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## Recommender Systems

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### Abstract

*Recommender system (RS) has emerged to one of the most used technology in the recent years. This paper consist overview of recommender system, types of RS, problems in RS and future scope of RS. The main purpose of this paper is to spot the research trend in RS. More than 1,000 research papers, published by ACM, IEEE, Elsevier, and Springer since 2011 to the first quarter of 2020, have been considered. While learning the Recommender system several interesting finding come out which will help current and future RS researchers to assess and set their research roadmap. Furthermore, this paper also envisions the future of Recommender System which may open up new research directions in this domain.*

### Keywords

*recommender system; issues; challenges; literature review; filtering approach; filtering technique; information retrieval technique; machine learning; research trends; future direction.*

### 1. INTRODUCTION

“Which movie I should watch tonight?”, “Which accessories I should buy with the laptops?”, “What are the similar movies like Avengers?”, “Where should we go for family picnic?” These are few question that we take suggestion from our friends or family. The suggestion we take from our family or friends may be biased or may be good or may be bad but they will give you suggestion its upto you, you liked or not. We took suggestions in our daily life and it is good method to take suggestion from your family and friends because of that you can get high percentage results in your decision. The point in this is if we have our personal suggestion system or recommender system that will give you the 100% or 90% accurate results then we don't have to take suggestion from family or friends we can take accurate suggestion from our recommender system (RS). Thankfully, we have developed one such web application knows as recommender system (RS).

As Recommend System (RS) is the computer based program in which it will recommend or predict the output on the basis of datasets or products. A recommender system uses machine learning technologies to predict the output. Machine learning has various recommender system tool or library that we can used to predict different things. Recommender system is used in everywhere like if you want to watch similar movies like your favourite movies then you will search on Google similar movies like Avengers then you can get some output this output came using machine learning technologies. We all know Netflix and we also used Netflix but did you know how Netflix recommend movies to the user they used machine learning tools to recommend movies to the user. Amazon also uses recommend system to recommend some product to their user. Amazon used various similar recommender system like when you buy something on amazon lets say you buy the laptop then amazon will show laptop accessories that you can buy with your laptops so this all because of the recommender system. Recommender system is the most used technique in recent years.

Nowadays, numerous organizations are receiving RS methods as an additional worth to improve their customer administrations. However, the execution of a RS relies upon the specific suggestion approach received by the application, the center working of RSs stay pretty much something very similar for all applications. The central target of RSs is to help clients in their dynamic to choose an online thing, by supporting with close by suggestions of high precision (Jannach et al., 2011). The capability of RS in various areas has drawn in specialists to investigate the conceivable outcomes comprehensively. People groups from different trains, for example, information mining, data recovery, information revelation, man-made brainpower (AI), guess hypothesis, anticipating hypothesis, data security and protection, and business and advertising have contributed widely with assorted exploration draws near (Jannach et al., 2011).

A ton of work has been finished by the examination local area to upgrade the relevance and execution of RSs throughout the most recent couple of years (Lu et al., 2015). New procedures and calculations were created to address a large number of the innovative difficulties, for example, delivering more precise suggestion while diminishing on the web calculation time.

A few suggestion calculations have been proposed and effectively carried out in various spaces. These calculations fundamentally follow segment sifting (DF), content-based separating (CBF), community sifting (CF) and half breed draws near. As of late, RS

has extended its investigation and is utilizing interpersonal organizations and some relevant data to produce dynamic highlights in the proposal. Besides, new methodologies, either novel or mixtures of existing techniques, are ceaselessly being proposed (Jannach et al., 2011).

A lot of work has been done by the research community to enhance the applicability and performance of RSs over the last few years (Lu et al., 2015). New methodologies and algorithms were developed to address many of the technological challenges such as producing more accurate recommendation while reducing online computation time. Several recommendation algorithms have been proposed and successfully implemented in different domains. These algorithms mainly follow demographic filtering (DF), content-based filtering (CBF), collaborative filtering (CF) and hybrid approaches. Recently, RS has expanded its exploration and is using social networks and some contextual information to generate dynamic features in the recommendation. Furthermore, new approaches, either novel or amalgamations of existing methods, are continually being proposed (Jannach et al., 2011).

## 2. HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF RSS

Despite the fact that Graundy (Rich, 1979), an electronic custodian, might be considered as an early advance towards programmed RS (Ekstrand et al., 2011), the possibility of gathering assessment of millions of online clients to discover more appropriate and engaging substance have arisen in the mid '90s. Woven artwork (Goldberg et al., 1992), a manual CF framework, permitted clients to inquiry for things in an online data space. GroupLens (Resnick et al., 1994) has utilized a comparative strategy to distinguish the specific client's premium by utilizing Usenet articles and dependent on the client's activity to give a customized proposal.

In the last part of the '90s, the RSs began to catch the consideration of the specialists from the area of human-PC cooperations, AI and data recovery, and other associated disciplines. Subsequently, numerous RSs [such as Ringo (Shardanand and Maes, 1995) for music, the chime center video recommender (Herlocker et al., 2000) for motion pictures, and Jester (Goldberg et al., 2001) for jokes] for various application spaces have been created. During a similar period, the RS had been progressively used in advertising to improve deals, and client encounters (Ansari et al., 2000) and numerous business utilizations of RSs were surfaced in the online domain (Linden et al., 2003). Slowly, suggestion approaches moved past the CF and a significant number of the RS specialists' focal point of interest moved towards the substance based proposal (CBR) approaches dependent on data recovery, Bayesian induction, and case-based thinking strategies (Schafer et al., 2001; Bridge et al., 2005; Smyth, 2007). In 2006, cross breed RSs (Burke, 2002), pulled in much consideration and Netflix dispatched the Netflix prize to improve the fitness of film proposals.

These days informal communication destinations (like Facebook, Twitter, and so forth) have arisen as a considerable stage for applying RSs. These famous locales are viewed as the significant wellspring of data about individuals and consequently turning into an incredible alternative to use novel and inventive methodologies for the suggestion, leaving behind the old techniques, to expand the precision (Bernardes et al., 2014). The logical data like time, place, the feeling of individuals and gatherings in these person to person communication locales opens up another road of proposal known as context oriented RS. It likewise gives a decent possibility to acquire a unique embodiment the suggestion (Dejo et al., 2015). Occasional promoting and meeting suggestion (Zhang et al., 2016) are additionally arising as impressive application regions in the setting mindful proposal.

## 3. DIFFERENT RECOMMENDATION APPROACHES

Recommend System is a computer technique to recommend user or give accurate prediction from the given data, the data can be different and the result we want that also can be different so for getting different results and different approaches there are many types of recommend system this types are:

### 3.1 Content-based recommender system (CBRS)

CBRS utilizes CBF to recommend things by coordinating with client profile and thing portrayal. The client profile may incorporate his past search or buy history (Pazzani and Billsus, 2007). The framework figures out how to prescribe things that are like the ones that the client preferred previously. The closeness of things is determined dependent on the highlights related with the looked at things. For instance, if a client has decidedly appraised a film that has a place with the satire sort, at that point the framework can figure out how to suggest different motion pictures of this class. To get an outline of CBRS, Lops et al. (2010) might be alluded.

### 3.2 Collaborative filtering recommender system (CFRS)

This is the most perceived and generally executed RS (Burke, 2002; Singh et al., 2019d). CFRS follows the way of thinking of "a man is known by his organization he keeps." That implies if CFRS accepts that assuming at least two client's inclinations coordinated before, almost certainly, in future likewise their inclinations should coordinate. For instance, assuming the buy narratives of user1 and user2 emphatically cover, it is high on the cards that on the off chance that user1 purchases an item, user2 will likewise purchase something very similar or comparable item. CF ways to deal with monitor the client's previous surveys and appraisals on things to suggest comparable things later on. Regardless of whether the client didn't manage a specific thing, it would be prescribed to him if his companions have utilized something very similar (Deshpande and Karypis, 2004). Clearly to accomplish sensible proposal precision countless client bunches are needed to be thought of. Trust is a significant factor for solid proposal. Moghaddam et al. (2014) has considered a trust-based CF way to deal with present a fleeting trust-based technique to quantify trust esteem. The strategies and procedures of CFRS in subtleties can be found in Ekstrand et al. (2011). There are different classifications of CF, for example, (Su and Khoshgoftaar, 2009)

### 3.3 Hybrid recommender system (HRS)

As the name recommends, half and half RS is the result of the mix of various sifting draws near. The most well known matching HRS is that of CBS and CFRS. The motivation behind consolidating distinctive separating approaches is to improve the precision of proposals (Burke, 2007) while wiping out the limits of the individual sifting draws near.

### 3.4 Knowledge-based recommender system (KBRS)

To suggest the things like level, bicycle, TV, and so forth, which are less habitually bought by a client, adequate data based on which proposal is made may not be accessible or significant (regardless of whether accessible) (Jannach et al., 2011). For that, some extra data (e.g., the client's informal community movement) is required. Information based RSs give a proposal dependent on extra information model identified with the connection between the current client and things. Case-based thinking procedure is a typical element of KBRSs that partitions the client's need into numerous cases, contingent upon different measures and give proposals that intently matches to client's possible inclination (Bridge et al., 2005). Another kind of KBRS, known as limitation based RS that functions according to the client's inclination and suggests things that match the inclination (Felfernig and Burke, 2008). Assuming no such thing is accessible, a bunch of elective things that are near the favored thing is suggested. Semantic web innovation can assist with setting up an expanded information base of the clients and the things. It uses ontologies, a conventional information portrayal the technique that is utilized to communicate the area information on clients and things (Middleton et al., 2009). The likeness between things can be determined dependent on space metaphysics (Cantador et al., 2008). Metadata of a client profile and thing portrayal are utilized to build up an appropriate coordinating for the proposal. Numerous issues (talked about in Section 5) of basic RSs are dispensed with by utilizing semantic-based RS. More subtleties of the semantic-based RS can be found in the article (Peis et al., 2008). For instance, Wang et al. (2015b) might be alluded to, where the creators proposed and assessed the inclination of a semantic-based companion RS for the informal community. Despite the fact that KBRS is equipped for giving the necessary data that can't be accomplished through the regular methodologies, the information displaying and dealing with strategies in KBRSs are relatively costly in nature.

### 3.5 Demographic recommendation system (DRS)

DRS works dependent on the clients' segment profile like age, sex, instruction, occupation, area, and so on It by and large uses grouping procedures to order target clients as indicated by segment data. Be that as it may, in this RS if the segment ascribes stay unaltered, the client will get the suggestion for similar arrangement of things. In this manner, they may miss some new and beneficial proposal. Segment data about a client can improve the precision of RS

## 4. INFORMATION RETRIEVAL TECHNIQUES IN RSS

Various wellsprings of data have packed the advanced world with unbounded information. The situation has been overstated by the intelligent investment of individuals. To convey a successful and productive proposal, the RS needs to concentrate all potential zones of dealings to remove and examine enlightening information to comprehend individuals' inclinations and tastes. To complete this work each RS utilizes some data recovery methods. Probably the most well known data recovery strategies utilized in RSs are referenced beneath.

### 4.1 Machine learning

Machine learning provides an entity (machine) the ability to learn, artificially, without programming explicitly. It applies different algorithms like cluster, logistic regression, decision tree, association rule learning, Bayesian networks and support vector machine, etc.

### 4.2 Logistic regression

Logistic regression is used for the prediction of discrete variables by using continuous and discrete data (Wang, 2011). To consider a collaborative tag RS, Montanes et al. (2009) have utilised this technique to rank the meaningful tags in social networks. Logistic regression is also used in determining the trustworthiness of a user by identifying the probable attacks in CFRS. For instance, Zheng et al. (2011) have used this technique to suggest a robust CF algorithm that detects malicious attacks in RS by calculating the trustworthiness of users.

### 4.3 Deep learning

Profound learning assumes a significant part in removing concealed examples from information and has opened up another space in information mining research (Hinton and Osindero, 2006). It tends to be utilized in the structure of successful and dynamic conduct demonstrating in RSs. We can assemble natural insights concerning the client by understanding the methodologies of managed and unaided learning in the profound neural organization (Zheng, 2016). van nook Oord et al. (2013) have proposed 'profound substance based music suggestion' to limit the issues in music RS by anticipating the inert elements from music. Utilizing the profound age model and profound positioning model, Covington et al. (2016) have introduced a profound neural organization for suggestions on YouTube, quite possibly the most well known RS for recordings. The profound age model is utilized to agree with contribution from the client's stance, and the profound learning model is utilized to rank the suggested recordings. Elkahky et al. (2015) have outlined a substance based RS with a profound learning way to deal with boost the similitude among clients and their favored things in inactive space. They additionally expanded their models in various areas to remove more highlights identified

with clients and things.

#### 4.4 Decision tree

The choice tree is an amazing strategy that aides in picking a choice among various other options. In RS, it is utilized to ascertain and anticipate the missing inclinations of clients. Yu (2012) has utilized this strategy in handling the chilly beginning issue to offer a top notch support proposal for new things.

#### 4.5 Cluster analysis

In RS, to make a gathering, among an enormous arrangement of items, in light of comparability, constructions, and examples, bunch examination (i.e., unaided learning method) is utilized. Habibi and Popescu-Belis (2015) have referenced the issue of watchword extraction from archives and gave an answer for record suggestion in discussions by applying group examination dependent on catchphrase similitude. West et al. (2016) have introduced a straightforward reference based strategy for suggesting articles by grouping dependent on the client's new history and looking through designs.

#### 4.6 Bayesian network

A Bayesian organization classifier (i.e., a probabilistic model) is applied to take care of arrangement issues in colossal organizations like informal communities. To take care of the client's virus start issue and improve exactness in the suggestion, Wang et al. (2015) proposed a trust-based probabilistic suggestion model for informal organizations.

#### 4.7 SVM

Support vector machine (i.e., administered learning) is utilized with a related learning calculation for breaking down information utilizing grouping (direct and nonlinear) and relapse examination. Zhang and Zhou (2014) have utilized this strategy alongside Hilbert-Huang change to distinguish profile infusion assaults in CFRS.

### 5. PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH RSS

The majority of the ordinary RSs, talked about in the past area, experience the ill effects of some genuine downsides which limit the adequacy of the RSs. In this segment, a portion of the significant issues are examined momentarily. Table 3 sums up these issues and the examination papers where these issues are endeavored to be tended to. The table likewise makes reference to the separating approach which is influenced by these issues especially.

#### 5.1 Limited content analysis

In CBRS, the precision of proposal relies upon the degree of client input gave. On the off chance that the RS doesn't contain adequate data about a client, the exhibition of the proposal will be low. No CBR framework can give appropriate ideas if the broke down content doesn't contain sufficient data to separate things the client likes from things the client doesn't care for (Lops et al., 2011). This issue is known as restricted substance examination issue. To make an exact proposal, the total area data is required. For instance, a RS for motion pictures needs to have all the data identified with a specific film (e.g., kind, entertainers, chiefs, and so forth) Yet, assembling all the data identified with a specific area is extremely troublesome, particularly for mixed media things like pictures, sound and video transfers, and so on Henceforth, this issue is additionally alluded as an area reliance issue. This issue can be settled by embracing KBRS.

#### 5.2 Cold start

At the point when another thing or another client is acquainted with a RS, the framework won't have any previous records (evaluations, inclinations, search history, and so forth) based on which proposal ought to be made (Lakshmi and Lakshmi, 2014; Su and Khoshgoftaar, 2009). This is known as the virus start issue. It is likewise named as the new client issue or new thing issue. An answer for this issue incorporates misusing the segment data of the client got from the client's profile. This arrangement is inadequate and not totally right as clients with similar segment highlights may show differing interests towards a specific thing.

#### 5.3 Sparsity

Practically speaking, the RSs work with extremely huge datasets. Subsequently, the client thing lattice utilized for CF is amazingly meager, which antagonistically influences the exhibitions of the forecasts or proposals of the CF frameworks. It additionally happens when a client, having utilized some specific item, didn't try to rate it. In different cases, clients don't rate things that are not known to them (Lakshmi and Lakshmi, 2014; Su and Khoshgoftaar, 2009). To beat this issue, RS utilizes a methodology called the bunching strategy. Grouping strategy refines the information as per the inclination of the client, and thusly, it makes it simple for suggesting things. Shockingly, there are sure issues that are yet to be settled on account of staggered bunching

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## 5.5 Long tail

On the off chance that a thing at first isn't very much evaluated or not appraised at all in a RS which follow a top-N suggestion, at that point throughout the time it will die from the proposal index. Variety is firmly identified with this issue. It underscores the requirement for prescribing assorted things to the clients and how extraordinary the things are concerning one another. However, RSs neglect to help out this viewpoint which prompts the long tail issue (Shi, 2013). A client will miss suggestions for some fundamental things since he didn't rate those things or didn't have any admittance to them. This by and large prompts the long tail issue (LT). It happens when numerous things remain unrated or low evaluated.

## 6. FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF RSS

The RSs will be more instinctive and will constantly improve the nature of the suggestion by taking up client input circles from different sources. They will likewise be more adaptable by supporting multi-rules evaluations. Future RSs will concoct creative proposal models utilizing support learning or augmentations of repetitive neural organizations (RNN) (Liu and Singh, 2016) that will empower them to be precisely setting, time, and mind-set mindful (Qian et al., 2019; Wu et al., 2016). They will be planned not exclusively to prescribe something however to comprehend when what to prescribe and what not to suggest. Underneath a portion of the properties of future RSs and the application regions that will use the RSs are examined.

### 6.1 Data-driven

The RSs will principally be driven by IoT (Pramanik et al., 2018b), IoE and large information (Verma et al., 2015). The major separating point of future RSs will be the canny utilization of omnipresent information. Information will be caught, surveyed and dissected in a real sense from anyplace and for anything (Pramanik and Choudhury, 2018). In spite of the fact that handling the always expanding information will be an extraordinary test for the future RS architects on the grounds that the current calculations may not be directly adaptable to adapt up the unanticipated measure of information.

### 6.2 No cold start problem

Future RSs will be able to get rid of the 'cold start problem' by collecting suitable and implicit information from other online sources (Vairachilai et al., 2016). Social networks, IoE and every possible way of pervasive connectivity will be the main enabler for this.

### 6.3 More customer-centric

Existing RSs are ordinarily merchant driven, i.e., clients get proposals of just those items which the dealers expect to sell (Fazeli et al., 2018). This limits the purchasers' free inclinations. Future RSs should serve purchasers better by being more purchaser driven. Complex information examination devices will enable retailers by empowering them to dissect and track down a significant example in individuals' internet buying propensities. They can catch the undeniable propensity of the purchasers for the items they are at first keen on and in the end what they buy. They will likewise utilize the data of which items purchasers put in their truck and among them which are in the end purchased and which are not (Krzanich, 2017). Suggesting dependent on these perceptions will offer purchasers a streamlined shopping experience. Through IoT, the maker or the specialist organizations can get the use measurements of the items or administrations for every client and adjust their items or administrations and evaluating systems in like manner (Vázquez, 2013). A left-hander ought to get item suggestions that are appropriate for him.

### 6.4 More personalised recommendation

Suggestions will be more close to home and individualized by dissecting individual propensities and practices. RSs will utilize computer generated reality that will connect with clients in more customized shopping. With the assistance of augmented reality and the force of information, future RSs will be more intelligent, responsive, associated and secure (Krzanich, 2017). They will actually want to suggest more customized amusements. For instance, the present savvy TVs tracks seeing data like when, how frequently and what we watch. Examining this data can propose watchers' standards of conduct, pastime, diversion and relaxation inclinations, their political proclivity, and so forth An individual profile can be based upon this examination and suggestion will be done as needs be. Individual profiles will likewise be made dependent on the client's segment data and economic wellbeing.

### 6.5 Enriching our daily life

The future RS will get into our normal way of life. They will track our propensities by following our every day exercises like resting, strolling, eating, breathing and gathering related information (Vázquez, 2013). Indeed, RS will turn into a fundamental and pervasive piece of our life. The wearable contraptions will follow our every day active work. A wristband can tell how truly dynamic we are and whether we are consuming enough calories; utilizing that criticism, the RS may suggest us an every day portion of activity and suppers. The savvy refrigerator will identify our food propensity. In light of this data, the RS will evaluate our wellbeing chances (e.g., coronary illness, diabetes, high or low circulatory strain, malignancy, and so forth) and appropriately prompts us to take vital measures in way of life. Rest trackers will see dozing messes and suggest some music/sound and smells that prompt solid rest. Based on wellbeing hazard, an appropriate wellbeing/disaster protection plan may likewise be suggested (Vázquez, 2013). While driving, we will be guided by the suggestion of the most ideal course to take dependent on gridlock and the street condition (e.g., if waterlogged after substantial downpour).

## 6.6 Personalised healthcare recommendation

Because of the IoT and web of nano things (IoNT) (Akyildiz and Jornet, 2010) based universal and unavoidable medical care frameworks (Pramanik et al., 2018c, 2019), RSs will assume a significant part in giving better and customized medical care. Appropriate drugs, wellbeing supplements, required way of life changes, and so on, will be suggested opportune. For example, on the off chance that the sugar level goes high, an insulin portion ought to be suggested. In the event that the user's, who is experiencing gloom, mental wellbeing is perused full of feeling registering (Banafa, 2016), legitimate enemy of sorrow medication can be suggested. In the event that the RS finds from different sources that the individual has a back issue, at that point it may suggest a reasonable ergonomic seat that will help in relieving the back issue. A diabetic patient ought to get a suggestion of food items that are without sugar

## 7. CONCLUSION

Settling on a decision among numerable alternatives and dependent on the monstrous measure of online information is continually going to be an intense and confounding assignment. Online RS assist us with conquering this. To manage its work skillfully and precisely, RSs apply proficient data recovery and sifting systems. Over the previous years, massive examination work has been given to meet these closures, and a few suggestion approaches and methods are proposed. In this paper, an outline of the diverse suggestion approaches utilized in RS like substance based, cooperative, segment, crossover, information based, and setting mindful proposal has been portrayed. Different issues confronted while planning and carrying out RS frameworks like restricted substance examination, over-specialization, cold beginning, sparsity, adaptability, synonymy, contraction, long tail, and discovery issue are additionally momentarily portrayed. Distinctive data recovery strategies, for example, AI, calculated relapse, choice tree, affiliation rule learning, bunch examination, Bayesian organization classifier, support vector machine, LDA, TF-IDF, and profound learning are additionally referenced momentarily. The fundamental level headed and significant focal point of this paper is to find the RS research patterns. Some intriguing measurements have surfaced. For example, most of the examination in RS is focussed on CF and information based methodology. The top contributing country in RS is China. What's more, most of the papers are distributed by IEEE. It is likewise seen that RS research arrived at its top during the time of 2013–2014. From that point onward, likely because of immersion, the prominence of examination in this field has progressively been declined. Yet, we accept the RS research isn't dead yet. The advances like IoT, AI, and psychological registering have given it a new energy. We are idealistic that in not so distant future examination on RS will observe a few new and imaginative roads.

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