A Survey of Web personalized Recommender System

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ABSTRACT
Today's business scenarios have been changed with the advent of E-commerce. More & more people have taken to the internet for doing B2B transaction. Further many web have exhibited a variety of navigational interests by clicking through variety of sequences of web pages. Now during their navigation web users are leaving the record of their web activities. So this record can be a useful source of information for tracking the user's behaviour / preference for a product. Now with the development of Recommender systems, the e-commerce websites are able to use that records are gauge the customer's preference & are able to suggest a product to the user which the customer will find valuable among the available list of products.
In this paper we are proposing a hybrid recommender system. The proposed system works in two phases. In the first phase, user opinions are collected in the form of user-item rating matrix & are clustered offline & then stored in a database for future recommendation. In the second phase the recommendations are generated online for the active user by choosing the clusters with good quality ratings.

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Recommender system, Theory

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1.INTRODUCTION
The explosive growth and variety of information available on the Web and the rapid introduction of new e-business services (buying products, product comparison, auction, etc.) frequently overwhelmed users, leading them to make poor decisions. The availability of choices, instead of producing a benefit, started to decrease
users' well-being. It was understood that while choice is good, more choice is not always better. Indeed, choice, with its implications of freedom, autonomy, and self-determination can become excessive; creating a sense that freedom may come to be regarded as a kind of misery-inducing tyranny.
Recommender System has proved in recent years to be a valuable means for coping with the information overload problem. Ultimately a Recommender System addresses this phenomenon by pointing a user towards new, not-yet-experienced items that may be relevant to the users
current task. Upon a user's request, which can be articulated, depending on the recommendation?
Approach, by the user's context and need, Recommender System generate recommendations using various types of knowledge and data about users, the available items,
and previous transactions stored in customized databases. The user can then browse the recommendations. She may accept them or not and may provide, immediately
or at a next stage, an implicit or explicit feedback. All these user actions and feedbacks can be stored in the recommender database and may be used for generating new recommendations in the next user-system interactions. user personalized system in place which will provide recommendations for products and services, targeted banner advertising, and individualized link selection. The economic potential led some of the biggest e-commerce web, for example web merchant Amazon.com and the online movie rental company Netflix, and make the recommender system a salient part of their websites. High quality personalized recommendations add another dimension to user experience. The web personalized recommendation systems are recently applied to provide different types of customized information for their users.
The recent computing technology uses the system that is non-contact, non-restrictive, and sufficiently accurate for the user's range of tasks, easy to set up and simple to use. The main purpose of this paper is to perform real-time tracking and analysis using non-intrusive eye-gaze tracking system based on the images taken by conventional video cameras.

2.USER INPUTS TO RECOMMENDER SYSTEM
Each of the previous four recommendation technologies requires some form of input upon which to base the recommendations. Typically this input is provided by the customer(s). However, it is possible that the input may also be provided by the business as well. The systems in our examples utilize one or more of the following inputs.
Purchase data: Which products a customer has purchased.
Systems such as Amazon.com's Customers who Bought and My CDNOW make recommendations based entirely patterns of "copurchase" between multiple customers. In principle, this may be augmented with how many of each product the customer has purchased.
Likert: What a customer says he thinks of a product, typically on a 1-5 or 1-7 scale. The scale may be numeric or textual, but must be totally ordered. Systems such as eBay's Feedback Profile and Levi's Style Finder utilize Likert inputs.
Text: Written comments intended for other customers to read. Usually not interpreted by the computer system. Currently included in systems such as Amazon.com's Customer Comments.
Editor's choice: Selections within a category made by human editors, usually employed by the E-commerce site, though independent editors are possible in principle. Editor's choice is important in both Reel.com's Movie Matches/Map and Moviefinder.com's Match Maker.

3.TECHNIQUES OF PERSONALIZED RECOMMENDER SYSTEM

3.1 Tracking Face
The system analyses an image and try to find the face in the camera image. First finds the skin-colour pixel regions from the camera images using statistical colour-model [7]. Face detection is used to locate the eye. There are various face detection algorithm which are based on the skin colour [8] in the gathered image.

In the recent years web personalization has undergone through tremendous changes. The content, collaborative (Hofmann, 2003) and hybrid based filtering are three basic approaches used to design recommendation systems.

The content based filtering relies on the content of an item that user has experienced before. The content based information filtering has proven to be effective in locating text, items that are relevant to the topic using techniques such as Boolean queries, vector space queries etc. However, content based filtering has some limitations. It is difficult to provide appropriate recommendation because all the information is selected and recommended based on the content. Moreover, the content based filtering leads to overspecialization i.e. it recommends all the related items instead of the particular item liked by the user. The collaborative- filtering aims to identify users who have relevant interests and preferences by calculating similarities and dissimilarities between their profiles. The idea behind this method is that to one's search the information collected by consulting the behavior of other users who shares similar interests and whose opinions can be trusted may be beneficial. The different techniques have been proposed for collaborative recommendation; such as correlation based method, semantic indexing etc. The collaborative filtering overcomes some of the limitations of the content based filtering. The system can suggest items to the user, based on the rating of items, instead of the content of the items which can

improve the quality of recommendations. However, collaborative filtering has some drawbacks. The first drawback is that the coverage of rating could be very sparse thereby resulting in poor quality recommendation. In the case of the addition of new items into database, the system would not be able to recommend until that item is served to a substantial number of users known as cold-start. Secondly, when new users are added, the system must

learn the user preferences from the rating of users, in order to make accurate recommendations. Moreover, these recommendation algorithms seem to be very extensive and grow non-linearly when the number of users and items in a database increase. The hybrid recommendation systems combine content and collaborative based filtering to overcome these limitations. As stated below, there are different ways of combining content and collaborative based filtering

i. Implementing these approaches separately and combining them for prediction.

ii. Incorporating some content based characteristics into collaborative approach and vice versa.

iii. Constructing a general unified model that incorporates both content and collaborative based characteristics.

The hybrid approach proposed in this paper extracts user's current browsing patterns using web usage mining, and forms a cluster of items with similar psychology to obtain implicit users rating for the recommended item.

2. PROPOSED SYSTEM

We have developed and tested the cluster based centered - bunching hybrid recommender system for Jester dataset available on website of California University, Berkeley. The system architecture has been partitioned into two main phases; offline and

online. The Fig. 1 depicts the architecture of the cluster based centered -bunching hybrid recommender system with its essential components. The phase I is offline. It does the preprocessing and clustering. In this phase background data in the form of user-item rating matrix

is collected and clustered using the proposed approach which is described in section 4.1.2. Once the clusters are obtained the cluster data along with their centroids are stored for future recommendations. The phase II is online in which the recommendation takes place

for the active user. Here, similarity and density of clusters are calculated for choosing best clusters for making recommendations. The rating quality of each item unrated by active user is computed in the chosen clusters. To generate the recommendations, clusters

are further selected based on rating quality of an item. The recommendations are then made by computing the weighted average of the rating of items in the selected clusters. The working of the cluster based centered

bunching hybrid recommender system is described below in detail with the Jester dataset.

4.1. Preprocessing phase

4.1.1. Normalization of data

User-item rating taken from Jester dataset rated in the scale of _10 to +10 is normalized in the scale of 0 to 1, where 0 indicates that item is not rated by corresponding user. To facilitate the discussion,

Running example shown in the Table 2 is used, where

U1-U10 are the users and J1-J10 are the items (jokes) rated or unrated by users. The last row of Table 2 gives ratings of the active user.

4.1.2. Centering-bunching based clustering

In the K-means, and new K-medodis clustering algorithm centroids are initially selected by the user. Therefore, performance of these algorithms depends on

this manual selection of centroids. Whereas, the proposed clustering algorithm initially calculates centroids appropriately, this results in the proper creation of the clusters. The proposed clustering algorithm consists of three steps, determining the centroids, bunching and removing bunched patterns.

These three steps are described below in detail. The number of clusters constructed depends on the user defined parameters a and b, called as centering and bunching factors, respectively and the values of these parameters are problem dependent. Assume R 2 {Rhjh = 1,2,. . .,P} where Rh= (rh1, rh2, . . . , rhn) is the n-dimensional hth pattern belonging to the set containing P patterns to be clustered.

Table 1
Taxonomy of input data.

1 Demographic data name, age, gender, profession, birth date, telephone, address, hobbies, salary, education, experience and so on

2 Rating data rating scores such as discrete multilevel and continuous ratings; and based on latest comments such as best, good, bad, worse and so on.

3 Behavior pattern data duration of browsing, click times, the links of webs; save, print, scroll, delete, open, close, refresh of webs; selection, edition, search, copy, paste, and so on.

4 Transaction data purchasing date, purchase quantity, price, discounting and so on

5 Production data for movies, jokes or music, actor or singer, topic, release time, price, brand and so on.

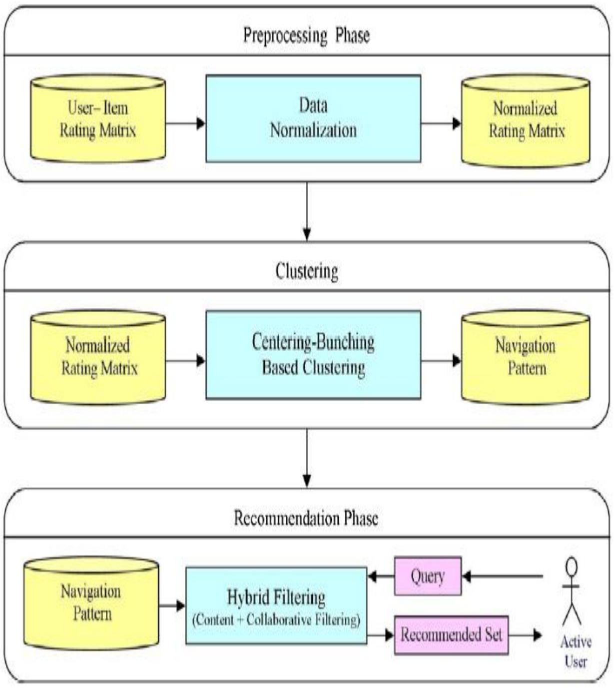

Fig1:System architecture

(i) *Determining the centroid:*
To determine the centroid of the cluster, all the patterns are applied to each of the pattern and the patterns having Euclidian distance less than or equal to α are counted for all the patterns. If Rh is the pattern with the maximum count then it is selected as the centroid of the cluster.

(ii) Bunching:
The patterns which are falling around the centroid and having the Euclidian distance less than or equal to β are bunched in a cluster. The centroid of the cluster is recalculated by calculating the average of all the patterns bunched in a cluster. Thus the cluster boundaries are governed by the value of bunching
factor.

(iii) Removal of the bunched patterns in a cluster:
The patterns included by created cluster in the previous step are eliminated. Thus, the next pass uses unclustered pattern set consisting of remaining patterns for clustering. These three steps are repeated till all the patterns are clustered. Let Rp, Rc and Rn represent set of patterns used in the current pass, set of patterns clustered in the current pass and set of patterns that will be used in the next pass, respectively. Then Rn can
be described as,

$$R_n = R_p - R_c = \{R_n | R_n \in R_p \text{ and } R_n \notin R_c\}$$

The Rn calculated in the current pass becomes Rp for the next pass.The steps described above are repeated until all the patterns are clustered and the process stops when Rn becomes empty.

4.1.3. Computing centorid of each cluster

The proposed method is used for clustering of the Jester data set. The clustering resulted in the three cluster with α = β= 0.3. The details of the clusters created and users in each cluster are shown in the Table 3. After bunching as stated in the CBBC algorithm, knowing the members of each group, we have recomputed new centroids of each cluster. As an example the cluster 3 has two members, thus the centroid is the average of all corresponding coordinates of the two members:

4.2. Recommendation process for the active user

4.2.1. Choosing the appropriate clusters
The cluster (s) to be chosen depends upon two factors viz., density of the cluster and similarity with active user profile. The probability Pi(t) that the cluster i is chosen for generating recommendations at time t is expressed as,

$$P_i(t) = \frac{\delta_i(t) \cdot sim_i}{\sum_{j=1}^{k} \delta_j(t) \cdot sim_j} \qquad (2)$$

where simi is the value of similarity function to measure the similarity

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 = \{ & (0.00+0.00)/2, (0.00+0.00)/2, (0.00+0.00)/2, \\ & (0.00+0.00)/2, (0.60+0.93/2), (0.91+0.05/2), \\ & (0.00+0.00)/2, (0.00+0.00)/2, (0.00+0.00)/2, \\ & (0.00+0.00/2)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Fig:2

between the active user profile and the centroid of the ith cluster, di(t) is the density of ith cluster at time t and k is the total number of clusters.
The density of the cluster is determined by Eq. (3). If the numbers of users in a cluster are more, the density is more and vice versa.

$$\delta_i(t) = \frac{\text{Number of users in cluster } i}{\text{Total number of users}} \qquad (3)$$

The similarity measure of the active user profile is calculated with each cluster in order to find clusters which has user with similar preferences. There are number of possible measures for computing the similarity, for example the Euclidean distance metric, cosine similarity and the Pearson correlations metric. We have used Euclidean distance measure. The distance between the active user profile and the centroid of the cluster can be computed using Eq.
(4),

$$sim_i(\mathrm{Cent}_i, \mathrm{U}) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{d} |\mathrm{Cent}_{i,j} - \mathrm{U}_j|^2 \right\}^{1/2} \qquad (4)$$

where d is dimension of data i.e. No. of attributes, Centi is the centroid of the cluster i, U is active user profile, Centi,j is jth attribute of the cenroid profile in cluster i, and Uj is the jth attribute of the active user profile. The clusters whose probability value lies in the range {(highest probability-0.1) <= probability <= (highest probability)} are chosen for generating recommendations for the active users instead of only the cluster with highest probability. This overcomes the limitation of Collaborative Filtering recommender system

where recommendations are provided based only on the opinion of the user with most similar preferences. The rating given by the active
user for the jokes J1 to J10 is normalized in the range of 0 to 1 as shown in the Table 2. The rating 0 indicates that the active user has not rated jokes 3, 4, 6 and 9.

Table 4
Process of choosing clusters.

	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3
Density value (δ)	0.5	0.3	0.2
Similarity measure (*sim*)	0.57	1.16	1.25
Probability function (P)	0.3227	0.3941	0.2831

The Table 4 shows the density value associated with each cluster at time t, similarity of active user profile with centroid of each cluster and computed probability Pi(t), for i = 1,. . .. . .k. The clusters chosen are 1 and 2, since the probability Pi(t) lies in the range,
(0.3941–0.1) <= Pi((t) <= 0.3941).

4.2.2. Computing the rating quality of the item in each chosen cluster The rating quality depends on the number of users in the cluster who has rated the items, the individual ratings for the item in the
given rating matrix and how close the rating provided by the users is, to each other. The rating quality of the item, Q is computed as,

$$Q = \frac{\max\_rating + avg\_rating}{2^{*} \max\_rating},$$

where max_rating is equal to the highest rating of given item and avg_rating is equal to the average rating of the item in the chosen cluster. The rating quality of item close to 1, indicates that user has provided good quality rating and vice versa. The Table 5 shows computed rating quality for the jokes 3, 4, 6 and 9 which are unrated by the active user in the chosen clusters 1 and 2.

4.ECOMMERCE OPPORTUNITES

Many varieties of recommender systems are already in use. We have already explored multiple interfaces, technologies, and information needs for these types of systems. However, there remain many opportunities for the expansion of recommender systems in E-commerce sites. These range from simple variations on existing systems, to entirely new types of systems.
Current recommender systems only use a small subset of the available information about the customer in making their recommendations. Some systems use demographic information, some use purchase data information, some use explicit ratings,
some use ownership data, but no system effectively uses all this data simultaneously for real-time recommendations. How should these diverse types of data be combined? Should individual recommender systems running on each type of data produce
independent recommendations? Or can better recommendations be produced by using all of the available data simultaneously? Recommender system algorithms that use many different types of
data create the possibility for "subtle personalization", in which the site provides a completely organic personalized experience to the customer. The customer interacts with the site just as she would have before personalization. She does not need to take any explicit actions to inform the site of her interests or desires. The site subtly changes the interface in nearly invisible ways to create a more personal experience for her, without her even noticing that anything has changed! Recommender systems are currently used as virtual salespeople, rather than as marketing tools. The difference is that many recommender systems target each individual customer differently, making it difficult to produce the reports that marketing professionals are used to. These reports usually partition the population into a manageable number of segments. One way to bring these two worlds together would be to use the people to people correlations used by some recommender system algorithms to create segments for the reports. Recommender systems can be made more useful as marketing systems in other ways, too. Current recommender systems are mainly "buy-side" systems. That is, they are designed to work on behalf of the customer in deciding what products they should purchase. However, modern marketing is designed not just to maximize utility to the customer, but to maximize value to the business at the same time. The recommender system could produce an indication of the price sensitivity of the customer for a given product, so the E-commerce site could offer each product at the price that maximizes the lifetime value of the customer to the site. For instance, one customer might be willing to purchase the product at a price that would earn the site ten cents of profit, while another customer might purchase the same product at a one dollar profit. There are challenging ethical issue in implementing systems like these that use information from studying the customer in determining how to get more money from the customer. One economic study suggests that sites may need to pay customers for their information One limitation to recommender systems is collecting enough data to make effective recommendations for new users. One way to speed the transition is for sites to share information about their users. Shared information benefits users, because they get more accurate recommendations in less time, but decreases the benefit to individual sites because users are not as loyal to them. Since sites own the information they collect, they have little incentive to share with competitors. However, it seems quite possible that consortia of non-competing sites may form with the goal of sharing data to increase the value to companies within the consortia. Customers of these consortia will need assurances that their privacy will be carefully protected, even as their data are shared beyond the boundary of a single site.

5. CONCLUSION

Recommender systems are a key way to automate mass customization for E-commerce sites. They will become increasingly important in the future, as modern businesses are increasingly focused on the long-term value of customers to the business (Peppers & Rogers 1997). E-commerce sites will be working hard to maximize the value of the customer to their site, providing exactly the pricing and service they judge will create the most valuable relationship with the customer. Since customer retention will be very important to the sites, this relationship will often be to the benefit of the customer as well as the site – but not always. Important ethical challenges will arise in balancing the value of recommendations to the site and to the customer . personalized recommender system that utilizes clustering of user-item rating matrix through proposed clustering based centered based idea and provides the recommendations for the active user with good quality rating using similarity measures. The result from various simulations using Iris data set shows that the proposed clustering algorithm performs better than K-means and new K-medoid clustering, which helps to improve the quality of rating. In traditional recommender system similarity is normally the only heuristic used in recommendation process where as in the propose clustered based centered bunched hybrid recommender system , similarity is combined with density of the clusters. This helps in the exploration of other clusters which have similarity closer to the active user and provide him/her with good set of recommendations.

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