

# **Recommendation for Repeat Consumption from User Implicit Feedback (Extended Abstract)** Jun Chen\*, Chaokun Wang, Jianmin Wang, Philip S. Yu \*School of Software, Tsinghua University, Beijing 100084, P.R. China Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL 60607, USA



# Motivations

- Repeat consumptions are more often than novel ones.
- Lack of study in repeat item recommendation.
- Temporal effect of implicit feedback is important.

## Contributions

- Recommendation for repeat consumption (RRC).
- Time-sensitive personalized pairwise ranking model.
- Temporal behavioral feature extraction.

### **RRC Problem**

[1] Our AAAI-15 paper: Will you reconsume the near past? fast prediction on short-term reconsumption behaviors

- Given current window W, recommend items from W to consume next.
- **Preliminary**: the next consumption is "known" to be repeat <sup>[1]</sup>.



### **Time-Sensitive Personalized Pairwise Ranking (TS-PPR) Model**

**Temporal preference**:

**Probability**: *u* prefers *v<sub>i</sub>* more than  $v_i$  at time *t*:

$$\begin{aligned} r_{uvt} &= \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}^{\top} \mathbf{A}_{u} \mathbf{f}_{uvt} = \mathbf{u}^{\top} (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{A}_{u} \mathbf{f}_{uvt}) \\ p(v_{i} >_{ut} v_{j}) &= \sigma(r_{uv_{i}t} - r_{uv_{j}t}) \\ &= \sigma(\mathbf{u}^{\top} (\mathbf{v}_{i} + \mathbf{A}_{u} \mathbf{f}_{uv_{i}t} - \mathbf{v}_{j} - \mathbf{A}_{u} \mathbf{f}_{uv_{j}t})) \\ &= \sigma(\mathbf{u}^{\top} (\mathbf{v}_{i} - \mathbf{v}_{j} + \mathbf{A}_{u} (\mathbf{f}_{uv_{i}t} - \mathbf{f}_{uv_{j}t}))) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{u}^{\top} (\mathbf{v}_{i} - \mathbf{v}_{j} + \mathbf{A}_{u} (\mathbf{f}_{uv_{i}t} - \mathbf{f}_{uv_{j}t}))}. \end{aligned}$$

In training, sample fixed number of negative  $v_i$  for each  $v_i$  w.r.t u and t.

#### **Train with SGD**:

Algorithm 1. Parameter Inference Algorithm				
Input:				
learning rate $\alpha$ , regularization parameters $\gamma$ , $\lambda$ .				
Output:				
transform matrix $\mathbf{A}_u$ for each user $u$ ,				



#### **Features**:

- Normalized item popularity
- Normalized item reconsumption ratio
- Recency feature
- Dynamic familiarity

The extracted behavioral features are highly related to repeat consumptions!



latent feature matrices U, V.

- 1: initialize  $\mathbf{A}_u \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \lambda \mathbf{I}), \forall u, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \gamma \mathbf{I})$
- 2: repeat

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- uniformly draw a user u from user set  $\mathcal{U}$
- uniformly draw a repeat consumption of u w.r.t. item  $v_i$ 4: at time t
- uniformly draw item  $v_j$  ( $v_j \neq v_i$ ) from the time window of u at time t

6: 
$$\mathbf{u}' \leftarrow (1 - \alpha \gamma)\mathbf{u} + \alpha(1 - p(v_i >_{ut} v_j))\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}}(r_{uv_it} - r_{uv_jt})$$
  
7:  $\mathbf{v}'_i \leftarrow (1 - \alpha \gamma)\mathbf{v}_i + \alpha(1 - p(v_i >_{ut} v_j))\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i}(r_{uv_it} - r_{uv_jt})$   
8:  $\mathbf{v}'_j \leftarrow (1 - \alpha \gamma)\mathbf{v}_j + \alpha(1 - p(v_i >_{ut} v_j))\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_j}(r_{uv_it} - r_{uv_jt})$   
9:  $\mathbf{A}'_u \leftarrow (1 - \alpha \lambda)\mathbf{A}_u + \alpha(1 - p(v_i >_{ut} v_j))\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{A}_u}(r_{uv_it} - r_{uv_jt})$   
10:  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{v}_j, \mathbf{A}_u \leftarrow \mathbf{u}', \mathbf{v}'_i, \mathbf{v}'_j, \mathbf{A}'_u$   
11: until  $\mathcal{J}$  convergence  
12: return  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}$ 

**Recommend by ranking with** temporal preference r<sub>uvt</sub>



- Datasets: Gowalla (repeat check-ins), Lastfm (repeat song listening).
- Superior accuracy performance of TS-PPR compared to baselines.
- Accuracy drops after eliminating any of the four extracted features.
- About 1ms time cost for a single recommendation with TS-PPR.

Combine TS-PPR with our previous work [1] towards a holistic recommender system for repeat consumptions.

Evaluation Combining STREC and TS-PPR					
Data Set	STREC	<b>TS-PPR</b> (on <b>STREC</b> correct classification)			
		MaAP@1	MaAP@5	MaAP@10	
Gowalla Lastfm	0.6912 0.8070	0.1343 0.0862	0.4487 0.2819	0.6314 0.4336	



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