



# CoSoLoRec: Joint Factor Model with Content, Social, Location for Heterogeneous Point-of-Interest Recommendation

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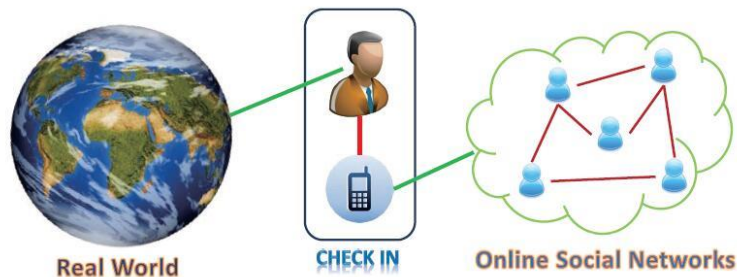
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# Location based Social Networks

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- Location-based Social Networks(LBSNs) grow rapidly, such as Foursquare, Gowalla and so on.
- LBSNs break the boundary between the physical world and virtual networks.
- Point-of-Interest Recommendation not only benefit merchants but also benefit customers.



# Heterogeneous Point-of-Interest Recommendation



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- Task: to recommend Point-of-Interest(POIs) based on different factors, such as geographical, social and textual information.
- Various factors can influence performance of recommendation:
  - Tobler's Law of Geographical Influence
  - Homophily of Social Correlation
  - Heterogeneous Information
- We propose a novel probabilistic latent factor model by considering the above three factors simultaneously.



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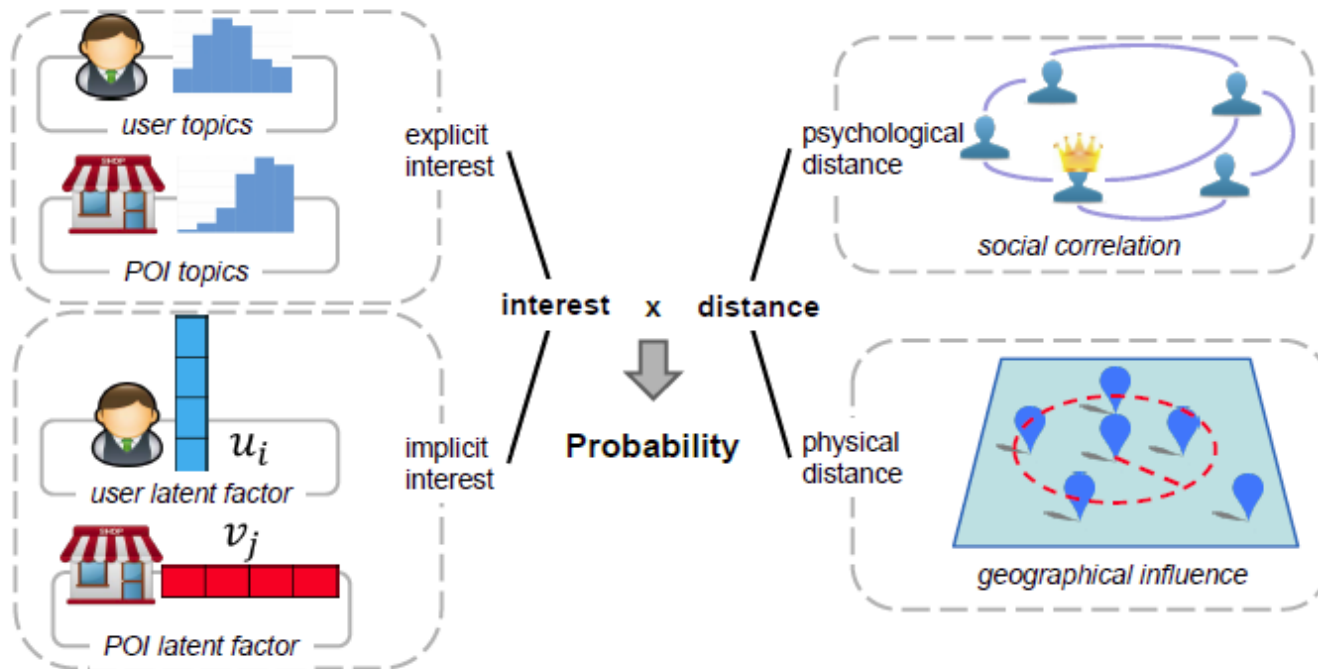
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# Model Construction

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- Our model consists of four-fold: physical distance, psychological distance, explicit interest and implicit interest.



# Model Construction

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## □ Fused Probabilistic Latent Factor Model

- each user  $i$  is associated with his or her interest  $\eta(i, j)$  with respect to POI  $j$ 
  - Implicit interest(topic distribution of users and POIs):  $\eta_1(i, j) = \theta_i^T \pi_j$
  - Explicit interest(latent factor combination):  $\eta_2(i, j) = \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j$
- each user has an intended visiting probability  $p_f(i, j)$  with respect to POI  $j$  on the basis of friend-based Collaborative Filtering.
- geographical influence impels user  $i$  to estimate the probability he or she will visits POI  $j$  denoted as  $p_l(i, j)$  based on Kernel Density Estimation.

## □ Whole Model

### 1. Draw a user interest

- (a) Generator user latent factor  $u_{iw} \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_U, \beta_U)$
- (b) Generator item latent factor  $v_{jw} \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_V, \beta_V)$
- (c) user's explicit interest  $\eta_1(i, j) = \theta_i^T \pi_j$ , implicit interest  $\eta_2(i, j) = \mathbf{u}_i^T \mathbf{v}_j$
- (d) user's interest  $\eta(i, j) = \eta_1(i, j) + \eta_2(i, j)$

### 2. $y(i, j) \sim P(p(i, j))$ where

$$p(i, j) = (\eta_1(i, j) + \eta_2(i, j)) ((1 - \lambda) p_l(i, j) + \lambda p_f(i, j))$$





# Model Construction-Geographical Influence

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- we employ Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) to model the geographical influence of POIs on users' visiting behaviors.

$$p_l(i, j) = P\left(\bigcup_{t=1}^{|L_i|} (c_t \rightarrow c_0)\right) = 1 - P\left(\bigcap_{t=1}^{|L_i|} \overline{c_t \rightarrow c_0}\right) = 1 - \prod_{t=1}^{|L_i|} (1 - P(c_t \rightarrow c_0))$$

$$P(c_t \rightarrow c_0) = \frac{1}{|X_i|} \sum_{x \in X_i} K\left(\frac{z_t - x}{\delta}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}|X_i|} \sum_{x \in X_i} e^{-\frac{(z_t - x)^2}{2\delta^2}} \quad \delta \approx 1.06\hat{\delta}|X_i|^{-1/5}.$$

- The computational complexity grows rapidly with the increment of  $L_i$ . We use approximation algorithm.



# Model Construction-Social Correlation

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- we adopt the user-based collaborative filtering(CF) by regarding all of i's friends as neighbors named as Friend-based Collaborative Filtering.

$$p_f(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{i' \in \mathcal{F}_i} \text{sim}(i, i') r_{i'j}}{\sum_{i' \in \mathcal{F}_i} \text{sim}(i, i')} \cdot \frac{1}{r_{max}}$$

- We choose cosine similarity to validate  $\text{sim}(i, j)$  .



# Model Construction-Probabilistic Latent Factor Model

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□ the process of Probabilistic Latent Factor Model is as follows:

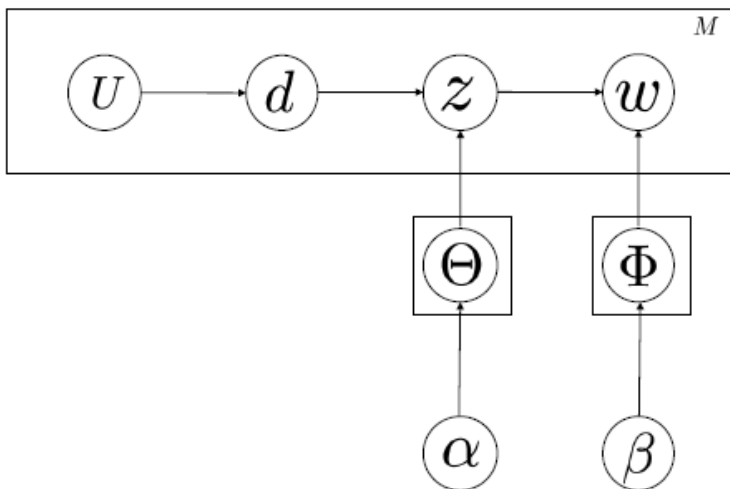
1. for all  $w$ , generate  $u_{iw} \sim p(u_{iw} | \Phi_{u_{iw}})$
2. for all  $w$ , generate  $v_{jw} \sim p(v_{jw} | \Phi_{v_{jw}})$
3. generate  $\hat{f}_{ij}$  from user  $i$  to location  $j$  with equation  $\hat{f}_{ij} = \sum_{w=1}^d u_{iw} v_{jw} = \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j$
4. generate  $\hat{y}_{ij} \sim P(\hat{f}_{ij})$

$$p(U | \alpha_U, \beta_U) = \prod_{i=1}^m \prod_{w=1}^d \frac{u_{iw}^{\alpha_U - 1} \exp(-u_{iw}/\beta_U)}{\beta_U^{\alpha_U} \Gamma(\alpha_U)}$$
$$p(V | \alpha_V, \beta_V) = \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{w=1}^d \frac{v_{jw}^{\alpha_V - 1} \exp(-v_{jw}/\beta_V)}{\beta_V^{\alpha_V} \Gamma(\alpha_V)}$$

$$P(\hat{y}_{ij} | \hat{f}_{ij}) = (\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j)^{\hat{y}_{ij}} \frac{\exp(-\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j)}{\hat{y}_{ij}!}$$

# Model Construction-Textual Analysis

- In order to extract users' explicit interest, we use an aggregated LDA model.
- In order to learn users' interests, we aggregate all the reviews written by each user into a document. Thus, user and document are interchangeable in reflecting user's interest.



$$\pi_{js} = \frac{n_j^{(s)} + \alpha}{\sum_{s=1}^K n_j^{(s)} + K\alpha}$$

$$\theta_{is} = \frac{n_i^{(s)} + \alpha}{\sum_{s=1}^K n_i^{(s)} + K\alpha}$$



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# Learning and Inference

- Given the observed data collection  $\mathcal{D} = \{p(i, j)\}^{I_{ij}}$  where  $p(i, j)$  is the user visiting probability, and  $I_{ij} = 1$  when user  $i$  visited POI  $j$ , and  $I_{ij} = 0$  otherwise.
- Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) method to learn parameters  $\Lambda = \{U, V\}$

$$\mathcal{L}(U, V; \mathcal{D}) = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N I_{ij} (y(i, j) \log p(i, j) - p(i, j)) + \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{w=1}^d \left( (\alpha_U - 1) \log u_{iw} - \frac{u_{iw}}{\beta_U} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{w=1}^d \left( (\alpha_V - 1) \log v_{jw} - \frac{v_{jw}}{\beta_V} \right) \quad ($$

$$p(i, j) = (u_i^T v_j + \theta_i^T \pi_j) ((1 - \lambda) p_l(i, j) + \lambda p_f(i, j))$$

- Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) method to optimize them and update parameters iteratively using all training samples.



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# Experimental Results

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## □ Datasets: Foursquare and Yelp

Table 2. Data Description

	Yelp	Foursquare
Number of users	366715	571700
Number of locations	61184	8318919
Review items	1569265	5550203
User-location matrix density	$6.99 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-6}$
Number of Cities	10	50

- Foursquare: 6895 users for 13208 POIs with 166989 ratings
- Yelp: 3059 users, 26446 business with 180755 review records.





# Evaluation Method

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- Baselines: PMF, NMF, BNMF, GT-BNMF, Geo-PFM
- Our model: CoSoLoRec, CoSoLo-PMF, CoSoLo-NMF, CoSoLo-BNMF.
- Evaluation Metrics:
  - Relative precision:

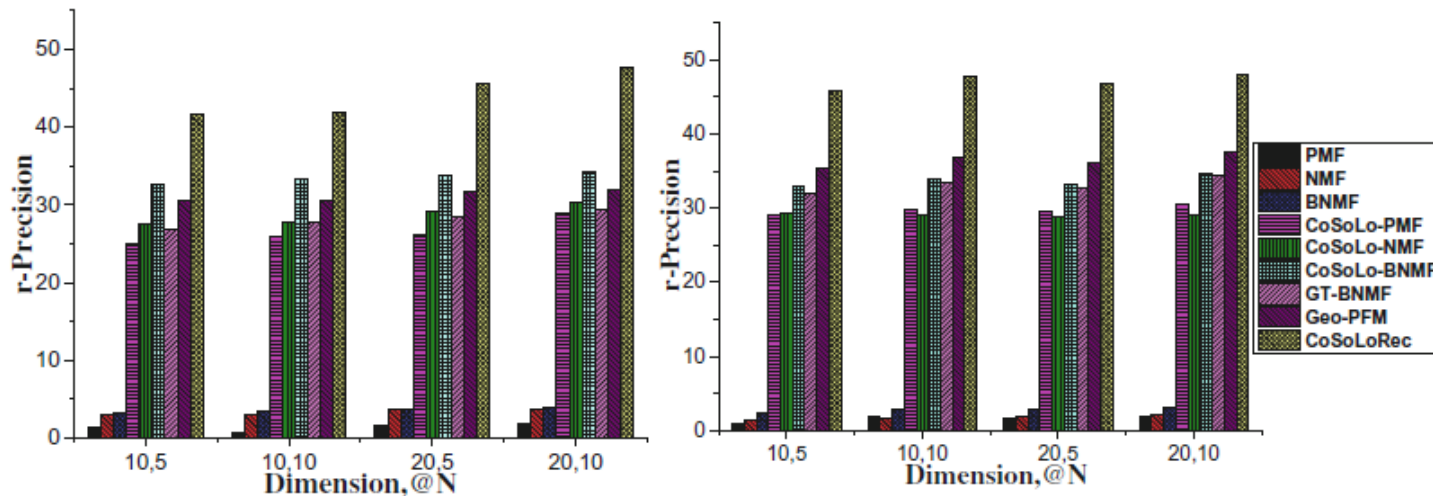
$$rPrecision@N = \frac{|S_{N,rec} \cap S_{visited}| \cdot |C|}{|S_{visited}| \cdot N}$$

- RMSE:

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{(u,i) \in E} (r_{ui} - \hat{r}_{ui})^2}$$

# Relative precision

- CoSoLoRec model outperforms all the baselines in these two datasets under our situations.
- CoSoLo-PMF, CoSoLo-NMF and CoSoLo-BNMF show almost equivalent performance in precision.
- Heterogeneous information can reflect user's interests accurately.



(a) rPrecision@N on Yelp

(b) rPrecision@N on Foursquare

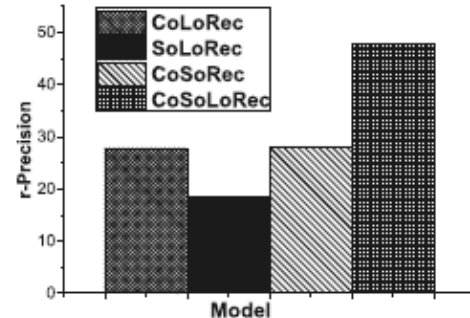
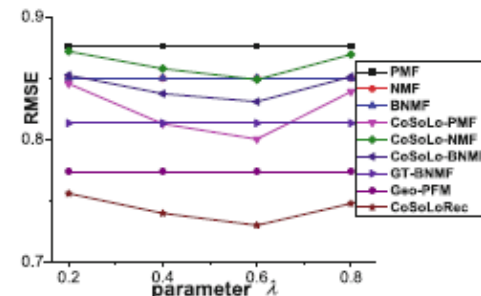
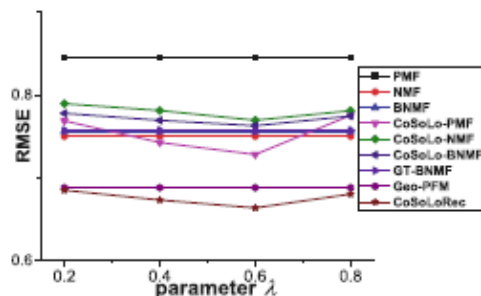
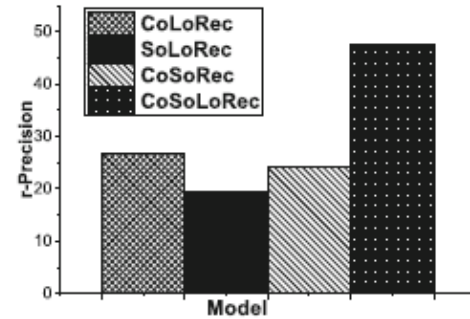
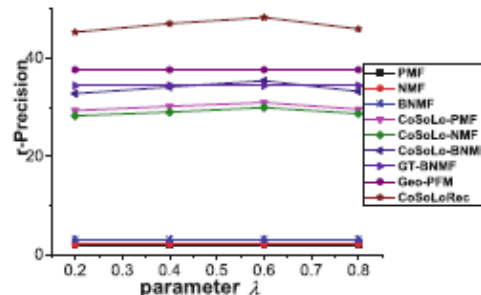
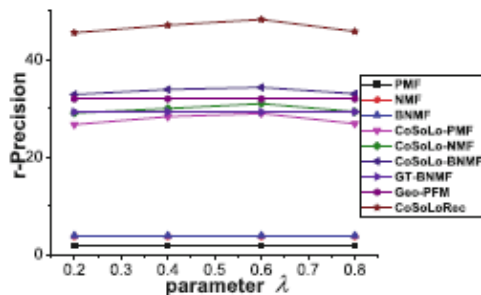
- Our model(CoSoLoRec) achieves less RMSE than baselines with different dimensions of latent factors
- Heterogeneous information can ensure more accuracy in recommending POIs

Table 3. Performance comparison in different dimensions

	D	Metrics	PMF	NMF	BNMF	C-PMF	C-NMF	C-BNMF	GT-BNMF	Geo-PFM	CoSoLoRec
Yelp	10	RMSE	0.8225	0.7644	0.766	0.7639	0.7824	0.7769	0.7241	0.7076	<b>0.6692</b>
		Improve	18.64 %	12.45 %	12.64 %	12.40 %	14.47 %	13.86 %	7.58 %	5.43 %	
	20	RMSE	0.8455	0.7502	0.7564	0.7365	0.7716	0.7672	0.7573	0.6881	<b>0.6693</b>
		Improve	20.84 %	10.78 %	11.52 %	9.12 %	13.26 %	12.76 %	11.62 %	2.73 %	
4sq	10	RMSE	0.8792	0.8515	0.8624	0.8335	0.8612	0.8454	0.8282	0.7815	<b>0.7476</b>
		Improve	14.97 %	12.20 %	13.31 %	10.31 %	13.19 %	11.57 %	9.73 %	4.34 %	
	20	RMSE	0.8763	0.8498	0.85	0.8019	0.8509	0.8334	0.8132	0.7739	<b>0.7319</b>
		Improve	16.48 %	13.87 %	13.89 %	8.73 %	13.99 %	12.18 %	10.00 %	5.43 %	

# Parameter Sensitivity and Model Robust

- Both geographical and social influence play comparative roles.
- User's text information contributes greater than geographical and social influence in precision of recommending.



(a) r-Pre and RMSE on Yelp (b) r-Pre and RMSE on 4sq (c) Robust for Yelp and 4sq



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- we proposed CoSoLoRec model which fused geographical information, social information and text information.
- Experimental results show that our fused model is superior to all other approaches evaluated, such as PMF, NMF, GT-BNMF and Geo-PFM.
- Our model performs better in any different combinations between geographical and social influence.
- Text information is more important than above two factors.

# Thank You!