



AGENDA

- I. Problem to solve
- II. Use Cases
- III. Data / Issues
- IV. SVD

I. Problem to solve

- Finding people with similar online behavior
- A persistent problem in the **digital marketing** industry is the superabundance of web sites people visit, and the many ways visitors interact with the sites.
- Online behavior data are sparse.

Zipf's law: site frequency is almost proportional to rank

$$f_n \propto 1/n^a$$

I. Problem to solve

- 1. We need a sufficient number of web sites to model the whole online population of 250M.
- 2. Any automatic data processing approach will have diminishing returns with the total number of web sites we observe.
- 3. No matter how much data we observe during training, we will invariably see something new by the time we deploy the model.



II. Use-Cases

Use-Case 1

An Ad campaign for a retail outlet.

The goal: **drive clicks** and essentially make a purchase.

The client was judging us on a backend ROAS model for online sales.

We optimized toward clicks.

Use-Case 2

A visitor bureau campaign to get people to sign up for travel brochures.

We optimized toward conversions for brochure sign ups.

II. Use-Cases

Use-Case 3

An ad campaign to get people to sign up for 3 different certification classes.

We optimized toward conversions which were counted when someone submitted a lead (name, email) to receive more information about the courses.

Use-Case 4

An ad campaign to drive awareness of an industry and the products that they make that people use and need every day.

Drive clicks to the landing page for people to learn more about what the industry does.

III. Issues & Approach

- Techniques based on eigen-decomposition allow for a transformation of the data matrix into a set of orthogonal vectors, each with an associated "strength", or eigenvalue.
- 2. The data matrix is compressed by discarding the less significant dimensions and allowing the **critical underlying features** to reveal themselves.
- 3. Compression and understanding: meaningful generalities can help you represent your data with fewer numbers, finding a way to represent your data in fewer numbers can often help you find meaningful generalities.

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III. Singular Value Decomposition

$A = U\Sigma V^T$

- 1. U and V are matrices of orthogonal left and right singular vectors
- 2. Σ is a diagonal matrix of singular values.
- 3. Preserving only the *k* largest singular values (and hence only the first *k* columns provides a least-squared error, rank-*k* approximation to the original matrix *A*. *k* is much smaller than the more than a million unique behaviors.
- 4. The subspace of eigenvectors represents important associative relationships between online users and their behavior, that are not evident in behaviors taken one-at-a-time.

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Resonate Performance Report

Sales Rep:

Date: 26 Feb 2018

Account Manager:



Display Performance by Audience

Strategy	Impressions Run	Clicks	Ad Server CTR
LAM1291722	156,284	175	0.11 %
LAM1294216	24,746	8	0.03 %
LAM1294214	7,450	6	0.08 %
Total	188,480	189	0.10 %
			1 - 3 of 3 items

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BASELINE: Online Adult Population | CONTA

DEMOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS

% COMPOSITION for highest indexing



52% are Female



23% are 35-44 years of age



23% with Household Income of \$50 to 75K



34% with College Degree



61% are Married



61% do not have Children

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What is your gender?



54% are Female



18% are 65+ years of age



27% with Household Income of \$25 to 50K



12% with Post-grad Degree

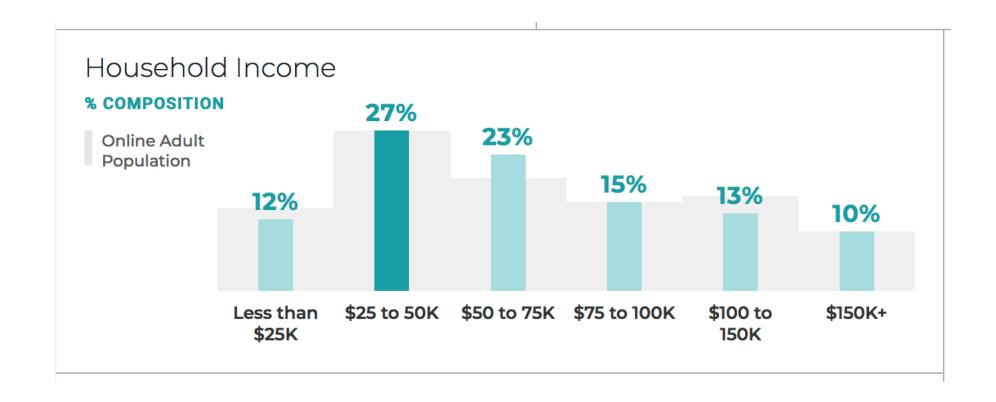


12% are Divorced



61% do not have Children

Income Distribution





Income Distribution of Look-Alikes

