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1 Introduction

This configuration manual is prepared to explain the technical implementation of the research study. All the tools, environment, and code configurations are mentioned in this manual. This configuration manual also contains code snippets of the implementation. Section 2 focuses on the environment which was used during the project. Section 3 focuses on how the data was collected. Section 4 contains the data pre-processing steps applied. Section 5 discusses the Experiments that were carried out.

2 Environment

Figure 1 shows the hardware configuration which was used for this research project. The project uses a 13th Gen Intel(R) CoreTM i5-1335U @ 1.30 GHz processor and 16 GB (15.7 GB usable) installed RAM. The type of system used is a 64-bit operating system with an x64-based processor.

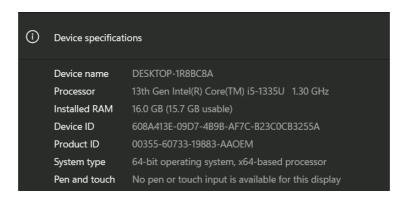


Figure 1: System Info

Furthermore, Jupyter Notebook was used as the Integrated Development Environment. Python was used as the programming language for the implementation of this project.

3 Data Collection

This research study utilized three different datasets. The first dataset contained information regarding Ireland's Tourist Attractions which was a public dataset taken from the data.gov.ie website. Figure 2 shows the data.gov.ie webpage from where the dataset was taken. The data set is available for download.

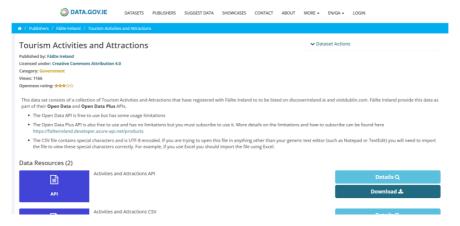


Figure 2: Source Of Dataset 1 (Ireland's Tourist Attractions)

Additionally, The Google Places API was used to fetch ratings of each of the attractions from Google Maps. The fetched ratings were added to the original dataset. Figure 3 shows the python script which was used to fetch the ratings and add them to the original dataset.

```
import requests
API_KEY = 'AIzaSyAxgmneAapeJSjltFsal61eDX4Mw4sluPs'
def get_place_rating(place_name):
   base_url = 'https://maps.
params = {
    'query': place_name,
                 https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/place/textsearch/json'
        'key': API_KEY,
    response = requests.get(base_url, params=params)
    if response.status code != 200:
        print(f"Failed to fetch data for {place_name}, Status code: {response.status_code}")
return None
    results = response.json().get('results', [])
    if not results:
        print(f"No results found for {place name}")
        return None
    rating = results[0].get('rating', None)
return rating
file math = 'Attractions.csv'
attractions_df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
attractions_df['Rating'] = None
for index, row in attractions df.iterrows():
   place_name = row['Name']
print(f"Fetching rating for: {place_name}")
    rating = get_place_rating(place_name)
   attractions_df.at[index, 'Rating'] = rating
   time.sleep(2)
output file = 'Attractions with ratings.csv
attractions_df.to_csv(output_file, index=False)
print(f"Data saved to {output_file}")
```

Figure 3: Python Script For Adding ratings in Dataset 1

The second dataset that was used in this research was taken from the Failte Ireland Open Data. The dataset contains information about Ireland's Accommodations including Hotels, Guest Houses etc.

The third dataset was sourced from Google Maps by using the Google Places API. Figure 4 shows the Python script which was used for the automation of fetching and aggregating data. The results were stored in a structure csv for further analysis.

```
import popula
import popu
```

Figure 4: Python Script For Data Collection For Dataset 3

4 Installation Of Packages and Libraries

There were many libraries that were required to install and import for each of the techniques of filtering. Figure 5 shows all the imported libraries which were used throughout the project.

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from sklearn.decomposition import TruncatedSVD
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_score
from scipy.sparse import hstack, csr_matrix

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.decomposition import TruncatedSVD
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from scipy.sparse import csr_matrix
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
```

Figure 5: Imported libraries

5 Data Cleaning and Processing

Data Cleaning and Processing were performed separately on each of the three datasets. Figure 6 shows data cleaning and processing performed on dataset 1. Moving on, Figure 7 shows Data Cleaning applied on Dataset 2.

```
maps_ratings['Rating'].fillna(maps_ratings['Rating'].mean(), inplace=True)
maps_ratings['County'].fillna(maps_ratings['County'].mode()[0], inplace=True)
maps_ratings.drop(['Url', 'Telephone'], axis=1, inplace=True)
```

Figure 6: Dataset 1 - Filling Null Values and Dropping Columns

```
accomodations_data = accomodations_data.drop(columns=['Proprietor Description'])

accomodations_data = accomodations_data.dropna(subset=['Latitude', 'Longitude'])

accomodations_data = accomodations_data.drop(columns=['Address Line 1'])

accomodations_data = accomodations_data.dropna(subset=['Rating', 'Eircode/Postal code'])

accomodations_data['Rating'].fillna(accomodations_data['Rating'].mode()[0], inplace=True)
```

Figure 7: Dataset 2 - Data Cleaning

From the figures it can be seen that the following steps were applied for data pre-processing:

- Replacing null values with the mean of the particular column
- Replacing null values with the mode of the particular column
- Dropping unnecessary columns
- Dropping rows with null values

Figure 9 shows the application of label Encoding on some of the columns of Dataset 2. The user ratings were simulated using Gaussian distribution to make the ratings more realistic. Figure 8 shows the code snippet for the simulation of user ratings in Dataset 1. The same method of simulating user ratings was also implemented in Datasets 2 and 3.

Figure 8: Dataset 1 - Simulation Of User Ratings

```
rating_mapping = {
    'ivotel - Stari' 5,
    'ivolido - Stari' 5,
    'ivolido - Stari' 5,
    'ivolido Cottage Approved': 3,
}

accomodations_data['Rating'] = pd.to_numeric(accomodations_data['Rating'], errors='coerce')

print("vistandarditions_data['Rating'], head())

county_mapping = {
    'Wicklow': 1,
    'Galawy': 2,
    'Oublin': 4,
    'Newford': 5,
    'Kerry': 6,
    'Nayo': 7,
    'Tipperary': 8,
    'Nayo': 7,
    'Tipperary': 8,
    'Nayo': 1,
    'Naterford': 10,
    'Kilkenny': 11,
    'Nestenth: 12,
    'Roscommon': 13,
    Donegal': 14,
    'Limerick': 15,
    'Kilger': 13,
    'Longford': 24,
    'Canlow': 25,
    'Year': 25,
}

accomodations_data['Address County'] - accomodations_data['Address County'].replace(rating_mapping)
accomodations_data['Address County'] - pd.to_numeric(accomodations_data['Rating'], errors='coerce')

print("Astandarditions_data['Address County'].head())

sector_mapping = {
    'Hotel': 1,
    'Guest House': 2,
    'Holiday Hostel': 3,
    'Hotel': 1,
    'Guest House': 3,
    'Hotel': 1,
    'Guest House': 3,
    'Hotel': 1,
    'Guest House': 3,
    'Hotel': 9,
    'Failte Treland's Nelcome Standard': 7,
    'Báss': 13,
    'Holiday Camp': 12,
    'Holiday Catage': 8,
    'Youth Hostel': 9,
    'Individual Self Catering Cottage': 10,
    'Individual Self Catering Cot
```

Figure 9: Dataset 2 - Label Encoding

6 Experiments

6.1 Content-Based Filtering

6.1.1 Dataset 1:

Figures 10 and 11 show the application of Content-Based Filtering on Dataset 1. Figure 10 shows the feature extraction part and model development. Figure 11 shows the methods of evaluation performed.

```
#Vectorizing Tags column using TF-IDF

tags_vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')
tags_tfidf_matrix = tags_vectorizer.fit_transform(tourist_data['Tags'].fillna(''))

# print(tags_tfidf_matrix)

# Reducing dimensionality of the TF-IDF matrix using Truncated SVD

svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components=100, random_state=42)
tags_tfidf_reduced = svd.fit_transform(tags_tfidf_matrix)

# Scale the Rating, Latitude, and Longitude columns to bring them to the same range
scaler = MinMaxscaler()
tourist_data[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']] = scaler.fit_transform(tourist_data[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']])

# MErging the user ratings with the original data
user_ratings_merged = user_ratings_df.merge(tourist_data, left_on='Attraction', right_on='Name')

# Features from textual and numerical attributes are combined
tags_features = svd.transform(tags_vectorizer_transform(user_ratings_merged['Tags'].fillna('')))
other_features = user_ratings_merged['Nating', Latitude', 'Longitude']].values

# combined_features = np.hstack([tags_features, other_features])

X = combined_features = np.hstack([tags_features, other_features])

# Train a KNetghborsRegressor to predict user ratings
knn model = KNetghborsRegressor(n_netghborsse, metric='cosine')
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```

Figure 10: Dataset 1 - Content-Based Filtering Part 1

```
y_knn_pred = []
   batch_size = 1000
   for i in range(0, X_test.shape[0], batch_size):
           X_test_batch = X_test[i:i + batch_size]
           y_knn_pred_batch = knn_model.predict(X_test_batch)
           y_knn_pred.extend(y_knn_pred_batch)
  y_knn_pred = np.array(y_knn_pred)
  rmse_knn = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_knn_pred))
  mae_knn = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_knn_pred)
  r2_knn = r2_score(y_test, y_knn_pred)
  print(f"KNN Regressor - RMSE: {rmse_knn:.4f}")
print(f"KNN Regressor - MAE: {mae_knn:.4f}")
print(f"KNN Regressor - R^2 Score: {r2_knn:.4f}")
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
x values = range(len(y_test))
plt.plot(x_values, y_test, label='Actual Ratings', alpha=0.7, marker='o', linestyle='--')
plt.plot(x_values, y_knn_pred, label='Predicted Ratings', alpha=0.7, marker='x', linestyle='--')
plt.ylabel('Test Data Index')
plt.ylabel('Rating')
plt.title('Actual Vs Predicted Ratings (Dataset 1 : Content Based Filtering)')
plt.title('Actual Vs Predicted Ratings (Dataset 1 : Content Based Filtering)')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
                            plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
                           errors = y_test - y_knn_pred
sns.histplot(errors, kde=True)
                            plt.xlabel('Prediction Error')
plt.title('Distribution of Prediction Errors')
                            plt.grid(True)
                            plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(y_test, bins=50, color='blue', alpha=0.5, label='Original Ratings')
sns.histplot(y_knn_pred, bins=50, color='red', alpha=0.5, label='Predicted Ratings')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of Original and Predicted Ratings - Dataset 2 (Content Based Filtering)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Figure 11: Dataset 1 - Content-Based Filtering Part 2 (Evaluation)

6.1.2 Dataset 2:

Figures 12 and 13 show the application of content-based filtering on dataset 2. The following steps are performed:

- TF-IDF Vectorization of Account Name (Textual Feature)
- Scaling Of Numerical Features
- Both the TF-IDF vectors and the numeric features are combined into the form of one feature matrix.
- The combined feature matrix undergoes dimensionality reduction using SVD
- The user-item matrix is reconstructed
- Predictions are made based on the reconstructed matrix

```
df = pd.read_csv('final_accomodations_data.csv')
vectorizer_account = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')
vectorizer_owner = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')
account_tfidf_matrix = vectorizer_account.fit_transform(df['Account Name'])
owner_tfidf_matrix = vectorizer_owner.fit_transform(df['Owner(s) as it appears on Register'])
combined_tfidf_matrix = hstack([account_tfidf_matrix, owner_tfidf_matrix])
n components = 20
svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components=n_components, random_state=42)
combined_tfidf_reduced = svd.fit_transform(combined_tfidf_matrix)
np.random.seed(42)
user_ids = np.arange(1, num_users + 1)
scaler = MinMaxScaler()
df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Sector', 'Total Units']] = scaler.fit_transform(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Sector', 'Total Units']]
account_tfidf_matrix = vectorizer_account.transform(df['Account Name'])
owner_tfidf_matrix = vectorizer_owner.transform(df['Owner(s) as it appears on Register'])
combined_tfidf_matrix = hstack([account_tfidf_matrix, owner_tfidf_matrix])
combined_tfidf_reduced = svd.fit_transform(combined_tfidf_matrix)
content_matrix = hstack([csr_matrix(combined_tfidf_reduced), csr_matrix(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude', 'Sector', 'Total U
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(content_matrix, df['User_Rating'], test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
model = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=5, algorithm='brute', metric='cosine')
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = model.predict(X test)
rmse_content = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
mae_content = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2_content = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
rmse content, mae content, r2 content
```

Figure 12: Dataset 2 - Content-Based Filtering Part 1

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(range(1, n_components + 1), svd.singular_values_, marker='o', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Latent Factor Index')
plt.ylabel('Singular Value')
plt.title('Scree Plot of Singular Values')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(y_test, bins=50, color='blue', alpha=0.5, label='Original Ratings')
sns.histplot(y_pred, bins=50, color='red', alpha=0.5, label='Predicted Ratings')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of Original and Predicted Ratings - Dataset 2 (Content Based Filtering)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred, alpha=0.6, color='green')
plt.xlabel('Actual Ratings')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Ratings')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Ratings - Dataset 2 (Content Based Filtering)')
plt.grid
```

Figure 13: Dataset 2 - Content-Based Filtering Part 2

6.1.3 Dataset 3:

Figure 14 shows the first part of content-based filtering where TF-IDF is applied to the tags

```
dataset3 = pd.read_csv("tourist_attractions_ireland_full_2.csv")

tags_vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')
tags_tfidf_matrix = tags_vectorizer.fit_transform(dataset3['Tags'].fillna(''))

n_components = min(tags_tfidf_matrix.shape[1], 35)
svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components=n_components, random_state=42)
tags_tfidf_reduced = svd.fit_transform(tags_tfidf_matrix)

item_similarity = cosine_similarity(tags_tfidf_reduced)
```

Figure 14: Dataset 3 - Content-Based Filtering Part 1

Figure 14 shows the application of TF-IDF vectorization on the tags. SVD is applied to the tf-idf matrix to reduce the dimensionality of the matrix. Cosine similarities of the reduced tf-idf matrixes are calculated.

```
def train_knn_and_predict(X, user_ratings, n_neighbors=5):
    observed_indices = np.where(user_ratings > 0)[0]
    missing_indices = np.where(user_ratings == 0)[0]

if len(observed_indices) == 0:
    return np.zeros(len(user_ratings))

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X[observed_indices], user_ratings[observed_indices], test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)

knn = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=n_neighbors, metric="cosine")
knn.fit(X_train, y_train)

y_pred_test = knn.predict(X_test)
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred_test)
print(f"User MSE: {mse}")

full_predictions = knn.predict(X)
return full predictions
```

Figure 15: Dataset 3 - Content-Based Filtering Part 2

Figure 15 shows the modeling part where a KNN Regressor is being trained.

```
for user_idx in range(user_ratings_matrix.shape[0]):
    print(f"Processing User {user_idx + 1}/{user_ratings_matrix.shape[0]}")
    user_ratings = user_ratings_matrix[user_idx]
    predicted_ratings[user_idx] = train_knn_and_predict(tags_tfidf_reduced, user_ratings)
predicted_ratings_df = pd.DataFrame(predicted_ratings, index=user_ratings_df['User_ID'].unique(), columns=attractions)
predicted_ratings_file_path = "predicted_user_ratings_dataset3.csv"
predicted_ratings_df.to_csv(predicted_ratings_file_path)
true_ratings = []
pred_ratings = []
for user_idx in range(user_ratings_matrix.shape[0]):
    observed_indices = np.where(user_ratings_matrix[user_idx] > 0)[0]
    true_ratings.extend(user_ratings_matrix[user_idx][observed_indices])
    pred_ratings.extend(predicted_ratings[user_idx][observed_indices])
rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(true_ratings, pred_ratings))
mae = mean_absolute_error(true_ratings, pred_ratings)
r2 = r2_score(true_ratings, pred_ratings)
print("Evaluation Metrics:")
print(f"RMSE: {rmse}")
print(f"MAE: {mae}")
print(f"R2: {r2}")
```

Figure 16: Dataset 3 - Content-Based Filtering Part 3

Figure 17 shows the recommend_items function which generates recommendations to test the model.

```
def recommend_items(user_index, user_ratings, similarity_matrix, top_n=5):
    user_sim_scores = similarity_matrix.dot(user_ratings)
    norm_sim_scores = user_sim_scores / np.array([np.abs(similarity_matrix).sum(axis=1)]).T.flatten()
    recommended_indices = np.argsort(-norm_sim_scores)[:top_n]
    return recommended_indices

user_index = 0
user_ratings = predicted_ratings[user_index]
top_recommendations = recommend_items(user_index, user_ratings, item_similarity, top_n=5)

recommended_items = dataset3.iloc[top_recommendations][['Name', 'Rating', 'Tags']]
print(recommended_items.reset_index(drop=True))
```

Figure 17: Dataset 3 - Generate Recommendations Function

6.2 Collaborative Filtering:

6.2.1 Dataset 1:

Figure 18 shows the application of collaborative filtering on dataset 1. A user-item matrix is created and the dimensionality is reduced by applying SVD to the matrix.

```
df = pd.read_csv('tourist_data_with_ratings.csv')
df = df.groupby(['User_ID', 'Attraction']).agg({'User_Rating': 'mean'}).reset_index()
num_users = df['User_ID'].nunique()
user_item_matrix = df.pivot(index='User_ID', columns='Attraction', values='User_Rating').fillna(0).values
user_item_matrix = csr_matrix(user_item_matrix)
n_components = 25
svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components=n_components, random_state=42)
user_item_reduced = svd.fit_transform(user_item_matrix)
user_item_approx = svd.inverse_transform(user_item_reduced)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(user_item_matrix.toarray(), user_item_approx, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
y_pred = X_test
rmse_svd = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
mae_svd = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2_svd = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
```

Figure 18: Dataset 1 - Collaborative Filtering Part 1

Figure 19 shows the recommend_items function which generates recommendations to test the collaborative filtering model.

```
def recommend_items(user_preferences, df, svd, num_recommendations=5):
    user_latent = svd.transform([user_preferences])
    user_approx_ratings = svd.inverse_transform(user_latent).flatten()

recommendations = pd.DataFrame({'item': df['Attraction'].unique(), 'predicted_rating': user_approx_ratings})3
    recommended_items = recommendations.sort_values(by='predicted_rating', ascending=False).head(num_recommendations)
    return recommended_items

user_preferences = [np.random.uniform(0, 5) for _ in range(num_items)] # Simulated user preferences

top_recommended_items = recommend_items(user_preferences, df, svd)
```

Figure 19: Dataset 1 - Collaborative Filtering Recommend Items Function

Figure 20 shows the Python code for the evaluation plots which were generated to visualize the performance of the model.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(range(1, n_components + 1), svd.singular_values_, marker='o', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Latent Factor Index')
plt.ylabel('Singular Value')
plt.title('Scree Plot of Singular Values')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(user_item_matrix.toarray().flatten(), bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Original Ratings')
plt.hist(user_item_approx.flatten(), bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Reconstructed Ratings')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of Original and Reconstructed Ratings')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
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plt.xlabel('Test Data Index')
plt.ylabel('Rating')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Ratings')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Figure 20: Dataset 1 - Collaborative Filtering Part 2 (Evaluation)

6.2.2 Dataset 2:

Figure 21 shows the implementation of the second dataset. A user-item matrix is created and Truncated SVD is applied. The user-item matrix is recreated and is used to make predictions. It can also be seen that data is split in the ratio of 80/20 where 80% is used for training and 20% is used for testing.

```
user_ratings_df = pd.read_csv('user_ratings_accommodations.csv')
user ratings df = user ratings df.groupby(['User ID', 'Accommodation ID']).agg(('User Rating': 'mean')).reset index()
num users = user ratings df['User ID'].nunique()
num_items = user_ratings_df['Accommodation_ID'].nunique()
user_item_matrix = user_ratings_df.pivot(index='User_ID', columns='Accommodation_ID', values='User_Rating').fillna(0).values
user_item_matrix = csr_matrix(user_item_matrix)
n_components = 20
svd = TruncatedSVD(n components=n components, random state=42)
user_item_reduced = svd.fit_transform(user_item_matrix)
user_item_approx = svd.inverse_transform(user_item_reduced)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(user_item_matrix.toarray(), user_item_approx, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
rmse_svd = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, X_test))
mae_svd = mean_absolute_error(y_test, X_test)
r2_svd = r2_score(y_test, X_test)
print(f"Collaborative Filtering with Truncated SVD - RMSE: {rmse_svd:.4f}")
print(f"Collaborative Filtering with Truncated SVD - MAE: {mae_svd:.4f}")
print(f"Collaborative Filtering with Truncated SVD - R^2 Score: {r2_svd:.4f}")
```

Figure 21: Dataset 2 - Collaborative Filtering Part 1

Figure 22 shows the recommend_items() function which generates recommendations to test the collaborative filtering model.

```
def recommend_items(user_preferences, df, svd, num_recommendations=5):
    user_latent = svd.transform([user_preferences])
    user_approx_ratings = svd.inverse_transform(user_latent).flatten()

    recommendations = pd.DataFrame({'item': df['Accommodation_ID'].unique(), 'predicted_rating': user_approx_ratings})
    recommended_items = recommendations.sort_values(by='predicted_rating', ascending=False).head(num_recommendations)
    return recommended_items

user_preferences = [np.random.uniform(0, 5) for _ in range(num_items)]

top_recommended_items = recommend_items(user_preferences, user_ratings_df, svd)

print("\nTop Recommended Accommodations for You:")
    print(top_recommended_items[['item', 'predicted_rating']])
```

Figure 22: Dataset 2 - Collaborative Filtering Recommend Items Function

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(range(1, n.components + 1), svd.singular_values_, marker='o', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Latent Factor Index')
plt.ylabel('Singular Value')
plt.title('Scree Plot of Singular Values for Collaborative Filtering - Dataset 2')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(user_item_matrix.toarray().flatten(), bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Original Ratings', color='blue')
plt.hist(user_item_matrix.toarray().flatten(), bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Reconstructed Ratings', color='orange')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of Original and Reconstructed Ratings')
plt.legend()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
x_values = range(len(y_test.flatten()))
plt.plot(x_values, y_test.flatten(), label='Actual Ratings', alpha=0.7, color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Test Data Index')
```

Figure 23: Dataset 2 - Collaborative Filtering (Evaluation)

The code of evaluation plots in figure 23 were used to generate visualizations for evaluation of collaborative filtering on the second dataset.

6.2.3 Dataset 3

This section covers the implementation of collaborative filtering on Dataset 3. Figure 24 shows the python code for the first part of collaborative filtering where a user-item matrix is created and SVD is performed to predict the user ratings.

```
df = pd.read_csv("tourist_data_with_ratings_dataset3.csv")
df = df.groupby(['User_ID', 'Attraction']).agg({'User_Rating': 'mean'}).reset_index()
num_users = df['User_ID'].nunique()
num_items = df['Attraction'].nunique()
user_item_matrix = df.pivot(index='User_ID', columns='Attraction', values='User_Rating').fillna(0).values
user_item_matrix = csr_matrix(user_item_matrix)
n_components = 25
svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components=n_components, random_state=42)
user_item_reduced = svd.fit_transform(user_item_matrix)
user item approx = svd.inverse transform(user item reduced)
X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(user item matrix.toarray(), user item approx, test size=0.2, random state=42)
y_pred = X_test
rmse_svd = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
mae_svd = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2_svd = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
print("Collaborative Filtering with Truncated SVD - Evaluation Metrics:")
print(f"RMSE: {rmse_svd:.4f}")
print(f"MAE: {mae_svd:.4f}")
print(f"R<sup>2</sup>: {r2 svd:.4f}")
```

Figure 24: Dataset 3 - Collaborative Filtering Part 1

```
def recommend_items(user_preferences, df, svd, num_recommendations=5):
    user_latent = svd.transform([user_preferences])

user_approx_ratings = svd.inverse_transform(user_latent).flatten()

recommendations = pd.DataFrame({
        'item': df['Attraction'].unique(),
        'predicted_rating': user_approx_ratings
})

recommended_items = recommendations.sort_values(by='predicted_rating', ascending=False).head(num_recommendations)
    return recommended_items

user_preferences = [np.random.uniform(0, 5) for _ in range(num_items)]

top_recommended_items = recommend_items(user_preferences, df, svd)

print("\nTop Recommended Tourist Attractions for You:")
    print(top_recommended_items['item', 'predicted_rating'])
```

Figure 25: Dataset 3 - Recommend Items Function

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(range(1, n_components + 1), svd.singular_values_, marker='o', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Latent Factor Index')
plt.ylabel('Singular Value')
plt.title('Scree Plot of Singular Values - Dataset 3 (Collaborative Filtering)')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(user_item_matrix.toarray().flatten(), bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Original Ratings')
plt.hist(user_item_approx.flatten(), bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Reconstructed Ratings')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of Original and Reconstructed Ratings')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
x_values = range(len(y_test.flatten()))
plt.plot(x_values, y_test.flatten(), label='Actual Ratings', alpha=0.7)
plt.plot(x_values, y_pred.flatten(), label='Predicted Ratings', alpha=0.7)
plt.xlabel('Test Data Index')
plt.ylabel('Rating')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Ratings')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Figure 26: Dataset 3 - Collaborative Filtering Part 3 - Evaluation

Figure 25 shows the function to generate recommendations to test the model while Figure 26 shows the code for the plots which were used for evaluation.

6.3 Weighted Hybrid Approach:

This sections explains the shows the code configuration for the implementation of the weighted hybrid approach on each of the three datasets: Ireland's Tourist Attractions, Ireland's Accommodations, and Ireland's famous places.

6.3.1 Dataset 1

This subsection shows the code for the implementation of the weighted hybrid approach on dataset 1.

```
final_tourist_data = pd.read_csv('final_final_tourist_data.csv')
tourist_data_with_ratings = pd.read_csv('tourist_data_with_ratings.csv')

df = final_tourist_data.merge(tourist_data_with_ratings, left_on='Name', right_on='Attraction', how='inner')
```

Figure 27: Dataset 1 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Loading Data)

Figure 27 shows the code where the data is being loaded. The original data and the ratings data are merged together.

```
df['Rating'] = pd.to_numeric(df['Rating'], errors='coerce')
df['Rating'].fillna(df['Rating'].mean(), inplace=True)

df['Tags'] = df['Tags'].fillna('')

vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')
tags_matrix = vectorizer.fit_transform(df['Tags'])

scaler = MinMaxScaler()
df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']] = scaler.fit_transform(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']])

content_matrix = hstack([tags_matrix, csr_matrix(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']]).values)])
```

Figure 28: Dataset 1- Weighted Hybrid Approach (Content Based Filtering Part)

Figure 28 shows the Content-Based Filtering Module where content-based filtering is being implemented. The content matrix combines the tf-idf features and the scaled numerical features to be used further in the hybrid approach.

```
tourist_data_with_ratings = tourist_data_with_ratings.groupby(['User_ID', 'Attraction']).agg({'User_Rating': 'mean'}).reset_index
user_item_matrix = tourist_data_with_ratings.pivot(index='User_ID', columns='Attraction', values='User_Rating').fillna(0).values
user_item_matrix = csr_matrix(user_item_matrix)

n_components = 20
svd = TruncatedSvD(n_components=n_components, random_state=42)
user_item_reduced = svd.fit_transform(user_item_matrix)

user_item_approx_reduced_expanded = np.tile(user_item_reduced, (int(np.ceil(content_matrix.shape[0] / user_item_reduced.shape[0])
user_item_approx_reduced_expanded = user_item_approx_reduced_expanded[:content_matrix.shape[0], :]

user_item_approx_reduced_expanded_sparse = csr_matrix(user_item_approx_reduced_expanded)
```

Figure 29: Dataset 1 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Collaborative Filtering Part)

Figure 29 shows the collaborative filtering module where the reduced user-item matrix is saved as the collaborative filtering feature matrix.

```
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=10, random_state=42)
df['Cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(tags_matrix)
```

```
cluster_features = pd.get_dummies(df['Cluster'])
cluster_matrix = csr_matrix(cluster_features.values)
```

Figure 30: Dataset 1 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Cluster-Based Features Part)

Figure 30 shows the implementation of cluster-based features where every similar attraction is grouped together into similar clusters.

```
weight_content = 0.6
weight_collaborative = 0.3
weight cluster = 0.1
hybrid_matrix = hstack([
    weight_content * content_matrix,
    weight collaborative * user_item_approx_reduced_expanded_sparse,
    weight cluster * cluster matrix
y = df['User_Rating']
X = hybrid matrix
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
ridge model = Ridge(alpha=1.0, random state=42)
ridge model.fit(X train, y train)
y_pred = ridge_model.predict(X_test)
rmse_hybrid = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
mae_hybrid = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2_hybrid = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model with KMeans Clustering - RMSE: {rmse_hybrid:.4f}")
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model with KMeans Clustering - MAE: {mae_hybrid:.4f}")
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model with KMeans Clustering - R^2 Score: {r2_hybrid:.4f}")
```

Figure 31: Dataset 1 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Weights Aggregation + Model Training)

Figure 31 shows the application of weights to each individual type of filtering (Content-Based, Collaborative, and Cluster-Based). The matrixes with weights are combined to form a hybrid matrix which is passed to the ridge regression model. Data is split into the ratio of 80/20 where 80% is the training data and 20% is the testing data.

```
def generate_recommendations(user_id, ridge_model, hybrid_matrix, df, top_n=5):
    user_index = user_id - 1
    user_features = hybrid_matrix[user_index].toarray()
    attraction_features = hybrid_matrix.toarray() # All attraction features
    predicted_ratings = ridge_model.predict(attraction_features)
    recommendations = pd.DataFrame({
        'Attraction': df['Name'].values,
    })
    recommendations = recommendations.drop_duplicates(subset='Attraction', keep='first')
    return recommendations.head(top_n)
```

Figure 32: Dataset 1 - Weighted Hybrid Approach Generate Recommendations

Figure 32 shows the generate_recommendations function which generates recommendations.

6.3.2 Dataset 2

This section shows code for the implementation of weighted hybrid approach on dataset 3.

```
df = pd.read_csv('final_accomodations_data.csv')
user_ratings_df = pd.read_csv('user_ratings_accommodations.csv')
df = df.merge(user_ratings_df, left_on='accommodation_id', right_on='Accommodation_ID', how='inner')
```

Figure 33: Dataset 2 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Loading Data)

Figure 34 shows the content-based filtering module.

```
df['Rating'] = pd.to_numeric(df['Rating'], errors='coerce')
df['Rating'].fillna(df['Rating'].mean(), inplace=True)

df['Account Name'] = df['Account Name'].fillna('')

vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english', max_features=500)
account_name_matrix = vectorizer.fit_transform(df['Account Name'])

scaler = MinMaxScaler()
df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']] = scaler.fit_transform(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']])
content_matrix = hstack([account_name_matrix, csr_matrix(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']].values)])
```

Figure 34: Dataset 2 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Content-Based Filtering Part)

Figure 35 shows the collaborative filtering module.

```
n_components = 20
content_svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components=n_components, random_state=42)
content_matrix_reduced = content_svd.fit_transform(content_matrix)

user_item_matrix = user_ratings_df.pivot(index='User_ID', columns='Accommodation_ID', values='User_Rating').fillna(0)
user_item_matrix = csr_matrix(user_item_matrix.values)

svd = TruncatedSVD(n_components=n_components, random_state=42)
user_item_reduced = svd.fit_transform(user_item_matrix)

user_item_approx_reduced_expanded = np.tile(user_item_reduced, (int(np.ceil(content_matrix.shape[0] / user_item_reduced.shape[0]
user_item_approx_reduced_expanded = user_item_approx_reduced_expanded[:content_matrix.shape[0], :]

user_item_approx_reduced_expanded_sparse = csr_matrix(user_item_approx_reduced_expanded)
```

Figure 35: Dataset 2 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Collaborative Filtering Part)

Figure 36 shows the cluster-based approach on dataset 2.

```
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=10, random_state=42)
df['Cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(account_name_matrix)

cluster_features = pd.get_dummies(df['Cluster'])
cluster_matrix = csr_matrix(cluster_features.values)
```

Figure 36: Dataset 2 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Cluster-Based features Part)

```
weight_content = 0.6
weight collaborative = 0.3
weight cluster = 0.1
hybrid_matrix = hstack([
    weight_content * content_matrix,
     weight_collaborative * user_item_approx_reduced_expanded_sparse,
     weight_cluster * cluster_matrix
1)
y = df['User_Rating'].values
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(hybrid_matrix, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
ridge_model = Ridge(alpha=1.0, random_state=42)
ridge_model.fit(X_train.toarray(), y_train)
y_pred = ridge_model.predict(X_test.toarray())
rmse_hybrid = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
mae_hybrid = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2_hybrid = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model - RMSE: {rmse_hybrid:.4f}")
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model - MAE: {mae_hybrid:.4f}")
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model - R2 Score: {r2_hybrid:.4f}")
```

Figure 37: Dataset 2 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Weights Aggregation + Model Training)

Figure 37 shows the application of weights integration and model training.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(range(1, n_components + 1), svd.singular_values_, marker='o', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Latent Factor Index')
plt.ylabel('Singular Value')
plt.title('Scree Plot of Singular Values for Hybrid Model')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(y_test, bins=50, color='blue', alpha=0.5, label='Original Ratings')
sns.histplot(y_pred, bins=50, color='red', alpha=0.5, label='Predicted Ratings')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of Original and Predicted Ratings for Hybrid Model - Dataset 2')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred, alpha=0.6, color='green')
plt.xlabel('Actual Ratings')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Ratings')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Ratings for Hybrid Model')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Figure 38: Dataset 2 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Evaluation Graphs)

```
def generate_recommendations(user_id, ridge_model, hybrid_matrix, df, top_n=5):
    df = df.drop_duplicates(subset=['accommodation_id'], keep='first')
    user_index = user_id - 1
    user_features = hybrid_matrix[user_index].toarray()
    repeated_user_features = np.tile(user_features, (df.shape[0], 1))

recommendations = pd.DataFrame({
        'Accommodation': df['Account Name'].values,
})

return recommendations.head(top_n)
```

Figure 39: Dataset 2 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Generate Recommendations Function)

Figure 39 shows the generate_recommendations () function which generates the recommendations.

6.3.3 Dataset 3

The below figures show code configurations for the implementation of the weighted hybrid approach on the third dataset.

```
final_tourist_data = pd.read_csv("tourist_attractions_ireland_full_2.csv")
tourist_data_with_ratings = pd.read_csv("tourist_data_with_ratings_dataset3.csv")

df = final_tourist_data.merge(tourist_data_with_ratings, left_on='Name', right_on='Attraction', how='inner')
```

Figure 40: Dataset 3 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Loading Data)

```
df['Rating'] = pd.to_numeric(df['Rating'], errors='coerce')
df['Rating'].fillna(df['Rating'].mean(), inplace=True)

df['Tags'] = df['Tags'].fillna('')

vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(stop_words='english')
tags_matrix = vectorizer.fit_transform(df['Tags'])

scaler = MinMaxScaler()
df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']] = scaler.fit_transform(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']])
content_matrix = hstack([tags_matrix, csr_matrix(df[['Rating', 'Latitude', 'Longitude']].values)])
```

Figure 41: Dataset 3 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Content-Based Filtering Part)

Figure 41 shows the code for the content-based filtering part on dataset 3.

Figure 42: Dataset 3 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Collaborative Filtering Part)

```
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=10, random_state=42)
df['Cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(tags_matrix)

cluster_features = pd.get_dummies(df['Cluster'])
cluster_matrix = csr_matrix(cluster_features.values)
```

Figure 43: Dataset 3 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Cluster-Based Features)

Figure 43 shows the cluster-based filtering on dataset 3.

```
weight_content = 0.6
weight_collaborative = 0.3
weight_cluster = 0.1
hybrid_matrix = hstack([
   weight content * content matrix,
    weight_collaborative * user_item_approx_reduced_expanded_sparse,
   weight_cluster * cluster_matrix
y = df['User_Rating']
X = hybrid matrix
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
ridge_model = Ridge(alpha=1.0, random_state=42)
ridge_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = ridge_model.predict(X_test)
rmse_hybrid = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
mae_hybrid = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
r2_hybrid = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model - RMSE: {rmse_hybrid:.4f}")
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model - MAE: {mae hybrid:.4f}")
print(f"Weighted Hybrid Model - R2 Score: {r2_hybrid:.4f}")
```

Figure 44: Dataset 3 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Weights Aggregation + Model Training)

Figure 44 shows the application of weights aggregation and model training.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(range(1, n_components + 1), svd.singular_values_, marker='o', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Latent Factor Index')
plt.ylabel('Singular Value')
plt.title('Scree Plot of Singular Values')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.hist(y_test, bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Original Ratings', color='blue')
plt.hist(y_pred, bins=50, alpha=0.5, label='Predicted Ratings', color='red')
plt.xlabel('Rating Value')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.title('Distribution of Original and Predicted Ratings - Dataset 3 (Weighted Hybrid Approach)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.scatter(y_test, y_pred, alpha=0.6, color='green')
plt.xlabel('Actual Ratings')
plt.ylabel('Predicted Ratings')
plt.title('Actual vs Predicted Ratings')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Figure 45: Dataset 3 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Evaluation Plots)

```
def generate_recommendations(user_id, ridge_model, hybrid_matrix, df, top_n=5):
    df = df.drop_duplicates(subset=['Name'], keep='first')
    user_index = user_id - 1
    user_features = hybrid_matrix[user_index].toarray()
    repeated_user_features = np.tile(user_features, (df.shape[0], 1))
    recommendations = pd.DataFrame({
        'Attraction': df['Name'].values,
    })
    return recommendations.head(top_n)
```

Figure 46: Dataset 3 - Weighted Hybrid Approach (Generate recommendations Function)

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