r_2 = [1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1] \quad r_3 = [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1]$$
$$r_4 = [0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1]$$

Items

$$i_0 = [1, 0, 1, 0, 0] \quad i_1 = [1, 0, 0, 0, 1]$$
$$i_2 = [0, 1, 0, 1, 1] \quad i_3 = [0, 1, 1, 0, 0]$$
$$i_4 = [1, 0, 1, 0, 1] \quad i_5 = [0, 0, 1, 1, 1]$$

These features can directly be treated as input for an ML algorithm

Neighborhood



User-based neighborhood methods

1. Find k -nearest neighbors to the active user.
2. Identify items those neighbors interacted with.
3. For every such item calculate its score as an average neighbor similarity.
4. Recommend item with the highest score

0. User rating
as an average neighbor similarity.
4. Recommend items with the highest score the active user has not interacted with

Example

neighbor 1: similarity = 0.9 items = { item 1, item 3 }
 neighbor 2: similarity = 0.7 items = { item 2 }
 neighbor 3: similarity = 0.4 items = { item 2, item 3 }

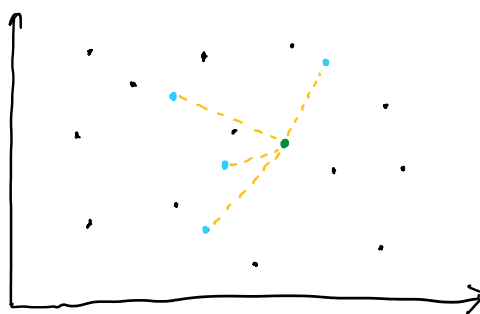
$$\text{item 1 score} = \frac{0.9}{0.9 + 0.7 + 0.4} = 0.45$$

$$\text{item 2 score} = \frac{0.7 + 0.4}{0.9 + 0.7 + 0.4} = 0.55$$

$$\text{item 3 score} = \frac{0.9 + 0.4}{0.9 + 0.7 + 0.4} = 0.65$$

Item-based neighborhood methods

- For every item the active user has not interacted with find its overall similarity (sum of similarities) to items the active user has interacted with.
- Recommend items with the highest score.

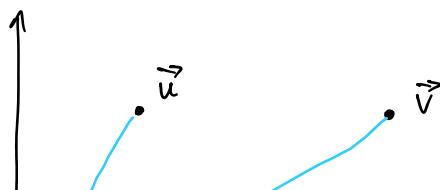


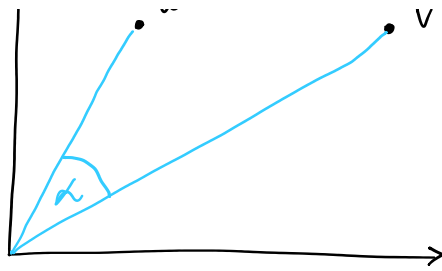
- items already bought
- scored item
- other items
- summed similarities

How to find neighbors?

Similarity measures

Cosine similarity



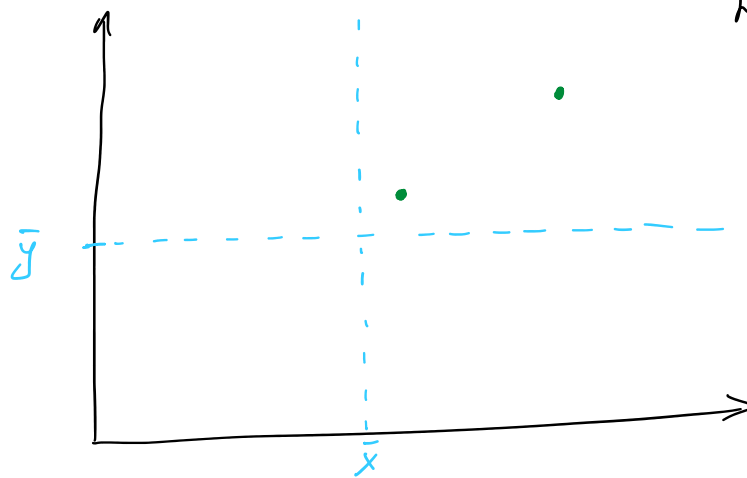


$$\text{Sim}(u, v) = \cos(u, v) = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|}$$

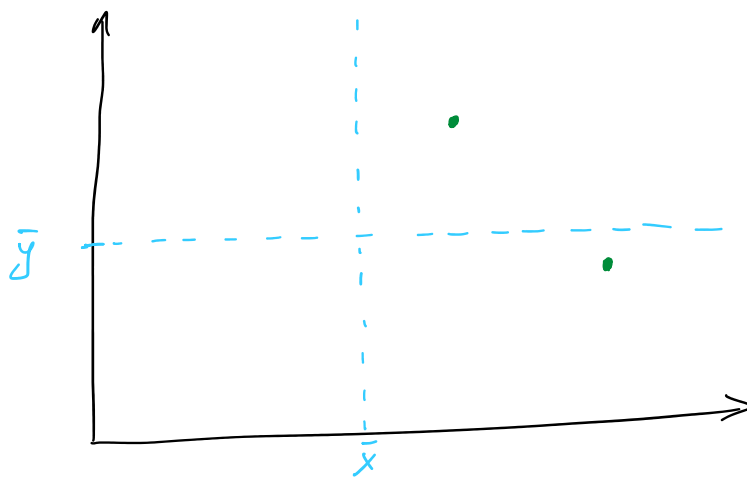
Especially useful for ratings

Pearson similarity (Pearson correlation)

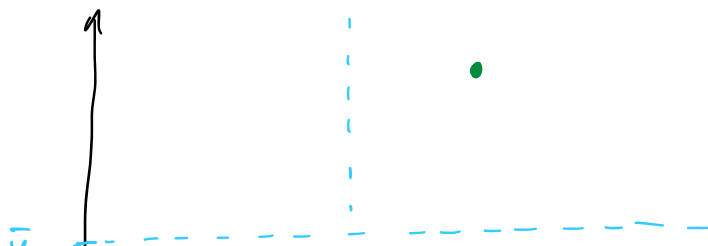
Based on
entire population
of vectors
(x, y)



Highly positively
correlated



No or little
correlation



Negative
correlation

