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Content Recommendation Algorithm for Intelligent Navigator in Fog Computing Based IoT Environment

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ABSTRACT With the development of the Internet and mobile technologies, the Internet of Things (IoT) era has arrived. Vehicle networking technology can not only facilitate people's travel but also effectively alleviate traffic congestion. The development of fog computing technology provides unlimited possibilities for the Internet of Vehicles (IoV). Intelligent navigator is a very important part of human–computer interaction in IoV. It carries a large number of tasks of recommending content for users. In order to get more accurate recommendation content, we propose a weighted interest degree recommendation algorithm using association rules for intelligence in the IoV. First, the user data are analyzed to establish the association rule mining algorithm. Second, the user interest score is predicted by analyzing the relevance between user interests to recommend personalized service for the user. From the simulation results, we can see that the proposed algorithm can achieve higher recommendation accuracy.

INDEX TERMS Content recommendation, association rules, Internet of Vehicles, fog computing.

I. INTRODUCTION

We are embracing a new era of the Internet of Things (IoT) [1]. With the increasing of IoT devices, mass data is generated which may cause network congestion [2]. The traditional cloud computing paradigm cannot avoid such network congestion. Also many delay-sensitive services could not being guaranteed today's network architecture [3]. Then, a new computing paradigm called fog computing is proposed which can solve the above problems by migrating some services from the cloud server to the network edge. A typical fog computing architecture is composed by a user layer, a fog service layer, and a cloud service layer from the bottom up (Shown in Figure 1 [4]).

The application of fog computing in the IoT is very extensive [5]. For example, in the Internet of Vehicles (IoV), the user layer consists of on-board sensors and user equipment. The fog node consists of lightweight servers located

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at the network edge [6]. The cloud server is in charge of managing and monitoring the fog nodes and the entire network [7], [8]. In such an application scenario, the user and the in-vehicle navigation device generate a large amount of interaction, for example, the user may need the smart navigation device to personalize the content (bar, restaurant, and supermarket) that is of interest to the user [9]. In the fog computing, the workflow of the content recommendation of the vehicle intelligent navigator is shown in Figure 2.

When the fog node provides service, the massive retrieval of information is accompanied by an increase in user search and screening time [10], and a decrease in the precision rate. This causes the users are hardly to find the right data from a vast amount of network information resources [11]. The explosive growth of network data has made the problem of "information overload" more serious [12]. A large amount of unrelated redundant data information seriously interferes with people's choice of relevant useful information, making the cost of obtaining high-quality and valuable information higher and higher for users. The dataflow of the content



FIGURE 1. Fog computing architecture.



FIGURE 2. Workflow recommended by the car smart navigator.

recommendation of the vehicle intelligent navigator is shown in Figure 3.

The development of the recommended system has so far had a history of more than 20 years. Due to its large application requirements, the recommendation system has received extensive attention. As a filtering mechanism, the recommendation system is an important means to solve information overload [13], [14]. The recommendation algorithm is one of the most important parts of the recommendation system. There are three types of traditional recommendation algorithms which are: the recommendation algorithm using content information [15], the recommendation algorithm using collaborative filtering [16], and the recommendation algorithm using both the above two aspects [17].

Therefore, this paper focuses on the content recommendation algorithm of the intelligent car navigation system in the fog computing environment to provide users with



FIGURE 3. Dataflow of recommendation by the car smart navigator.

low-latency, high-accuracy content of interest to users. This paper's contributions are summarized as follows:

1) A weighted interest degree recommendation algorithm for vehicle network intelligent navigator is proposed.

2) The accuracy of the algorithm is verified by numerical simulation.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we will examine the work related to the study of recommended algorithms in the IoT. In Section 3, we will introduce some preliminary knowledge. In Section 4, we introduce a weighted interest recommendation algorithm based on association rules. Section 5 performs the simulation of the verification algorithm. The paper concludes in Section 6.

II. RELATED WORK

The fog computing environment empowers the Internet of Things, enabling many application services to be realized [18]. Mung et. al. in [19] summarized all kinds of merits and open vast vista about fog computing, mentioning the application of fog computing to the IoT, 5G and embedded artificial intelligence. Fog computing offers unlimited possibilities for the implementation of the Internet of Vehicles. Hou et al. in [20] proposed the concept of vehicular fog computing (VFC), it was a framework that VFC realize the computation and communication between all other devices by the cooperation of various terminal equipment or some devices that close to user which made better use of personal communication and computing resource of every car. Based on a publish/subscribe mode, Shin et. al. in [21] proposed a fog computing architecture in IoV. Authors described a traffic congestion control scenario using a smart traffic light system which operated on top of the proposed architecture. Truong et. al. in [22] proposed a brand new vehicular ad-hoc network (VANET), and this architecture used a prospective settle scheme which asked the combination of software defined network (SDN) and fog computing, both

were emergent computing and network example. The architecture was decided by SDN contributes of dexterity, expansibility, programmability and global knowledge, at the same time fog computing could meet the requests of prospective VANETs scene [23].

The emerging IoT is used to connect physical devices with the Internet which can record the behaviors of the physical devices. To make the interactions efficiently between users and devices, the recommendation methods to be used. Yao et. al. in [24] proposed a unified probability factor-based framework for recommending new properties of devices' interest in the IoT. By integrating the relationships between different IoT entities, a hypergraph was developed to simulate things. The spatio-temporal association, based on this, could generate implicit object associations, establish an Internet of Things experimental platform, and verify the possibility and efficacy of the method. A large amount of IoT data from polyphase data initiators were converged and transmitted to online or offline systems, which resulted in increased intricacy of data storage and query, which was especially suitable for spatio-temporal data handling via online or offline systems. Cai et. al. in [25] designed a multi-level IoT database architecture. By combining spatial data with text, images and video, an IoT database model with multi-layer was gotten, which was composed by different kinds of nodes. They collaborated to promote data storage, indexing, and querying. At the same time, based on the proposed model, a search algorithm using pruning strategy was designed, which effectively reduced the complexity of the algorithm.

Cloud computing acts a prominent part in realizing the actual application of Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) [26]. Luo et. al. were committed to optimizing the web or cloudbased services performance, based on kernel least mean square algorithm (KLMS), they proposed a data-driven IIoT QoS value prediction scheme in [27]. The scheme used correlation coefficients to search correlative QoS values for every known QoS entry based on homoplastic service customers and web service entries. The KLMS was used to analyze two types of QoS data, and calculated the deep relationship according to the highest similarity of these data. The final coefficients were used to predict the of the missing web service QoS value. Compared to the traditional method, the proposed prediction method had higher prediction accuracy in simulation.

Today, a lot of IoT services are available in the market, more and more IoT service provider are coming out. Recommending or pushing customized IoT services to users based on user-owned objects is critical to the success of the IoT [28], [29]. Mashal et. al. in [30] proposed a hypergraph model based IoT network. In this model, each superedge connected user, object and service, based on existing known indicators, analyzed and discussed different algorithms in IoT. Correlation between performances on service recommendations. The conclusion showed that using graphbased recommendation algorithm could make IoT recommendation system working with more efficiency. Based on



FIGURE 4. Recommended algorithm execution flow.

the ranking-based extreme learning machine, Wang et. al. came up with a taxi driver recommended road model in [31]. The basic road network was divided into several clusters, and the characteristics of each cluster was processed according to the real data set. An order-based extreme learning machine model was introduced to assess users' discovery potential of each cluster. When the vehicle trajectory data was unavailable or incomplete, the taxi driver could obtain road clustering suggestions by using the model combined with the training cluster selection algorithm, and the actual recommendation effect of the model was good. KoHG et. al. in [32] introduced a multi-criteria matrix location and integration collaborative filtering method based on the advantages of multi-criteria grading in which users could use to dynamically identify possible tasks and use the IoT. User complexity was solved when various intelligent objects in the environment performed the required tasks.

III. PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE

The core idea of collaborative filtering algorithm (CFA) is to find neighbors based on similarity, and then according to the prediction scores and recommendations, the execution process is shown in the Figure 4. First, the original data is collected. Second, the similarity is calculated. Third, the prediction is scored, and lastly recommendation is made. In the these steps, the key point is the user similarity calculation [33], [34].

A. SIMILARITY CALCULATION

The purpose of the CFA is to score the unrated items based on the similarity calculation. The computation process of the similarity among users becomes one of the keys to CFAs. Commonly used similarity measures include Euclidean distance, Pearson correlation coefficient, cosine similarity, modified cosine similarity, and so on.

The similarity is calculated in two ways. One uses the items' similarity, and the other one uses the user's similarity information. The choice between the two usually related to the users scale or items. The following uses the user-based collaborative filtering as an example to introduce the following similarity calculation methods.

B. EUCLIDEAN DISTANCE

Constructing a rating matrix based on user ratings, setting the row vectors to represent different users' ratings, and the column vectors to different users' ratings of the same item. The similarity is represented by equation (1):

$$sim = \frac{1}{1 + d_{AB}} \tag{1}$$

where *sim* indicates the degree of similarity, which ranges from 0 to 1, and d_{AB} represents the Euclidean distance of the score of the two items, and

$$d_{AB} = \sqrt{(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^2 + (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)^2 + \dots + (\alpha_n - \beta_n)^2}$$
(2)

where $\alpha_i, \beta_i, (i \in [1, n])$ are the parameter values of the *i*'th dimension.

C. PEARSON CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

The Pearson correlation coefficient [35] can be used to measure the similarity between two vectors. Obviously the advantage of this method over Euclidean distance is that it is insensitive to user ratings, such as user a scoring 5 points for all items. While user b scores 1 for all items, the Pearson correlation coefficient considers the two vectors to be equal. Equation (3) shows the Pearson correlation coefficient similarity:

$$sim(A, B) = \frac{\sum_{i \in I_{AB}} (r_{A,i} - \overline{r_A}) (r_{B,i} - \overline{r_B})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_{AB}} (r_{A,i} - \overline{r_A})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_{AB}} (r_{B,i} - \overline{r_B})^2}}$$
(3)

where I_{AB} denotes a items' set that all users A and B jointly Scored, $r_{A,i}$, $r_{B,i}$ respectively denotes the users A and B's ratings for item *i*, and $\overline{r_A}$, $\overline{r_B}$ respectively denotes the average rating of user A and B.

D. COSINE SIMILARITY

Build a score matrix based on user ratings, set the row vector to represent different users' ratings, and the column vector indicate different users' ratings for the same item. The degree of similarity is measured by calculating the cosine of the two vectors' angle. If the vectors have the same direction, the similarity is 1.0; if the angle is 90 degrees, the similarity is 0. Equation (4) is shown at follows:

$$\cos\theta = \frac{A \cdot B}{\|A\| \, \|B\|} \tag{4}$$

where *A* and *B* represent two scoring vectors of two items and ||A|| and ||B|| represent the 2 norms of the vector.

E. MODIFIED COSINE SIMILARITY

The shortcoming of the cosine similarity measurement method is that it ignores the different users' rating criteria.

So researchers propose a modified cosine similarity calculation method [36]. The calculation formula is shown in equation (5).

$$sim(A, B) = \frac{\sum_{i \in I_{AB}} (r_{A,i} - \overline{r_A}) (r_{B,i} - \overline{r_B})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_A} (r_{A,i} - \overline{r_A})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i \in I_B} (r_{B,i} - \overline{r_B})^2}}$$
(5)

where I_{AB} denotes a set of items that all users A and B jointly scored, I_A and I_B respectively denotes the collection of individual scoring items, $r_{A,i}$ and $r_{B,i}$ respectively denotes the rating of the user A and B for the project *i*, $\overline{r_A}, \overline{r_B}$ respectively denotes the average score of user A and B.

F. SKYLINE QUERY

Skyline queries extract data object sets from a data set that are not dominated by any other data object. This query method is essentially a multi-objective decision-making process. According to the rules of Skyline queries, we introduce the following two definitions.

Definition 1 (Domination): p is a D-dimensional data object generated by a fog node. The set of data objects is denoted as $S = \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$. For any two objects $p_i, p_j \in S, p_j$ is dominated by p_i , i.e., $p_i \succ p_j$, if 1) any attribute value in any dimension of p_i is greater than or equal to p_j , and 2) there is at least one attribute value of p_i is greater than p_j . If p_i does not dominate p_j , it is denoted as $p_i \not\succ p_j$.

Definition 2 (Skyline set): Given a set S, the set of all the objects that are not dominated by any other objects in S is called the Skyline set. We denote it as $SKY(S) = \{p_i | (\forall p_j \in S)(p_j \not\succ p_i) \}.$

In order to introduce our recommendation algorithm more clearly. An example will be introduced to explain the principle of Skyline query. We can use two-dimensional data in terms of the user rating and the distance in the vehicle intelligent navigator. The data distribution of each fog node is illustrated in Figure 5. It would be biased if the recommended results are determined using only a single dimension. Therefore, we need to find out the data objects that are not dominated by others through the Skyline query. In this example, $SKY(F) = \{f_2, f_3, f_8, f_9\}.$

IV. PROCESS OF THE CONTENT RECOMMENDATION

A. CONSTRUCTION OF USER INTEREST MODEL

A user interest model is a model representation of user information requirements and is very important in service recommendation system. The user model can usually show the user's interest in some specific topic information, which provides a basis for service providers to provide customers with more convenient services. The user model can usually be established in two ways. One is to directly obtain the user's interest and information demand tendency through the method provided by the user; the other method is to track and analyze the user's search, viewing, and other behavior records through the system to build a user profile.



FIGURE 5. Skyline query in recommend of vehicle intelligent navigator.

In order to provide users with better services, this paper adopts a combination of active and passive acquisition to establish a user interest model. First of all, when actively acquiring user interests, the user can select the tags he is interested in from the list and perform the rating (the rating ranges from 1 to 5 stars) to express his/her own preference for the tag items, that is, the weight of interest. When the label in the table cannot meet the user's needs, the user can add keywords that he is interested in by manually inputting the information, and the user can also change the interest label and the score The user scoring matrix is constructed by this method of actively acquiring interest tags and interest scores.

B. ASSOCIATION RULE MINING ALGORITHM

The function of association rules is to get meaningful internal relationships in large-scale data sets. These relationships can be expressed in two types: the frequent item-sets (FISs) and the association rules. FIS is the collection of items which often appear together, and the second type suggests that there may be strong associations between the two items. The most famous case in the association analysis is the "beer diapers case" in the supermarket "shopping basket" data. Through the analysis of "shopping basket" data, customers' consumption habits can be known [37], [38].

Assuming that $I = \{i_1, i_2, ..., i_k\}$ is a set consisting of k different data items, where the elements are called items and the set of items is called item-sets. The transaction database is $D = \{T_1, T_2, ..., T_v\}$, and each transaction is a subset of item-sets, then |D| represents total number of transactions D.

According to [37], [38], the implicative formula of association rule is shown in equation (6).

$$R: X \Rightarrow Y \tag{6}$$

where $X \subset I, Y \subset I$, and $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$, item-set X appears in a transaction, which leads to Y also appears in a transaction with a certain probability. Analysis of association rules for user interest tags can be measured by two criteria: support and credibility Support represents the appearing probability of the itemset $\{X, Y\}$ in the total item-set [37], [38]. In other words, it is the percentage of the scale of items in the item set to the total scale of item-sets. The formula is shown in equation (7).

$$Support(X \Rightarrow Y) = P(XY) = \frac{sum(X \cup Y)}{|D|}$$
(7)

Confidence represents the probability of the item set containing Y in the item-set containing X [37], [38]. It can be written as in equation (8).

$$Confidence(X \Rightarrow Y) = P(X|Y) = \frac{\operatorname{sum}(X \cup Y)}{\operatorname{sum}(X)}$$
(8)

C. MINING ALGORITHM OF FIS

In the specific application of association rule mining, the efficiency of the algorithm is undoubtedly very important, which is also the research focus of current data mining. During the data mining stage, the FIS generation process involves a huge amount of calculation, which is the most difficult and complexity part. Currently, there are three FISs mining algorithms commonly used: Apriori algorithm, Eclat algorithm, and FP-Growth algorithm. The following is a brief description of the Apriori algorithm as an example [39], [40].

Apriori principle: If a set of items is frequent, then all the subsets of it are also frequent. Using this principle, we can infer that assuming a set of items being an in-FIS, all its supersets are infrequent too, and through this principle, we can bring down the computation delay and increase the algorithm efficiency.

In the process of Apriori algorithm execution, firstly, it gets all the frequent 1-item sets by scanning all the databases. Then, it finds all the candidate 2-item sets using the Apriori_Gen algorithm, and then counts each item set to find all the frequent 2-item sets. This process is repeated. By analogy, frequent *k*-item sets are always found in an iterative manner.

D. WEIGHTED INTEREST MODEL BASED ON ASSOCIATION RULES

In the first part of this section, we obtain interest information by user-actively setting tags and scoring, and establish a user interest scoring matrix. However, in the process of actively setting the label, due to the inaccurate expression of the interest tag by the user, the simple and straightforward way cannot construct an accurate user model; therefore, based on this, we introduce an association rule algorithm to deeply study the relationship of user interest. Here we assume I = $\{I_1, I_2, \ldots, I_d\}$ is a collection of interest tags made up of ddifferent tag items. And we assume $D = \{T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n\}$ being a character database, in which each character T is a subset of I.

Here, we add various tags to each transaction, such as: sports. We set the following tags: basketball, football, tennis, table tennis, etc., through which we can better get more accurate the interest of users to build user interest model $\{(t_1, w_1), (t_2, w_2), \dots, (t_n, w_n)\}, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$

represent different interest tags and w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n represents the weight of the corresponding interest label.

According to the user rating matrix, we can find the *n* tag items who has the biggest similarity to user *A* and generate the nearest neighbor set of users $B_A = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$. According to equation (9), we can predict the user's prediction score for the interest label item.

$$p_{A,i} = \overline{R_A} + \frac{\sum\limits_{B \in B_A} \left(R_{B,i} - \overline{R_B} \right) sim(A, B)}{\sum\limits_{B \in N_A} |sim(A, B)|}$$
(9)

In the equation, sim(A, B) represents the similarity between A and B, and $R_{B,i}$ denotes a score of users' interest tag *i* in its nearest neighbor set $B_A = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$, \overline{R}_A and \overline{R}_B represent the average scores of users *a* and *b* their respective interests scores.

Based on the predicted value of interest labels and the users' interest model { $(t_1, w_1), (t_2, w_2), \dots, (t_n, w_n)$ }obtained from association analysis. We can get a more accurate prediction score through equation (10).

$$f_{A,i} = w_i \cdot p_{A,i} = w_i \left(\overline{R_A} + \frac{\sum\limits_{B \in B_A} \left(R_{B,i} - \overline{R_B} \right) sim(A, B)}{\sum\limits_{B \in N_A} |sim(A, B)|} \right)$$
(10)

As can be seen from Figure 6, the algorithm execution flow of this paper contains a total of seven parts, namely user data information acquisition, user score matrix construction, search for neighbor user sets, association analysis to calculate neighbor interest scores, score prediction, and recommendations. And the user confidence feedback seven parts. The user feedback information helps the interest weight adjustment, so that the recommendation result is more in line with the user's needs.

E. ED-MAX FILTERING STRATEGY

In order to make the recommendation results more accurate, it is necessary to filter the final recommendation results. In this section, we implement this process with an Ed-Max filtering strategy (EMFS) based on Skyline query. Ed-Max algorithm was first proposed in [41] and the authors proved that the data filtered by this algorithm will not affect the global Skyline set. In addition, the filtering effect of this algorithm is better than that of MinMax algorithm. In this paper, Ed-max algorithm will be applied to filter the recommendation results again, in order to output more accurate and more user-friendly recommendation results.

Assuming that the data set in the recommendation result is $D = \{D_1, D_2, \dots D_n\}$, and the data dimension is M. First, we need to store the maximum value of each dimension in the data set in memory.

The set of $D_{\text{max}} = \{D_{1-\text{max}}, \dots, D_{M-\text{max}}\}$ represents the tuple set of the biggest values between the first dimension and the *M*th-dimension. D_{max} can be calculated directly by traversing the database once.



FIGURE 6. Algorithm execution flow.

Next, we need to calculate the data object with the maximum Euclidean distance in the data space. $(D_n)_i$ is used to represent the value in *i*th dimension of the tuple D_n . Based on the definition of Euclidean distance, we can calculate the $Ed(D_n)_i$ as follows:

$$Ed(D_n)_i = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{M} [(D_n)_i]^2}$$
 (11)

There is n $Ed(D_n)_i$ after calculating which stores in memory. Then the maximum value of $Ed(D_n)_i$ can be calculated. In the data set $(D_n)_i$, the max $Ed(D_n)_i$ denotes the maximum Euclidean distance value (except for the tuple of D_{max}), and its tuple is written using $D_{\text{max} Ed}$.

If the data space is an *M*-dimensional coordinate one and every tuple is mapped to a space point, the EMFS focuses on an area encircled by three parameters which are D_{max} , $D_{\text{max} Ed}$, and the coordinates. A two-dimensional information is used to illustrate the EMFS procedures in Figure 7.

Figure 7 shows the filtration effect of EMFS. In Figure 7, there are 11 tuples in total. After EMFS processing, there are only five tuples left. A large part of the redundant data is reduced.

In the following, we introduce the content recommendation algorithm pseudocode in Algorithm 1. In this algorithm, the step 3 is similar to the fog node filtering strategy (FNFS)



User rating

FIGURE 7. Ed-Max filtering strategy.

TABLE 1. Tag data conversion table.

Basketball	Tennis	Football	Pingpong	Action	War
1	1	0	1	1	1

proposed in [41], for both of them need to find the optimal Euclidean distance.

V. SIMULATION AND ANALYSIS

Since this article uses the combination of active and passive methods to obtain the user's interest score, but most of the current rating information in the Internet is the score after shopping and watching. It is not applicable to the experimental test of this article. Therefore, this article obtains some students' interest ratings for various news through questionnaire survey. The content of the questionnaire includes military, finance, entertainment, technology, digital, history, sports, movies, etc, with a score range of 1-5, and detailed classification of each content. Such as sports are divided into: basketball, tennis, football, table tennis and so on. In the refinement label of various news items in the questionnaire, the setting of the check mark selected by the experimenter is 1, and the unmarked value is 0. The conversion effect is shown in Table 1.

A. ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

From Figure 8 we can see that boys who like to watch action movies usually prefer to focus on basketball, and girls who like action movies usually prefer badminton.

In this experiment, the accuracy of the proposed algorithm is compared with Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) [42], [43]. MAE is a commonly used measurement method for measuring the accuracy and comparison of statistics and can accurately reflect the quality of recommendation. It can be used to measure the predicted user rating and the actual user rating. The value of MAE Algorithm 1 The Content Recommendation Algorithm Step1:Data collection, building user scoring matrix A Calculate user similarity: def User_Similarity_Calculating (TR): S = dict()for s in TR.keys(): for i in TR.keys(): if s == i: continue S[s][i] = len(TR[u] & TR[v])S[s][i] = /= math.sqrt(len(TR[u]) * len(TR[v]))* 1.0) end for end for return S Step2: Build a nearest neighbor set, Use the mining algorithm of FIS to get frequent item attribute sets. Further, find correlation between interests $C_1 = get_frequent_1$ -itemsets(P); for $(k=2;C_{k-1} \neq \emptyset;k++)$ $M_k = appriori_gen(L_{k-1},Min_Supp);$ **for** each transaction $t \in P$ $M_t = subset(M_k,t);$ end for end for for each candidate $m \in M_t$ m.count++; end for $L_k = \{m \in M_k | c.count \ge Min_Supp\};$ return $L=S_kL_k$; function appriori $gen(C_{k-1}, Min Supp)$ for each itemset $l_1 \in C_{k-1}$ for each itemset $l_2 \in L_{k-1}$ $1] \in c_2[k-2] = (c_1[k-1] \in c_2[k-1]))$ $m = c_1 \& c_2$ else add m to M_k ; end if return; end for end for for each (k-1)-subset of m if s not belong to $C_{(k-1)}$ return the result is TRUE else return the result is FALSE end for Step 3:Optimal Euclidean distance is processed Ed-Max = []for projects in the list DIS = Eucl(projects)Ed.append(DIS) end for





FIGURE 8. Interest association diagrams.

and final accuracy is opposite. If the MAE value decreases, the recommendation accuracy increases. Conversely, accuracy of the recommended algorithm gets worse. The calculation method is shown in equation (12).

$$MAE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |R_{A,i} - f_{A,i}|}{n}$$
(12)

In the formula, $R_{A,i}$ denotes the actual user A's score for interest tag *i*, and $f_{A,i}$ is the predicted user A's score for the same interest tag calculated by the proposed algorithm.

RMSE was proposed to measure the deviation with the observed and real value. It has the advantage of better reflecting the real situation. The RMSE value and the accuracy of the recommendation also is opposite. If the RMSE value decreases, the recommendation accuracy increases. Conversely, the accuracy of the recommended performance gets worse. The calculation method is shown in equation (13).

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (R_{A,i} - f_{A,i})^2}{n}}$$
(13)

In formula (13), $R_{A,i}$ also denotes the actual user *A*'s score for interest tag *i*, and $f_{A,i}$ is the predicted user *A*'s score for the same interest tag calculated by the proposed algorithm.



FIGURE 9. MAE value comparison between the proposed algorithm and collaborative filtering recommendations.



FIGURE 10. RMSE value comparison between the proposed algorithm and collaborative filtering recommendations.

The MAE value comparison between the presented algorithm and the conventional recommendation algorithm is shown in Figure 9. The vertical axis denotes the MAE value, and the horizontal axis indicates the number of users of the neighboring matrix used when predicting the score.

From Figure 9, we can see that when the neighbor matrix users increases, the MAE value of the proposed scheme is constantly decreasing slowly, and the overall MAE value of the proposed scheme is smaller than the conventional recommendation algorithm. This means that the proposed algorithm is outperformance compared with the conventional recommendation algorithm.

The following conclusion can be drawn from Figure 10. When the neighbor users increases, the RMSE value decreases. However, comparing with the conventional collaborative filtering recommendation, the proposed algorithm has lower RMSE value and better recommendation effect.

In this experiment, the prediction experiment is carried out by randomly selecting unrated items of 100-500 users, and the numerical simulation results are given in Figure 11. It states



FIGURE 11. Algorithm execution time varies with user number.

that when the number of users increases, the execution delay of the algorithm also increase. However, compared with the conventional CFA, the proposed algorithm takes less time, that is, the proposed algorithm is time efficient.

VI. SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

Fog computing enables the IoT application scenario such as intelligent vehicle networking. Intelligent navigator is the core component of Human-Computer Interaction in Vehicle Networking. Accurate content recommendation is needed in the use of navigators. This paper proposes a weighted interest user model based on association rules. It uses the association rule to mine the user's interest label to calculate its weight value, and uses the scoring matrix to accurately calculate the user's nearest neighbor set. Through the above methods, we get more accurate interest score and improve the recommendation accuracy. The numerical simulations indicate that the performance of the proposed algorithm is excellent.

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