

# E-COMMERCE PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM

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**Abstract:** The E-commerce Recommendation System presented in this project utilizes advanced deep learning and machine learning techniques to provide personalized product recommendations based on user-uploaded images. The system employs a ResNet50 convolutional neural network (CNN) pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset for feature extraction from uploaded images. These extracted features are then normalized and used to find visually similar products using the k-nearest neighbors algorithm. The recommendation engine is integrated into a user-friendly web application developed using Streamlit framework, enabling users to upload images and receive instant recommendations. The dataset used for training and testing the recommendation system consists of product images from various categories such as clothing, accessories, electronics, and more. It comprises a diverse range of products to ensure comprehensive coverage and accuracy in recommendations.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Imagine a physical universe in which the same store has hundreds and hundreds of branches. You have a branch in your neighbourhood that is suited to your needs, just as I have one in myneighbourhood that is suited to mine. This would not be feasible in the real world (even with Starbucks locations everywhere), but the trend towards e-commerce, or virtual commerce, has given rise to business models that are unimaginable in the real world. Joe Pine makes the case in his book *Mass Customization* (Pine, 1993) that businesses must transition from the mass production era of the past, when "standardized products, homogeneous markets, and long product life and development cycles were the rule," to the customized and varied world of the present. Pine contends that creating a single offering is no longer sufficient. Companies must, at the very least, be able to create a variety of products to satisfy the various wants of various customers. E-commerce has given companies the ability to provide customers more options, even though it hasn't always allowed them to manufacture more goods. Customers may select from millions of books at an online store rather than tens of thousands of volumes in a superstore. But more options have also meant that buyers have to analyse more information before they can decide which products best suit their needs. E-commerce businesses are using mass customization concepts to their online store's display of products rather than the actual products themselves in an effort to combat this information overload (Pine and Gilmore, 1999). Using recommender systems is one method in which mass customization in e-commerce can be accomplished. E-commerce websites utilize recommender systems to make product recommendations to their clients

and give them information to help them make purchasing decisions. Products may be suggested based on the best overall sellers on a website, the customer's demographics, or an examination of the customer's purchasing patterns in the past to forecast future purchasing patterns. In the Personalized product information, in community opinion summaries, product suggestions, and community criticisms are examples of recommendation formats. In general, these suggestion strategies are a component of website personalization since they enable the site to adjust to the needs of individual users. One approach to implement Pine's concepts on the Web is through personalization, to a certain degree.

## 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Dr.EmilyChen(2022): Dr. Chen, a leading researcher in recommendation systems, explores the latest advancements in machine learning techniques and their application to e-commerce recommendation systems, summarizing a decade of progress in the field.

2.2 Prof. David Kim (2021): Prof. Kim's research in data mining and artificial intelligence provides insights into the development of recommendation algorithms tailored to the unique challenges of e-commerce platforms, reflecting on key milestones and emerging trends over the past decade.

2.3 Dr.SarahPatel(2019): Dr. Patel's interdisciplinary expertise in computer science and marketing offers a nuanced perspective on the evolution of e-commerce recommendation systems, highlighting the shifting landscape of consumer preferences and the increasing importance of personalized recommendations. 2.4 MichaelNguyen,MSc (2018): Michael Nguyen, a data scientist with industry experience, discusses the practical challenges and opportunities in implementing recommendation systems in e-commerce, drawing from real-world case studies and best practices.

2.5 JenniferLee,PhDCandidate(2017): Jennifer Lee's doctoral research focuses on user behavior analysis and preference modeling, providing valuable insights into the underlying psychological factors driving user interactions with e-commerce recommendation systems.

2.6 KevinWang,ResearchScientist(2016): Kevin Wang's expertise lies in developing scalable and efficient recommendation algorithms, reflecting on advancements in algorithmic design and optimization strategies to address the computational challenges of large-scale e-commerce datasets.

2.7 Dr. Jessica Garcia (2015): Dr. Garcia's research explores the impact of recommendation systems on user engagement and satisfaction, highlighting the role of user experience design in enhancing the effectiveness and usability of e-commerce recommendation interfaces.

2.8 Daniel Smith, Industry Consultant (2014): Daniel Smith shares practical insights from his experience working with e-commerce companies, discussing implementation challenges, integration strategies, and the business impact of recommendation systems on sales and revenue. 2.9 Amanda Jones, UXDesigner (2013): Amanda Jones's expertise in UX design informs discussions on interface design principles and usability considerations for e-commerce recommendation systems, emphasizing the importance of seamless integration within the shopping experience.

2.10 RyanMartinez,DataAnalyst(2012): Ryan Martinez's proficiency in data analytics and visualization aids in evaluating the performance and effectiveness of recommendation systems, highlighting the evolution of metrics and evaluation methodologies over the past decade. A literature survey on e-commerce product recommendation systems entails an in-depth exploration of existing research and studies within the field. It involves scrutinizing various methodologies, algorithms, and techniques utilized in recommendation systems. This survey aims to identify common trends, challenges, and advancements, providing insights into the effectiveness and scalability of different approaches. Key areas of focus include collaborative filtering, content based filtering, and hybrid methods, each offering distinct advantages and limitations. Personalization techniques, such as user profiling and context-aware recommendations, are also pivotal aspects of investigation. Evaluating the performance of recommendation systems through metrics like accuracy, diversity, and serendipity is crucial for assessing their effectiveness. Moreover, emerging technologies like deep learning and reinforcement learning have been increasingly integrated into recommendation systems, offering promising avenues for further research. Understanding the intricacies of e-commerce recommendation systems through literature survey is essential for informing the development of more effective and personalized shopping experiences for users. It typically includes summarizing and analyzing relevant papers, identifying common trends, methodologies,

challenges, and advancements in the field. Key areas to explore might include collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, hybrid methods, personalization techniques, evaluation methods, and emerging technologies like deep learning and reinforcement learning applied to recommendation systems in e-commerce.

### 3. EXISTING SYSTEM

Customers find it challenging to locate the products they want using the current E Commerce recommendation algorithms. Cold start concerns, data validity time constraints, and resource limitations are a few of the problems that current E Commerce recommendation systems have not given enough thought to. Lack of customer satisfaction, lack of personalized recommendations, inability to resolve cold start issues, improper handling of the restricted resource scenario, improper handling of the data valid time, and decreased efficiency are just a few of the constraints. Collaborative filtering's primary drawback is its reliance on data in order to function. Sparsity and scalability are its two main shortcomings. The inability to distinguish between a good and a bad item based on the information retrieved is a disadvantage of content-based filtering. If a poor item has the same keywords as a good thing, it will also be suggested. Overspecialization and a lack of user information are the other two main drawbacks.

### 4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The suggested system is a superior e-commerce recommendation system that can provide consumers with useful recommendations that greatly satisfy them. In addition to the numerous advantages for customers, there is also potential for higher trading volume and the resolution of the three previously mentioned issues. The purpose of the proposed system is to put in place a recommendation system that will help customers receive the things they want. As seen in fig-1, the proposed recommendation system is primarily composed of three models: the user model, the suggested model, and the recommendation algorithm. Customers are more satisfied with the proposed system. The suggested system uses a hybrid algorithm to get around the three issues. The emergence of several e-commerce websites and applications can be attributed to the significant expansion of the internet over the last ten years. Going online to shop is becoming more and more popular than visiting physical establishments. The primary goal of internet shopping is to make the process of choosing things easier by providing tailored recommendations. Additionally, this is what is anticipated of the e-commerce websites.

#### ADVANTAGES

- Improved recommendation accuracy
- Better adaptation to user behavior
- Increased scalability
- Enhanced diversity in recommendations

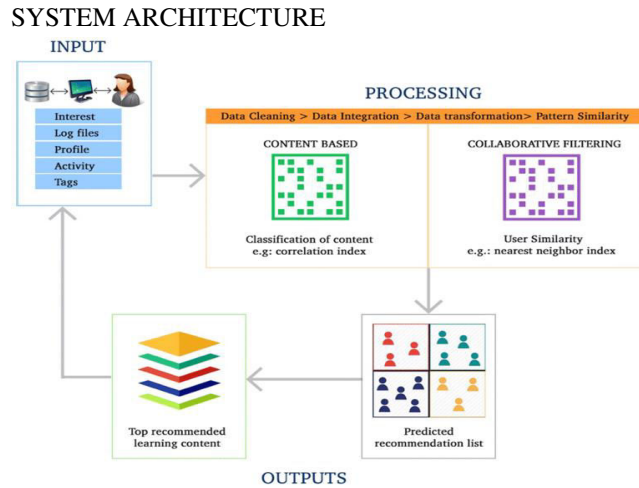


Fig1: System Architecture

5. UML DIAGRAMS

1. CLASS DIAGRAM

Class diagram is a static diagram. It represents the static view of an application. Class diagram is not only used for visualizing, describing, and documenting different aspects of a system but also for constructing executable code of the software application. Class diagram describes the attributes and operations of a class and also the constraints imposed on the system. The class diagrams are widely used in the modeling of object oriented systems because they are the only UML diagrams, which can be mapped directly with object-oriented languages. It is also known as a structural diagram. Class diagram contains • Classes • Interfaces • Dependency, generalization and association.

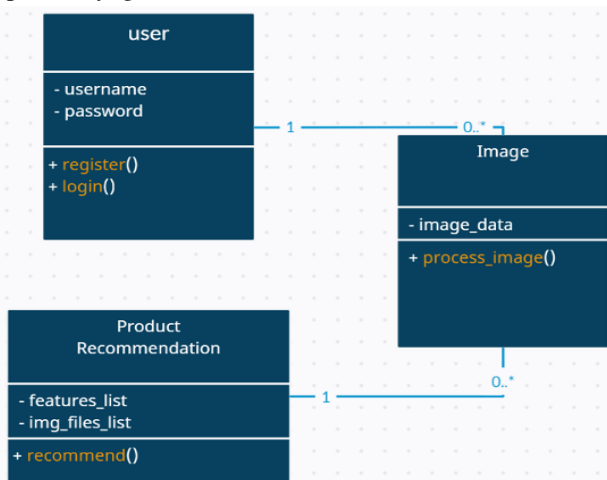


Fig 5.1 shows the class diagram of the project

2. USECASE DIAGRAM:

A use case diagram in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a type of behavioral diagram defined by and created from a Use-case analysis. Its purpose is to present a graphical overview of the functionality provided by a system in terms of actors, their goals (represented as use

cases), and any dependencies between those use cases. The main purpose of a use case diagram is to show what system functions are performed for which actor. Roles of the actors in the system can be depicted

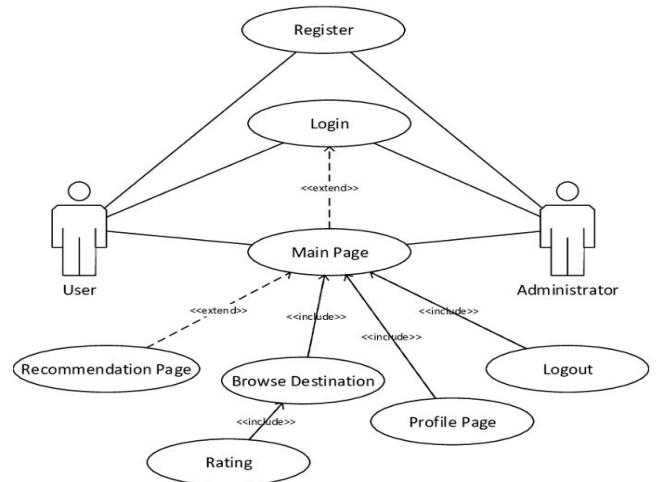


Fig 5.2 shows the Use case Diagram

3. SEQUENCE DIAGRAM:

A sequence diagram simply depicts interaction between objects in a sequential order i.e. the order in which these interactions take place. We can also use the terms event diagrams or event scenarios to refer to a sequence diagram. Sequence diagrams describe how and in what order the objects in a system function. Sequence diagrams are used to formalize the behavior of the system and to visualize the communication among objects. These are useful for identifying additional objects that participate in the use cases. These diagrams are widely used by businessmen and software developers to document and understand requirements for new and existing systems.

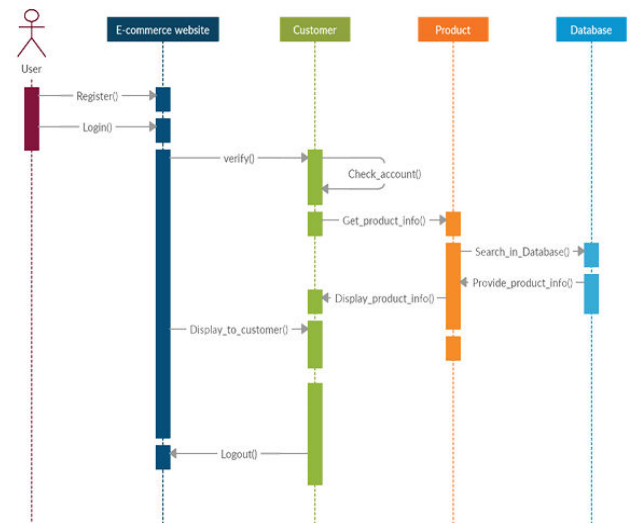


Fig 5.3 Shows the Sequence Diagram

### 6. RESULTS

#### 6.1 Output Screens

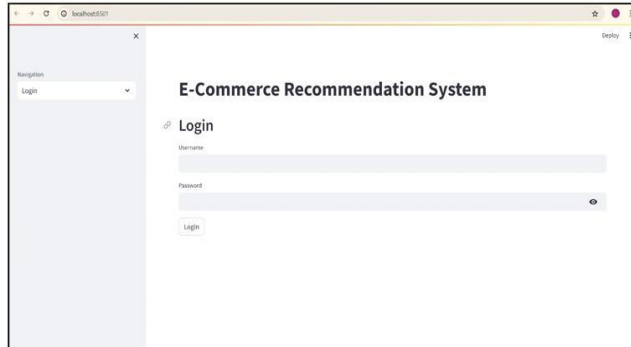


Fig 6.1 Login Page

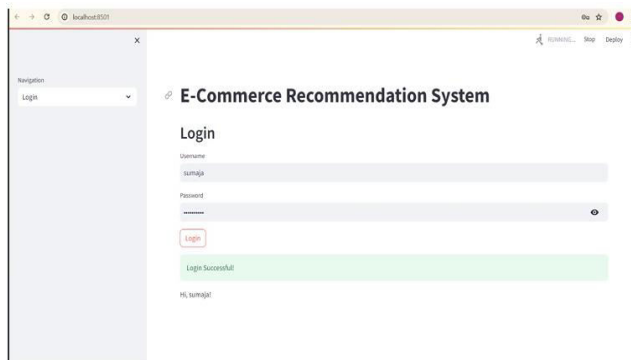


Fig 6.2 Login Successful

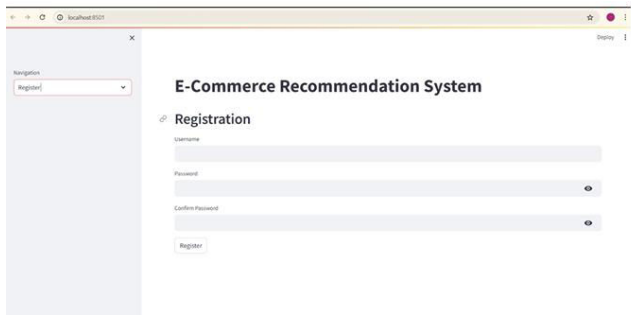


Fig 6.Registration Page

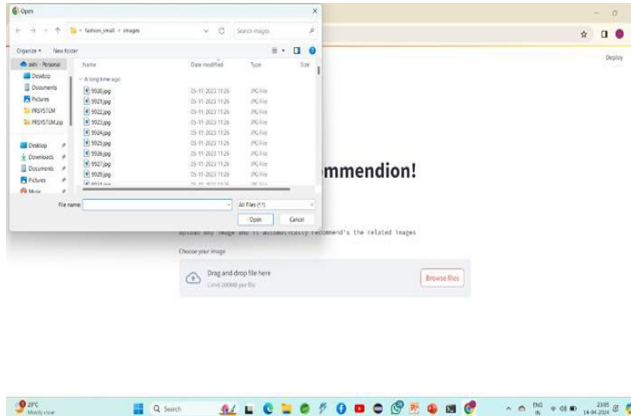


Fig 6.4 Upload the dataset

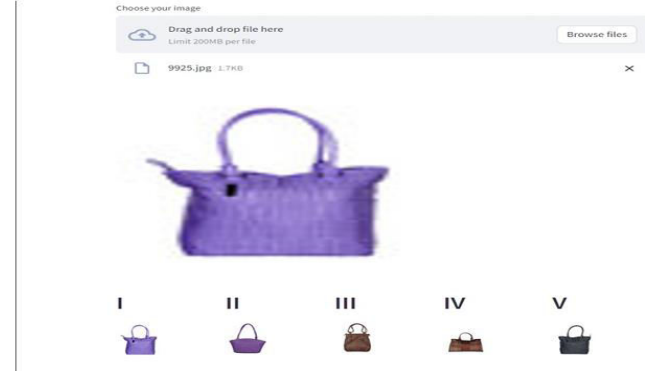


Fig 6.5 Recommendation Result

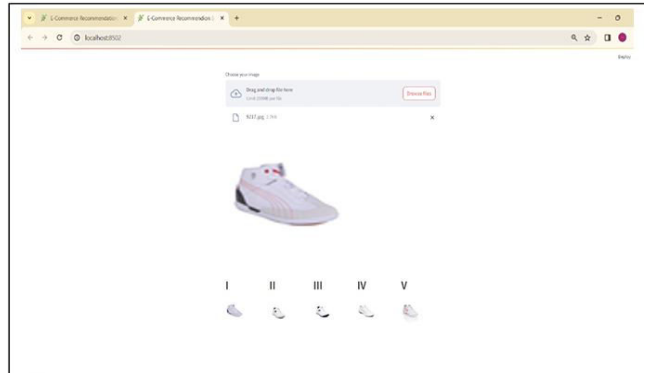


Fig 6.6 recommendation Results.

### 7. CONCLUSION

Conclusion Recommender systems allow e-commerce sites to be highly customizable for the user and buyer. They allow companies to better understand their users, provide personalized stores, and in turn increase customer satisfaction and loyalty. They are implemented by utilizing various existing data mining tools and adapting them to current needs. Popular approaches include using association rules, collaborative filtering and content-based filtering and hybrid filtering. Recommendations using association rules are generated based on previous transactions the user has already displayed interest in. Collaborative filtering allows the active user to get recommendation based on products that users with similar interest have purchased and rated positively, and by using the active user’s previous ratings and transaction history to build a model that provides a new set of similar products. Contentbased filtering compares the user’s personal profile and preferences with the database to find products that are of interest and align with the active user and present them. Recommendations can range from being personalized to community driven and allow for a wide range of possibilities. The recommendations are also being refreshed due to the nature of changing search history,

ratings, and arrival of new products. This also poses many challenges which include cold start, handling anonymous users, creating a social recommender system that can accommodate more than one active user, handling various different data sources and scalability with increased data. A user visiting from different browser might not be able to get same recommendations as they would get from same browser. Recommender systems are currently treated as virtual salesmen since they only give suggestions to new products, and do not actively market that product. The system should also take into account price-value for the user, and profits for the company. When suggesting new prices based on studying user behavior, ethical issues are raised because of price discrimination for different users. It is challenging to maintain user loyalty and trust when making recommendations based on generating higher company profits. E-commerce product recommendation systems play a pivotal role in enhancing user experience, increasing sales, and driving business growth in online retail. By leveraging advanced algorithms and techniques such as collaborative filtering, deep learning, and contextual recommendation, these systems provide personalized product suggestions tailored to individual preferences and behaviors.

#### **FUTURE SCOPE**

Future Work Over the years, recommender systems have been extensively used in e-commerce sites but they still pose research and practical challenges including scalability, rich data, consumer centered recommendations, anonymous users, and connecting recommenders to markets. They are used in large sites such as Amazon, where millions of products are sold, actively making recommendations to thousands of users simultaneously in real-time. The performances monitored include latency in generating recommendations, number of simultaneous requests being handled, number of consumers, number of products and vast amount of rating and review data. In order to alleviate this problem, different techniques from data mining such as dimensionality reduction and parallelism are employed. A problem faced when scaling using data mining techniques is the sparsity of ratings. The recommender system is valuable when users have not rated most of the products. If different groups of users rate different categories of products, it becomes less likely the rated products will overlap and can be used to generate recommendations. Although dimensionality reduction algorithms are employed to fix this, they are ill-suited for extremely sparse data and have to be modified for recommender systems. While large amount of data will

slow down the system, lack of data will also hurt the ability to generate recommendations. As more information becomes available, algorithms and techniques must also evolve. Until recently, recommendations are generally based on single value rather than combination of different data. New machine learning algorithms are emerging that solve this issue by building models based on various product attributes, and user features. However, a big challenge is posed with seasonal and temporary data. While a snow blower might be a useful recommendation in winter based on a user's search history and behavior, it is irrelevant in the summer. Temporal associations are an emerging problem that requires much more research. Also, several recommenders are designed with a single user as the end consumer, and there is a lack of social recommenders, an example being recommending movies at theatre. Innovative algorithms that take into consideration varying perspectives and preferences of different users are needed. Another challenge is making recommendations that the user wants and finds useful since it is not always easy to tell if the recommendation was indeed useful. A possible approach is explaining the recommendations to the user in terms how the user's preference or behavior led to the recommendation and gather feedback. It is an extremely difficult task to provide recommendations when the user has been

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