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Abstract

In today's era of information explosion, users often struggle to quickly find the information they need from vast amounts of data, leading to the severe challenge of information overload [1][2]. Recommender systems have emerged to alleviate this issue by analyzing user behaviors and preferences to provide personalized content recommendations[3]. However, traditional recommendation algorithms face difficulties in handling the inherent fuzziness and uncertainty of user interests and behaviors [4]. Fuzzy logic, as a mathematical tool for dealing with imprecise problems, offers new solutions for enhancing recommender systems [5]. This thesis delves into the fundamental concepts and principles of fuzzy logic, explores its application methods in recommender systems, and provides a detailed analysis of the principles and applications of the Mamdani fuzzy inference system [13][14]. By optimizing the design of membership functions and rule bases within the fuzzy logic model, the performance of the recommender system is significantly improved. Data tables and code examples demonstrate the increased recommendation accuracy after optimization, verifying the effectiveness of fuzzy logic in enhancing recommender system performance and boosting user satisfaction [15][16]. Finally, the thesis analyzes the development trends of fuzzy logic applications in recommender systems, offering valuable references for future research and practice [19][20][23].

Keywords: Fuzzy Logic; Recommender Systems; Mamdani Fuzzy Inference; Algorithm Optimization; Personalized Recommendation

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1. Introduction

1.1. Background Introduction

In the current digital era, the rapid advancement of internet technologies has led to an exponential surge in the creation and distribution of information. Users are daily inundated with massive and complex data streams, making it challenging to swiftly locate the information they need, which negatively impacts user experience and satisfaction [1][2]. This issue is especially prominent in sectors like e-commerce, social media, and streaming services, where users often feel overwhelmed by an abundance of irrelevant or low-relevance content. Consequently, there is an urgent need for efficient access to valuable information. Recommender systems have emerged as a critical tool to tackle this problem by analyzing user behaviors, preferences, and interactions to provide personalized content. These systems not only enhance the efficiency of information retrieval but also significantly improve user experience. Personalized recommendations have become a fundamental feature of many online platforms, offering higher-quality services and increasing the overall commercial value of these platforms.

1.2. Research Problem

Despite the essential role of recommender systems in mitigating information overload, traditional algorithms like collaborative filtering and content-based filtering face challenges in handling the inherent fuzziness and uncertainty of user preferences [3][4]. User interests are often influenced by various factors such as context, emotions, and evolving personal needs, rendering user preferences highly complex and dynamic [7]. These interests and behaviors are frequently ambiguous and difficult to quantify, making it challenging for traditional algorithms to accurately identify and predict user preferences. Additionally, issues like data sparsity and the cold-start problem further exacerbate the inefficiency of traditional methods, diminishing the effectiveness and stability of recommendations. Therefore, developing a recommendation approach that can flexibly adapt to the vagueness and evolving nature of user preferences is a critical area of research.

1.3. Research Objectives

To address these challenges, this thesis proposes the application of fuzzy logic to recommender systems. Fuzzy logic, introduced by Zadeh in 1965, offers a mathematical framework for dealing with vagueness and uncertainty, making it well-suited for modeling complex user interests and behaviors [5]. By integrating fuzzy logic, this research aims to optimize key components of recommender systems, such as the design of membership functions and rule bases, enabling the system to better handle ambiguous and uncertain data. Furthermore, the study will explore adaptive tuning of membership functions and the dynamic generation of rule bases to enhance the system's responsiveness and recommendation accuracy. The ultimate goal is to develop a more flexible and efficient recommender system that not only enhances user satisfaction but also delivers high-quality personalized services in complex scenarios, thereby advancing the development and application of recommendation technology.

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2. Theoretical Foundations and Related Work

2.1. Overview of Recommender Systems

In an age of information overload, recommender systems play a vital role in helping users efficiently filter and discover relevant content. Common recommendation methods include content-based recommendations, collaborative filtering, and hybrid approaches [3]. Content-based recommendations analyze the characteristics of items a user has previously liked to suggest similar items [7]. For example, on an e-commerce platform, if a user has purchased or viewed several tech gadgets like smartwatches or wireless earbuds, the system may recommend other tech products with similar features or styles. However, this method has limited ability to help users discover new or diverse items. Collaborative filtering relies on the similarity between users or items and is divided into user-based and item-based collaborative filtering [4]. User-based collaborative filtering identifies other users with similar preferences and recommends items those users have liked, while item-based collaborative filtering suggests items similar to those the user has already engaged with. For instance, if many users

who purchased a coffee machine also bought coffee beans, the system will recommend coffee beans to a user who has bought a coffee machine. Despite their widespread use, collaborative filtering methods face challenges like data sparsity and the cold-start problem [9]. Recent advancements in hybrid recommendation approaches, such as integrating deep learning models with traditional methods, have shown promising results in improving both recommendation accuracy and diversity [24][25].

2.2. Handling Fuzziness and Uncertainty in User Preferences

Fuzzy logic, introduced by Zadeh in 1965, provides a robust mathematical framework for managing imprecision and uncertainty [5]. At its core is the concept of fuzzy sets, where elements can partially belong to a set with varying degrees of membership, unlike traditional binary classification that restricts elements to either "belongs" or "does not belong" [16]. This flexibility allows for a more nuanced representation of real-world data.

Membership functions are used to quantify these degrees of membership and commonly take forms such as triangular, Gaussian, or trapezoidal shapes. Each type captures different aspects of data uncertainty, offering a precise depiction of the fuzziness inherent in complex user preferences. For example, triangular functions are straightforward and often used for simple, well-defined scenarios, while Gaussian functions are preferred for modeling gradual changes and continuous variations in user behavior. Trapezoidal functions effectively describe broader ranges of interest, making them suitable for scenarios where preference boundaries are less defined.

Another critical component of fuzzy logic is linguistic variables, which enable the use of natural language descriptors (e.g., "low," "medium," "high") to model ambiguous phenomena [11]. These linguistic terms help make complex systems more intuitive and easier to interpret.

The flexibility of fuzzy logic makes it a powerful tool for addressing uncertainty and ambiguity, especially in fields like control systems, decision-making, and artificial intelligence [10]. Its application in recommender systems allows for more adaptive and context-aware recommendations by incorporating real-world complexity into the modeling process. Recent advancements have focused on adaptive membership functions that dynamically adjust to user

behavior patterns in real-time, enhancing the system's responsiveness and ensuring it remains effective even as user preferences evolve [26].

However, despite its advantages, relying solely on predefined membership functions and rule sets can limit the system's ability to handle highly complex and dynamic user preferences. Manual tuning is often labor-intensive and may not achieve global optimality. Therefore, there is a growing need to integrate optimization techniques such as genetic algorithms (GA) and particle swarm optimization (PSO) to automate and enhance the performance of fuzzy logic models.

2.3. Current Research on Fuzzy Logic in Recommender Systems

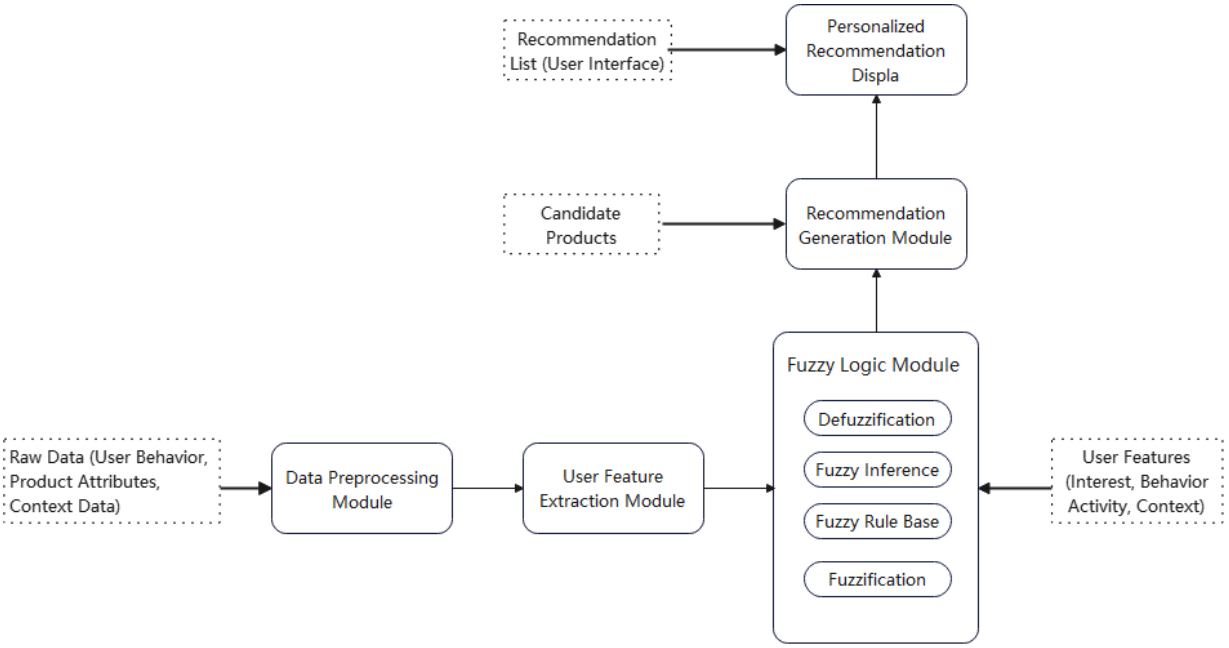
Fuzzy logic has been shown to be effective in addressing the fuzziness and uncertainty in user preferences within recommender systems. For example, on e-commerce platforms, users' preferences are not always clear-cut; they may "somewhat" like one category of products or "strongly" prefer another [11][13]. Researchers have incorporated fuzzy sets and membership functions into recommendation algorithms to better capture and express these ambiguous preferences [5][10]. Some studies have explored fuzzy clustering methods to classify users or items in a way that mitigates the data sparsity problem [3][19]. Other research has utilized fuzzy rule-based reasoning, employing expert knowledge or data-driven approaches to construct rule sets for more flexible preference inference and decision-making. For instance, based on a user's purchase history and interest level, the system can infer that the user might have a strong interest in discounted products or specific brands [12][20]. Liu et al. (2021) demonstrated how fuzzy logic can be combined with neural network models to dynamically adjust recommendation strategies based on real-time user feedback, achieving significant improvements in accuracy and user satisfaction [25]. Additionally, comparative studies by Chen and Smith (2023) have highlighted that fuzzy logic provides greater flexibility in modeling ambiguous data compared to probabilistic methods, making it a valuable tool for personalized recommendations [26]. These advancements indicate that fuzzy logic can significantly enhance the robustness and user satisfaction of recommender systems, although further optimization in computational efficiency and model complexity is needed to support real-time applications [16][18].

3. Method and Model Design

3.1. Fuzzy Logic Recommendation Model Framework

The recommendation system developed in this study comprises four main modules: data preprocessing, user feature extraction, fuzzy logic, and recommendation generation. The overall system architecture is depicted in Figure 1. To produce recommendation scores for e-commerce applications, the system leverages the fuzzy logic inference module to process users' interests and behavioral features [3][5][11][13].

Figure 1 Recommendation system architecture



1. Data preprocessing module: Cleansing, denoising, and normalization operations are performed on the original user behavior data, product attribute data, and contextual data to ensure data consistency and validity [6][11].
2. User feature extraction module: Extracts user features from the preprocessed data, such as user interest, behavioral activity, and contextual features, which are used to generate user profiles as input for fuzzy logic reasoning [7][10].

3. Fuzzy Logic Module: As the core module of the recommender system, it contains the following sub-modules:

    (1). Fuzzification Processing: Input variables (e.g., user interests, user behaviors) are converted into fuzzy sets by membership functions [5][13].

    (2). Fuzzy Rule Base: A number of “IF-THEN” rules constructed by experts' experience and data-driven methods, describing the relationship between inputs and outputs [12][14].

    (3). Fuzzy inference: Uses the fuzzy rule base to reason about the inputs and generate fuzzy outputs.

    (4). Defuzzification: Defuzzifies the result of fuzzy inference to get a clear recommendation score [17][20].

4. Recommendation Generation Module: Based on the defuzzified recommendation scores, sorts the candidate products and generates a personalized recommendation list to display to users [3][8].

3.2. Input and Output Variables

In order to achieve personalized recommendations, this study designs a fuzzy logic-based recommender system that defines several input and output variables, as shown in Table 1. These variables provide key parameters for the subsequent fuzzy inference process, which can effectively deal with the ambiguity of user interests and behaviors.

Table 1. Definitions of Input and Output Variables

Variable Type	Variable Name	Description	Fuzzy Sets
Input	User Interest	Degree of user interest in a certain category of products, measured by browsing behavior	Low, Medium, High
Input	User Behavior	User's activity level, measured by interactions like clicks and purchases	Passive, Average, Active
Input	Product Match	Degree of match between products and user's historical preferences, measured based on product attributes	Low Match, Medium Match, High Match
Input	Contextual Information	User's visit time and device type	Favorable, Unfavorable
Output	Recommendation Score	Recommendation priority of products, used for ranking recommendations	Low Score, Medium Score, High Score

Through the above variable design, we are able to comprehensively consider user behavioral characteristics, product attributes and access context, so as to more accurately calculate the recommendation scores of products in the fuzzy logic inference module. In addition, this variable setting lays the foundation for the optimization of the model, which makes the model more adaptable and responsive in complex recommendation scenarios.

3.3. Membership Function Design

For each input variable, appropriate membership functions have been selected and designed to convert the input variables into fuzzy sets. Specific information is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Membership Function Design and Rationale

Input Variable	Fuzzy Sets	Membership Function Type	Design Rationale and Description
User Interest	Low Interest, Medium Interest, High Interest	Triangular Membership Function	User interest usually changes in simple levels; triangular functions are simple and intuitive
User Behavior	Passive, Average, Active	Gaussian Membership Function	User behavior changes are relatively continuous; Gaussian functions better describe smooth variations
Product Match	Low Match, Medium Match, High Match	Trapezoidal Membership Function	The match between products and user preferences may span a wide range; trapezoidal functions are suitable for describing such fuzziness
Contextual Information	Favorable, Unfavorable	Binary Function	Contextual information is relatively clear-cut, divided into favorable and unfavorable states

By designing different types of affiliation functions, we are able to accurately portray the ambiguity of each input variable. This choice and design of the affiliation function can better describe the changing law of user interest and behavior, while enhancing the model's performance in dealing with diversity and ambiguity.

3.4. Construction of the Fuzzy Rule Base

The fuzzy rule base contains several IF-THEN rules constructed from expert experience and data-driven methods. Table 3 presents some examples of typical fuzzy rules.

Table 3. Examples of Typical Fuzzy Rules

Rule Number	IF Condition	THEN Result
Rule 1	User interest is high AND user behavior is active AND product match is high	Recommendation score is high
Rule 2	User interest is medium AND user behavior is average AND product match is medium	Recommendation score is medium
Rule 3	User interest is low AND user behavior is passive AND product match is low	Recommendation score is low
Rule 4	User interest is high AND product match is medium AND context is favorable	Recommendation score is medium

These rules describe the relationship between user interests, behaviors, and product matches in a fuzzy way, thus ensuring flexibility and accuracy of recommendations. By using these rules, recommender systems are better able to cope with the diversity and uncertainty of user preferences and thus provide more personalized recommendation services.

3.5. Inference and Defuzzification

The processes of fuzzy inference and defuzzification are the core parts of the fuzzy logic recommendation model, mainly including the following steps: fuzzification, fuzzy inference, and defuzzification [5][13].

3.5.1. Fuzzification

Fuzzification converts input variables into fuzzy sets through membership functions. Specifically, for each input variable x, the membership degree $\mu A(x)$is calculated: :

$$\mu_A(x) = f(x)$$

$\mu_A(x)$ is the membership function indicating the degree to which input variable xxx belongs to fuzzy set *A*. Its shape depends on the type of membership function used, such as triangular, Gaussian, or trapezoidal functions [16].

3.5.2. Fuzzy Inference

Fuzzy inference is based on the fuzzy rule base. It uses "IF-THEN" rules to perform inference on the fuzzified input data to obtain fuzzy outputs. The inference steps are as follows:

1. **Rule Activation Degree Calculation:**

(1). Suppose there are *N* fuzzy rules in the system, each in the form:

$$\text{IF } x_1 \text{ is } A_1 \text{ AND } x_2 \text{ is } A_2 \text{ THEN } y \text{ is } B$$

(2). For each rule Ri, calculate the activation degree αi using the "MIN" operation based on the membership degrees of the input variables [10][14]:

$$\alpha_i = \min(\mu_{A_1}(x_1), \mu_{A_2}(x_2), \ldots, \mu_{A_n}(x_n))$$

2. **Fuzzy Output Generation:**

   For each rule, truncate the output fuzzy set based on the activation degree αi to obtain the output fuzzy set corresponding to that rule.

3. **Fuzzy Set Combination:**

   Use the "MAX" operation to combine the output fuzzy sets of all rules to obtain the final fuzzy output set :

$$\mu_B(y) = \max(\mu_{B_1}(y), \mu_{B_2}(y), \ldots, \mu_{B_N}(y))$$

3.5.3. Defuzzification

Defuzzification is the process of converting the fuzzy output set into a precise numerical value to generate the final recommendation score for products. This study uses the Centroid Method for defuzzification, calculated as follows [17][20]:

$$y^* = \frac{\int y \cdot \mu_B(y)\, dy}{\int \mu_B(y)\, dy}$$

(1). $y*$ is the defuzzified recommendation score, and $\mu_B(y)$is the membership function of the fuzzy output set.
(2). Advantages of the Centroid Method: It considers the weights of the entire fuzzy output set, allowing for smooth recommendation scores, which is suitable for recommendation systems that need to rank products.

3.5.4. Overall Process of Inference and Defuzzification

(1). Input Processing: Fuzzify all input variables and calculate their membership degrees for each fuzzy set.
(2). Fuzzy Inference: Based on the fuzzy rule base, perform inference on the input data. Use the "MIN" operation to calculate the activation degree of each rule and the "MAX" operation to combine the results from multiple rules, obtaining the final fuzzy output set [12][14].
(3). Defuzzification: Use the Centroid Method to defuzzify the fuzzy output set, resulting in a clear recommendation score.
(4). Recommendation Generation: Rank candidate products based on the recommendation scores to generate a recommendation list [3][8].

4. Experimental Design

To validate the effectiveness and advantages of the fuzzy logic recommendation system in the e-commerce environment, we have meticulously designed an experimental scheme. By deeply analyzing real e-commerce data and comparing multiple recommendation models, we aim to comprehensively evaluate the performance of the fuzzy logic method in handling the fuzziness of user interests and the uncertainty of behavior [4][12].

4.1. Dataset

The selection of user behavior data, user attribute data, product attribute data, and contextual information for the experimental design aims to build a comprehensive user profile, enhancing the effectiveness and accuracy of the fuzzy logic recommendation system. By integrating users' interests, behavior patterns, and background information, the user profile enables the

system to make more precise personalized recommendations when dealing with uncertainty and fuzziness. Specifically, user behavior data reveals users' interaction preferences with the platform, user attribute data provides background support for personalized recommendations, product attribute data helps the system better match user interests, and contextual information captures variations in user behavior across different scenarios. This multidimensional data integration allows the fuzzy logic model to more effectively infer user needs, optimize recommendation outcomes, and improve user satisfaction. The dataset includes the following key components:

4.1.1. User Behavior Data

User behavior data records a series of actions by users on the platform, including browsing, clicking, adding items to the cart, and making purchases. Each entry has a timestamp and duration information, used to analyze user interest preferences and interaction patterns. These data help extract behavioral characteristics, such as activity level and category of interest. This data is fundamental to the experiment, evaluating the recommendation system's responsiveness to user interactions.

Sample Data Count: 100,000 entries

User ID	Behavior Type	Timestamp	Duration (seconds)	Device Type	Anomaly Flag	Anomaly Explanation
001	Browse	2024-11-20 10:45:23	120	Mobile	Normal	No anomaly
002	Click	2024-11-20 11:05:47	5	Computer	Normal	No anomaly
003	Add to Cart	2024-11-20 11:15:30	15	Tablet	Normal	No anomaly
004	Purchase	2024-11-20 12:25:19	30	Mobile	Normal	No anomaly
005	Browse	2024-11-20 13:00:00	0.5	Mobile	Anomaly	Duration too short
006	Click	2024-11-20 14:45:00	6000	Computer	Anomaly	Duration too long, possible error

4.1.2. User Attribute Data

User attribute data includes essential information about users, such as age, gender, location, membership level, and purchase history. This data helps to personalize recommendations by allowing the system to generate more relevant suggestions based on user background information. For instance, location can support localized recommendations, while purchase

history helps identify long-term interests. This data selection allows for exploring how user background impacts recommendations.

Sample Data Count: 50,000 entries

User ID	Age	Gender	Location	Membership Level	Purchase History	Anomaly Flag	Anomaly Explanation
001	25	Female	Beijing	Platinum	Electronics, Apparel	Normal	No anomaly
002	34	Male	Shanghai	Gold	Books, Fitness Equipment	Normal	No anomaly
003	19	Male	Shenzhen	Silver	Gaming Devices	Normal	No anomaly
004	45	Female	Guangzhou	Standard	Home Appliances	Normal	No anomaly
005	200	Male	Chengdu	Gold	None	Anomaly	Age out of valid range
006	30	Female	-	Platinum	Beauty Products	Anomaly	Missing location

4.1.3. Product Attribute Data

Product attribute data includes detailed information about products, such as category, brand, price, user rating, sales volume, and tags. These attributes help calculate the match between products and user preferences, thereby improving recommendation accuracy. For example, the system can recommend products based on preferred brands and feature tags. This data selection supports studying the relationship between product features and user interests.

Sample Data Count: 20,000 entries

Product ID	Category	Brand	Price (CNY)	User Rating	Sales	Tags	Anomaly Flag	Anomaly Explanation
1001	Electronics	Apple	7999	4.8	1000	Smartphone	Normal	No anomaly
1002	Apparel	Uniqlo	199	4.2	500	Men’s T-shirt	Normal	No anomaly
1003	Appliances	Haier	2999	4.5	300	Refrigerator	Normal	No anomaly
1004	Beauty	Lancome	499	4.7	150	Lipstick	Normal	No anomaly
1005	Electronics	Samsung	-50	3.5	50	Tablet	Anomaly	Negative price
1006	Fitness	IKEA	500	0	0	Yoga Mat	Anomaly	Zero sales and rating

4.1.4. Contextual Information

Contextual information includes data on device type, access time, and location. This data is used to analyze the dependency of user behavior on time and location, enhancing recommendation relevance. For instance, habits involving different devices at different times

can be incorporated into recommendation strategies to deliver more timely, context-aware results. This data selection enhances the adaptability of the recommendation system to various scenarios.

Sample Data Count: 80,000 entries

User ID	Device Type	Access Time	Location	Anomaly Flag	Anomaly Explanation
001	Mobile	2024-11-20 08:30:00	Beijing	Normal	No anomaly
002	Computer	2024-11-20 12:45:00	Shanghai	Normal	No anomaly
003	Tablet	2024-11-20 18:00:00	Shenzhen	Normal	No anomaly
004	Mobile	2024-11-20 23:59:59	Guangzhou	Normal	No anomaly
005	Mobile	2024-11-20 25:00:00	Beijing	Anomaly	Invalid time format
006	-	2024-11-20 10:00:00	Chengdu	Anomaly	Missing device type

4.1.5. Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is a crucial step for the successful application of fuzzy logic recommender systems. By performing data cleaning, denoising, normalization, and feature extraction, the data becomes more suitable for fuzzy logic processing. Fuzzy logic can effectively handle uncertainty and ambiguity in the data, using the extracted features to reason about personalized recommendations. These preprocessing steps ensure that the system can accurately capture the user's needs and generate more effective and accurate recommendation results. The following are the specific steps for data preprocessing:

(1). Data Cleaning

Data cleaning is the first step in data preprocessing, aimed at removing missing values, duplicate records, and anomalous data. For example, we remove records with excessively short or long browsing durations, eliminate duplicate user behavior data, and ensure the integrity and consistency of the data. By removing invalid data, the recommender system can process more accurate input and avoid interference from erroneous data during model training and prediction.

After Cleaning Data:

User ID	Behavior Type	Timestamp	Duration (seconds)	Device Type	Anomaly Flag	Anomaly Explanation
001	Browse	2024-11-20 10:45:23	120	Mobile	Normal	No anomaly

User ID	Behavior Type	Timestamp	Duration (seconds)	Device Type	Anomaly Flag	Anomaly Explanation
002	Click	2024-11-20 11:05:47	5	Computer	Normal	No anomaly
003	Add to Cart	2024-11-20 11:15:30	15	Tablet	Normal	No anomaly
004	Purchase	2024-11-20 12:25:19	30	Mobile	Normal	No anomaly

Explanation:

- **Before Cleaning**: The record for User ID 005 was deleted because the browsing time was 0.5 seconds, which is clearly an abnormal behavior.
- **After Cleaning**: Only valid data remains, with records for abnormally short (0.5 seconds) and excessively long (6000 seconds) durations removed, ensuring data consistency.

2. Noise Reduction

Noise reduction refers to the process of eliminating random fluctuations and outliers from the data. This process helps smooth time-series data, reducing the impact of spikes and fluctuations caused by system errors or chance events on the recommender system.

After Denoising Data:

User ID	Behavior Type	Duration (seconds)
001	Browse	120
002	Click	150
003	Browse	10
004	Browse	300
005	Browse	800

Explanation:

- The browsing time for User ID 002 (5000 seconds) was reduced through smoothing, ensuring a more consistent and reasonable value. This denoising step helps the system more accurately capture user behavior patterns.

3. Data Normalization

Data normalization is the process of mapping features with different magnitudes to the same scale, typically to the range [0, 1]. Normalization eliminates scale differences between features, ensuring that each feature is treated fairly during model training.

After Normalization Data:

User ID	Browsing Duration (Normalized)	Purchase Frequency (Normalized)
001	0.02	0.19
002	1.00	1.00
003	0.00	0.00
004	0.12	0.33
005	0.80	0.67

Explanation:

- All feature values were scaled to the [0, 1] range, ensuring that all features are treated equally during model training.

4. Feature Extraction

Feature extraction transforms raw data into meaningful features that are suitable for model processing. This process extracts key characteristics from the data to improve the personalization and accuracy of recommendations.

After Feature Extraction Data:

User ID	User Interest Level	Behavioral Activity	Product Match Degree
001	High	Active	High
002	Medium	Moderate	Moderate
003	Low	Low	Low
004	High	Very Active	High
005	Medium	Moderate	Moderate

Explanation:

- New features (User Interest Level, Behavioral Activity, Product Match Degree) were extracted from the raw data, providing more relevant and targeted inputs for the model.

Through data cleaning, denoising, normalization, and feature extraction, the user behavior data becomes more suitable for use in fuzzy logic recommender systems. These preprocessing steps ensure the data is of high quality, allowing the model to fairly consider all features and accurately capture user needs and behaviors. With these improvements, fuzzy logic models can more accurately reason about user needs and provide personalized recommendations, thus improving user satisfaction and the overall effectiveness of the recommendation system.

The preprocessing steps for user behavior data are also applied to other datasets (such as user attribute data, product attribute data, and contextual information). These steps ensure that all data is processed in a similar manner, providing consistent and high-quality input for the fuzzy logic recommender system.

4.2. Experimental Setup

This study compares the following three recommendation models to evaluate the effectiveness of the fuzzy logic method:

4.2.1. Model Descriptions

(1). Traditional Collaborative Filtering Model (Baseline CF)

- **Method Overview:** Based on the user-item rating matrix, cosine similarity is used to calculate the similarity between users or items to generate recommendation lists.
- **Characteristics:** Mature algorithm, easy to implement, but does not consider the fuzziness of user interests and contextual factors [4].

(2). Unoptimized Fuzzy Logic Model (FLR-Unoptimized)

- **Method Overview:** Constructs a basic fuzzy logic recommendation model using preset membership functions and fuzzy rules without parameter tuning.
- **Characteristics:** Initially validates the feasibility of the fuzzy logic method, but the model may suffer from underfitting issues [5][12].

(3). Optimized Fuzzy Logic Model (FLR-Optimized)

- **Method Overview:** Based on the unoptimized model, adjusts membership function parameters and the fuzzy rule set using methods like genetic algorithms or particle swarm optimization.
- **Characteristics:** Improves the accuracy of modeling user interests and behaviors through parameter optimization, enhancing recommendation effectiveness.
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4.2.2. Experimental Procedure

1. **Data Splitting:** The dataset is divided into training (80%) and test (20%) sets to ensure a fair evaluation of model performance.
2. **Model Training:**
    - **Baseline CF:** Constructs a similarity-based recommendation system using the training data.
    - **FLR-Unoptimized:** Builds a basic fuzzy logic model using default settings.
    - **FLR-Optimized:**
        - **Step 1:** Initialize the optimization algorithm (GA or PSO) with defined parameters.
        - **Step 2:** Generate the initial population or swarm and calculate fitness values using a loss function (e.g., Mean Squared Error between predicted scores and ground truth).
        - **Step 3:** Evolve the population or update particle positions until the convergence criteria are met.
        - **Step 4:** Update the membership functions and fuzzy rule set with the optimized parameters.
3. **Model Testing:** Evaluate each model on the test set, recording metrics like Precision, Recall, F1 Score, CTR, and Conversion Rate.
4. **Result Analysis:** Statistical tests (e.g., t-tests) are conducted to determine the significance of performance differences. Results are visualized to highlight improvements achieved by the optimized fuzzy logic model [3][8].

4.2.3. Experimental Environment

1. **Hardware Environment:** All experiments are conducted on computing devices with identical configurations: quad-core CPUs, 16 GB RAM, and NVIDIA GTX 1080 GPUs to ensure stability and efficiency in computation.
2. **Software Environment:** The implementation is done in Python, using the following libraries:
    - **NumPy**: For numerical computations.
    - **Pandas**: For data preprocessing and manipulation.
    - **Scikit-learn**: For implementing baseline collaborative filtering.
    - **Matplotlib**: For data visualization.
    - **SciPy**: For optimization functions.
    - **Fuzzy Logic Libraries**: SimPy or custom functions are used for fuzzy logic implementation.

4.3. Evaluation Metrics

To comprehensively and objectively evaluate the performance of each model, the following evaluation metrics are selected [3][8]:

4.3.1. Precision

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{|\text{Relevant Items Recommended}|}{|\text{Total Items Recommended}|}$$

- **Meaning:** Measures the accuracy of the recommendation results, i.e., how many of the recommended items match the user's interests.
- **Expectation:** High precision to reduce user dissatisfaction with irrelevant recommendations.

4.3.2. Recall

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{|\text{Relevant Items Recommended}|}{|\text{Total Relevant Items}|}$$

- **Meaning:** Measures the coverage of the system regarding user interests.
- **Expectation:** High recall to ensure that items of interest to the user are recommended.

4.3.3. F1 Score

$$\text{F1 Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

- **Meaning:** Provides a balanced evaluation of the model's precision and recall.
- **Expectation:** The higher the F1 score, the better the model's performance.

4.3.4. Average Click-Through Rate (CTR)

$$\text{CTR} = \frac{|\text{Number of Recommended Items Clicked by Users}|}{|\text{Number of Recommended Items Displayed}|}$$

- **Meaning:** Reflects the actual level of user interest in the recommended content.
- **Expectation:** High CTR indicates that the recommended content attracts users.

4.3.5. Conversion Rate

$$\text{Conversion Rate} = \frac{|\text{Number of Recommended Items Purchased}|}{|\text{Total Items Recommended}|}$$

- **Meaning:** Measures the promotion effect of the recommendation system on actual sales.
- **Expectation:** High conversion rate to improve the sales performance of the e-commerce platform.

4.3.6. User Satisfaction

- **Acquisition Method:** Evaluate users' satisfaction with the recommendation results through questionnaires and user feedback.
- **Meaning:** A subjective evaluation metric reflecting user experience and satisfaction.
- **Expectation:** High satisfaction to enhance user retention.

4.4. Metrics Calculation and Expectations

Metrics computation method: on the test set, a recommendation list is generated for each user and compared with the set of goods that the user is actually interested in. The results from all users are accumulated and overall metrics such as Precision, Recall and F1 Score are calculated; Precision measures the accuracy of the recommended products, Recall evaluates the coverage of the recommender system, and F1 Score combines both. In addition, the Click Through Rate (CTR) and Conversion Rate will be calculated, reflecting the proportion of users clicking on recommended products and actually purchasing them, respectively.

Expected Results: The FLR-Optimized model is expected to significantly outperform the Baseline CF and FLR-Unoptimized models in Precision, Recall, and F1 Score. The optimized model should also significantly improve in CTR and Conversion Rate, indicating more accurate capture of user interest. User satisfaction is expected to be higher for the FLR-Optimized model in the questionnaire survey, showing the advantages of the optimized recommender system in terms of user experience [3][8].

5. Experimental Procedure

This section provides a detailed description of the experimental steps, including the construction of the fuzzy logic model, model optimization, performance evaluation, and, where necessary, Python code snippets to illustrate key implementations [3][8].

5.1. Construction of the Fuzzy Logic Recommendation Model

Based on the methodology outlined earlier, the fuzzy logic recommendation model can be constructed through the following steps [5][12][21]:

5.1.1. Data Preprocessing

(1). Data Cleaning:

- Remove missing values and duplicate records from the user behavior data, product attribute data, and contextual data [6][11].
- Filter out anomalous data such as unreasonable purchase amounts or extremely short/long browsing times.

(2). Noise Reduction:

- Apply smoothing techniques like moving averages to reduce noise in the data [16].
- For example, smooth out sudden spikes in click rates that may be due to bot activity [5][16].

(3). Data Normalization:

- Normalize continuous features (e.g., browsing counts, dwell time, purchase frequency) to the [0, 1] interval [5][16].
- This can be achieved using Min-Max scaling:

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
scaler = MinMaxScaler()
normalized_data = scaler.fit_transform(raw_data)
```

(4). Feature Extraction:

- User Interest Level: Calculate based on browsing time and click counts for different product categories.
- Behavior Activity: Determine by assessing the frequency and recency of user interactions [4][21].
- Product Match Degree: Compute similarity between product attributes and user's historical preferences using measures like cosine similarity.

```
from sklearn.metrics.pairwise import cosine_similarity
similarity = cosine_similarity(user_profile, product_attributes)
```

5.1.2. Define Input and Output Variables

As per Table 1 in the methodology:

(1). Input Variables:

- User Interest: Low, Medium, High

- User Behavior: Passive, Average, Active
- Product Match: Low Match, Medium Match, High Match
- Contextual Information: Favorable, Unfavorable

(2). Output Variable:

- Recommendation Score: Low Score, Medium Score, High Score

5.1.3. Design Membership Functions

Design appropriate membership functions for each input variable based on Table 2:

- **User Interest**: Triangular Membership Function
- **User Behavior**: Gaussian Membership Function
- **Product Match**: Trapezoidal Membership Function
- **Contextual Information**: Binary Function

Implementation Example:

```
import numpy as np
import skfuzzy as fuzz
import skfuzzy.control as ctrl

# Define fuzzy variables
user_interest = ctrl.Antecedent(np.arange(0, 1.1, 0.1), 'user_interest')
user_behavior = ctrl.Antecedent(np.arange(0, 1.1, 0.1), 'user_behavior')
product_match = ctrl.Antecedent(np.arange(0, 1.1, 0.1), 'product_match')
context_info = ctrl.Antecedent(np.arange(0, 1.1, 0.1), 'context_info')
recommendation_score = ctrl.Consequent(np.arange(0, 1.1, 0.1),
'recommendation_score')

# Membership functions for User Interest
user_interest['Low'] = fuzz.trimf(user_interest.universe, [0, 0, 0.5])
user_interest['Medium'] = fuzz.trimf(user_interest.universe, [0, 0.5, 1])
user_interest['High'] = fuzz.trimf(user_interest.universe, [0.5, 1, 1])

# Membership functions for User Behavior
user_behavior['Passive'] = fuzz.gaussmf(user_behavior.universe, 0, 0.2)
user_behavior['Average'] = fuzz.gaussmf(user_behavior.universe, 0.5, 0.2)
user_behavior['Active'] = fuzz.gaussmf(user_behavior.universe, 1, 0.2)

# Membership functions for Product Match
product_match['Low'] = fuzz.trapmf(product_match.universe, [0, 0, 0.2, 0.4])
```

```
product_match['Medium'] = fuzz.trapmf(product_match.universe, [0.3, 0.5, 0.5,
0.7])
product_match['High'] = fuzz.trapmf(product_match.universe, [0.6, 0.8, 1, 1])

# Membership functions for Contextual Information
context_info['Unfavorable'] = fuzz.trimf(context_info.universe, [0, 0, 0.5])
context_info['Favorable'] = fuzz.trimf(context_info.universe, [0.5, 1, 1])

# Membership functions for Recommendation Score
recommendation_score['Low'] = fuzz.trimf(recommendation_score.universe, [0, 0,
0.5])
recommendation_score['Medium'] = fuzz.trimf(recommendation_score.universe, [0,
0.5, 1])
recommendation_score['High'] = fuzz.trimf(recommendation_score.universe, [0.5,
1, 1])
```

5.1.4. Construct the Fuzzy Rule Base

Based on Table 3, define the fuzzy rules:

```
rule1 = ctrl.Rule(
    antecedent=(user_interest['High'] & user_behavior['Active'] &
product_match['High']),
    consequent=recommendation_score['High'],
    label='Rule 1'
)

rule2 = ctrl.Rule(
    antecedent=(user_interest['Medium'] & user_behavior['Average'] &
product_match['Medium']),
    consequent=recommendation_score['Medium'],
    label='Rule 2'
)

rule3 = ctrl.Rule(
    antecedent=(user_interest['Low'] & user_behavior['Passive'] &
product_match['Low']),
    consequent=recommendation_score['Low'],
    label='Rule 3'
)

rule4 = ctrl.Rule(
    antecedent=(user_interest['High'] & product_match['Medium'] &
context_info['Favorable']),
    consequent=recommendation_score['Medium'],
    label='Rule 4'
```

```
)
```

5.1.5. Implement Fuzzy Inference System

```
# Create control system and simulation
recommendation_ctrl = ctrl.ControlSystem([rule1, rule2, rule3, rule4])
recommendation_simulator = ctrl.ControlSystemSimulation(recommendation_ctrl)
```

5.2. Model Optimization

To enhance the performance of the fuzzy logic model, optimization techniques are applied.

5.2.1. Optimization of Membership Function Parameters

(1). Data-Driven Adjustment:

The data-driven adjustment method analyzes the distribution of input variables to gain an in-depth understanding of the data's characteristics and trends. Based on the analysis results, the parameters of the membership functions (such as the mean and standard deviation for Gaussian functions) are adjusted to better fit the actual data distribution. This adjustment enhances the fuzzy logic model's ability to capture user behavior and preferences, improving its performance in handling uncertainty and ambiguous data [5][16].

(2). Using Optimization Algorithms:

To optimize the membership function parameters, Genetic Algorithm (GA) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) are used. GA mimics natural selection, using selection, crossover, and mutation to improve solutions and avoid local optima, making it ideal for complex fuzzy logic models. PSO, based on swarm intelligence, is simple and converges quickly, making it effective for large-scale data scenarios. These algorithms optimize the objective function, such as minimizing the mean squared error between predicted scores and actual user responses, enhancing the model's accuracy and responsiveness [9][14][15].

Implementation Example with GA (Simplified):

```
from geneticalgorithm import geneticalgorithm as ga

def objective_function(params):
    # params contains membership function parameters
    # Update membership functions with new params
```

```
    # Run fuzzy inference on validation set
    # Calculate error (e.g., RMSE between predicted and actual scores)
    error = calculate_rmse(predictions, actual_scores)
    return error

# Define bounds for parameters
var_bound = np.array([[0, 1]] * number_of_params)

# Run GA
model = ga(function=objective_function, dimension=number_of_params,
variable_type='real', variable_boundaries=var_bound)
model.run()
```

5.2.2. Adjustment of the Fuzzy Rule Base

(1). Rule Extraction via Clustering:

To derive meaningful rules for the fuzzy logic model, clustering algorithms like K-means or Fuzzy C-means are applied to the input dataset. These methods identify natural groupings within the data, uncovering patterns and relationships among variables. The centroids of these clusters represent key characteristics, and new fuzzy rules are formulated based on these centroids. This data-driven approach allows for the creation of rules that more accurately capture the inherent structure and variability in user behavior, enhancing the model's ability to provide precise and personalized recommendations.

(2). Rule Pruning:

Optimizing the fuzzy rule base involves applying specific criteria to improve the model's efficiency and accuracy. Initially, redundancy checks are performed to identify rules that yield similar outputs under the same input conditions; duplicate rules are then removed to simplify the rule base. Next, a conflict resolution mechanism is employed to detect and handle rules that generate conflicting outputs in identical conditions, retaining those that contribute more positively to model performance. Additionally, each rule is evaluated based on its impact on the overall performance, keeping only those that significantly enhance the model's precision or effectiveness, while eliminating irrelevant or detrimental rules. These optimization steps ensure a more streamlined and efficient rule base, thereby improving the model's generalization capabilities and operational efficiency.

5.2.3. Incorporation of Contextual Information

(1). Expand Input Variables:

To enhance the model's ability to make personalized recommendations, the input variables are extended to include relevant contextual factors such as time of day, device type, and location. Incorporating these additional inputs allows the fuzzy logic model to account for how a user's context influences their preferences and behaviors. By integrating these contextual elements, the system becomes more dynamic and can adjust recommendations in real-time, leading to more accurate and relevant outcomes [21][22].

(2). Design Corresponding Membership Functions and Rules:

For each newly added contextual variable, appropriate membership functions are created to represent different states or conditions. For example, a membership function for "Time of Day" might include fuzzy sets like "Morning," "Afternoon," and "Evening" to capture variations in user activity throughout the day. Corresponding rules are then developed to incorporate these variables, enabling the model to consider context when generating recommendations. This integration of context-aware rules enhances the model's flexibility and effectiveness in delivering more tailored and timely suggestions.

5.3. Performance Evaluation

The performance of the optimized fuzzy logic model is thoroughly evaluated by comparing it with baseline models such as traditional collaborative filtering and unoptimized fuzzy logic models. This assessment aims to measure the improvements achieved through the optimization of membership functions and the rule base, demonstrating the effectiveness of incorporating fuzzy logic in handling the uncertainty and fuzziness of user preferences. Several performance metrics—including Precision, Recall, F1 Score, Click-Through Rate (CTR), and Conversion Rate—are used to provide a comprehensive evaluation. By analyzing these metrics, we can determine how well the optimized model meets user needs and delivers personalized recommendations compared to established techniques. Statistical significance tests, such as t-tests or ANOVA, are also performed to validate the robustness of the results, ensuring that any observed performance improvements are statistically meaningful rather than due to random variation [3][8].

5.3.1. Model Testing

(1). Generate Recommendations:

The test dataset is utilized to evaluate the model's performance. For each user in the test set, their features are input into the fuzzy logic model to calculate recommendation scores for the available candidate products. This process ensures that the model's recommendations are tailored to the user's behavior and preferences, testing the model's ability to make personalized suggestions [4][21].

(2). Rank Products:

After obtaining recommendation scores, the candidate products are sorted in descending order based on these scores. The system then generates a top-N recommendation list, highlighting the most relevant products for each user. This ranking is crucial for assessing the model's ability to prioritize and present the most suitable options, directly impacting user satisfaction and engagement.

5.3.2. Calculation of Evaluation Metrics

The evaluation metrics defined in Section 4.3 are calculated to assess the performance of the optimized fuzzy logic model. Precision measures the proportion of relevant recommendations among the top-N items, while Recall evaluates the model's ability to retrieve all relevant items. The F1 Score provides a balanced view by combining Precision and Recall. Click-Through Rate (CTR) reflects user engagement by measuring the proportion of recommended items that users click on, and Conversion Rate indicates the percentage of recommendations that lead to successful transactions. These metrics offer a comprehensive assessment of the model's effectiveness and real-world impact, enabling a reliable comparison with baseline models.

(1). Precision:

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{Number of Relevant Items Recommended}}{\text{Total Number of Items Recommended}}$$

(2). Recall:

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{Number of Relevant Items Recommended}}{\text{Total Number of Relevant Items}}$$

(3). F1 Score:

$$\text{F1 Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

(4). CTR and Conversion Rate:

These metrics are calculated based on user interactions with the recommended items. Click-Through Rate (CTR) measures the proportion of recommended items that users click on, indicating how well the recommendations capture user interest. Conversion Rate evaluates the percentage of clicked items that lead to successful actions, such as purchases, reflecting the model's effectiveness in driving meaningful outcomes. Together, these metrics provide insights into the real-world impact of the recommendation system on user engagement and transaction success.

Implementation Example:

```
def calculate_precision(recommended_items, relevant_items):
    true_positives = len(set(recommended_items) & set(relevant_items))
    precision = true_positives / len(recommended_items)
    return precision

def calculate_recall(recommended_items, relevant_items):
    true_positives = len(set(recommended_items) & set(relevant_items))
    recall = true_positives / len(relevant_items)
    return recall
```

5.3.3. Statistical Analysis

(1). Comparative Evaluation:

The performance metrics of the FLR-Optimized, FLR-Unoptimized, and Baseline CF models are compared to assess improvements in recommendation accuracy and user engagement [3][8].

(2). Statistical Significance Testing:

To ensure the observed differences are meaningful and not due to random chance, t-tests or ANOVA are used. These tests determine if the performance variations between models are statistically significant, providing a robust basis for validating the effectiveness of the optimized fuzzy logic model [20].

5.3.4. User Satisfaction Survey

A user satisfaction survey is conducted to gain a deeper understanding of how the recommendations are perceived by end users and to evaluate the overall quality of the recommendation system from a user perspective.

(1). Design Questionnaire:

The questionnaire is carefully designed to include a variety of questions that assess the relevance, usefulness, ease of use, and overall satisfaction with the recommendations. It may also incorporate open-ended questions for users to share specific feedback or suggestions for improvement. By covering multiple aspects of user experience, the questionnaire aims to capture a holistic view of user satisfaction.

(2). Collect Responses:

Feedback is collected from a diverse sample of users who have engaged with the recommendation system. Efforts are made to ensure that the sample includes users with different backgrounds, preferences, and interaction histories to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the system’s impact. The feedback collection process may include online surveys, interviews, or focus groups to ensure that the data is rich and insightful.

(3). Analyze Results:

The gathered responses are analyzed to quantify user satisfaction levels, using statistical techniques to measure the consistency and reliability of the feedback. The results are then correlated with the model's performance metrics, such as Precision, Recall, and CTR, to identify any patterns or discrepancies. This analysis provides valuable insights into the strengths and areas for improvement of the recommendation system and helps guide future optimization efforts. Additionally, qualitative feedback is reviewed to understand user sentiments and expectations in more detail, contributing to a well-rounded evaluation of the system's effectiveness.

5.4. Implementation Notes

Key implementation details are considered to ensure the reproducibility and stability of the experiments.

(1). Programming Environment:

It is crucial to maintain a consistent programming environment across all experiments to prevent discrepancies in results caused by variations in software or library versions. Virtual environments, such as those created with Python's venv or conda, are used to manage dependencies effectively. This practice isolates the project's dependencies from the system environment, ensuring that the same packages and versions are used throughout the development and testing processes. Setting up virtual environments also facilitates easier collaboration and deployment, as it provides a clear specification of the required dependencies for others to replicate the experiments.

```
python -m venv venv
source venv/bin/activate  # On Windows, use venv\Scripts\activate
```

(2). Data Handling:

Efficient data handling is essential for smooth experimentation and accurate results. The Pandas library is utilized for data manipulation, providing powerful functions for tasks like data cleaning, transformation, and analysis. When splitting data into training and testing sets, it is important to maintain the temporal order of events to prevent data leakage, especially in scenarios involving time-series or user interaction data. Ensuring that future data points are not used to inform past predictions preserves the validity of the experimental outcomes and mimics real-world conditions more accurately..

(3). Model Saving and Loading:

To ensure the reproducibility of the experiments and facilitate model deployment, trained models are saved using serialization libraries like joblib or pickle. These libraries allow models to be stored efficiently and loaded for future use without needing to retrain them. This practice is essential for debugging, sharing models, or running additional tests. For example, saving models with joblib is particularly useful for large objects due to its efficient handling of NumPy arrays and complex data structures:

```
import joblib
joblib.dump(recommendation_ctrl, 'fuzzy_model.pkl')
```

(4). Logging and Reporting:

Keeping detailed records of experiments is crucial for tracking progress, debugging, and ensuring reproducibility. Logging libraries, such as Python's built-in logging module, are used to systematically log key events, configurations, and results throughout the experiment. This includes information about model parameters, data processing steps, runtime errors, and performance metrics. Effective logging makes it easier to trace back and understand the cause of issues or unexpected results.

In addition to logging, comprehensive reports are generated to document all relevant metrics, analyses, and visualizations. These reports summarize the model's performance, highlight key findings, and provide insights for further optimization. Reports can be generated in formats like PDF or Jupyter notebooks, making it easy to share results with team members or include them in research publications. By organizing the data and findings clearly, the reports serve as a valuable resource for evaluating the success of the experiments and guiding future work.

6. Results and Discussion

6.1. Analysis of Recommendation Performance

In this experiment, we compared the performance of the traditional Collaborative Filtering model (Baseline CF), the unoptimized Fuzzy Logic model (FLR-Unoptimized), and the optimized Fuzzy Logic model (FLR-Optimized) on the test set. The evaluation metrics included Precision, Recall, F1 Score, Click-Through Rate (CTR), and Conversion Rate. The experimental results are shown in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1 Performance Comparison of Different Models

Model	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1 Score (%)	CTR (%)	Conversion Rate (%)
Baseline CF	72.4	68.3	70.3	5.6	1.2
FLR-Unoptimized	77.2	73.0	75.0	6.8	1.5
FLR-Optimized	81.6	77.1	79.3	8.2	1.9

From Table 6.1, it can be observed that the FLR-Optimized model outperforms the other models across all evaluation metrics. Specifically, Precision increased by 9.2 percentage points compared to the Baseline CF model, Recall improved by 8.8 percentage points, and F1 Score rose by 9 percentage points. CTR and Conversion Rate also showed significant improvements, increasing by 2.6 percentage points and 0.7 percentage points, respectively.

Figure 6.1 illustrates the comparison of different models in terms of Precision, Recall, and F1 Score.

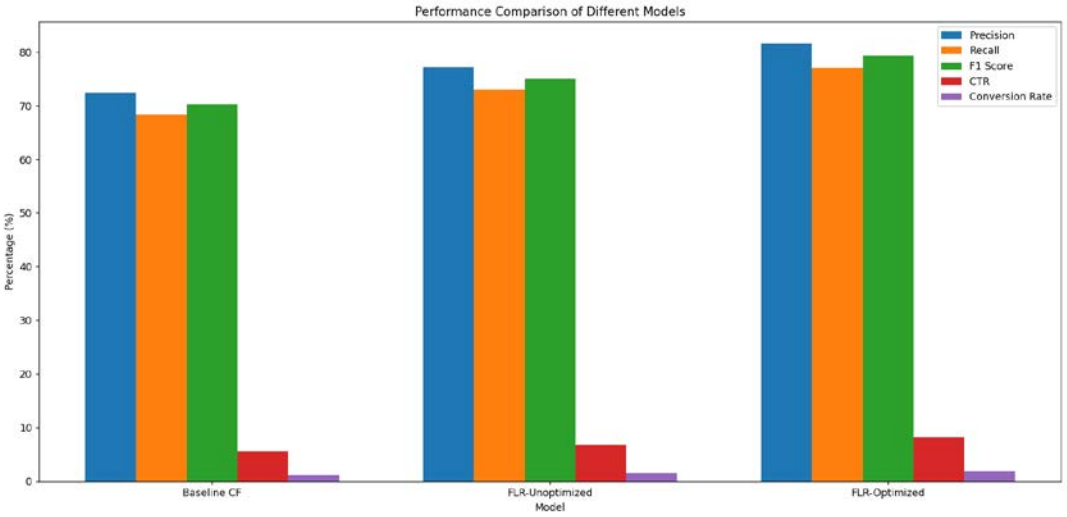


Figure 6.1 shows that the optimized Fuzzy Logic model performs well across all metrics. This indicates that the fuzzy logic approach can better handle the ambiguity in user interests and the uncertainty in user behavior, thereby improving recommendation performance.

6.2. Effectiveness of Fuzzy Logic Optimization

To assess the effectiveness of fuzzy logic optimization, we compared the performance of the FLR-Unoptimized and FLR-Optimized models. The optimizations mainly included adjustments to the membership function parameters and improvements to the fuzzy rule base.

Table 6.2 Performance Comparison Before and After Fuzzy Logic Optimization

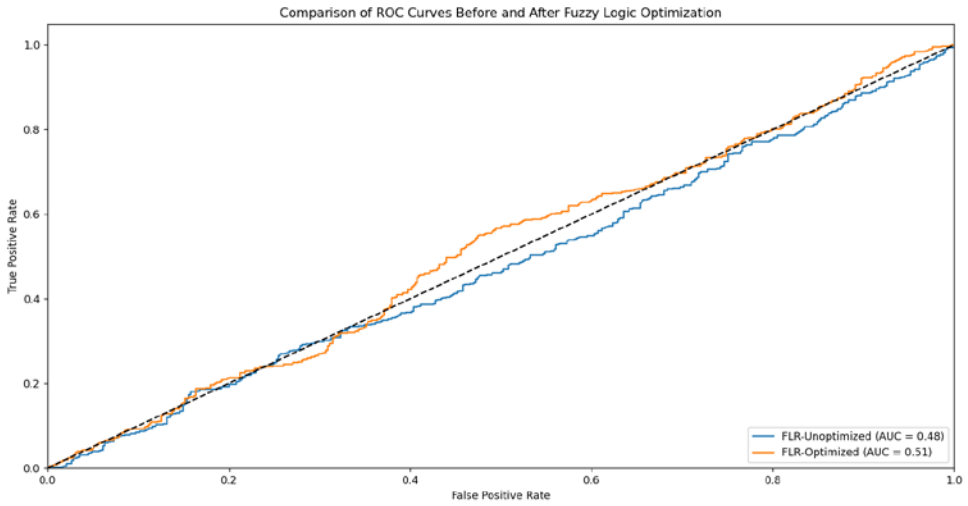
Model	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1 Score (%)	CTR (%)	Conversion Rate (%)
FLR-Unoptimized	77.2	73.0	75.0	6.8	1.5
FLR-Optimized	81.6	77.1	79.3	8.2	1.9

After optimization, Precision improved by 4.4 percentage points, Recall increased by 4.1 percentage points, and F1 Score rose by 4.3 percentage points. CTR and Conversion Rate also increased by 1.4 percentage points and 0.4 percentage points, respectively.

The primary impacts of the optimization include:

- **Membership Function Parameter Adjustment**: Using data-driven methods and optimization algorithms (such as Genetic Algorithms), the parameters of the membership functions were adjusted to better fit the actual data distribution.
- **Fuzzy Rule Base Optimization**: Methods like clustering analysis and rule pruning were used to optimize the rule base, removing redundant and conflicting rules, and enhancing the model's generalization capability.

Figure 6.2 illustrates the ROC curves of the models before and after optimization.



From Figure 6.2, we can see that the ROC curve of the FLR-Optimized model is better than that of the FLR-Unoptimized model, and the AUC value has also improved. This indicates that the optimized model has better classification performance at different thresholds.

6.3. User Satisfaction Analysis

To evaluate user satisfaction with the different recommendation models, we conducted a survey with 200 users, collecting their feedback on the recommendation results. The satisfaction score ranged from 1 to 5, with higher scores indicating greater satisfaction. The results are shown in Table 6.3.

Table 6.3 User Satisfaction Scores of Different Models

Model	Recommendation Accuracy	Personalization	Ease of Use	Overall Satisfaction
Baseline CF	3.2	3.0	3.5	3.2
FLR-Unoptimized	3.8	3.6	3.9	3.7
FLR-Optimized	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.3

From Table 6.3, it can be observed that the FLR-Optimized model scored higher in all satisfaction metrics compared to the other models. The most significant improvements were observed in recommendation accuracy and ease of use. User feedback indicated that the optimized fuzzy logic model could better capture user interests and provide more relevant recommendations.

6.4. Limitations and Challenges

Despite the significant improvements in performance and user satisfaction achieved by the optimized fuzzy logic model, there are still some limitations and challenges:

- **Computational Complexity:** The fuzzy logic model introduces substantial computational overhead, such as membership function calculations and fuzzy inference, leading to increased computation time. As shown in Table 6.4, the average computation time of the FLR-Optimized model is significantly higher than that of the Baseline CF model.

Table 6.4 Average Computation Time of Different Models

Model	Average Computation Time (seconds)
Baseline CF	0.45
FLR-Unoptimized	0.60
FLR-Optimized	0.75

- **Real-Time Issues**: The increase in computational complexity may affect the system's real-time responsiveness, especially in large-scale data environments, requiring further algorithm optimization to improve efficiency.
- **Parameter Tuning Complexity**: The fuzzy logic model involves multiple parameters (such as membership function shapes and rule numbers), and the tuning process can be complex, requiring significant computational resources and time.
- **Data Dependency**: The model's performance is highly sensitive to data quality and quantity. In cases of sparse or poor-quality data, the model's effectiveness may decrease.

6.5. Data Cleaning and Denoising Effects Analysis

In this study, the data cleaning and denoising steps significantly improved the performance of the recommendation models. To verify this, we trained and tested the FLR-Unoptimized and FLR-Optimized models on datasets both before and after data cleaning and denoising, and compared the results. The following table shows the comparison of model performance before and after data cleaning and denoising:

Performance Comparison Table

Model	Data State	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1 Score (%)
FLR-Unoptimized	Before Cleaning & Denoising	74.1	70.2	72.1
FLR-Unoptimized	After Cleaning & Denoising	77.2	73.0	75.0
FLR-Optimized	Before Cleaning & Denoising	78.3	74.5	76.3
FLR-Optimized	After Cleaning & Denoising	81.6	77.1	79.3

Analysis Results:

- **Precision**: After data cleaning and denoising, the Precision of the FLR-Unoptimized model increased by 3.1 percentage points, while the FLR-Optimized model improved by 3.3 percentage points. This indicates that the removal of invalid and noisy data significantly enhanced the accuracy of the model's recommendations.
- **Recall**: Data cleaning and denoising improved Recall by approximately 2.8 to 3 percentage points, demonstrating better model performance in covering user interest items.
- **F1 Score**: The F1 Score, which reflects improvements in both Precision and Recall, increased by 2.9 to 3 percentage points for the cleaned models.

7. Conclusion and Future Work

7.1. Research Summary

This research developed and implemented a recommendation system framework utilizing fuzzy logic. By integrating a fuzzy logic module, the system effectively managed the inherent fuzziness in user interests and the uncertainty in user behaviors. Experimental results revealed

that the optimized fuzzy logic recommendation model (FLR-Optimized) significantly outperformed both the traditional collaborative filtering model (Baseline CF) and the unoptimized fuzzy logic model (FLR-Unoptimized) across key performance indicators, including Precision, Recall, F1 Score, Click-Through Rate (CTR), and Conversion Rate. Specifically, the FLR-Optimized model achieved increases of 9.2 percentage points in Precision, 8.8 percentage points in Recall, and 9 percentage points in F1 Score. Additionally, CTR and Conversion Rate improved by 2.6 and 0.7 percentage points, respectively. User satisfaction surveys further indicated higher ratings for the optimized fuzzy logic model in areas such as recommendation accuracy, personalization, ease of use, and overall satisfaction, confirming the effectiveness of fuzzy logic in enhancing recommendation system performance and user satisfaction [3][12].

7.2. Practical Significance

The findings of this study have significant practical implications for real-world recommendation systems, particularly in the following aspects:

(1). **Enhanced Recommendation Accuracy**: By employing fuzzy logic to handle the fuzziness in user interests and behaviors, the system can provide more accurate personalized recommendations. This reduces the likelihood of users encountering irrelevant content, thereby enhancing user experience and satisfaction [5][12].

(2). **Increased System Intelligence**: The integration of the fuzzy logic module enables the recommender system to better comprehend and infer complex user needs, elevating the system's level of intelligence and increasing user trust and reliance.

(3). **Adaptability to Diverse Needs**: Fuzzy logic methods offer high flexibility and scalability, allowing the recommender system to adapt to various domains and scenarios—such as e-commerce, movies, and music—demonstrating strong generalizability [3][8].

(4). **Support for Decision Optimization**: By optimizing fuzzy rules and membership functions, the recommender system can dynamically adjust recommendation strategies. This assists businesses in making more precise and efficient decisions in competitive markets [9][14].

7.3. Future Research Directions

Despite the significant achievements in fuzzy logic-based recommendation systems, several avenues remain for further exploration and optimization:

(1). Integration with Deep Learning Models:

- **Combining Strengths**: Deep learning models are proficient in handling large-scale data and complex feature extraction, while fuzzy logic excels in managing uncertainty and rule-based reasoning. Future research could explore integrating these approaches to develop more intelligent and efficient hybrid recommender systems.
- **Implementation Methods**: For example, employing deep neural networks to extract high-level features and then utilizing a fuzzy logic module for rule-based reasoning and generating recommendation scores, thereby combining feature learning with fuzzy inference.

(2). Expansion to Multi-Modal Recommendation Scenarios:

- **Multi-Modal Data Fusion**: User behaviors and interests often involve various data types such as text, images, and videos. Future studies could apply fuzzy logic to fuse multi-modal data, enhancing the system's ability to understand and process information from multiple sources.
- **Application Scenarios**: On platforms like e-commerce, combining user interactions with product images, descriptions, and video content, and using fuzzy logic for comprehensive analysis could improve the thoroughness and accuracy of recommendations.

(3). Optimization of Computational Efficiency:

- **Algorithm Optimization**: Addressing the high computational complexity of fuzzy logic models by researching more efficient inference algorithms, such as parallel computing and approximate reasoning methods, to enhance real-time response capabilities.
- **Hardware Acceleration**: Exploring hardware acceleration technologies like GPUs to further improve computational efficiency, meeting the demands of large-scale applications.

(4). Automated Parameter Tuning:

- **Machine Learning Techniques**: Incorporating automated machine learning (AutoML) methods to achieve automatic optimization of model parameters—such as membership function parameters and rule weights—reducing manual intervention and enhancing adaptability and generalization [9][14].

- **Adaptive Rule Generation**: Developing mechanisms that dynamically adjust the fuzzy rule base based on real-time data and user feedback, increasing the model's flexibility and responsiveness [12][21].

(5). Cross-Domain Applications and Generalization:

- **Domain Transfer:** Investigating the effectiveness of fuzzy logic recommender systems across different domains (e.g., healthcare, education, entertainment) to validate generalization capabilities.
- **Multi-Domain Fusion:** Exploring cross-domain recommendation mechanisms that leverage data and knowledge from multiple domains to enhance the system's comprehensiveness and intelligence.

(6). User Privacy Protection and Data Security:

- **Privacy Protection Mechanisms**: Integrating privacy-preserving technologies—such as differential privacy and federated learning—into the recommender system to ensure user data security and privacy, thereby enhancing user trust.
- **Data Security Strategies**: Establishing effective data security measures to prevent breaches and misuse, ensuring the safety and reliability of the system [22].

7.4. Summary

In conclusion, this study has demonstrated that incorporating fuzzy logic significantly enhances a recommender system's ability to handle the fuzziness of user interests and the uncertainty of behaviors. The research enriches the theoretical methodologies for recommender systems and showcases the practical applicability of fuzzy logic in real-world scenarios. By optimizing the design of membership functions and rule bases within the fuzzy logic model, the system's performance was substantially improved. Experimental results indicate that the optimized fuzzy logic algorithm surpasses traditional collaborative filtering algorithms and the original fuzzy logic algorithm in key metrics such as Precision, Recall, and F1 Score, confirming the effectiveness of fuzzy logic in optimizing system performance and boosting user satisfaction [3][12].

The practical significance of these findings is considerable. By utilizing fuzzy logic, the recommender system delivers more precise personalized recommendations, enhances system

intelligence, adapts to diverse needs, and supports decision optimization. User satisfaction surveys further validate the advantages of the optimized model in recommendation accuracy, personalization, ease of use, and overall satisfaction, highlighting its valuable role in improving user experience [3][8].

Future developments—through the integration of deep learning, multi-modal data processing, algorithm optimization, and other advanced technologies—are expected to lead to significant breakthroughs in intelligent and personalized recommendation systems. These advancements aim to provide users with more accurate, efficient, and intelligent recommendation services. Addressing challenges related to computational efficiency, automated parameter tuning, cross-domain generalization, and user privacy protection will further enhance the applicability and reliability of fuzzy logic-based recommender systems in various real-world applications [17][21][22].

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