A Framework for Personalized Apparel Recommendation

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Motivation

- Picking an item is time-consuming for individuals
- Personalized recommendation tends to be very useful
- Optimize the user experience
- Shortening the time will improve the throughput

Related Work

- Collaborative Filtering
 - NO personalization
- Integrated diffusion-based algorithm
 - NOT online altorithm
 - Can NOT give real-time response
- INTRIGUE
 - Use naive polynomial formulas for scoring of items and thus has less intelligence than machine learning based approaches

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To build an apparel recommender system framework which is ...

- 1. Personalized
 - user rating
 - purchase history, favorites, scanning time
- 2. Accurate
 - image features
 - text tags
- 3. Efficient
 - online context: E-commerce, e.g. Taobao

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• System framework Overview



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- Data collections
- Model apparel items
- Model user preference
- Recommend by rating

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Data collections

- **Crawl** apparel items from Taobao: including both images and textual labels
- An online website for collecting user ratings

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Model an item according to text

- Tag vector from text: binary representation
- HAC Clustering: detect the different text labels with the same meaning

Model an item according to image

- Do NOT care about colors
- Preprocessed to gray-scale map by morphological manipulation using OpenCV to eliminate **disturbance** form the background and people face
- K-SVD : Learn dictionary of apparels according to classification
- Sparse representation of images to get the feature vector

Model an item according to image

• Image preprocessing with OpenCV



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Model an item according to image

• Dictionary learned from K-SVD



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Model an item

• Combine the vector of **textual labels** and vector of **image features** to represent an apparel item

Model user preference

Get user preference and model it

- Judge garments with scores(1-5) based on **personal preference**
- Model user preference by their actions: purchase history, favorites collections, scanning time, etc.

Model user preference

Map apparel item to user preference

- According to specific user
- Mix apparel vectors and textual tag vectors along with the corresponding user ratings as training set

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Recommend by rating

- Support vector machine (Libsvm)
- Ranking by predictive rating for the specific user

Recommendation



Problems and solutions

- P: People's **emphasis** on image and text varied. How to weight the two vectors?
- S: SVM will automatically learn from the training set to determine the feature influence.

Problems and solutions

- P: Each apparel have **different quantity** of images which will lead to a varied length of apparel vectors.
- S: Treat the images affiliated to the same apparel as different apparels with the same textual tags and user rating.

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Experiment Settings

- 1772 garments : several images and text labels
- 24 volunteers
- 60 ratings per volunteer 1553 ratings in total



Table 1: 5-Fold Cross-Validation Accuracies

ID	Accuracy	ID	Accuracy	ID	Accuracy
1	89.1%	9	97.1%	17	93.3%
2	92.5%	10	78.3%	18	94.6%
3	80.9%	11	82.1%	19	85.7%
4	88.5%	12	85.0%	20	89.4%
5	91.3%	13	94.1%	21	88.4%
6	90.0%	14	89.4%	22	89.7%
$\overline{7}$	86.9%	15	93.8%	23	90.5%
8	89.5%	16	96.7%	24	95.2%

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Conclusions

- No similar work has done before
- Personalization meet the user's need
- Integrate feature representation and machine learning
- Leverage both the images and textual labels to enhance accuracy
- Combined with e-commerce, this framework can have a very good market prospect

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Future Work

- Provide more recommending filters under our framework
- Experiment on various aspects of our framework and provide extensive test result for reference

Any Questions :)



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