

Will You “Reconsume” the Near Past? Fast Prediction on Short-term Reconsumption Behaviors

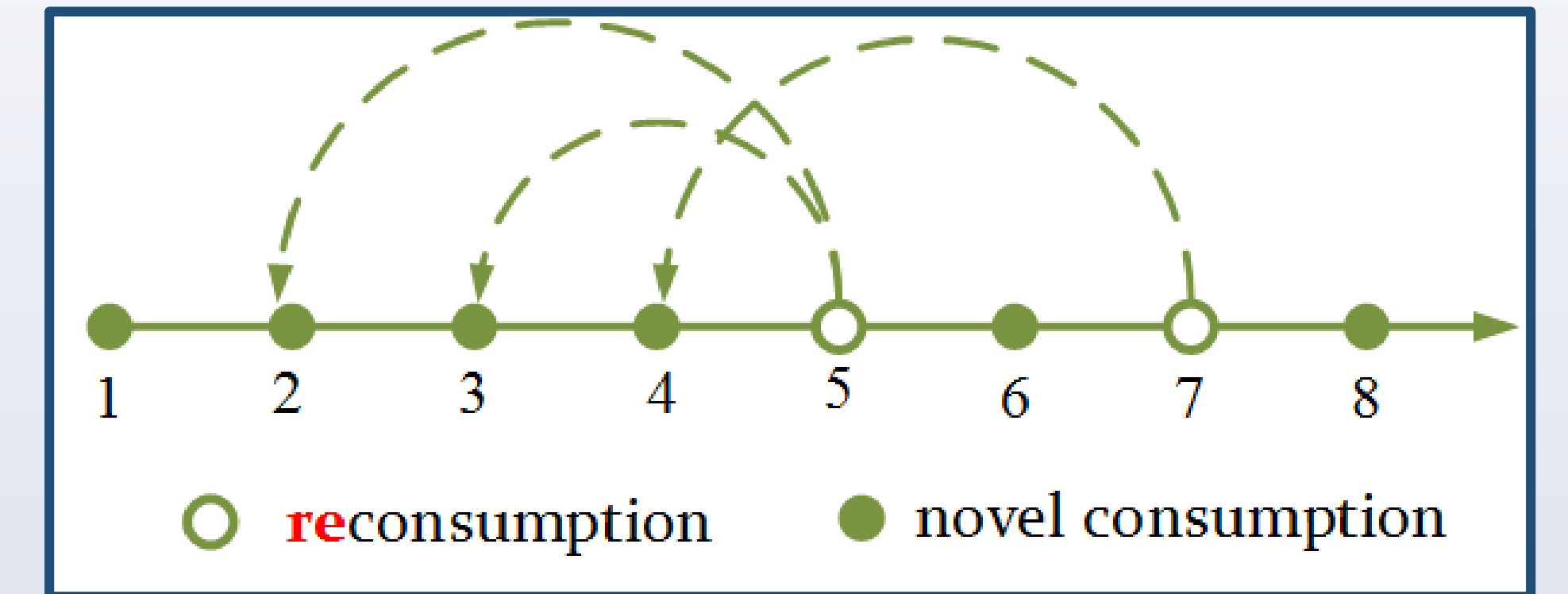
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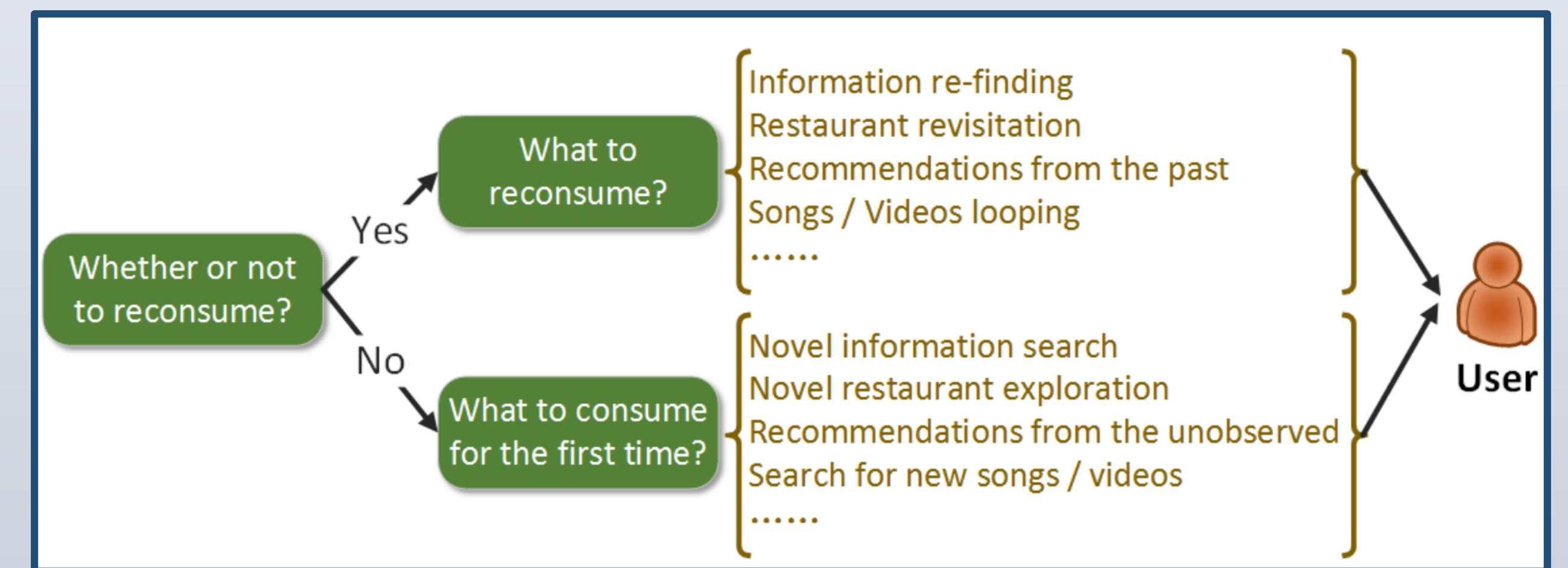
Short-Term REConsumption (STREC) Behaviors

- Reconsume items which have recently been consumed by a same user.
- Alternated now and then with novel consumption behaviors.



Motivations

- A switch problem to narrow down the problem domains.
- Broad applications, e.g. intelligent marketing, recommender systems, web revisitation, information re-finding.
- Challenges: 1) high dynamics of short-term behaviors; 2) multiple influential factors; 3) No representative features.



Feature Extraction

A. Item Popularity

- Average normalized frequencies of items.

$$A \quad h_{IP}(x) = \frac{\log(1 + freq(x))}{\max_{y \in X} \log(1 + freq(y))} \quad h_{IP}(W_k) = \frac{1}{|W_k|} \sum_{x \in W_k} h_{IP}(x)$$

B. Item Reconsumption Ratio

- Average normalized reconsumption probability of items.

$$B \quad h_{AIRR}(x) = \log\left(1 + \frac{\sum_{u \in U} \sum_{t \in T_u} \mathbb{1}_{t=x \wedge t \in C_k^{u,t}}}{\sum_{u \in U} \sum_{t \in T_u} \mathbb{1}_{t=x}}\right)$$

C. User Reconsumption Ratio

- Reconsumption probability of users.

$$C \quad h_{IRR}(x) = \frac{h_{AIRR}(x)}{\max_{y \in X} h_{AIRR}(y)} \quad h_{IRR}(W_k) = \frac{1}{|W_k|} \sum_{x \in W_k} h_{IRR}(x)$$

D. Window Reconsumption Ratio

- Fraction of reconsumptions in the current window.

$$D \quad h_{URR}(u) = \frac{\sum_{t \in T_u} \mathbb{1}_{t \in W_k^{u,t}}}{|T_u|} \quad h_{WRR}(W_k) = 1 - \frac{|DS(W_k)|}{k}$$

Fast Prediction Methods

1. Linear Method

$$\Pr_{\mathcal{L}}(u, t) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_{u,t}$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}_{\mathcal{L}}^*} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{u \in U} \sum_{t \in T_u} (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_{u,t} - \mathbb{1}_{t \in W_k^{u,t}})^2 \quad \text{s.t. } \sum_i \mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{1}$$

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$$\mathbf{x}_{u,t} = \{h_{IP}(W_k), h_{IRR}(W_k), h_{URR}(u), h_{WRR}(W_k)\}^T$$

2. Quadratic Method

$$\Pr_Q(u, t) = \sqrt{\mathbf{w}^T \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{x}_{u,t})^2 \mathbf{w}}$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}_Q^*} Q(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{u \in U} \sum_{t \in T_u} (\sqrt{\mathbf{w}^T \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{x}_{u,t})^2 \mathbf{w}} - \mathbb{1}_{t \in W_k^{u,t}})^2 \quad \text{s.t. } \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{1}$$

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Experiments

- Collected a new App using data set, ManicTime.
- LastFM, BrightKite, Gowalla data sets.
- On average, 80% prediction accuracy on 4 real-world datasets.
- SVM method is prone to be overfitted.
- The linear and the quadratic methods do not have much difference in prediction accuracy.

