Deep Learning for Recommender Systems Machine Learning Dublin Meetup

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Why Recommender Systems?

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Recommender Systems Everywhere



Why Deep?

IM GENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge



Shallow vs. Deep

TRADITIONAL APPROACH

The traditional approach uses fixed feature extractors.



DEEP LEARNING APPROACH

Deep Learning approach uses trainable feature extractors.



Deeper is better for computer vision



Does DL work for RecSys?

- CNN
- RNN
- DNN and AE

Convolutional Neural Networks CNNs

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)



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Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet from [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)



CNN for RecSys: Feature Learning to enhance Collaborative Filtering



Ruining He and Julian McAuley. 2016. VBPR: visual Bayesian Personalized Ranking from implicit feedback. (AAAI'16).

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Figure 2: AUC with varying dimensions.





Figure 3: AUC with training iterations (#factors=20).

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CNN for RecSys: Deep content-based music recommendation



van den Oord, A. et al. Deep content-based music recommendation (NIPS 2013)

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Recommending music on Spotify with deep learning -- Sander Dieleman, 2014 http://benanne.github.io/2014/08/05/spotify-cnns.html

Recurrent Neural Networks RNNs

RNN



- Andrej Karpathy. The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Recurrent Neural Networks http://karpathy.github.io/2015/05/21/rnn-effectiveness/

- Oriol Vinyals, Quoc Le. A Neural Conversational Model. Deep Learning Workshop ICML 2015.



Human: what is the purpose of life ? Machine: to serve the greater good . Human: what is the purpose of living ? Machine: to live forever .

Human: what is the purpose of existence ? **Machine:** to find out what happens when we get to the planet earth .

Human: where are you now ?

Machine: *i* 'm in the middle of nowhere .

Human: what is the purpose of dying ? **Machine:** to have a life.

Human: what is the purpose of being intelligent ?

Machine: to find out what it is .

Human: what is the purpose of emotions ? **Machine:** *i* don 't know .

RNN for RecSys: Session-based Recommendation

Architecture

- Input: item of the actual event
- Output: likelihood for every item for being the next one in the event stream





B. Hidasi, et.al. Session-based Recommendations with Recurrent Neural Networks. ICLR 2016.

RNN for RecSys: Multi-task Recommendation



Trapit Bansal, David Belanger, and Andrew McCallum. 2016. Ask the GRU: Multi-task Learning for Deep Text Recommendations. RecSys '16

RNN for RecSys: Multi-task Recommendation



Figure 3: Recall@M for the models trained with multi-task learning. x-axis is the value of $M \in [100]$

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DNNs and Auto Encoders

DNN for RecSys: Google's Wide & Deep Models



Cheng et al. Wide & Deep Learning for Recommender Systems. DLRS @ RecSys 2016.

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Table 1: Offline & online metrics of different models.Online Acquisition Gain is relative to the control.



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Auto Encoders for RecSys

Task: rating prediction. Metric: RMSE



	ML-1M	ML-10M	Netflix
BiasedMF	0.845	0.803	0.844
I-RBM	0.854	0.825	_
U-RBM	0.881	0.823	0.845
LLORMA	0.833	0.782	0.834
I-AutoRec	0.831	0.782	0.823

Sedhain et al. AutoRec: Autoencoders Meet Collaborative Filtering. (WWW '15 Companion)

Conclusion



- DL (DNN, AE, CNN, RNN) boosts recommendation performance
- CNNs ideal for content-based feature learning: ameliorate cold-start problem
- RNNs very powerful for sequence based recommendation, multi-modal learning, and order-aware distributed representations, trends forecast ...
- Is deeper better for RecSys ?

Beyond

- Model understanding:
 - Explanation
 - Exploration embedding semantics





- Specific Architectures for RecSys
- Recommendation Algorithmic Bias
- DL+RecSys beyond traditional tasks \rightarrow Innovative Applications
 - Machine as reviewers and critics
 - Personalized content generation: news articles, art, movies, songs, design, fashion, ...
 - Different verticals

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Thank you!



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