

A Review of Recommender System Strategies for Enhanced Service Recommendation

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ABSTRACT

Recommendation systems have shown to be a powerful tool for filtering and retrieving data regarding user interactions with service items on the internet in particular. These systems have found widespread use in areas such as research, electronic commerce, tourism, social networking, and a variety of other fields. Recommendation systems aid in the filtering of vast amounts of complicated data by allowing users to rate and anticipate their preferences for items that are likely to interest them. As beneficial as recommendation systems are, several design issues exist while creating recommendation systems, such as cold start, sparsity, privacy, robustness, scalability, prediction accuracy novelty, and recommendation diversification, making them less precise and accurate than necessary. A lot of research efforts applying various recommendation methods have been made in time past. Yet, more is still required to meet the information needs of users. This paper provides an extensive study of recommender systems as well as an elaborate assessment of techniques of recommendation that have appeared already in past research endeavours to foster recommendation accuracy, prediction, and sparsity. Also, the authors discuss the benefits and drawbacks of these recommender systems.

Keywords: Recommender systems, service items, collaborative filtering, hybrid filtering

1. INTRODUCTION

Advances in research and technology have had a significant impact on the users' and researchers' habits alike, allowing for the acquisition of knowledge on research papers and items. Many challenges, however still exist in respect of which research articles or items to choose that meet the needs of the user. E-commerce [1], health [2], social networks [3, 4], industry [5], E-study [6], music [7], Internet of Things (IoT) [8,9], food and nutrition information system [10], and marketing [11] all use recommender systems. They use both traditional and current approaches to create personalisation automation in an e-commerce context. [12] as a method of machine learning [13].

Predominantly, RS is designed to predict and identify users' preferences in certain content, relying on their past experiences. The high-level design of a typical RS is depicted in Figure 1. When a user uses a system by liking, clicking, or rating, they give explicit or implicit input about their preferences. It makes sense, for example, to deduce that when a user rates an article about a portable computer, then they may be interested in reading about a laptop as well. As a result, the core concept of RS is making inferences on user preferences using such data. RS uses a learning engine to model and anticipates the extent to which user will prefer a new item based on previous feedback from the user.

We present a survey of common recommendation techniques utilised in RS, as well as an overview of

standard methodologies including Collaborative Filtering (CF), Content-based RS, Hybrid RS, and Context-aware RS, We also elaborate assessment of past techniques applied to enhance recommendation.

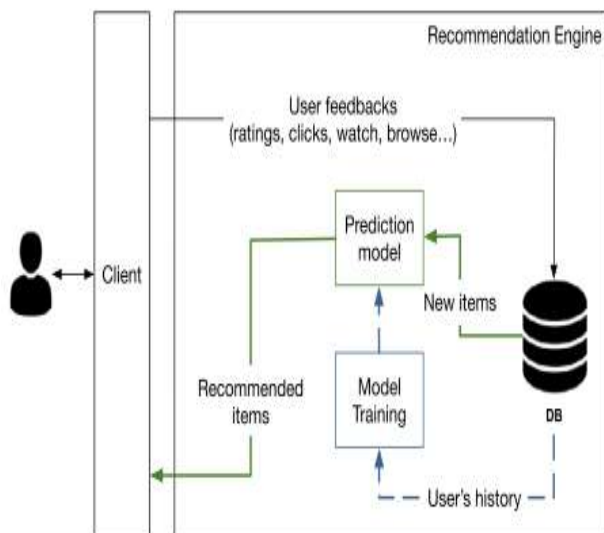


Figure 1: Recommender System architecture [14]

Recommender systems have been fused into popular web portals and commercial systems, some of which are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Commercial systems that employ recommender system

Category	Recommender Systems
Video	Tudou, YouTube Netflix, Youku, Hulu
News	Google News, Digg
Music	Play Last FM
Social Networking Services	Facebook, Twitter, QQ, LinkedIn
Ebusiness	Amazon, eBay, Kikuu

1.2 Recommendation system challenges

Sparsity problem: It's tough to locate similar consumers for a user who has rated items that haven't had much feedback, therefore making relevant recommendations for that user will be challenging. Despite the lack of availability of ratings, the task is to bridge this gap by calculating appropriate predictions.[15]

Cold start problem: When we add a new product and a new user to the system, neither the person nor the item has a profile.

Novelty and diversity of recommendation:we have in the system new products or item to which user will recommend and make our recommendation has more diversity for the user rather than which products he had seen on the system.

Scalability:The RScapacity to function stably when the size of users and items grows.

Prediction accuracy:Predictionaccuracy must be calculated in relation to the system's training data.

Sparsity: Many system users buy a product but do not rate the products they view or buy.

Privacy: We require certain information on user data to recommend items that match their interests. Users must have access to the information they require to recommend which items they prefer and how they should be used. [16]

Gray shape:When an attacker breaches a recommendation system, they try to create a false impression about an item's ratings to increase or decrease its preference level. [16]

Robustness of Recommender Systems: The vulnerability of RS to cyberattacks is well-known and a huge issue in the development of RS. [16]

1.3 Phases of Recommendation Process

1.3.1 Information gathering phase

This phase necessitates gathering relevant data such as user attributes, behaviours, and resource content from users to develop a user profile or model for prediction. A good user profile is required for a recommendation system to perform effectively. To generate a reasonable recommendation straight away, the system needs to know enough about the user. Recommender systems rely on a variety of inputs, including relevant and high-quality explicit remarks, such as user input evaluating their preference in the item or implicit comments inferred indirectly from user behaviour [17]. It's also possible to get hybrid feedback by combining explicit and implicit feedback

1.3.1.1 Explicit feedback

Typically, an RS will alert the user to give a rating to elements to develop and enhance his model via the system interface. The quality and quantity of ratings a user supplies largely determine the recommendation accuracy.

This technique requires enormous user effort. Additionally, users aren't always ready to provide enough data. Explicit feedback is thought to provide more reliable data since it does not work on user preferences from actions. Recommendations from this method are perceived to be transparent, quality and have a high confidence level.[17]. From one application to the next, the kind of response changes based on the researcher and the article or item, but it may be divided into three categories: scalar, binary, and unary. Numerical ratings express the researcher's assessments of the item or article on the internet (e.g., 1-5 stars) or ordinal ratings (e.g., strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree). Additionally, binary responses have just two potential values, which signify distinct levels of appreciation (for example, likes vs. dislikes or interested vs. not interested).

1.3.1.2 Implicit feedback

To forecast user preferences, the system analyses a variety of user actions, including their historical purchases and navigations, time spent on pages on the web, user links, email content, and button pushes, among others. Thanks to implicit feedback, users are spared the effort of identifying user preferences based on their activity in the system. The method is less accurate, but it does not need the user to exert any effort. Implicit preference statements are also said to be more objective. This is so because users reply in a socially desirable manner devoid of biases[17].

1.3.1.3 Hybrid feedback

Both implicit and explicit feedback features can be employed in a hybrid system to overcome their limitations and give the best-performing system. This can be done by leveraging implicit data to corroborate explicit classification or by allowing users to submit explicit input only when they demonstrate a specific interest. [18]

1.3.2 Learning Phase

The learning phase applies a learning algorithm to filter and use user features based on feedback gathered during the collection phase.

1.3.3 Prediction or Recommendation Phase

At this phase, RS recommends or anticipates the type of items the user might prefer. This can be done either directly based on the data set collected in the information collection stage, which can be memory-based or model based or through user activities previously observed. Figure 2 highlights the recommendation phases

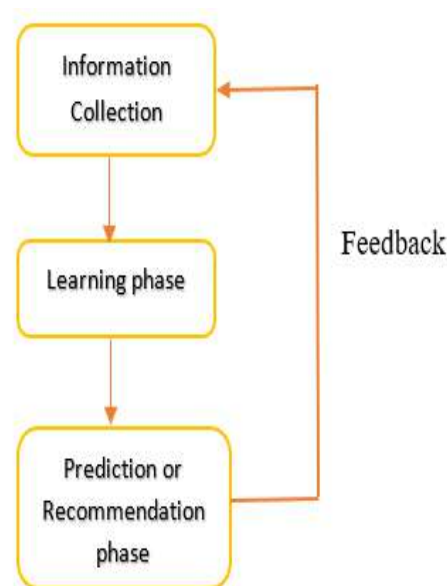


Figure 2: Phases in Recommendation System

2. Overview of Recommender Systems Strategies

According to the information sources employed in their recommendations, [19], the current set of recommendation systems may be classified into the following five groups, as illustrated in Figure 3.

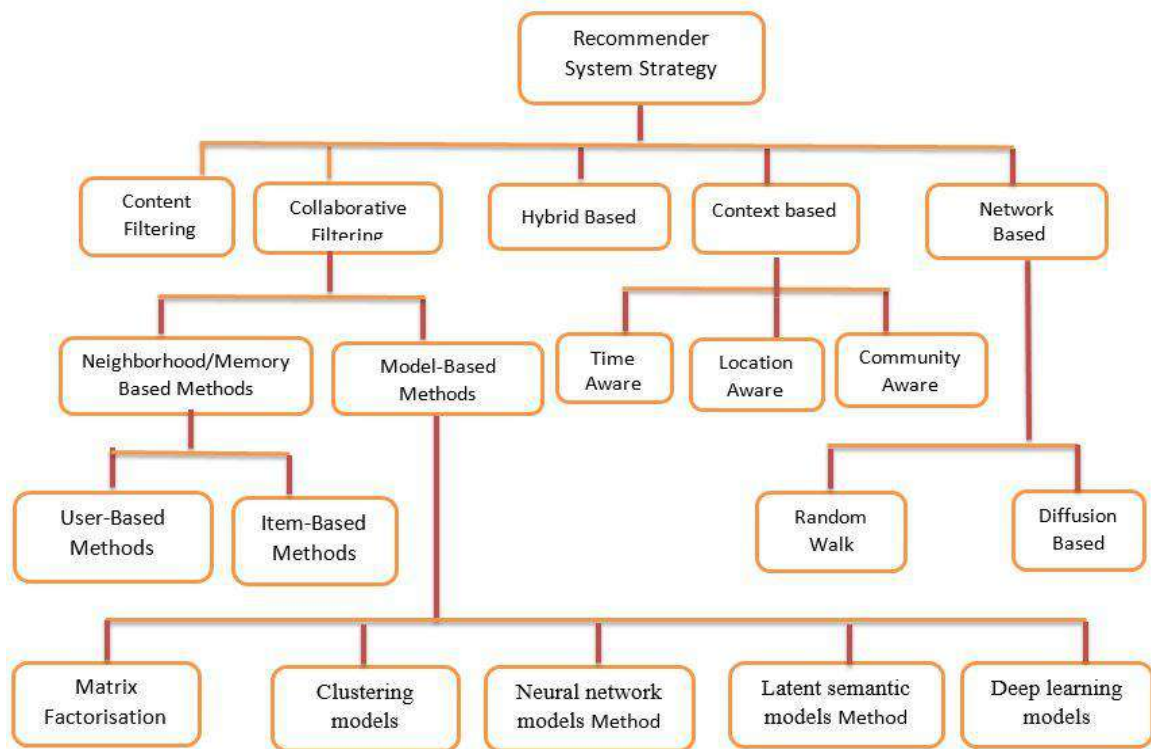


Figure 3: Overview of Recommender Systems Strategies

Data Sparsity (only minor ratios of items are rated), cold-start (difficulty in recommending new articles or new users as a result of insufficient data), diversity (items that are widely known are recommended often), accuracy (suggest important items to the user), and scalability (in an environment with millions of consumers and products, computational power is required to determine recommendations) are just a few of the major challenges [20].

2.1 Collaborative Filtering

Collaborative Filtering (CF) is a popular and widely used recommendation algorithm found in commercial systems like Amazon and Netflix.

The neighbour's actions and behaviours (such as ratings, clicks, watches, or purchasing behaviour) play a vital part in making personal decisions in the CF approach. When you're online, your immediate neighbours share comparable preferences for the present user as indicated in Figure 4. Based on rating data or the behaviour of comparable users, items or articles are recommended for the target user (i.e., nearest neighbours) as shown in Figure 3. Because

persons with similar tastes are likely to evaluate the same item with comparable ratings [21]

The primary concept behind this method is that the target user's closest neighbours' opinions may be used to generate a better recommendation [21] since individuals with similar likes are more likely to rate the same item with equal ratings. [21] [22]

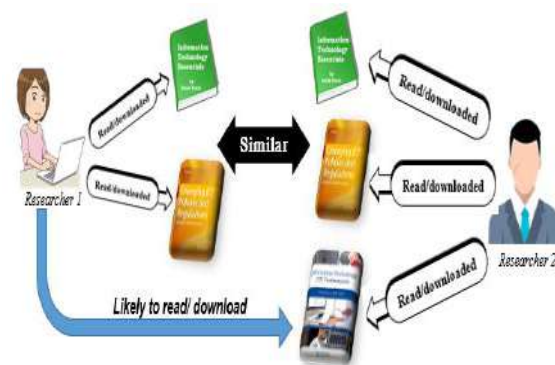


Figure 4: An example of a Collaborative Filtering Based recommendation

The CF-based recommendation has two subcategories; Model-based approaches and

memory-based methods [23] [24]. Model-based approaches rely on machine learning techniques to represent the preferences of users using training data and predict unknown ratings using the trained model. The memory-based methods area neighbourhoodbased method that predicts and recommends an intriguing article by an active researcher by using a neighbour researcher with similar interests to an active researcher or a current article with similar features to an article or active article.

2.1.1 Memory/ Neighbor Based CF Technology

Memory or Neighbor-based CF algorithms give suggestions to the target researcher based on data stored in memory. The two forms of memory-based CF are User-based CF and item-based CF [25] [26]

User-based and item-based CF algorithms are demonstrated in Figures 5a, and 5b, respectively.

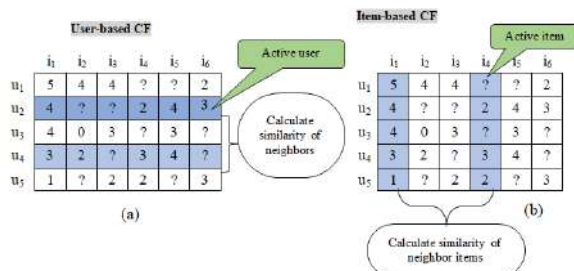


Figure 5a: The logic of User-based CF; Figure 5b: The logic of Item-based CF

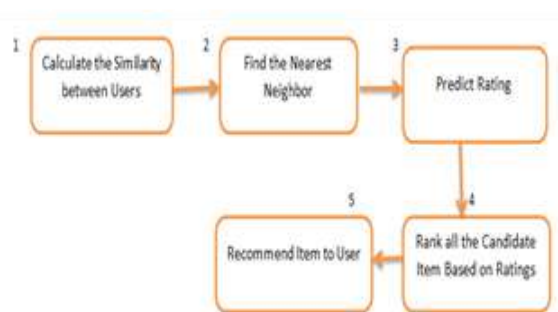


Figure 5c: The logic to recommend item to user.

2.1.1.1 User-Based CF Recommendation Algorithm

The theory behind user-based CF is that users with previous comparable ratings should have similar

interests, allowing us to forecast the active user’s missing ratings on specific items based on the ratings of similar users on the same items [27].

Calculating the Similarity between Users

Calculating the similarity between a researcher and an article has an impact on the accuracy of recommendation in memory-based CF approaches, thus it’s important to do it right. Multiple similarity techniques have been developed for this purpose [28]. Pearson Correlation (PC) and Cosine-based similarity approaches, on the other hand, appear to produce more accurate findings.

The similarity of two users (u, v) using the PC similarity method is defined as:

$$sim(u, v) = \frac{\sum_{x \in I_{u,v}} (r_{u,x} - \bar{r}_u) \cdot (r_{v,x} - \bar{r}_v)}{\sqrt{\sum_{x \in I_{u,v}} (r_{u,x} - \bar{r}_u)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{x \in I_{u,v}} (r_{v,x} - \bar{r}_v)^2}} \quad \#(1)$$

Where $I_{u,v}$, the set of articles is rated by both researcher u and researcher v , \bar{r}_u and \bar{r}_v are the mean ratings of researchers’ u and v respectively.

Also, the similarity of two articles/items (x, y) using the PC similarity method is defined as:

$$sim(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{u \in U_{x,y}} (r_{u,x} - \bar{r}_x) \cdot (r_{u,y} - \bar{r}_y)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_{x,y}} (r_{u,x} - \bar{r}_x)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_{x,y}} (r_{u,y} - \bar{r}_y)^2}} \quad (2)$$

Where $U_{x,y}$ is the set of similar articles that the researcher u rates, \bar{r}_x and \bar{r}_y are the mean rating scores of an article x and y respectively.

Equation 3 computes the similarity between researcher (or users) using the cosine-based method.

$$sim(u, v) = \cos(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{\|\vec{u}\| \cdot \|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{\sum_{x \in I_{u,v}} r_{u,x} \cdot r_{v,x}}{\sqrt{\sum_{x \in I_u} r_{u,x}^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{x \in I_v} r_{v,x}^2}} \quad (3)$$

Where I_u and I_v are set of similar articles rated by researcher u and v respectively. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sim}(x, y) &= \cos(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{\|\vec{x}\| \cdot \|\vec{y}\|} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{u \in U_x, y} r_{x,u} \cdot r_{y,u}}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_x} r_{x,u}^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_y} r_{y,u}^2}} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Where U_x and U_y are set of similar researchers that rates articles x and y respectively.

Equation (5) for researcher-based similarities and Equation (6) for article-based similarities can be used to predict the ratings that the present researcher u would give a target article x given by $P(u, x)$ after computing the similarities and various weights.

$$P(u, x) = \bar{r}_u + \frac{\sum_{v \in U} \text{sim}(u, v) \cdot (r_{v,x} - \bar{r}_v)}{\sum_{v \in U} \text{sim}(u, v)} \quad \#(5)$$

$$P(u, x) = \bar{r}_x + \frac{\sum_{y \in I} \text{sim}(x, y) \cdot (r_{u,y} - \bar{r}_y)}{\sum_{y \in I} \text{sim}(x, y)} \quad \#(6)$$

Memory-based CF has the following advantages: cheaper training costs, ease of deployment, and ease of adding new researcher ratings. When the data gets larger, however, the memory-based technique has a higher computational cost.

Finding the Nearest Neighbors

Finding nearest neighbours is commonly done using one of two methods: k-nearest neighbours or establishing a threshold [29]. The term “nearest neighbours” refers to the users who are closest to you (i.e., greater similarity). If we wish to choose the three best neighbours for Point 1, as illustrated in Figure 6, we set and then choose the top closest points as neighbours:

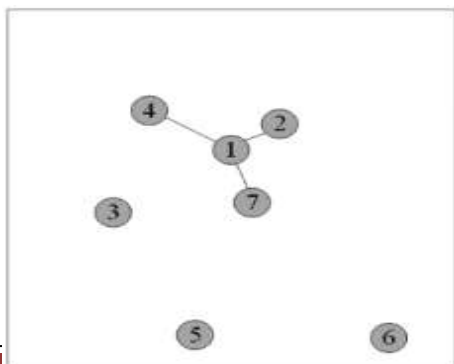


Figure 6: K Nearest Neighbors method.

Given that δ is the threshold value, then if the similarity between user u and user v is more than δ , then user v will be picked as a neighbour. The threshold is the centre of a circle whose radius is the radius of the nearest neighbour. We set the threshold equal to k in Figure 7, therefore points 2, 4, 7, and 3 will be picked [30].

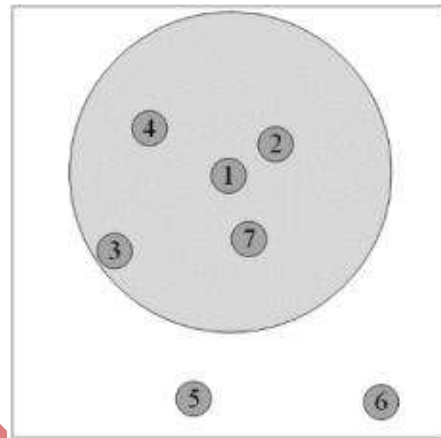


Figure 7: Setting Threshold Neighbor Chosen method.

How to Predict Ratings

Predicting ratings and generating a top-N list of recommendations are the two basic techniques to generate recommendations for the active user. Both must anticipate active user ratings for a new item i based on ratings on item i from users who are the most similar to u . [31] This is how you determine the predicted rating.

$$\hat{r}_{ui} = \bar{r}_u + \frac{\sum_{v \in Nu} \text{sim}_{uv} (r_{vi} - \bar{r}_v)}{\sum_{v \in Nu} |\text{sim}_{uv}|} \quad \#(7)$$

Where Nu is the similar neighbour set of the user u .

2.1.1.2 Item-Based CF Recommendation Algorithm

In the item-based collaborative filtering method [27], the premise is that users like to buy products that are comparable or relevant to the items they have already purchased. Therefore the user's rating

of items in the nearest neighbour is used to deduce the prediction rating.

Calculate the Similarity between Items.

Between items, the conservative approaches are modified cosine vector and Pearson correlation coefficient.

The Adjusted Cosine Vector

The adjusted cosine vector is computed using Equation 8.

$$sim_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{u \in U_{ij}} (r_{ui} - \bar{r}_u)(r_{uj} - \bar{r}_u)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_i} (r_{ui} - \bar{r}_u)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_j} (r_{uj} - \bar{r}_u)^2}} \quad \#(8)$$

Where Sim_{ij} denotes the similarity between items i and j . U_i and U_j represent the sets of users who rated items i and j , respectively, and U_{ij} denotes the set of users who rated both items i and j .

Pearson Correlation Coefficient

Equation 9 calculates the Pearson correlation coefficient [32].

$$sim_{ij} = \frac{\sum_{u \in U_{ij}} (r_{ui} - \bar{r}_u)(r_{uj} - \bar{r}_u)}{\sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_i} (r_{ui} - \bar{r}_u)^2} \sqrt{\sum_{u \in U_j} (r_{uj} - \bar{r}_u)^2}} \quad \#(9)$$

Where \bar{r}_i and \bar{r}_j represent the average ratings on i and j in U_{ij} respectively.

2.1.2 Model-Based CF Recommendation Technology

Because the CF memory approach has trouble addressing sparse data, researchers have resorted to various CF models to tackle these issues. Statistical and machine learning models are employed in the model-based CF method to learn the rating data and other hidden aspects, and then create recommendations based on the learned data. With the addition of data, the recommendation system should smoothly scale. All previously examined papers were regarded to have an estimated similarity between researchers/articles using standard neighbor-based CF approaches, which are time-consuming and fail to achieve adequate scalability [33].

Following that, approaches based on clustering and classification are introduced to RS to design and develop various model-based recommendation algorithms, such as clusters, to minimise computational complexity and enhance recommendation efficiency without sacrificing suggestion accuracy [34][35]. Singular value decomposition- (SVD-) based models [36][33] and probabilistic matrix factorization- (PMF-) based models [37]. The model-based strategy involves first training the model using training data to detect patterns and then making predictions based on the real data[38][39].

Model-based RS was established later to eliminate the primary drawbacks of memory-based CF technology, which requires a preparatory learning process to determine the optimal model parameters before giving a suggestion. Model-based RS can predict user evaluation rapidly when the learning phase is completed. The most competitive and widely used model-based RS is the latent factor model (LFM), which separates the evaluation matrix of the user element into two low-order matrices termed the user feature and item matrices. It can leverage dimensionality reduction techniques to reduce data sparsity and, in most situations, provide better accurate recommendations than memory-based CF while requiring less memory and processing time.

2.1.2.1 Association rule

The association rule emphasises the rule's foundation in user-item data sets, which are utilised to provide suggestions to users. It extracts the rules that forecast item occurrence using other items present in the transaction. [17].

2.1.2.2 Clustering

A cluster is a collection of similar data items belonging to the same group, while those that are dissimilar from one another belong to a separate cluster[17].

2.1.2.3 Decision tree

This approach is based on the analysis of a collection of training instances, which results in three graphs. They're then utilised to categorise samples that haven't been seen yet. This categorisation approach is easier to understand than others. [17].

2.1.2.4 Regression

The regression approach will be employed when two or more variables are deemed to be systematically associated linearly. It's a strong method for investigating the associative link between dependent and independent variables. [17].

2.1.2.5 Bayesian classifier

This method is based on Bayes' theory and the notion of conditional probability. Every characteristic and class identification is treated as a random variable. The naïve bays classifier is the most frequent Bayesian classifier. [17].

2.1.2.5 Matrix Factorisation

Matrix factorisation is one of the most often used algorithms in RS. One of the most popular variants is singular value decomposition (SVD). [24]. The latent factor model (LFM), nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF), and trust-aware matrix factorization (TMF), [24][40] [41], nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF) [27], and trust-aware matrix factorization (TMF), [42], are all techniques for reducing dimensionality while preserving information content. These techniques help to reduce the computational complexity and hardware requirements for providing recommendations. [36] [40] [36] [40] [36] [40] [In comparison to matrix factorisation models and neighborhood-based strategies, the former is seen to be a better option for dealing with the sparsity problem. The recommendation procedure of RS based on MF and an illustration of the Matrix Factorisation model are depicted in Figures 8 and 9, respectively.

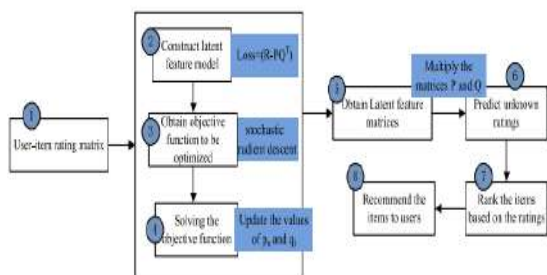


Figure 8: The recommendation procedure of RS based on MF.

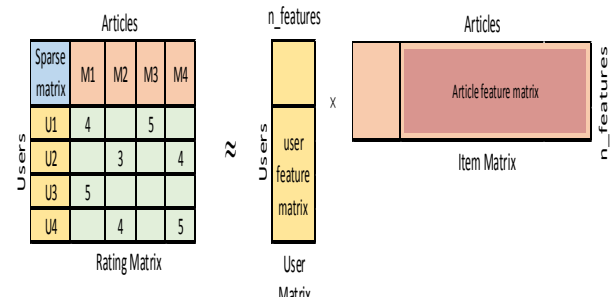


Figure 9: An example of a Matrix Factorisation model

The sparsity problem is easily handled by the matrix factorisation model, which frequently outperforms neighborhood-based techniques. The MF technique uses a lot of implicit feedback or characteristics gained from analysing the behaviour of the target researcher to identify researcher preference. The authors, study field, region, and other qualities of a publication might be implicit features. If the researcher's hidden feature matrix is U and the article's hidden feature matrix is M the inner product of U and the transpose of M would yield a suitable representation of the rating matrix projected scores, as shown in equation 10.

$$\hat{R}_{u,m} = U_u \cdot M_m^T \quad (10)$$

To improve prediction accuracy, the MF technique uses an objective function to discover the best hidden features, as stated in Equation 11

$$U^*, M^* = \underset{U, M}{\text{min}} \left(\sum_{(u,m) \in R(\text{obs})} (R_{u,m} - M_m^T \cdot U_u)^2 + \mu (\|M_m\|^2 + \|U_u\|^2) \right) \quad (11)$$

where U_u and M_m are the hidden features of researcher u and an article m , $R_{u,m}$ is the observed rating of researcher u on article m , $\|\cdot\|$ is the matrix's norm, and μ is a regularisation value that prevents the decomposed matrix from overfitting to the original matrix R . To discover the hidden features and minimise the objective function, algorithms like Gradient Descent (GD), Stochastic gradient descent (SGD), or Weighted Alternating Least Squares (WALS) are utilised. Model-based CF algorithms offer a better recommendation, are quicker, and operate well online. However, when

fresh information about new users and products is supplied, these models must be updated regularly.

2.2 Content Based Strategies

Content-Based (CB) techniques, also known as cognitive filtering techniques, recommend articles or items to a target user or researcher based on descriptions of the article(s) or item(s) and past users' or researchers' preferences. A content-based recommender system is depicted in Figure 10.



Figure 10: Content-based recommendation

The content-based (or cognitive) approach's main premise is to find the common features of an article or item that has earned a favourable rating from a researcher and then to propose to you additional articles or items that contain similar characteristics. [55], [56], [57]. The method detects common aspects of an article or item that has received good feedback from the researcher and then suggests a new piece that has those traits. In content-based RS, a recommendation is made using rich information about each article's nature in the form of feature vector characteristics. The Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TFIDF) [56] weights of the most informative keywords for articles in the form of text documents, such as news items [57] or Web documents, are usually included in this vector. [56]. Furthermore, the contents of the article are frequently used to create a preference profile vector for each researcher. The Rocchio algorithm [58] is a method for calculating these profiles that are utilised in numerous content-based recommender systems, including Newsreader [57], [55]. When a researcher reviews an item, this approach updates the researcher's profile by adding the weights of X_i to X_u , in proportion to the appreciation u for i , as indicated in Equation (5).

$$X_u = \sum_{i \in I_u} r_{ui} X_i \#(15)$$

The researcher profiles may then be used to offer a new article to a researcher u by recommending the article with the most comparable feature vector X_i to the profile vector X_u

The key benefit of CB approaches is that they solely use the target user's ratings or profile information, allowing them to generate accurate recommendations from other users, even when the target user's ratings are appropriate. However, the fundamental issue of CB approaches is that they are unable to provide excellent suggestions for items that have the needed item attributes for classification.

2.3 Context Aware (CA) Recommendation System Method

There are many recommendation systems based on the CB and CF approaches, and they mostly rely on users and items to generate relevant predictions without taking into account additional information that can increase the recommendation's quality and customisation [60]. However, additional information about the target user's or object's circumstance (also known as the target user's or object's context) is critical in enhancing recommendation accuracy. [60] suggested the Context-Aware (CA) recommendation algorithms as a first step in this direction. Unlike the CF and CB approaches, which employ a two-dimensional (user x item) model to create recommendations, CA methods use a multidimensional model (for example, user x item x location) as their recommendation space. CA recommendation systems offer recommendations based on the user's location, the time of the recommendation, the reason for the recommendation, social ties, and so on. To create suggestions, these systems employ three primary processes. The first is the pre-filtering step, in which a group of relevant items is chosen based on contextual data. The relevant items are then ordered according to their expected ratings in the second phase, often known as the classic recommendation step. Finally, the output of the second phase is filtered and re-ranked in the post-filtering stage. Community-aware, Location-aware, and Time-aware recommendation

techniques are the three basic types of CA approaches.

2.3.1 Time-aware (TA) recommendation methods

Time is used as the major contextual element in TA techniques to make recommendations. This type of recommendation work on the assumption that over time, user preferences change and that taste evolves with the introduction of new goods

2.3.2 Community-aware (CA) recommendation methods

CA recommendation approaches rely on social ties to improve recommendations, based on the premise that users' choices are influenced more by their companions than by those with whom they have no contact. These systems provide item recommendations based on both content and user social behaviour.

2.3.3 Location-aware (LA) recommendation methods

These forms of recommendations have been made popular through place recommendations by the tourism industry [61]. When recommending services to a target user, users' location ratings are used to include areas closest to the user and avoid ones farther away. This is done to increase the system's scalability while retaining its quality [62].

2.6 Hybrid Recommendation Strategy

Each of the recommendation systems has shortcomings recommending performance, such as the Collaborative Filtering algorithm's cold start issue and the paucity of a diverse set of resources. In a content-based recommendation [63], it is suggested that to improve the performance of the recommendations, the researchers began merging many algorithms. To get their cumulative benefits, several researchers apply a hybrid strategy to overcome pure user cold-start, sparsity of data, and diversity-accuracy challenges in recommendation systems [64]. When compared to using either a collaborative or content strategy, this leads to higher predictive performance but is very expensive. A hybrid-based recommender system is depicted in Figure 11.

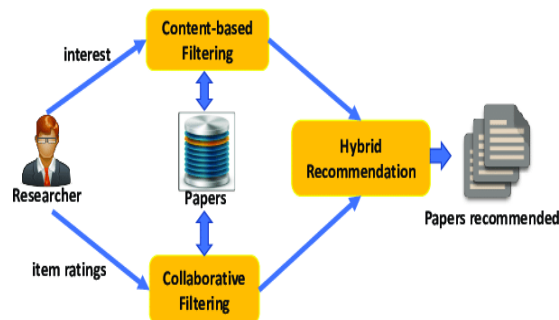


Figure 11: An example of a Hybrid recommendation

3. REVIEWING OF RELATED WORKS

Several attempts have already been made to address the numerous design difficulties that occur while developing systems to make recommendations. Lika et al. [43] employed well-known classification methods, which, when paired with similarity approaches and prediction mechanisms, provided the essential means for extracting recommendations. It combines classification methods in a pure CF system, and the addition of demographic data aids in identifying additional users who behave in the same way. Through a series of tests, we demonstrate the performance of the suggested system. Dataset was given by the research group GroupLens. The benefit of the solution is that it produces good numerical results in a variety of settings. However, the system functions better with a big number of users who have previously registered. In such instances, the algorithm achieves lower MAE values, boosting the prediction accuracy of ratings.

Cao, et al [44] use a cooperative filter recommendation approach based on the matrix factorisation model to incorporate the similarity between the object image and the category attributes. First, the authors used a matrix factorisation model based on user preferences to predict and fill in the missing evaluation items. The article's image features and category attributes were extracted using the neural network VGG16, which were then integrated to determine the similarity between the new article and the historical elements, and the article's neighbours were obtained. They then recommend that the user pick the N subjects with the greatest score based on the predicted new subject's score, which is based on the similarity between the new topic and its

neighbours. By combining collaborative filtering with a matrix factorisation model, image blending helps alleviate the cold start of new elements. However, the approach fails to successfully solve the cold start problem of new articles and provides useful recommendations for systems with a large number of words and images.

Garcia et al. [45] offer an ad-recommender system based on social semantics and provide a system design with four primary components: Interest Ontology: for utilising a natural language processing (NLP) tool to analyse textual descriptions of advertisements and highlighting characteristics that match the texts. Each ad is represented as a vector, with each dimension corresponding to a different domain ontology ontological concept, and the value of each dimension being determined by the number of appearances of the concept in the ad's description language. The Interest Ontology is used by the User Profile Generator, which generates a vector for each user with as many dimensions as the number of concepts in the domain ontology. Finally, the Ad Recommender collects advertisements in the form of textual descriptions and a set of interconnected users as the input of the system interacting on social media, while the output is the most suitable user-ad recommendation. Precision is used to determine predicted accuracy to, recall, and measure metrics in this study. Precision, often known as a Positive Predictive Value (PPV), is the percentage of recommended things that are actually relevant to consumers. It is calculated using Equation (12)

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{Correctly recommended ads}}{\text{Total relevant ads}} = \frac{tp}{tp + fp} \quad \#(12)$$

where tp represents the ads correctly recommended to a given user and $tp + fp$ comprises all the ads recommended to that user.

Recall is defined as True Positive Rate (TPR) or Sensitivity and it measures the capacity of the system to suggest elements that are relevant to the user and calculated in Equation (13)

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{Correctly recommended ads}}{\text{Total recommended ads}} = \frac{tp}{tp + fn} \quad \#(13)$$

where $tp + fn$ are the ads that are of interest to a given user.

F -measure is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, computed as shown in Equation (14).

$$F - \text{measure} = 2 * \frac{\text{Precision} * \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \quad \#(14)$$

It was discovered that ad recommender systems can obtain user information and their requirements by looking at their social behaviour. However, a large and diverse number of data presents additional challenges. Semantic technology has shown to be useful in comparable scenarios under these settings, aiding in the handling of data from several sources.

Sivapalan et al. [46] catalogues the difficulties of CF methods, including sparsity, scalability, and synonymy. The work further indicates the use of RS for the high level of customisation. The CF method makes recommendations by comparing the active user to the current applicator's attributes and preferences, as well as applying user ratings, reviews, and data from the whole applicator. Furthermore, the CF technique incorporates several similarity metrics, such as cosine matrix, personal data, and Jaccard similarity. Due to a paucity of data, he determined that sales on major e-commerce sites were diminishing. As a result, he advised Recommender System developers to abandon the use of neighborhood algorithms in the implementation of Recommender Systems for large websites. Because it has poorer recommendation accuracy and decreases metric coverage. This technique is frequently used, however, it has limitations such as limited scalability, data sparsity, and the synonymy problem.

A new measure for sparse data is suggested in Patra et al. [47] in a paper titled "A new similarity measure using Bhattacharyya coefficient for collaborative filtering in sparse data."

Wu et al., [48] provide personalised recommendations and examine a mobile e-commerce CF-based recommender system. The study's three key approaches are the input function module, recommendation method module, and output functions module. As a result, they created the CF technique based on Item Classification Forecast to estimate customer ratings for unclassified products by assessing item similarity and then selecting the nearest neighbors using a novel procedural similarity measurement. They

also looked at the CF based on item rating prediction to overcome the problem of user data sparsity in mobile electronics commerce. Finally, they raised certain concerns that must be addressed to maintain progress and integrity in future investigations. in upcoming investigations

Lin and Wenzhe[49]used a web mining approach to create and execute a custom-created e-commerce recommendation system. Because data on the web is so complex, using data mining or other methods to offer it as input for e-commerce recommender systems can be difficult. To make the proper recommendations, the system examined the core features of each e-commerce project, such as managing users, commodities, and orders. Nonetheless, the proposed method's performance is dependent on computer resources such as CPU power. As a result, further research into the applicability of the RS implementation approach will require performance optimisation and development.

A CF-based recommendation approach incorporating Big Data in proposed by Sun et al. [50]. The approach works on MapReduce and employs the appropriate distributed computing approach. They employ cosine similarity and Pearson correlation in the article CF algorithm. This finding is significant since people do not assess commodities in physical stores. As a result, the article's authors investigated how RS may be utilised for marketing purposes, such as selecting suitable store product combinations and providing product advertisements. It was discovered the system can manage large-scale data amounts, achieve greater scalability, and give a new source of market support for accuracy, in addition to its efficiency for retail products and businesses. Due to the necessity to apply big data technology, this technique is costly and computationally complex.

Using data samples from e-commerce case studies, Aditya et al. [51] examine the performance of memory-based and model-based CF techniques. They used linear and user-based tests to evaluate each method and found that model-based RS outperforms memory-based RS in terms of accuracy, computation time, and relevancy of recommendations. In the recommended goods, they found that the model-based CF outperformed the memory-based CF in terms of computation speed. Other aspects of RS performance, such as diversity,

serendipity, coverage, and newness, were not considered in the research.

Hwangbo et al. [52]extended the existing CF approaches to propose mechanisms to advise fashion accessories to customers to integrate the attributes of fashion goods in their recommendation system development for fashion retail e-commerce. Their methodology looked at both offline and online means of acquiring such products. They conclude that the product that a consumer intendsto buy replaces the product that the user has already chosen.

They put it in a genuine retail mall to demonstrate the system's efficiency. The approach proposed beats the collaborative filtering system inthe metric of efficiency.

Jiang et al.[53]created a slope one method based on a mix of user attributes and meaningful. Their technique involves three steps: collecting trustworthy data, calculating user similarity, and using the high slope one algorithm's similarity and weight component. They also used the Amazon dataset to demonstrate that the new technique is more accurate than the traditional slope one methodology.

Gaikwad et al. [54]introduced a model-based CF recommendation system based on the eventual model utilising the created Naive Bayes algorithm in their paper E-commerce Recommendation System Using Improved Probabilistic Model. The Naive Bayes algorithm model was used to calculate query time, search query, and click time. They concluded that their method is more accurate than a simple Naive Bayes model. They discovered that their method was more precise than a simple Naive Bayes model.

Debnath et al. developed feature weighting (FW) for CB recommendation systems to alleviate this restriction. The item's characteristics are assigned a distinct amount of priority in their approach [59], however with repeated computation of similarity values when the attributes are few, the target user gets biased results. Over-specialization is the term for this issue.

Son and Kim [90] Studies suggest a content-based filtering algorithm based on a multiattribute network analysis that takes into account similarities between items that are not physically related. After

testing with “MovieLens,” the recommended approach solves data sparsity and over specialisation issues and displays resilience. Furthermore, the suggested solution is unaffected by the cold start problem since it only uses rating data derived from the user’s previous knowledge.

Mohammed, et al. [16] address the issue of cold start during recommendations by calculating the average of rated songs using root mean square error. Their trials were conducted on the world’s largest online music data sets, which included implicit and explicit user interaction records as well as explicit rating records for things specified by hybrid feedback. Using the cosine vector approach, the authors devised an association rule to track each purchase made for each transaction and compute similarities to produce a recommendation. When data is sparse, precision, recall, and F-metrics evaluations are used to promote novel things to users. The experimental results show that the method is better than collaborative filtering strategies in performance and accuracy metrics. However, the recommendation system was unable to cope with massive data rated objects and users, as well as varied dataset types like movies.

Yadav, et al. [65] developed a hybrid recommendation system to solve the new user cold start. The concept integrated collaborative and social network-based elements with an augmented user profile derived from connected open data. Item similarity is also calculated to aid in the prediction of ratings for products that have yet to be rated. To cope with accuracy and calculation time difficulties in recommendation systems, the researchers employed ontology and collaborative features. The authors’ research, on the other hand, did not examine the impact of user preferences on novelty, diversity, or other measures.

In the e-commerce method, Miao [66] introduced excellent mobile recommender systems. To improve suggestion accuracy, the method integrates Content Based Filtering and Collaborative Filtering technologies. In addition, three modules of weighted combination filtering Recommender Systems have been introduced: an input function module that captures and builds user profiles using required data, a core function module that generates recommendations, and an output function module that delivers the content to users.

In the meanwhile, the most recent module integrates the findings of two subdivisions: recommendations and predictions. The researcher’s work, on the other hand, improves suggestion quality at a large operational expense.

Aprilianti, et al. [67] in Indonesia, designed and deployed. A weighted parallel hybrid technique combining CF and CBF methodologies for e-commerce recommender systems was Furthermore, the suggested approach may solve the shortcomings of these two techniques, such as CBF’s lack of variety of items to provide customers and CF’s cold-start issue [68], [69]. The approach, on the other hand, has a long reaction time and a high operating cost.

Qiu et al. [70] looked at the complicated e-commerce architecture that can collect a range of data types and use a variety of recommendation algorithms to meet the demands of various recommendation service types. To improve recommendation accuracy and comprehensiveness, they developed a multi-mode recommender system for e-commerce. This technique, on the other hand, gathers a wide variety of user data, combines numerous recommendation approaches that can learn from one another, and then completely blends all of the results into a single conclusion in order to provide asset recommendations to consumers. The system that has been offered is as follows: Solving the problem of data sparsity and cold start provides high accuracy and quick response times, but at a greater operational cost.

To improve the efficacy of RS, Saini et al. [71] suggested a technique to recognise the sequences that occur after clients purchase things. The study proposes the use of sequence pattern mining since the purchase of particular items commonly occurs in stages. However, the technique’s flaw is that the author only analyses the customer profile and product description, ignoring customers who have not made any transactions. This method increases suggestion efficiency while also providing a quick response time. Users who had made no purchases, on the other hand, were not taken into account. Table 2 provides a comparison of recommendation system strategies, emphasising performance achievements as well as some noted flaws in the approaches used.

Table 2: Comparison of selected articles on CF, CBF, and Hybrid recommender systems strategies

cited as limiting the potential of broad adoption of recommender systems. Various techniques have appeared to address these challenges and enhance the quality of recommendation and user

Author	Method	Achievements	Shortfalls
Yadav, et al. [65]	Ontology Collaborative features	Improve accuracy Reduces computational time	Impact of user features on novelty, diversity and other metrics not considered
Mohammed, et al. [16]	Association rule	better performance Accuracy in prediction	Could not work well with big data items
Gaikwad et al. [54]	Improved Probabilistic Model Naive Bayes algorithm	More precision	Higher computation time
Saini et al. [71]	Sequence pattern mining	Low response time	Users without any purchase were not considered
Aprilianti, et al. [67]	A weighted parallel hybrid method CF and CBF	Minimises cold start problem Increase diversity	Response time is high Operational cost is high
Aditya et al. [51]	Memory Based CF Model Based CF	Improves accuracy	Low accuracy Higher computational time
Lin and Wenzheng [49]	Web Mining	Low response time	Operational cost is high
Miao [66]	Weighted combination filtering	Recommendation quality	Operational cost is high
Sun et al. [50]	Big data	High scalability	Does not consider security issues
Sivapalan et al. [46]	Association rule Collaborative Filtering	Widely used Decreasing dimensionality	Low scalability Data sparsity
Qiu et al [70]	Multi-mode Recommender System	Resolves the data sparsity and cold start problems	Higher operational cost Low response time
Wu et al. in [48]	Improved CF for mobile e-business	Recommendation quality enhanced	Difficulty in acquiring data

4. CONCLUSION

Recommender systems are a hot topic in science right now. These systems recommend items to users based on what they prefer and on their previous ratings of items. Cold start, scalability, privacy, grey sheep, shilling attack, novelty, and sparsity are only a few of the issues that have been

experiences when interacting with service items like research articles. This paper also looked at the common recommendation mechanisms used in recommender systems. An assessment of the strength and limitations of these techniques is done also in this detailed review. Based on these assessments we seek future to design an algorithm that will enhance service recommendation and selection in decentralise environment

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