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# **Cornac Documentation**

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**Cornac** is a comparative framework for multimodal recommender systems. It focuses on making it **convenient** to work with models leveraging **auxiliary data** (e.g., item descriptive text and image, social network, etc). **Cornac** enables **fast** experiments and **straightforward** implementations of new models. It is **highly compatible** with existing machine learning libraries (e.g., TensorFlow, PyTorch).



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```
class cornac.data.FeatureModality (features=None, ids=None, normalized=False, **kwargs)
    Modality that contains features in general
```

**Parameters**

- **features** (*numpy.ndarray or scipy.sparse.csr\_matrix, default = None*) – Numpy 2d-array that the row indices are aligned with user/item in *ids*.
- **ids** (*List, default = None*) – List of user/item ids that the indices are aligned with *corpus*. If None, the indices of provided *features* will be used as *ids*.

```
batch_feature (batch_ids)
```

Return a matrix (batch of feature vectors) corresponding to provided *batch\_ids*

```
build (id_map=None)
```

Build the feature matrix. Features will be swapped if the *id\_map* is provided

```
feature_dim
```

Return the dimensionality of the feature vectors

```
features
```

Return the whole feature matrix

```
class cornac.data.TextModality (corpus: List[str] = None, ids: List = None, tokenizer: cornac.data.text.Tokenizer = None, vocab: cornac.data.text.Vocabulary = None, max_vocab: int = None, max_doc_freq: Union[float, int] = 1.0, min_doc_freq: int = 1, tfidf_params: Dict = None, **kwargs)
```

Text modality

**Parameters**

- **corpus** (*List[str], default = None*) – List of user/item texts that the indices are aligned with *ids*.
- **ids** (*List, default = None*) – List of user/item ids that the indices are aligned with *corpus*. If None, the indices of provided *corpus* will be used as *ids*.

- **tokenizer** (*Tokenizer, optional, default = None*) – Tokenizer for text splitting. If *None*, the *BaseTokenizer* will be used.
- **vocab** (*Vocabulary, optional, default = None*) – Vocabulary of tokens. It contains mapping between tokens to their integer ids and vice versa.
- **max\_vocab** (*int, optional, default = None*) – The maximum size of the vocabulary. If *vocab* is provided, this will be ignored.
- **max\_doc\_freq** (*float in range [0.0, 1.0] or int, default=1.0*) – When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold (corpus-specific stop words). If *float*, the value represents a proportion of documents, *int* for absolute counts. If *vocab* is not *None*, this will be ignored.
- **min\_doc\_freq** (*float in range [0.0, 1.0] or int, default=1*) – When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold. This value is also called cut-off in the literature. If *float*, the value represents a proportion of documents, *int* absolute counts. If *vocab* is not *None*, this will be ignored.
- **tfidf\_params** (*dict or None, optional, default=None*) – If *None*, a default arguments of `<cornac.data.text.IfidfVectorizer>` will be used. List of parameters:
  - 'binary' [boolean, default=False] If True, all non zero counts are set to 1.
  - 'norm' ['l1', 'l2' or None, optional, default='l2'] Each output row will have unit norm, either: \* 'l2': Sum of squares of vector elements is 1. The cosine similarity between two vectors is their dot product when l2 norm has been applied. \* 'l1': Sum of absolute values of vector elements is 1. See `utils.common.normalize()`
  - 'use\_idf' [boolean, default=True] Enable inverse-document-frequency reweighting.
  - 'smooth\_idf' [boolean, default=True] Smooth idf weights by adding one to document frequencies, as if an extra document was seen containing every term in the collection exactly once. Prevents zero divisions.
  - 'sublinear\_tf' [boolean (default=False)] Apply sublinear tf scaling, i.e. replace tf with  $1 + \log(\text{tf})$ .

**batch\_seq** (*batch\_ids, max\_length=None*)

Return a numpy matrix of text sequences containing token ids with `size=(len(batch_ids), max_length)`.

#### Parameters

- **batch\_ids** (*Union[List, numpy.array], required*) – An array containing the ids of rows of text sequences to be returned.
- **max\_length** (*int, optional*) – Cut-off length of returned sequences. If *None*, it will be inferred based on retrieved sequences.

**Returns** `batch_sequences` – Batch of sequences with zero-padding at the end.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**batch\_tfidf** (*batch\_ids, keep\_sparse=False*)

Return matrix of TF-IDF features corresponding to provided `batch_ids`

#### Parameters

- **batch\_ids** (*array*) – An array of ids to retrieve the corresponding features.
- **keep\_sparse** (*bool, default = False*) – If *True*, the return feature matrix will be a `scipy.sparse.csr_matrix`. Otherwise, it will be a dense matrix.



**Returns** `batch_tfidf` – Batch of TF-IDF representations corresponding to input `batch_ids`.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**build** (`id_map=None`)

Build the model based on provided list of ordered ids

**Parameters** `id_map` (`dict`, *optional*) – A dictionary holds mapping from original ids to mapped integer indices of users/items.

**Returns** `text_modality` – An object of type `TextModality`.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.TextModality>`

**tfidf\_matrix**

Return tf-idf matrix.

**class** `cornac.data.ImageModality` (\*\*kwargs)

Image modality

**Parameters**

- **images** (`Union[List, numpy.ndarray]`, *optional*) – A list or tensor of images that the row indices are aligned with user/item in `ids`.
- **paths** (`List[str]`, *optional*) – A list of paths, to images stored on disk, which the row indices are aligned with user/item in `ids`.

**batch\_image** (`batch_ids`, `target_size=(256, 256)`, `color_mode='rgb'`, `interpolation='nearest'`)

Return batch of images corresponding to provided `batch_ids`

**Parameters**

- **batch\_ids** (`Union[List, numpy.array]`, *required*) – An array containing the ids of rows of images to be returned.
- **target\_size** (`tuple`, *optional*, `default: (256, 256)`) – Size (width, height) of returned images to be resized.
- **color\_mode** (`str`, *optional*, `default: 'rgb'`) – Color mode of returned images.
- **interpolation** (`str`, *optional*, `default: 'nearest'`) – Method used for interpolation when resize images. Options are OpenCV supported methods.

**Returns** `res` – Batch of images corresponding to input `batch_ids`.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**build** (`id_map=None`)

Build the model based on provided list of ordered ids

**Parameters** `id_map` (`dict`, *optional*) – A dictionary holds mapping from original ids to mapped integer indices of users/items.

**Returns** `image_modality` – An object of type `ImageModality`.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.ImageModality>`

**class** `cornac.data.GraphModality` (\*\*kwargs)

Graph modality

**Parameters** `data` (`List[str]`, *required*) – A list encoding an adjacency matrix, of a user or an item graph, in the sparse triplet format, e.g., `data=[('user1', 'user4', 1.0)]`.

**batch** (*batch\_ids*)

Return batch of vectors from the sparse adjacency matrix corresponding to provided *batch\_ids*.

**Parameters** **batch\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids of rows to be returned from the sparse adjacency matrix.

**build** (*id\_map=None*)

Build the feature matrix. Features will be swapped if the *id\_map* is provided

**classmethod from\_feature** (*features, k=5, ids=None, similarity='cosine', symmetric=False, verbose=True*)

Instantiate a GraphModality with a KNN graph build using input features.

**Parameters**

- **features** (*2d Numpy array, shape: [n\_objects, n\_features], required*) – A 2d Numpy array of features, e.g., visual, textual, etc.
- **k** (*int, optional, default: 5*) – The number of nearest neighbors
- **ids** (*array, optional, default: None*) – The list of object ids or labels, which align with the rows of features. For instance if you use textual (bag-of-word) features, then “ids” should be the same as the input to `cornac.data.TextModality`.
- **similarity** (*string, optional, default: "cosine"*) – The similarity measure. At this time only the cosine is supported
- **symmetric** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – When True the resulting KNN-Graph is made symmetric
- **verbose** (*bool, default: False*) – The verbosity flag.

**Returns** **graph\_modality** – GraphModality object.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.GraphModality>`

**get\_node\_degree** (*in\_ids=None, out\_ids=None*)

Get the “in” and “out” degree for the desired set of nodes

**Parameters**

- **in\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids for which to get the “in” degree.
- **out\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids for which to get the “out” degree.

**Returns** **Dictionary of the from {node\_id**

**Return type** `[in_degree,out_degree]`

**get\_train\_triplet** (*train\_row\_ids, train\_col\_ids*)

Get the subset of relations which align with the training data

**Parameters**

- **train\_row\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids of training objects (users or items) for which to get the “out” relations.
- **train\_col\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids of training objects (users or items) for whom to get the “in” relations. Please refer to `cornac/models/c2pf/recom_c2pf.py` for a concrete usage example of this function.

**Returns**

**Return type** A subset of the adjacency matrix, in the sparse triplet format, whose elements align with the training set as specified by “train\_row\_ids” and “train\_col\_ids”.

**matrix**

Return the adjacency matrix in scipy csr sparse format

**class** `cornac.data.SentimentModality` (\*\*kwargs)

Aspect module :param data: A triplet list of user, item, and sentiment information which also a triplet list of aspect, opinion, and sentiment, e.g., data=[('user1', 'item1', [(('aspect1', 'opinion1', 'sentiment1'))]). :type data: List[str], required

**build** (*uid\_map=None, iid\_map=None, dok\_matrix=None*)

Build the model based on provided list of ordered ids

**num\_aspects**

Return the number of aspects

**num\_opinions**

Return the number of aspects

**class** `cornac.data.Dataset` (*num\_users, num\_items, uid\_map, iid\_map, uir\_tuple, timestamps=None, seed=None*)

Training set contains preference matrix

**Parameters**

- **num\_users** (*int, required*) – Number of users.
- **num\_items** (*int, required*) – Number of items.
- **uid\_map** (*OrderDict, required*) – The dictionary containing mapping from user original ids to mapped integer indices.
- **iid\_map** (*OrderDict, required*) – The dictionary containing mapping from item original ids to mapped integer indices.
- **uir\_tuple** (*tuple, required*) – Tuple of 3 numpy arrays (user\_indices, item\_indices, rating\_values).
- **timestamps** (*numpy.array, optional, default: None*) – Array of timestamps corresponding to observations in *uir\_tuple*.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.

**num\_users**

Number of users in the dataset. For the case of validation or test dataset, this could add up the number of users in the training dataset as well.

**Type** `int`

**num\_items**

**Number of items in the dataset. For the case of validation or test dataset,** this could add up the number of items in the training dataset as well.

**Type** `int`

**num\_ratings**

Number of rating observations in the dataset.

**Type** `int`

**max\_rating**

Maximum value among the rating observations.

Type float

**max\_rating**

Minimum value among the rating observations.

Type float

**global\_mean**

Average value over the rating observations.

Type float

**uir\_tuple**

Tuple three numpy arrays (user\_indices, item\_indices, rating\_values).

Type tuple

**timestamps**

Numpy array of timestamps corresponding to feedback in *uir\_tuple*. This is only available when input data is in *UIRT* format.

Type numpy.array

**user\_data**

Data organized by user. A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of two lists (items, ratings) interacted by the corresponding users.

Type dict

**item\_data**

Data organized by item. A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of two lists (users, ratings) interacted with the corresponding items.

Type dict

**chrono\_user\_data**

Data organized by user sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (items, ratings, timestamps) interacted by the corresponding users.

Type dict

**chrono\_item\_data**

Data organized by item sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (users, ratings, timestamps) interacted with the corresponding items.

Type dict

**classmethod build** (*data*, *fmt*='UIR', *global\_uid\_map*=None, *global\_iid\_map*=None, *seed*=None, *exclude\_unknowns*=False)

Constructing Dataset from given data of specific format.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*array-like*, *required*) – Data in the form of triplets (user, item, rating) for UIR format, or quadruplets (user, item, rating, timestamps) for UIRT format.
- **fmt** (*str*, *default*: 'UIR') – Format of the input data. Currently, we are supporting:  
'UIR': User, Item, Rating 'UIRT': User, Item, Rating, Timestamp

- **global\_uid\_map** (`defaultdict`, optional, default: `None`) – The dictionary containing global mapping from original ids to mapped ids of users.
- **global\_iid\_map** (`defaultdict`, optional, default: `None`) – The dictionary containing global mapping from original ids to mapped ids of items.
- **seed** (`int`, optional, default: `None`) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.
- **exclude\_unknowns** (`bool`, default: `False`) – Ignore unknown users and items.

**Returns** `res` – Dataset object.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.Dataset>`

#### **chrono\_item\_data**

Return data organized by item sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (users, ratings, timestamps) interacted with the corresponding items.

#### **chrono\_user\_data**

Return data organized by user sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (items, ratings, timestamps) interacted by the corresponding users.

#### **csc\_matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in CSC sparse format

#### **csr\_matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in CSR sparse format

#### **dok\_matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in DOK sparse format

#### **classmethod from\_uir** (`data`, `seed=None`)

Constructing Dataset from UIR (User, Item, Rating) triplet data.

##### **Parameters**

- **data** (`array-like`, `shape: [n_examples, 3]`) – Data in the form of triplets (user, item, rating)
- **seed** (`int`, optional, default: `None`) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.

**Returns** `res` – Dataset object.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.Dataset>`

#### **classmethod from\_uirt** (`data`, `seed=None`)

Constructing Dataset from UIRT (User, Item, Rating, Timestamp) quadruplet data.

##### **Parameters**

- **data** (`array-like`, `shape: [n_examples, 4]`) – Data in the form of triplets (user, item, rating, timestamp)
- **seed** (`int`, optional, default: `None`) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.

**Returns** `res` – Dataset object.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.Dataset>`

**idx\_iter** (*idx\_range*, *batch\_size=1*, *shuffle=False*)

Create an iterator over batch of indices

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool*, *optional*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept

**Returns iterator**

**Return type** batch of indices (array of np.int)

**is\_unk\_item** (*item\_idx*)

Return whether or not an item is unknown given the item index

**is\_unk\_user** (*user\_idx*)

Return whether or not a user is unknown given the user index

**item\_data**

Return data organized by item. A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of two lists (users, ratings) interacted with the corresponding items.

**item\_ids**

Return an iterator over the raw item ids

**item\_indices**

Return an iterator over the item indices

**item\_iter** (*batch\_size=1*, *shuffle=False*)

Create an iterator over item indices

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool*, *optional*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept

**Returns iterator**

**Return type** batch of item indices (array of np.int)

**matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in CSR sparse format

**uij\_iter** (*batch\_size=1*, *shuffle=False*, *neg\_sampling='uniform'*)

Create an iterator over data yielding batch of users, positive items, and negative items

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool*, *optional*, *default: False*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept.
- **neg\_sampling** (*str*, *optional*, *default: 'uniform'*) – How negative item *j* will be sampled. Supported options: {*uniform*, *popularity*}.

**Returns iterator** – batch of negative items (array of np.int)

**Return type** batch of users (array of np.int), batch of positive items (array of np.int),

**uir\_iter** (*batch\_size=1*, *shuffle=False*, *binary=False*, *num\_zeros=0*)

Create an iterator over data yielding batch of users, items, and rating values

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept.
- **binary** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – If *True*, non-zero ratings will be turned into *1*, otherwise, values remain unchanged.
- **num\_zeros** (*int, optional, default = 0*) – Number of unobserved ratings (zeros) to be added per user. This could be used for negative sampling. By default, no values are added.

**Returns iterator** – batch of ratings (array of np.float)

**Return type** batch of users (array of np.int), batch of items (array of np.int),

**user\_data**

Return data organized by user. A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of two lists (items, ratings) interacted by the corresponding users.

**user\_ids**

Return an iterator over the raw user ids

**user\_indices**

Return an iterator over the user indices

**user\_iter** (*batch\_size=1, shuffle=False*)

Create an iterator over user indices

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool, optional*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept

**Returns iterator**

**Return type** batch of user indices (array of np.int)

**class** `cornac.data.Reader` (*user\_set=None, item\_set=None, min\_user\_freq=1, min\_item\_freq=1, bin\_threshold=None, encoding='utf-8', errors=None*)

Reader class for reading data with different types of format.

**Parameters**

- **user\_set** (*set, default = None*) – Set of users to be selected when reading data. If *None*, all users that appear in the data will be included.
- **item\_set** (*set, default = None*) – Set of items to be selected when reading data. If *None*, all items that appear in the data will be included.
- **min\_user\_freq** (*int, default = 1*) – The minimum frequency of a user to be selected. If *min\_user\_freq=1*, all users that appear in the data will be included.
- **min\_item\_freq** (*int, default = 1*) – The minimum frequency of an item to be selected. If *min\_item\_freq=1*, all items that appear in the data will be included.
- **bin\_threshold** (*float, default = None*) – The rating threshold to binarize rating values (turn explicit feedback to implicit feedback). For example, if *bin\_threshold = 3.0*, all rating values  $\geq 3.0$  will be set to 1.0, and the rest ( $< 3.0$ ) will be discarded.
- **encoding** (*str, default = utf-8*) – Encoding used to decode the file.

- **errors** (*int*, *default = None*) – Optional string that specifies how encoding errors are to be handled. Pass ‘strict’ to raise a ValueError exception if there is an encoding error (None has the same effect), or pass ‘ignore’ to ignore errors.

**read** (*fpath*, *fmt='UIR'*, *sep='\t'*, *skip\_lines=0*, *id\_inline=False*, *parser=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)  
Read data and parse line by line based on provided *fmt* or *parser*.

#### Parameters

- **fpath** (*str*) – Path to the data file.
- **fmt** (*str*, *default: UIR*) – Line format to be parsed (*UIR* or *UIRT*).
- **sep** (*str*, *default:*) – The delimiter string.
- **skip\_lines** (*int*, *default: 0*) – Number of first lines to skip
- **id\_inline** (*bool*, *default: False*) – If *True*, user ids corresponding to the line numbers of the file, where all the ids in each line are item ids.
- **parser** (*function*, *default: None*) – Function takes a list of *str* tokenized by *sep* and returns a list of tuples which will be joined to the final results. If *None*, parser will be determined based on *fmt*.

**Returns** *tuples* – Data in the form of list of tuples. What inside each tuple depends on *parser* or *fmt*.

**Return type** *list*

## 1.1 Dataset

**class** `cornac.data.dataset.Dataset` (*num\_users*, *num\_items*, *uid\_map*, *iid\_map*, *uir\_tuple*, *timestamps=None*, *seed=None*)

Training set contains preference matrix

#### Parameters

- **num\_users** (*int*, *required*) – Number of users.
- **num\_items** (*int*, *required*) – Number of items.
- **uid\_map** (*OrderDict*, *required*) – The dictionary containing mapping from user original ids to mapped integer indices.
- **iid\_map** (*OrderDict*, *required*) – The dictionary containing mapping from item original ids to mapped integer indices.
- **uir\_tuple** (*tuple*, *required*) – Tuple of 3 numpy arrays (*user\_indices*, *item\_indices*, *rating\_values*).
- **timestamps** (*numpy.array*, *optional*, *default: None*) – Array of timestamps corresponding to observations in *uir\_tuple*.
- **seed** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.

#### **num\_users**

Number of users in the dataset. For the case of validation or test dataset, this could add up the number of users in the training dataset as well.

**Type** *int*

#### **num\_items**



**Number of items in the dataset.** For the case of validation or test dataset, this could add up the number of items in the training dataset as well.

**Type** int

**num\_ratings**

Number of rating observations in the dataset.

**Type** int

**max\_rating**

Maximum value among the rating observations.

**Type** float

**min\_rating**

Minimum value among the rating observations.

**Type** float

**global\_mean**

Average value over the rating observations.

**Type** float

**uir\_tuple**

Tuple three numpy arrays (user\_indices, item\_indices, rating\_values).

**Type** tuple

**timestamps**

Numpy array of timestamps corresponding to feedback in *uir\_tuple*. This is only available when input data is in *UIRT* format.

**Type** numpy.array

**user\_data**

Data organized by user. A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of two lists (items, ratings) interacted by the corresponding users.

**Type** dict

**item\_data**

Data organized by item. A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of two lists (users, ratings) interacted with the corresponding items.

**Type** dict

**chrono\_user\_data**

Data organized by user sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (items, ratings, timestamps) interacted by the corresponding users.

**Type** dict

**chrono\_item\_data**

Data organized by item sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (users, ratings, timestamps) interacted with the corresponding items.

**Type** dict

**classmethod build** (*data*, *fmt*='UIR', *global\_uid\_map*=None, *global\_iid\_map*=None, *seed*=None, *exclude\_unknowns*=False)

Constructing Dataset from given data of specific format.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*array-like*, *required*) – Data in the form of triplets (user, item, rating) for UIR format, or quadruplets (user, item, rating, timestamps) for UIRT format.
- **fmt** (*str*, *default*: 'UIR') – Format of the input data. Currently, we are supporting:  
'UIR': User, Item, Rating 'UIRT': User, Item, Rating, Timestamp
- **global\_uid\_map** (*defaultdict*, *optional*, *default*: None) – The dictionary containing global mapping from original ids to mapped ids of users.
- **global\_iid\_map** (*defaultdict*, *optional*, *default*: None) – The dictionary containing global mapping from original ids to mapped ids of items.
- **seed** (*int*, *optional*, *default*: None) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.
- **exclude\_unknowns** (*bool*, *default*: False) – Ignore unknown users and items.

**Returns** *res* – Dataset object.

**Return type** <cornac.data.Dataset>

**chrono\_item\_data**

Return data organized by item sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (users, ratings, timestamps) interacted with the corresponding items.

**chrono\_user\_data**

Return data organized by user sorted chronologically (timestamps required). A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of three chronologically sorted lists (items, ratings, timestamps) interacted by the corresponding users.

**csc\_matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in CSC sparse format

**csr\_matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in CSR sparse format

**dok\_matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in DOK sparse format

**classmethod from\_uir** (*data*, *seed*=None)

Constructing Dataset from UIR (User, Item, Rating) triplet data.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*array-like*, *shape*: [*n\_examples*, 3]) – Data in the form of triplets (user, item, rating)
- **seed** (*int*, *optional*, *default*: None) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.

**Returns** *res* – Dataset object.

**Return type** <cornac.data.Dataset>

**classmethod** `from_uirt` (*data*, *seed=None*)

Constructing Dataset from UIRT (User, Item, Rating, Timestamp) quadruplet data.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*array-like*, *shape: [n\_examples, 4]*) – Data in the form of triplets (user, item, rating, timestamp)
- **seed** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – Random seed for reproducing data sampling.

**Returns** `res` – Dataset object.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.Dataset>`

**idx\_iter** (*idx\_range*, *batch\_size=1*, *shuffle=False*)

Create an iterator over batch of indices

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, orders of triplets will be randomized. If False, default orders kept

**Returns** `iterator`

**Return type** batch of indices (array of np.int)

**is\_unk\_item** (*item\_idx*)

Return whether or not an item is unknown given the item index

**is\_unk\_user** (*user\_idx*)

Return whether or not a user is unknown given the user index

**item\_data**

Return data organized by item. A dictionary where keys are items, values are tuples of two lists (users, ratings) interacted with the corresponding items.

**item\_ids**

Return an iterator over the raw item ids

**item\_indices**

Return an iterator over the item indices

**item\_iter** (*batch\_size=1*, *shuffle=False*)

Create an iterator over item indices

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, orders of triplets will be randomized. If False, default orders kept

**Returns** `iterator`

**Return type** batch of item indices (array of np.int)

**matrix**

Return the user-item interaction matrix in CSR sparse format

**uij\_iter** (*batch\_size=1*, *shuffle=False*, *neg\_sampling='uniform'*)

Create an iterator over data yielding batch of users, positive items, and negative items

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept.
- **neg\_sampling** (*str, optional, default: 'uniform'*) – How negative item *j* will be sampled. Supported options: *{uniform, popularity}*.

**Returns iterator** – batch of negative items (array of np.int)

**Return type** batch of users (array of np.int), batch of positive items (array of np.int),

**uir\_iter** (*batch\_size=1, shuffle=False, binary=False, num\_zeros=0*)

Create an iterator over data yielding batch of users, items, and rating values

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept.
- **binary** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – If *True*, non-zero ratings will be turned into *1*, otherwise, values remain unchanged.
- **num\_zeros** (*int, optional, default = 0*) – Number of unobserved ratings (zeros) to be added per user. This could be used for negative sampling. By default, no values are added.

**Returns iterator** – batch of ratings (array of np.float)

**Return type** batch of users (array of np.int), batch of items (array of np.int),

**user\_data**

Return data organized by user. A dictionary where keys are users, values are tuples of two lists (items, ratings) interacted by the corresponding users.

**user\_ids**

Return an iterator over the raw user ids

**user\_indices**

Return an iterator over the user indices

**user\_iter** (*batch\_size=1, shuffle=False*)

Create an iterator over user indices

**Parameters**

- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default = 1*) –
- **shuffle** (*bool, optional*) – If *True*, orders of triplets will be randomized. If *False*, default orders kept

**Returns iterator**

**Return type** batch of user indices (array of np.int)

## 1.2 Modality

```
class cornac.data.modality.FeatureModality (features=None, ids=None, normalized=False,  
                                           **kwargs)
```

Modality that contains features in general

**Parameters**

- **features** (*numpy.ndarray* or *scipy.sparse.csr\_matrix*, *default = None*) – Numpy 2d-array that the row indices are aligned with user/item in *ids*.
- **ids** (*List*, *default = None*) – List of user/item ids that the indices are aligned with *corpus*. If *None*, the indices of provided *features* will be used as *ids*.

**batch\_feature** (*batch\_ids*)

Return a matrix (batch of feature vectors) corresponding to provided *batch\_ids*

**build** (*id\_map=None*)

Build the feature matrix. Features will be swapped if the *id\_map* is provided

**feature\_dim**

Return the dimensionality of the feature vectors

**features**

Return the whole feature matrix

**class** `cornac.data.modality.Modality` (\*\**kwargs*)

Generic class of *Modality* to extend from

`cornac.data.modality.fallback_feature` (*func*)

Decorator to fallback to *batch\_feature* in *FeatureModality*

## 1.3 Graph Modality

**class** `cornac.data.graph.GraphModality` (\*\**kwargs*)

Graph modality

**Parameters** *data* (*List[str]*, *required*) – A list encoding an adjacency matrix, of a user or an item graph, in the sparse triplet format, e.g., *data*=[('user1', 'user4', 1.0)].

**batch** (*batch\_ids*)

Return batch of vectors from the sparse adjacency matrix corresponding to provided *batch\_ids*.

**Parameters** *batch\_ids* (*array*, *required*) – An array containing the ids of rows to be returned from the sparse adjacency matrix.

**build** (*id\_map=None*)

Build the feature matrix. Features will be swapped if the *id\_map* is provided

**classmethod** **from\_feature** (*features*, *k=5*, *ids=None*, *similarity='cosine'*, *symmetric=False*, *verbose=True*)

Instantiate a *GraphModality* with a KNN graph build using input features.

**Parameters**

- **features** (*2d Numpy array*, *shape: [n\_objects, n\_features]*, *required*) – A 2d Numpy array of features, e.g., visual, textual, etc.
- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 5*) – The number of nearest neighbors
- **ids** (*array*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The list of object ids or labels, which align with the rows of features. For instance if you use textual (bag-of-word) features, then “ids” should be the same as the input to `cornac.data.TextModality`.
- **similarity** (*string*, *optional*, *default: "cosine"*) – The similarity measure. At this time only the cosine is supported

- **symmetric** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – When True the resulting KNN-Graph is made symmetric
- **verbose** (*bool, default: False*) – The verbosity flag.

**Returns** `graph_modality` – GraphModality object.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.GraphModality>`

**get\_node\_degree** (*in\_ids=None, out\_ids=None*)

Get the “in” and “out” degree for the desired set of nodes

**Parameters**

- **in\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids for which to get the “in” degree.
- **out\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids for which to get the “out” degree.

**Returns** Dictionary of the form `{node_id`

**Return type** `[in_degree,out_degree]}`

**get\_train\_triplet** (*train\_row\_ids, train\_col\_ids*)

Get the subset of relations which align with the training data

**Parameters**

- **train\_row\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids of training objects (users or items) for which to get the “out” relations.
- **train\_col\_ids** (*array, required*) – An array containing the ids of training objects (users or items) for whom to get the “in” relations. Please refer to `cornac/models/c2pf/recom_c2pf.py` for a concrete usage example of this function.

**Returns**

**Return type** A subset of the adjacency matrix, in the sparse triplet format, whose elements align with the training set as specified by “train\_row\_ids” and “train\_col\_ids”.

**matrix**

Return the adjacency matrix in scipy csr sparse format

## 1.4 Text Modality

**class** `cornac.data.text.Tokenizer`

Generic class for other subclasses to extend from. This typically either splits text into word tokens or character tokens.

**batch\_tokenize** (*texts: List[str]*) → `List[List[str]]`

Splitting a corpus with multiple text documents.

**Parameters** `texts` (*List[str], required*) – Input list of texts to be tokenized.

**Returns** `tokens`

**Return type** `List[List[str]]`

**tokenize** (*t: str*) → `List[str]`

Splitting text into tokens.

**Parameters** `t` (*str, required*) – Input text to be tokenized.

**Returns tokens****Return type** `List[str]`

**class** `cornac.data.text.BaseTokenizer` (*sep*: `str = ' '`, *pre\_rules*: `List[Callable[str, str]] = None`,  
*stop\_words*: `Union[List, str] = None`)

A base tokenizer use a provided delimiter *sep* to split text.

**Parameters**

- **sep** (*str*, *optional*, *default*: `' '`) – Separator string used to split text into tokens.
- **pre\_rules** (`List[Callable[[str], str]]`, *optional*) – List of callable lambda functions to apply on text before tokenization.
- **stop\_words** (`Union[List, str]`, *optional*) – List of stop-words to be ignored during tokenization, or key of built-in stop-word lists (e.g., english).

**batch\_tokenize** (*texts*: `List[str]`) → `List[List[str]]`

Splitting a corpus with multiple text documents.

**Parameters** **texts** (`List[str]`, *required*) – Input list of texts to be tokenized.

**Returns tokens****Return type** `List[List[str]]`

**tokenize** (*t*: `str`) → `List[str]`

Splitting text into tokens.

**Parameters** **t** (`str`, *required*) – Input text to be tokenized.

**Returns tokens****Return type** `List[str]`

**class** `cornac.data.text.Vocabulary` (*idx2tok*: `List[str]`, *use\_special\_tokens*: `bool = False`)

Vocabulary basically contains mapping between numbers and tokens and vice versa.

**Parameters**

- **idx2tok** (`List[str]`, *required*) – List of tokens where list indices are corresponding to their mapped integer indices.
- **use\_special\_tokens** (`bool`, *optional*, *default*: `False`) – If `True`, vocabulary will include `SPECIAL_TOKENS`.

**build\_tok2idx** ()

Build a mapping between tokens to their integer indices

**classmethod** **from\_sequences** (*sequences*: `List[List[str]]`, *max\_vocab*: `int = None`,  
*min\_freq*: `int = 1`, *use\_special\_tokens*: `bool = False`) →  
`cornac.data.text.Vocabulary`

Build a vocabulary from sequences (list of list of tokens).

**Parameters**

- **sequences** (`List[List[str]]`, *required*) – Corpus of multiple lists of string tokens.
- **max\_vocab** (`int`, *optional*) – Limit for size of the vocabulary. If specified, tokens will be ranked based on counts and gathered top-down until reach *max\_vocab*.
- **min\_freq** (`int`, *optional*, *default*: `1`) – Cut-off threshold for tokens based on their counts.

- **use\_special\_tokens** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – If *True*, vocabulary will include *SPECIAL\_TOKENS*.

**classmethod from\_tokens** (*tokens: List[str], max\_vocab: int = None, min\_freq: int = 1, use\_special\_tokens: bool = False*) → `cornac.data.text.Vocabulary`  
Build a vocabulary from list of tokens.

**Parameters**

- **tokens** (*List[str], required*) – List of string tokens.
- **max\_vocab** (*int, optional*) – Limit for size of the vocabulary. If specified, tokens will be ranked based on counts and gathered top-down until reach *max\_vocab*.
- **min\_freq** (*int, optional, default: 1*) – Cut-off threshold for tokens based on their counts.
- **use\_special\_tokens** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – If *True*, vocabulary will include *SPECIAL\_TOKENS*.

**classmethod load** (*path*)  
Load a vocabulary from *path* to a pickle file.

**save** (*path*)  
Save `idx2tok` into a pickle file.

**Parameters path** (*str, required*) – Path to store the dictionary on disk.

**to\_idx** (*tokens: List[str]*) → `List[int]`  
Convert a list of *tokens* to their integer indices.

**Parameters tokens** (*List[str], required*) – List of string tokens.

**Returns indices** – List of integer indices corresponding to input *tokens*.

**Return type** `List[int]`

**to\_text** (*indices: List[int], sep=' '*) → `List[str]`  
Convert a list of integer *indices* to their tokens.

**Parameters**

- **indices** (*List[int], required*) – List of token integer indices.
- **sep** (*str, optional, default: ' '*) – Separator string used to connect tokens.

**Returns text** – Aggregated text of tokens separated by *sep*.

**Return type** `str`

**class** `cornac.data.text.CountVectorizer` (*tokenizer: cornac.data.text.Tokenizer = None, vocab: cornac.data.text.Vocabulary = None, max\_doc\_freq: Union[float, int] = 1.0, min\_doc\_freq: int = 1, max\_features: int = None, binary: bool = False*)

Convert a collection of text documents to a matrix of token counts This implementation produces a sparse representation of the counts using `scipy.sparse.csr_matrix`.

**Parameters**

- **tokenizer** (`Tokenizer`, *optional, default=None*) – Tokenizer for text splitting. If *None*, the `BaseTokenizer` will be used.
- **vocab** (`Vocabulary`, *optional, default = None*) – Vocabulary of tokens. It contains mapping between tokens to their integer ids and vice versa.



- **max\_doc\_freq** (*float in range [0.0, 1.0] or int, default=1.0*) – When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold (corpus-specific stop words). If float, the value represents a proportion of documents, int for absolute counts. If *vocab* is not None, this will be ignored.
- **min\_doc\_freq** (*float in range [0.0, 1.0] or int, default=1*) – When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold. This value is also called cut-off in the literature. If float, the value represents a proportion of documents, int absolute counts. If *vocab* is not None, this will be ignored.
- **max\_features** (*int or None, optional, default=None*) – If not None, build a vocabulary that only consider the top *max\_features* ordered by term frequency across the corpus. If *vocab* is not None, this will be ignored.
- **binary** (*boolean, default=False*) – If True, all non zero counts are set to 1.
- **Reference** –
- -----
- **https** ([//github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/blob/master/sklearn/feature\\_extraction/text.py#L790](https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/blob/master/sklearn/feature_extraction/text.py#L790)) –

**fit** (*raw\_documents: List[str]*) → `cornac.data.text.CountVectorizer`  
Build a vocabulary of all tokens in the raw documents.

**Parameters** *raw\_documents* (*iterable*) – An iterable which yields either str, unicode or file objects.

**Returns** *count\_vectorizer* – An object of type *CountVectorizer*.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.text.CountVectorizer>`

**fit\_transform** (*raw\_documents: List[str]*) → (*typing.List[typing.List[str]]*, *<class 'scipy.sparse.csr.csr\_matrix'>*)  
Build the vocabulary and return term-document matrix.

**Parameters** *raw\_documents* (*List[str]*) –

**Returns**

**sequences:** `List[List[str]]` Tokenized sequences of *raw\_documents*

**X:** `array, [n_samples, n_features]` Document-term matrix.

**Return type** (*sequences, X*)

**transform** (*raw\_documents: List[str]*) → (*typing.List[typing.List[str]]*, *<class 'scipy.sparse.csr.csr\_matrix'>*)  
Transform documents to document-term matrix.

**Parameters** *raw\_documents* (*List[str]*) –

**Returns**

**sequences:** `List[List[str]]` Tokenized sequences of *raw\_documents*.

**X:** `array, [n_samples, n_features]` Document-term matrix.

**Return type** (*sequences, X*)

```
class cornac.data.text.TextModality(corpus: List[str] = None, ids: List = None, tokenizer: cornac.data.text.Tokenizer = None, vocab: cornac.data.text.Vocabulary = None, max_vocab: int = None, max_doc_freq: Union[float, int] = 1.0, min_doc_freq: int = 1, tfidf_params: Dict = None, **kwargs)
```

Text modality

### Parameters

- **corpus** (*List[str]*, *default = None*) – List of user/item texts that the indices are aligned with *ids*.
- **ids** (*List*, *default = None*) – List of user/item ids that the indices are aligned with *corpus*. If *None*, the indices of provided *corpus* will be used as *ids*.
- **tokenizer** (*Tokenizer*, *optional*, *default = None*) – Tokenizer for text splitting. If *None*, the `BaseTokenizer` will be used.
- **vocab** (*Vocabulary*, *optional*, *default = None*) – Vocabulary of tokens. It contains mapping between tokens to their integer ids and vice versa.
- **max\_vocab** (*int*, *optional*, *default = None*) – The maximum size of the vocabulary. If *vocab* is provided, this will be ignored.
- **max\_doc\_freq** (*float in range [0.0, 1.0] or int*, *default=1.0*) – When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly higher than the given threshold (corpus-specific stop words). If *float*, the value represents a proportion of documents, *int* for absolute counts. If *vocab* is not *None*, this will be ignored.
- **min\_doc\_freq** (*float in range [0.0, 1.0] or int*, *default=1*) – When building the vocabulary ignore terms that have a document frequency strictly lower than the given threshold. This value is also called cut-off in the literature. If *float*, the value represents a proportion of documents, *int* absolute counts. If *vocab* is not *None*, this will be ignored.
- **tfidf\_params** (*dict or None*, *optional*, *default=None*) – If *None*, a default arguments of `<cornac.data.text.IfidfVectorizer>` will be used. List of parameters:
  - '**binary**' [boolean, *default=False*] If *True*, all non zero counts are set to 1.
  - '**norm**' ['l1', 'l2' or *None*, *optional*, *default='l2'*] Each output row will have unit norm, either: \* 'l2': Sum of squares of vector elements is 1. The cosine similarity between two vectors is their dot product when l2 norm has been applied. \* 'l1': Sum of absolute values of vector elements is 1. See `utils.common.normalize()`
  - '**use\_idf**' [boolean, *default=True*] Enable inverse-document-frequency reweighting.
  - '**smooth\_idf**' [boolean, *default=True*] Smooth idf weights by adding one to document frequencies, as if an extra document was seen containing every term in the collection exactly once. Prevents zero divisions.
  - '**sublinear\_tf**' [boolean (*default=False*)] Apply sublinear tf scaling, i.e. replace tf with  $1 + \log(\text{tf})$ .

**batch\_seq** (*batch\_ids*, *max\_length=None*)

Return a numpy matrix of text sequences containing token ids with *size=(len(batch\_ids), max\_length)*.

### Parameters

- **batch\_ids** (*Union[List, numpy.array]*, *required*) – An array containing the ids of rows of text sequences to be returned.

- **max\_length** (*int, optional*) – Cut-off length of returned sequences. If *None*, it will be inferred based on retrieved sequences.

**Returns** `batch_sequences` – Batch of sequences with zero-padding at the end.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**batch\_tfidf** (*batch\_ids, keep\_sparse=False*)

Return matrix of TF-IDF features corresponding to provided `batch_ids`

**Parameters**

- **batch\_ids** (*array*) – An array of ids to retrieve the corresponding features.
- **keep\_sparse** (*bool, default = False*) – If *True*, the return feature matrix will be a `scipy.sparse.csr_matrix`. Otherwise, it will be a dense matrix.

**Returns** `batch_tfidf` – Batch of TF-IDF representations corresponding to input `batch_ids`.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**build** (*id\_map=None*)

Build the model based on provided list of ordered ids

**Parameters** **id\_map** (*dict, optional*) – A dictionary holds mapping from original ids to mapped integer indices of users/items.

**Returns** `text_modality` – An object of type `TextModality`.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.TextModality>`

**tfidf\_matrix**

Return tf-idf matrix.

## 1.5 Image Modality

**class** `cornac.data.image.ImageModality` (*\*\*kwargs*)

Image modality

**Parameters**

- **images** (*Union[List, numpy.ndarray], optional*) – A list or tensor of images that the row indices are aligned with user/item in `ids`.
- **paths** (*List[str], optional*) – A list of paths, to images stored on disk, which the row indices are aligned with user/item in `ids`.

**batch\_image** (*batch\_ids, target\_size=(256, 256), color\_mode='rgb', interpolation='nearest'*)

Return batch of images corresponding to provided `batch_ids`

**Parameters**

- **batch\_ids** (*Union[List, numpy.array], required*) – An array containing the ids of rows of images to be returned.
- **target\_size** (*tuple, optional, default: (256, 256)*) – Size (width, height) of returned images to be resized.
- **color\_mode** (*str, optional, default: 'rgb'*) – Color mode of returned images.
- **interpolation** (*str, optional, default: 'nearest'*) – Method used for interpolation when resize images. Options are OpenCV supported methods.

**Returns** `res` – Batch of images corresponding to input `batch_ids`.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**build** (`id_map=None`)

Build the model based on provided list of ordered ids

**Parameters** `id_map` (`dict`, *optional*) – A dictionary holds mapping from original ids to mapped integer indices of users/items.

**Returns** `image_modality` – An object of type `ImageModality`.

**Return type** `<cornac.data.ImageModality>`

## 1.6 Sentiment Modality

**class** `cornac.data.sentiment.SentimentModality` (*\*\*kwargs*)

Aspect module :param data: A triplet list of user, item, and sentiment information which also a triplet list of aspect, opinion, and sentiment, e.g., data=[('user1', 'item1', [('aspect1', 'opinion1', 'sentiment1')])]. :type data: List[str], required

**build** (`uid_map=None`, `iid_map=None`, `dok_matrix=None`)

Build the model based on provided list of ordered ids

**num\_aspects**

Return the number of aspects

**num\_opinions**

Return the number of aspects

## 1.7 Reader

**class** `cornac.data.reader.Reader` (`user_set=None`, `item_set=None`, `min_user_freq=1`, `min_item_freq=1`, `bin_threshold=None`, `encoding='utf-8'`, `errors=None`)

Reader class for reading data with different types of format.

### Parameters

- **user\_set** (`set`, `default = None`) – Set of users to be selected when reading data. If `None`, all users that appear in the data will be included.
- **item\_set** (`set`, `default = None`) – Set of items to be selected when reading data. If `None`, all items that appear in the data will be included.
- **min\_user\_freq** (`int`, `default = 1`) – The minimum frequency of a user to be selected. If `min_user_freq=1`, all users that appear in the data will be included.
- **min\_item\_freq** (`int`, `default = 1`) – The minimum frequency of an item to be selected. If `min_item_freq=1`, all items that appear in the data will be included.
- **bin\_threshold** (`float`, `default = None`) – The rating threshold to binarize rating values (turn explicit feedback to implicit feedback). For example, if `bin_threshold = 3.0`, all rating values  $\geq 3.0$  will be set to 1.0, and the rest ( $< 3.0$ ) will be discarded.
- **encoding** (`str`, `default = utf-8`) – Encoding used to decode the file.

- **errors** (*int*, *default = None*) – Optional string that specifies how encoding errors are to be handled. Pass ‘strict’ to raise a ValueError exception if there is an encoding error (None has the same effect), or pass ‘ignore’ to ignore errors.

**read** (*fpath*, *fmt='UIR'*, *sep='\n'*, *skip\_lines=0*, *id\_inline=False*, *parser=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Read data and parse line by line based on provided *fmt* or *parser*.

#### Parameters

- **fpath** (*str*) – Path to the data file.
- **fmt** (*str*, *default: UIR*) – Line format to be parsed (*UIR* or *UIRT*).
- **sep** (*str*, *default:*) – The delimiter string.
- **skip\_lines** (*int*, *default: 0*) – Number of first lines to skip
- **id\_inline** (*bool*, *default: False*) – If *True*, user ids corresponding to the line numbers of the file, where all the ids in each line are item ids.
- **parser** (*function*, *default: None*) – Function takes a list of *str* tokenized by *sep* and returns a list of tuples which will be joined to the final results. If *None*, parser will be determined based on *fmt*.

**Returns tuples** – Data in the form of list of tuples. What inside each tuple depends on *parser* or *fmt*.

**Return type** *list*

`cornac.data.reader.read_text` (*fpath*, *sep=None*, *encoding='utf-8'*, *errors=None*)

Read text file and return two lists of text documents and corresponding ids. If *sep* is None, only return one list containing elements are lines of text in the original file.

#### Parameters

- **fpath** (*str*) – Path to the data file
- **sep** (*str*, *default = None*) – The delimiter string used to split *id* and *text*. Each line is assumed containing an *id* followed by corresponding *text* document. If *None*, each line will be a *str* in returned list.
- **encoding** (*str*, *default = utf-8*) – Encoding used to decode the file.
- **errors** (*int*, *default = None*) – Optional string that specifies how encoding errors are to be handled. Pass ‘strict’ to raise a ValueError exception if there is an encoding error (None has the same effect), or pass ‘ignore’ to ignore errors.



## 2.1 Recommender (Generic Class)

**class** `cornac.models.recommender.Recommender` (*name*, *trainable=True*, *verbose=False*)  
Generic class for a recommender model. All recommendation models should inherit from this class

### Parameters

- **name** (*str*, *required*) – The name of the recommender model
- **trainable** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When False, the model is not trainable

### `default_score()`

Overwrite this function if your algorithm has special treatment for cold-start problem

### `early_stop` (*min\_delta=0.0*, *patience=0*)

Check if training should be stopped when validation loss has stopped improving.

### Parameters

- **min\_delta** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.*) – The minimum increase in monitored value on validation set to be considered as improvement, i.e. an increment of less than *min\_delta* will count as no improvement.
- **patience** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 0*) – Number of epochs with no improvement after which training should be stopped.

**Returns** *res* – Return *True* if model training should be stopped (no improvement on validation set), otherwise return *False*.

**Return type** `bool`

### `fit` (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations. Need to

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*object of type TrainSet, required*) – An object containing the user-item preference in csr scipy sparse format, as well as some useful attributes such as mappings to the original user/item ids. Please refer to the class TrainSet in the “data” module for details.
- **val\_set** (*object of type TestSet, optional, default: None*) – An object containing the user-item preference for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping). Please refer to the class TestSet in the “data” module for details.

**Returns self**

**Return type** object

**monitor\_value()**

Calculating monitored value used for early stopping on validation set (*val\_set*). This function will be called by *early\_stop()* function. Note: *val\_set* could be *None* thus it needs to be checked before usage.

**Returns**

**Return type** raise NotImplementedError

**rank** (*user\_idx, item\_indices=None*)

Rank all test items for a given user.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform item ranking.
- **item\_indices** (*1d array, optional, default: None*) – A list of candidate item indices to be ranked by the user. If *None*, list of ranked known item indices and their scores will be returned

**Returns**

- Tuple of *item\_rank*, and *item\_scores*. The order of values
- *in item\_scores* are corresponding to the order of their ids in *item\_ids*

**rate** (*user\_idx, item\_idx, clipping=True*)

Give a rating score between pair of user and item

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform item ranking.
- **item\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the item to be rated by the user.
- **clipping** (*bool, default: True*) – Whether to clip the predicted rating value.

**Returns** A rating score of the user for the item

**Return type** A scalar

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If *None*, scores for all known items will be returned.



**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.2 Collaborative Context Poisson Factorization (C2PF)

```
class cornac.models.c2pf.recom_c2pf.C2PF (k=100, max_iter=100, variant='c2pf',
                                         name=None, trainable=True, verbose=False,
                                         init_params={'G_r': None, 'G_s': None, 'L2_r':
                                         None, 'L2_s': None, 'L3_r': None, 'L3_s': None,
                                         'L_r': None, 'L_s': None})
```

Collaborative Context Poisson Factorization.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations for variational C2PF.
- **variant** (*string, optional, default: 'c2pf'*) – C2pf’s variant: `c2pf`: ‘c2pf’, ‘tc2pf’ (tied-c2pf) or ‘rc2pf’ (reduced-c2pf). Please refer to the original paper for details.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: None*) – The name of the recommender model. If None, then “variant” is used as the default name of the model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (Theta, Beta and Xi are not None).
- **Item\_context** (See “*cornac/examples/c2pf\_example.py*” in the GitHub repo for an example of how to use cornac’s graph modality to load and provide “item context” for C2PF.) –
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {'G\_s':None, 'G\_r':None, 'L\_s':None, 'L\_r':None, 'L2\_s':None, 'L2\_r':None, 'L3\_s':None, 'L3\_r':None}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'G_s':G_s, 'G_r':G_r, 'L_s':L_s, 'L_r':L_r, 'L2_s':L2_s, 'L2_r':L2_r, 'L3_s':L3_s, 'L3_r':L3_r}`, where `G_s` and `G_r` are of type `csc_matrix` or `np.array` with the same shape as Theta, see below). They represent respectively the “shape” and “rate” parameters of Gamma distribution over Theta. It is the same for `L_s`, `L_r` and Beta, `L2_s`, `L2_r` and Xi, `L3_s`, `L3_r` and Kappa.
- **Theta** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_users, k)*) – The expected user latent factors.
- **Beta** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_items, k)*) – The expected item latent factors.
- **Xi** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_items, k)*) – The expected context item latent factors multiplied by context effects Kappa, please refer to the paper below for details.

### References

- Salah, Aghiles, and Hady W. Lauw. A Bayesian Latent Variable Model of User Preferences with Item Context. In IJCAI, pp. 2667-2674. 2018.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)  
Fit the model to observations.

**Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self****Return type** object**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** res – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.3 Multi-Task Explainable Recommendation (MTER)

```
class cornac.models.mter.recom_mter.MTER (name='MTER', rating_scale=5.0,  
                                           n_user_factors=15, n_item_factors=15,  
                                           n_aspect_factors=12, n_opinion_factors=12,  
                                           n_bpr_samples=1000, n_element_samples=50,  
                                           lambda_reg=0.1, lambda_bpr=10,  
                                           n_epochs=200000, lr=0.1, n_threads=0, trainable=True,  
                                           verbose=False, init_params={},  
                                           seed=None)
```

Multi-Task Explainable Recommendation

**Parameters**

- **name** (*string*, *optional*, *default: 'MTER'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **rating\_scale** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 5.0*) – The maximum rating score of the dataset.
- **n\_user\_factors** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 15*) – The dimension of the user latent factors.
- **n\_item\_factors** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 15*) – The dimension of the item latent factors.
- **n\_aspect\_factors** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 12*) – The dimension of the aspect latent factors.
- **n\_opinion\_factors** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 12*) – The dimension of the opinion latent factors.
- **n\_bpr\_samples** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 1000*) – The number of samples from all BPR pairs.

- **n\_element\_samples** (*int, optional, default: 50*) – The number of samples from all ratings in each iteration.
  - **lambda\_reg** (*float, optional, default: 0.1*) – The regularization parameter.
  - **lambda\_bpr** (*float, optional, default: 10.0*) – The regularization parameter for BPR.
  - **n\_epochs** (*int, optional, default: 200000*) – Maximum number of epochs for training.
  - **lr** (*float, optional, default: 0.1*) – The learning rate for optimization
  - **n\_threads** (*int, optional, default: 0*) – Number of parallel threads for training. If n\_threads=0, all CPU cores will be utilized. If seed is not None, n\_threads=1 to remove randomness from parallelization.
  - **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U, I, A, O, G1, G2, and G3 are not None).
  - **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, running logs are displayed.
  - **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'I':I, 'A':A, 'O':O, 'G1':G1, 'G2':G2, 'G3':G3}`
- U: ndarray, shape (n\_users, n\_user\_factors)** The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`
- I: ndarray, shape (n\_items, n\_item\_factors)** The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`
- A: ndarray, shape (num\_aspects+1, n\_aspect\_factors)** The aspect latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`
- O: ndarray, shape (num\_opinions, n\_opinion\_factors)** The opinion latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`
- G1: ndarray, shape (n\_user\_factors, n\_item\_factors, n\_aspect\_factors)** The core tensor for user, item, and aspect factors, optional initialization via `init_params`
- G2: ndarray, shape (n\_user\_factors, n\_aspect\_factors, n\_opinion\_factors)** The core tensor for user, aspect, and opinion factors, optional initialization via `init_params`
- G3: ndarray, shape (n\_item\_factors, n\_aspect\_factors, n\_opinion\_factors)** The core tensor for item, aspect, and opinion factors, optional initialization via `init_params`
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

## References

Nan Wang, Hongning Wang, Yiling Jia, and Yue Yin. 2018. Explainable Recommendation via Multi-Task Learning in Opinionated Text Data. In The 41st International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research & Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR '18). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 165-174. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3209978.3210010>

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)  
Fit the model to observations.

**Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self****Return type** object**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** res – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.4 Probabilistic Collaborative Representation Learning (PCRL)

```
class cornac.models.pcr1.recom_pcr1.PCRL (k=100, z_dims=[300], max_iter=300,  
                                           batch_size=300, learning_rate=0.001,  
                                           name='pcrl', trainable=True, verbose=False,  
                                           w_determinist=True, init_params={'G_r': None,  
                                           'G_s': None, 'L_r': None, 'L_s': None})
```

Probabilistic Collaborative Representation Learning.

**Parameters**

- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **z\_dims** (*Numpy 1d array*, *optional*, *default: [300]*) – The dimensions of the hidden intermediate layers ‘z’ in the order [dim(z<sub>L</sub>), ..., dim(z<sub>1</sub>)], please refer to Figure 1 in the original paper for more details.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 300*) – Maximum number of iterations (number of epochs) for variational PCRL.
- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 300*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD.
- **aux\_info** (see "*cornac/examples/pcrl\_example.py*" in the GitHub repo for an example of how to use cornac's graph modality provide item auxiliary data (e.g., context, text, etc.) for PCRL.) –
- **name** (*string*, *optional*, *default: 'PCRL'*) – The name of the recommender model.

- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (Theta, Beta and Xi are not None).
- **w\_determinist** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When True, deterministic weights “W” are used for the generator network, otherwise “W” is stochastic as in the original paper.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {'G\_s':None, 'G\_r':None, 'L\_s':None, 'L\_r':None}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'G_s':G_s, 'G_r':G_r, 'L_s':L_s, 'L_r':L_r}`, where `G_s` and `G_r` are of type `csc_matrix` or `np.array` with the same shape as Theta, see below). They represent respectively the “shape” and “rate” parameters of Gamma distribution over Theta. It is the same for `L_s`, `L_r` and Beta.
- **Theta** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_users, k)*) – The expected user latent factors.
- **Beta** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_items, k)*) – The expected item latent factors.

## References

- Salah, Aghiles, and Hady W. Lauw. Probabilistic Collaborative Representation Learning for Personalized Item Recommendation. In UAI 2018.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** `object`

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for a list of items.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.5 VAE for Collaborative Filtering (VAECF)

```
class cornac.models.vaecf.recom_vaecf.VAECF (name='VAECF', k=10, h=20,
                                             n_epochs=100, batch_size=100, learn-
                                             ing_rate=0.001, beta=1.0, train-
                                             able=True, verbose=False, seed=None,
                                             use_gpu=False)
```

Variational Autoencoder for Collaborative Filtering.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 10*) – The dimension of the stochastic user factors “z”.
- **h** (*int, optional, default: 20*) – The dimension of the deterministic hidden layer.
- **n\_epochs** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The number of epochs for SGD.
- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The batch size.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD\_RMSProp.
- **beta** (*float, optional, default: 1.*) – The weight of the KL term as in beta-VAE.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'VAECF'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already pre-trained.
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.
- **use\_gpu** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – If True and your system supports CUDA then training is performed on GPUs.

### References

- Liang, Dawen, Rahul G. Krishnan, Matthew D. Hoffman, and Tony Jebara. “Variational autoencoders for collaborative filtering.” In Proceedings of the 2018 World Wide Web Conference on World Wide Web, pp. 689-698.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** object

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** **res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.6 Collaborative Variational Autoencoder (CVAE)

```
class cornac.models.cvae.recom_cvae.CVAE (name='CVAE', z_dim=50, n_epochs=100,  
lambda_u=0.0001, lambda_v=0.001,  
lambda_r=10, lambda_w=0.0001, lr=0.001,  
a=1, b=0.01, input_dim=8000, vae_layers=[200,  
100], act_fn='sigmoid', loss_type='cross-  
entropy', batch_size=128, init_params=None,  
trainable=True, seed=None, verbose=True)
```

Collaborative Variational Autoencoder

**Parameters**

- **z\_dim** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 50*) – The dimension of the user and item latent factors.
- **n\_epochs** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of epochs for training.
- **lambda\_u** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 1e-4*) – The regularization hyperparameter for user latent factor.
- **lambda\_v** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The regularization hyperparameter for item latent factor.
- **lambda\_r** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 10.0*) – Parameter that balance the focus on content or ratings
- **lambda\_w** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 1e-4*) – The regularization for VAE weights
- **lr** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – Learning rate in the auto-encoder training
- **a** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 1*) – The confidence of observed ratings.
- **b** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.01*) – The confidence of unseen ratings.
- **input\_dim** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 8000*) – The size of input vector
- **vae\_layers** (*list*, *optional*, *default: [200, 100]*) – The list containing size of each layers in neural network structure

- **act\_fn** (*str*, *default: 'sigmoid'*) – Name of the activation function used for the variational auto-encoder. Supported functions: ['sigmoid', 'tanh', 'elu', 'relu', 'relu6', 'leaky\_relu', 'identity']
- **loss\_type** (*String*, *optional*, *default: "cross-entropy"*) – Either “cross-entropy” or “rmse” The type of loss function in the last layer
- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 128*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **init\_params** (*dict*, *optional*, *default: {'U':None, 'V':None}*) – Initial U and V latent matrix
- **trainable** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).

## References

Collaborative Variational Autoencoder for Recommender Systems X. Li and J. She ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining 2017

[http://eelxpeng.github.io/assets/paper/Collaborative\\_Variational\\_Autoencoder.pdf](http://eelxpeng.github.io/assets/paper/Collaborative_Variational_Autoencoder.pdf)

**fit** (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, *required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, *optional*, *default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** *object*

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** *res* – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.7 Generalized Matrix Factorization (NeuMF)

```
class cornac.models.ncf.recom_gmf.GMF (name='GMF', num_factors=8, regs=(0.0, 0.0),  
                                     num_epochs=20, batch_size=256, num_neg=4,  
                                     lr=0.001, learner='adam', early_stopping=None,  
                                     trainable=True, verbose=True, seed=None)
```

Generalized Matrix Factorization.



## Parameters

- **num\_factors** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 8*) – Embedding size of MF model.
- **regs** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.*) – Regularization for user and item embeddings.
- **num\_epochs** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 20*) – Number of epochs.
- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 256*) – Batch size.
- **num\_neg** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 4*) – Number of negative instances to pair with a positive instance.
- **lr** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – Learning rate.
- **learner** (*str*, *optional*, *default: 'adam'*) – Specify an optimizer: adagrad, adam, rmsprop, SGD
- **early\_stopping** (*{min\_delta: float, patience: int}*, *optional*, *default: None*) –

If *None*, no early stopping. Meaning of the arguments: - *min\_delta*: the minimum increase in monitored value

- *patience*: number of epochs with no improvement after which training should be stopped.

- **name** (*string*, *optional*, *default: 'GMF'*) – Name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When *False*, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already pre-trained.
- **verbose** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: False*) – When *True*, some running logs are displayed.
- **seed** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

## References

- He, X., Liao, L., Zhang, H., Nie, L., Hu, X., & Chua, T. S. (2017, April). Neural collaborative filtering. In Proceedings of the 26th international conference on world wide web (pp. 173-182).

**fit** (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, *required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, *optional*, *default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** *object*

**monitor\_value** ()

Calculating monitored value used for early stopping on validation set (*val\_set*). This function will be called by *early\_stop()* function.

**Returns** `res` – Monitored value on validation set. Return `None` if `val_set` is `None`.

**Return type** `float`

**score** (`user_idx`, `item_idx=None`)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (`int`, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (`int`, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If `None`, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.8 Indexable Bayesian Personalized Ranking (IBPR)

```
class cornac.models.ibpr.recom_ibpr.IBPR (k=20, max_iter=100, learning_rate=0.05,  
                                           lamda=0.001, batch_size=100, name='IBPR',  
                                           trainable=True, verbose=False,  
                                           init_params=None)
```

Indexable Bayesian Personalized Ranking.

**Parameters**

- **k** (`int`, *optional*, *default: 20*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (`int`, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (`float`, *optional*, *default: 0.05*) – The learning rate for SGD.
- **lamda** (`float`, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter.
- **batch\_size** (`int`, *optional*, *default: 100*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **name** (`string`, *optional*, *default: 'IBRP'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (`boolean`, *optional*, *default: True*) – When `False`, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not `None`).
- **verbose** (`boolean`, *optional*, *default: False*) – When `True`, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (`dictionary`, *optional*, *default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}` please see below the definition of U and V.
- **U** (`csc_matrix`, *shape* (`n_users`, `k`)) – The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **V** (`csc_matrix`, *shape* (`n_items`, `k`)) – The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.

## References

- Le, D. D., & Lauw, H. W. (2017, November). Indexable Bayesian personalized ranking for efficient top-k recommendation. In Proceedings of the 2017 ACM on Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (pp. 1389-1398). ACM.

**fit** (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** `object`

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.9 Matrix Co-Factorization (MCF)

```
class cornac.models.mcf.recom_mcf.MCF(k=5, max_iter=100, learning_rate=0.001,
gamma=0.9, lamda=0.001, name='MCF', trainable=True, verbose=False, init_params={},
seed=None)
```

Matrix Co-Factorization.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 5*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD\_RMSProp.
- **gamma** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.9*) – The weight for previous/current gradient in RMSProp.
- **lamda** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter.
- **name** (*string*, *optional*, *default: 'MCF'*) – The name of the recommender model.

- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **network** (*item-affinity*) –
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}`.  
U: a `csc_matrix` of shape (n\_users,k), containing the user latent factors. V: a `csc_matrix` of shape (n\_items,k), containing the item latent factors. Z: a `csc_matrix` of shape (n\_items,k), containing the “Also-Viewed” item latent factors.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

## References

- Park, Chanyoung, Donghyun Kim, Jinoh Oh, and Hwanjo Yu. “Do Also-Viewed Products Help User Rating Prediction?” In Proceedings of WWW, pp. 1113-1122. 2017.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** `object`

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.10 Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

```
class cornac.models.ncf.recom_mlp.MLP (name='MLP', layers=(64, 32, 16, 8), act_fn='relu',
                                         reg_layers=(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0), num_epochs=20,
                                         batch_size=256, num_neg=4, lr=0.001,
                                         learner='adam', early_stopping=None, trainable=True, verbose=True, seed=None)
```

Multi-Layer Perceptron.

### Parameters

- **layers** (*list*, *optional*, *default*: [64, 32, 16, 8]) – MLP layers. Note that the first layer is the concatenation of user and item embeddings. So layers[0]/2 is the embedding size.
- **act\_fn** (*str*, *default*: 'relu') – Name of the activation function used for the MLP layers. Supported functions: ['sigmoid', 'tanh', 'elu', 'relu', 'selu', 'relu6', 'leaky\_relu']
- **reg\_layers** (*list*, *optional*, *default*: [0., 0., 0., 0.]) – Regularization for each MLP layer, reg\_layers[0] is the regularization for embeddings.
- **num\_epochs** (*int*, *optional*, *default*: 20) – Number of epochs.
- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default*: 256) – Batch size.
- **num\_neg** (*int*, *optional*, *default*: 4) – Number of negative instances to pair with a positive instance.
- **lr** (*float*, *optional*, *default*: 0.001) – Learning rate.
- **learner** (*str*, *optional*, *default*: 'adam') – Specify an optimizer: adagrad, adam, rmsprop, sgd
- **early\_stopping** (*{min\_delta: float, patience: int}*, *optional*, *default*: None) –

If *None*, no early stopping. Meaning of the arguments: - *min\_delta*: the minimum increase in monitored value

– *patience*: number of epochs with no improvement after which training should be stopped.

- **name** (*string*, *optional*, *default*: 'MLP') – Name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default*: True) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already pre-trained.
- **verbose** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default*: False) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **seed** (*int*, *optional*, *default*: None) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

### References

- He, X., Liao, L., Zhang, H., Nie, L., Hu, X., & Chua, T. S. (2017, April). Neural collaborative filtering. In Proceedings of the 26th international conference on world wide web (pp. 173-182).

**fit** (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

**Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** `object`

**monitor\_value** ()

Calculating monitored value used for early stopping on validation set (*val\_set*). This function will be called by *early\_stop()* function.

**Returns res** – Monitored value on validation set. Return *None* if *val\_set* is *None*.

**Return type** `float`

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, required) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, optional, default: None) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.11 Neural Matrix Factorization (NeuMF)

```
class cornac.models.ncf.recom_neumf.NeuMF (name='NeuMF', num_factors=8, layers=(64,  
32, 16, 8), act_fn='relu', reg_mf=0.0,  
reg_layers=(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0), num_epochs=20,  
batch_size=256, num_neg=4, lr=0.001,  
learner='adam', early_stopping=None, train-  
able=True, verbose=True, seed=None)
```

Neural Matrix Factorization.

**Parameters**

- **num\_factors** (*int*, optional, default: 8) – Embedding size of MF model.
- **layers** (*list*, optional, default: [64, 32, 16, 8]) – MLP layers. Note that the first layer is the concatenation of user and item embeddings. So layers[0]/2 is the embedding size.
- **act\_fn** (*str*, default: 'relu') – Name of the activation function used for the MLP layers. Supported functions: ['sigmoid', 'tanh', 'elu', 'relu', 'selu', 'relu6', 'leaky\_relu']
- **reg\_mf** (*float*, optional, default: 0.) – Regularization for MF embeddings.

- **reg\_layers** (*list, optional, default: [0., 0., 0., 0.]*) – Regularization for each MLP layer, `reg_layers[0]` is the regularization for embeddings.
- **num\_epochs** (*int, optional, default: 20*) – Number of epochs.
- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default: 256*) – Batch size.
- **num\_neg** (*int, optional, default: 4*) – Number of negative instances to pair with a positive instance.
- **lr** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – Learning rate.
- **learner** (*str, optional, default: 'adam'*) – Specify an optimizer: adagrad, adam, rmsprop, sgd
- **early\_stopping** (*{min\_delta: float, patience: int}, optional, default: None*) –

If *None*, no early stopping. Meaning of the arguments: - *min\_delta*: the minimum increase in monitored value

- *patience*: number of epochs with no improvement after which training should be stopped.

- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'NeuMF'*) – Name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already pre-trained.
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

## References

- He, X., Liao, L., Zhang, H., Nie, L., Hu, X., & Chua, T. S. (2017, April). Neural collaborative filtering. In Proceedings of the 26th international conference on world wide web (pp. 173-182).

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** *object*

**monitor\_value** ()

Calculating monitored value used for early stopping on validation set (*val\_set*). This function will be called by *early\_stop()* function.

**Returns** *res* – Monitored value on validation set. Return *None* if *val\_set* is *None*.

**Return type** *float*

**pretrain** (*gmf\_model, mlp\_model, alpha=0.5*)

Provide pre-trained GMF and MLP models. Section 3.4.1 of the paper.

**Parameters**

- **gmf\_model** (*object of type GMF, required*) – Reference to trained/fitted GMF model.
- **gmf\_model** – Reference to trained/fitted GMF model.
- **alpha** (*float, optional, default: 0.5*) – Hyper-parameter determining the trade-off between the two pre-trained models. Details are described in the section 3.4.1 of the paper.

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** **res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.12 Online Indexable Bayesian Personalized Ranking (OIBPR)

```
class cornac.models.online_ibpr.recom_online_ibpr.OnlineIBPR (k=20,  
                                                    max_iter=100,  
                                                    learn-  
                                                    ing_rate=0.05,  
                                                    lamda=0.001,  
                                                    batch_size=100,  
                                                    name='online_ibpr',  
                                                    trainable=True,  
                                                    verbose=False,  
                                                    init_params=None)
```

Online Indexable Bayesian Personalized Ranking.

**Parameters**

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 20*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.05*) – The learning rate for SGD.
- **lamda** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter.
- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'IBRP'*) – The name of the recommender model.



- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}` please see below the definition of U and V.
- **U** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_users, k)*) – The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **V** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_items, k)*) – The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.

## References

- Le, D. D., & Lauw, H. W. (2017, November). Indexable Bayesian personalized ranking for efficient top-k recommendation. In Proceedings of the 2017 ACM on Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (pp. 1389-1398). ACM.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** *object*

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** *res* – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.13 Visual Matrix Factorization (VMF)

```
class cornac.models.vmf.recom_vmf.VMF(name='VMF', k=10, d=10, n_epochs=100,
                                     batch_size=100, learning_rate=0.001, gamma=0.9,
                                     lambda_u=0.001, lambda_v=0.001, lambda_p=1.0,
                                     lambda_e=10.0, trainable=True, verbose=False,
                                     use_gpu=False, init_params={}, seed=None)
```

Visual Matrix Factorization.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 10*) – The dimension of the user and item factors.
- **d** (*int, optional, default: 10*) – The dimension of the user visual factors.
- **n\_epochs** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD\_RMSProp.
- **gamma** (*float, optional, default: 0.9*) – The weight for previous/current gradient in RMSProp.
- **lambda\_u** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter for user factors.
- **lambda\_v** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter for item factors.
- **lambda\_p** (*float, optional, default: 1.0*) – The regularization parameter for user visual factors.
- **lambda\_e** (*float, optional, default: 10.*) – The regularization parameter for the kernel embedding matrix
- **lambda\_u** – The regularization parameter for user factors.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'VMF'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already pre-trained (The parameters of the model U, V, P, E are not None).
- **visual\_features** (See "*cornac/examples/vmf\_example.py*" for an example of how to use cornac's visual modality to load and provide the "item visual features" for VMF.) –
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V, 'P': P, 'E': E}`.  
 U: numpy array of shape (n\_users,k), user latent factors. V: numpy array of shape (n\_items,k), item latent factors. P: numpy array of shape (n\_users,d), user visual latent factors. E: numpy array of shape (d,c), embedding kernel matrix.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

## References

- Park, Chanyoung, Donghyun Kim, Jinoh Oh, and Hwanjo Yu. “Do Also-Viewed Products Help User Rating Prediction?.” In Proceedings of WWW, pp. 1113-1122. 2017.

**fit** (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** `object`

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.14 Collaborative Deep Ranking (CDR)

```
class cornac.models.cdr.recom_cdr.CDR (name='CDR', k=50, autoencoder_structure=None,
                                       act_fn='relu', lambda_u=0.1, lambda_v=100,
                                       lambda_w=0.1, lambda_n=1000, cor-
                                       ruption_rate=0.3, learning_rate=0.001,
                                       dropout_rate=0.1, batch_size=128, max_iter=100,
                                       trainable=True, verbose=True, vocab_size=8000,
                                       init_params=None, seed=None)
```

Collaborative Deep Ranking.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 50*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **autoencoder\_structure** (*list*, *default: None*) – The number of neurons of encoder/decoder layer for SDAE. For example, `autoencoder_structure = [200]`, the SDAE structure will be `[vocab_size, 200, k, 200, vocab_size]`
- **act\_fn** (*str*, *default: 'relu'*) – Name of the activation function used for the auto-encoder. Supported functions: `['sigmoid', 'tanh', 'elu', 'relu', 'relu6', 'leaky_relu', 'identity']`

- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for AdamOptimizer.
- **lambda\_u** (*float, optional, default: 0.1*) – The regularization parameter for users.
- **lambda\_v** (*float, optional, default: 10*) – The regularization parameter for items.
- **lambda\_w** (*float, optional, default: 0.1*) – The regularization parameter for SDAE weights.
- **lambda\_n** (*float, optional, default: 1000*) – The regularization parameter for SDAE output.
- **corruption\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.3*) – The corruption ratio for SDAE.
- **dropout\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.1*) – The probability that each element is removed in dropout of SDAE.
- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default: 128*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'CDR'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}`
  - U: ndarray, shape (n\_users,k)** The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
  - V: ndarray, shape (n\_items,k)** The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization.

## References

Collaborative Deep Ranking: A Hybrid Pair-Wise Recommendation Algorithm with Implicit Feedback Ying H., Chen L., Xiong Y., Wu J. (2016)

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

**Return type** `object`

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

#### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** *res* – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.15 Collaborative Ordinal Embedding (COE)

```
class cornac.models.coe.recom_coe.COE (k=20, max_iter=100, learning_rate=0.05,
lamda=0.001, batch_size=1000, name='coe',
trainable=True, verbose=False, init_params=None)
```

Collaborative Ordinal Embedding.

#### Parameters

- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 20*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.05*) – The learning rate for SGD.
- **lamda** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter.
- **batch\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **name** (*string*, *optional*, *default: 'IBRP'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **verbose** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary*, *optional*, *default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}` please see below the definition of U and V.
- **U** (*csc\_matrix*, *shape (n\_users, k)*) – The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **V** (*csc\_matrix*, *shape (n\_items, k)*) – The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.

#### References

- Le, D. D., & Lauw, H. W. (2016, June). Euclidean co-embedding of ordinal data for multi-type visualization. In Proceedings of the 2016 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (pp. 396-404). Society

for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

**fit** (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

#### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

#### Returns self

**Return type** `object`

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

#### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.16 Convolutional Matrix Factorization (ConvMF)

```
class cornac.models.conv_mf.recom_convmf.ConvMF (give_item_weight=True,  
                                                cnn_epochs=5,      n_epochs=50,  
                                                lambda_u=1, lambda_v=100, k=50,  
                                                name='convmf',    trainable=True,  
                                                verbose=False,    dropout_rate=0.2,  
                                                emb_dim=200,      max_len=300,  
                                                num_kernel_per_ws=100,  
                                                init_params=None, seed=None)
```

#### Parameters

- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 50*) – The dimension of the user and item latent factors.
- **n\_epochs** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 50*) – Maximum number of epochs for training.
- **lambda\_u** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 1.0*) – The regularization hyperparameter for user latent factor.
- **lambda\_v** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 100.0*) – The regularization hyperparameter for item latent factor.
- **emb\_dim** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 200*) – The embedding size of each word. One word corresponds with [1 x emb\_dim] vector in the embedding space

- **max\_len** (*int, optional, default 300*) – The maximum length of item’s document
- **num\_kernel\_per\_ws** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The number of kernel filter in convolutional layer
- **dropout\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.2*) – Dropout rate while training CNN
- **give\_item\_weight** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When True, each item will be weighted base on the number of user who have rated this item
- **init\_params** (*dict, optional, default: {'U':None, 'V':None, 'W': None}*) – Initial U and V matrix and initial weight for embedding layer W
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).

## References

- Donghyun Kim<sup>1</sup>, Chanyoung Park<sup>1</sup>. ConvMF: Convolutional Matrix Factorization for Document Context-Aware Recommendation. In :10th ACM Conference on Recommender Systems Pages 233-240

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** *object*

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.17 Spherical k-means (Skmeans)

```
class cornac.models.skm.recom_skmeans.SKMeans (k=5, max_iter=100, name='Skmeans', trainable=True, tol=1e-06, verbose=True, init_par=None)
```

Spherical k-means based recommender.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 5*) – The number of clusters.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'Skmeans'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already trained.
- **tol** (*float, optional, default: 1e-6*) – Relative tolerance with regards to skmeans' criterion to declare convergence.
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_par** (*numpy 1d array, optional, default: None*) – The initial object partition, 1d array containing the cluster label (int type starting from 0) of each object (user). If par = None, then skmeans is initialized randomly.
- **centroids** (*csc\_matrix, shape (k, n\_users)*) – The maxtrix of cluster centroids.

### References

- Salah, Aghiles, Nicoleta Rogovschi, and Mohamed Nadif. “A dynamic collaborative filtering system via a weighted clustering approach.” *Neurocomputing* 175 (2016): 206-215.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

#### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

#### Returns self

**Return type** *object*

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

#### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** *res* – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array



## 2.18 Visual Bayesian Personalized Ranking (VBPR)

```
class cornac.models.vbpr.recom_vbpr.VBPR(name='VBPR', k=10, k2=10, n_epochs=50,  
                                         batch_size=100, learning_rate=0.005,  
                                         lambda_w=0.01, lambda_b=0.01,  
                                         lambda_e=0.0, use_gpu=False, trainable=True,  
                                         verbose=True, init_params=None, seed=None)
```

Visual Bayesian Personalized Ranking.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 10*) – The dimension of the gamma latent factors.
- **k2** (*int, optional, default: 10*) – The dimension of the theta latent factors.
- **n\_epochs** (*int, optional, default: 20*) – Maximum number of epochs for SGD.
- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD.
- **lambda\_w** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization hyperparameter for latent factor weights.
- **lambda\_b** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization hyperparameter for biases.
- **lambda\_e** (*float, optional, default: 0.0*) – The regularization hyperparameter for embedding matrix E and beta prime vector.
- **use\_gpu** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – Whether or not to use GPU to speed up training.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When True, running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – Initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'Bi': beta_item, 'Gu': gamma_user, 'Gi': gamma_item, 'Tu': theta_user, 'E': emb_matrix, 'Bp': beta_prime}`
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization.

### References

- He, R., & McAuley, J. (2016). VBPR: Visual Bayesian Personalized Ranking from Implicit Feedback.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.

- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** *object*

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.19 Collaborative Deep Learning (CDL)

```
class cornac.models.cdl.recom_cdl.CDL (name='CDL', k=50, autoencoder_structure=None,  
act_fn='relu', lambda_u=0.1, lambda_v=100,  
lambda_w=0.1, lambda_n=1000, a=1, b=0.01,  
corruption_rate=0.3, learning_rate=0.001, vo-  
cab_size=8000, dropout_rate=0.1, batch_size=128,  
max_iter=100, trainable=True, verbose=True,  
init_params=None, seed=None)
```

Collaborative Deep Learning.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*string*, *default: 'CDL'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 50*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **autoencoder\_structure** (*list*, *default: None*) – The number of neurons of encoder/decoder layer for SDAE. For example, `autoencoder_structure = [200]`, the SDAE structure will be `[vocab_size, 200, k, 200, vocab_size]`
- **act\_fn** (*str*, *default: 'relu'*) – Name of the activation function used for the auto-encoder. Supported functions: ['sigmoid', 'tanh', 'elu', 'relu', 'relu6', 'leaky\_relu', 'identity']
- **learning\_rate** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for AdamOptimizer.
- **vocab\_size** (*int*, *default: 8000*) – The size of text input for the SDAE.
- **lambda\_u** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.1*) – The regularization parameter for users.
- **lambda\_v** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 10*) – The regularization parameter for items.

- **lambda\_w** (*float, optional, default: 0.1*) – The regularization parameter for SDAE weights.
  - **lambda\_n** (*float, optional, default: 1000*) – The regularization parameter for SDAE output.
  - **a** (*float, optional, default: 1*) – The confidence of observed ratings.
  - **b** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The confidence of unseen ratings.
  - **corruption\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.3*) – The corruption ratio for input text of the SDAE.
  - **dropout\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.1*) – The probability that each element is removed in dropout of SDAE.
  - **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – The batch size for SGD.
  - **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
  - **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}`
- U: ndarray, shape (n\_users,k)** The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- V: ndarray, shape (n\_items,k)** The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization.

## References

- Hao Wang, Naiyan Wang, Dit-Yan Yeung. CDL: Collaborative Deep Learning for Recommender Systems. In : SIGKDD. 2015. p. 1235-1244.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

### Return type object

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.

- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** **res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.20 Hierarchical Poisson Factorization (HPF)

```
class cornac.models.hpfr.com_hpfr.HPF (k=5, max_iter=100, name='HPF', trainable=True, verbose=False, hierarchical=True, init_params={'G_r': None, 'G_s': None, 'L_r': None, 'L_s': None})
```

Hierarchical Poisson Factorization.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 5*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'HPF'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model is already pre-trained (Theta and Beta are not None).
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **hierarchical** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, PF is used instead of HPF.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {'G\_s':None, 'G\_r':None, 'L\_s':None, 'L\_r':None}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'G_s':G_s, 'G_r':G_r, 'L_s':L_s, 'L_r':L_r}`, where `G_s` and `G_r` are of type `csc_matrix` or `np.array` with the same shape as Theta, see below). They represent respectively the “shape” and “rate” parameters of Gamma distribution over Theta. Similarly, `L_s`, `L_r` are the shape and rate parameters of the Gamma over Beta.
- **Theta** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_users, k)*) – The expected user latent factors.
- **Beta** (*csc\_matrix, shape (n\_items, k)*) – The expected item latent factors.

### References

- Gopalan, Prem, Jake M. Hofman, and David M. Blei. Scalable Recommendation with Hierarchical Poisson Factorization. In UAI, pp. 326-335. 2015.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)  
Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.

- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** object

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.21 Explicit Factor Model (EFM)

**class** `cornac.models.efm.recom_efm.EFM`

Explicit Factor Models

**Parameters**

- **num\_explicit\_factors** (*int, optional, default: 40*) – The dimension of the explicit factors.
- **num\_latent\_factors** (*int, optional, default: 60*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **num\_most\_cared\_aspects** (*int, optional, default: 15*) – The number of most cared aspects for each user.
- **rating\_scale** (*float, optional, default: 5.0*) – The maximum rating score of the dataset.
- **alpha** (*float, optional, default: 0.85*) – Trace off factor for constructing ranking score.
- **lambda\_x** (*float, optional, default: 1*) – The regularization parameter for user aspect attentions.
- **lambda\_y** (*float, optional, default: 1*) – The regularization parameter for item aspect qualities.
- **lambda\_u** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization parameter for user and item explicit factors.
- **lambda\_h** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization parameter for user and item latent factors.
- **lambda\_v** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization parameter for V.
- **use\_item\_aspect\_popularity** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, item aspect frequency is omitted from item aspect quality computation formula. Specifically,  $Y_{ij} = 1 + \frac{N-1}{1+e^{-s_{ij}}}$  if  $p_i$  is reviewed on feature  $F_j$

- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'EFM'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **num\_threads** (*int, optional, default: 0*) – Number of parallel threads for training. If 0, all CPU cores will be utilized.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U1, U2, V, H1, and H2 are not None).
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U1':U1, 'U2':U2, 'V':V, 'H1':H1, 'H2':H2}`
  - U1: ndarray, shape (n\_users, n\_explicit\_factors)** The user explicit factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
  - U2: ndarray, shape (n\_ratings, n\_explicit\_factors)** The item explicit factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
  - V: ndarray, shape (n\_aspects, n\_explicit\_factors)** The aspect factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
  - H1: ndarray, shape (n\_users, n\_latent\_factors)** The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
  - H2: ndarray, shape (n\_ratings, n\_latent\_factors)** The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization.

## References

Yongfeng Zhang, Guokun Lai, Min Zhang, Yi Zhang, Yiqun Liu, and Shaoping Ma. 2014. Explicit factor models for explainable recommendation based on phrase-level sentiment analysis. In Proceedings of the 37th international ACM SIGIR conference on Research & development in information retrieval (SIGIR '14). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 83-92. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/2600428.2609579>

### **fit**

Fit the model to observations.

#### **Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

#### **Returns self**

**Return type** `object`

### **rank**

Rank all test items for a given user.

#### **Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform item ranking.
- **item\_indices** (*1d array, optional, default: None*) – A list of candidate item indices to be ranked by the user. If *None*, list of ranked known item indices and their scores will be returned

**Returns**

- Tuple of *item\_rank*, and *item\_scores*. The order of values
- *in item\_scores are corresponding to the order of their ids in item\_ids*

**score**

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If *None*, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** *res* – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.22 Social Bayesian Personalized Ranking (SBPR)

**class** `cornac.models.sbpr.recom_sbpr.SBPR`  
Social Bayesian Personalized Ranking.

**Parameters**

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 10*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD.
- **lambda\_reg** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The regularization hyper-parameter.
- **num\_threads** (*int, optional, default: 0*) – Number of parallel threads for training. If `num_threads=0`, all CPU cores will be utilized. If `seed` is not *None*, `num_threads=1` to remove randomness from parallelization.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When *False*, the model will not be re-trained, and input of pre-trained parameters are required.
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When *True*, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – Initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U': user_factors, 'V': item_factors, 'Bi': item_biases}`
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization. If specified, training will take longer because of single-thread (no parallelization).

## References

- Zhao, T., McAuley, J., & King, I. (2014, November). Leveraging social connections to improve personalized ranking for collaborative filtering. CIKM 2014 (pp. 261-270).

### **fit**

Fit the model to observations.

#### **Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

#### **Returns self**

**Return type** `object`

### **score**

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

#### **Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.23 Hidden Factors and Hidden Topics (HFT)

```
class cornac.models.hft.recom_hft.HFT (name='HFT', k=10, max_iter=50, grad_iter=50,  
                                       lambda_text=0.1, l2_reg=0.001, vocab_size=8000,  
                                       init_params=None, trainable=True, verbose=True,  
                                       seed=None)
```

Hidden Factors and Hidden Topics

#### **Parameters**

- **name** (*string*, *default: 'HFT'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 10*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 50*) – Maximum number of iterations for EM.
- **grad\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 50*) – Maximum number of iterations for L-BFGS.
- **lambda\_text** (*float*, *default: 0.1*) – Weight of corpus likelihood in objective function.
- **l2\_reg** (*float*, *default: 0.001*) – Regularization for user item latent factors.
- **vocab\_size** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 8000*) – Size of vocabulary for review text.



- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'alpha': alpha, 'beta_u': beta_u, 'beta_i': beta_i, 'gamma_u': gamma_u, 'gamma_v': gamma_v}`
- **alpha**: **float** Model offset, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **beta\_u**: **ndarray, shape (n\_user, 1)** User biases, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **beta\_i**: **ndarray, shape (n\_item, 1)** Item biases, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **gamma\_u**: **ndarray, shape (n\_users,k)** The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **gamma\_v**: **ndarray, shape (n\_items,k)** The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model will not be re-trained, and input of pre-trained parameters are required.
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization.

## References

Julian McAuley, Jure Leskovec. “Hidden Factors and Hidden Topics: Understanding Rating Dimensions with Review Text” RecSys ‘13 Proceedings of the 7th ACM conference on Recommender systems Pages 165-172

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

### Return type object

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.24 Collaborative Topic Modeling (CTR)

```
class cornac.models.ctr.recom_ctr.CTR(name='CTR', k=200, lambda_u=0.01,  
lambda_v=0.01, eta=0.01, a=1, b=0.01,  
max_iter=100, trainable=True, verbose=True,  
init_params=None, seed=None)
```

Collaborative Topic Regression.

### Parameters

- **name** (*string, default: 'CTR'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **k** (*int, optional, default: 200*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **lambda\_u** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization parameter for users.
- **lambda\_v** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization parameter for items.
- **a** (*float, optional, default: 1*) – The confidence of observed ratings.
- **b** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The confidence of unseen ratings.
- **eta** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – Added value for smoothing phi.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}`  
**U**: **ndarray, shape (n\_users,k)** The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.  
**V**: **ndarray, shape (n\_items,k)** The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization.

### References

Wang, Chong, and David M. Blei. “Collaborative topic modeling for recommending scientific articles.” Proceedings of the 17th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining. ACM, 2011.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)  
Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** `object`

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.25 Baseline Only

`cornac.models.baseline_only.recom_bo`

alias of `cornac.models.baseline_only.recom_bo`

## 2.26 Bayesian Personalized Ranking (BPR)

**class** `cornac.models.bpr.recom_bpr.BPR`

Bayesian Personalized Ranking.

**Parameters**

- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 10*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD.
- **lambda\_reg** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The regularization hyper-parameter.
- **num\_threads** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 0*) – Number of parallel threads for training. If `num_threads=0`, all CPU cores will be utilized. If `seed` is not None, `num_threads=1` to remove randomness from parallelization.
- **trainable** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When False, the model will not be re-trained, and input of pre-trained parameters are required.
- **verbose** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary*, *optional*, *default: None*) – Initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U': user_factors, 'V': item_factors, 'Bi': item_biases}`
- **seed** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization. If specified, training will take longer because of single-thread (no parallelization).

## References

- Rendle, Steffen, Christoph Freudenthaler, Zeno Gantner, and Lars Schmidt-Thieme. BPR: Bayesian personalized ranking from implicit feedback. In UAI, pp. 452-461. 2009.

### **fit**

Fit the model to observations.

#### **Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

#### **Returns self**

**Return type** `object`

### **score**

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

#### **Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, required) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, optional, default: None) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.27 Global Average (GlobalAvg)

**class** `cornac.models.global_avg.recom_global_avg.GlobalAvg` (*name='GlobalAvg'*)

Global Average baseline for rating prediction. Rating predictions equal to average rating of training data (not personalized).

**Parameters** **name** (*string*, default: `'GlobalAvg'`) – The name of the recommender model.

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

#### **Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, required) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, optional, default: None) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** `res` – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.28 Matrix Factorization (MF)

**class** `cornac.models.mf.recom_mf.MF`

Matrix Factorization.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 10*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The learning rate.
- **lambda\_reg** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The lambda value used for regularization.
- **use\_bias** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When True, user, item, and global biases are used.
- **early\_stop** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, delta loss will be checked after each iteration to stop learning earlier.
- **num\_threads** (*int, optional, default: 0*) – Number of parallel threads for training. If `num_threads=0`, all CPU cores will be utilized. If `seed` is not `None`, `num_threads=1` to remove randomness from parallelization.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model will not be re-trained, and input of pre-trained parameters are required.
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When True, running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – Initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U': user_factors, 'V': item_factors, 'Bu': user_biases, 'Bi': item_biases}`
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization. If specified, training will take longer because of single-thread (no parallelization).

### References

- Koren, Y., Bell, R., & Volinsky, C. Matrix factorization techniques for recommender systems. In *Computer*, (8), 30-37. 2009.

### fit

Fit the model to observations.

#### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

#### Returns self

#### Return type `object`

### score

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** **res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.29 Most Popular (MostPop)

**class** `cornac.models.most_pop.recom_most_pop.MostPop` (*name='MostPop'*)

Most Popular. Item are recommended based on their popularity (not personalized).

**Parameters** **name** (*string, default: 'MostPop'*) – The name of the recommender model.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

**Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns** **self**

**Return type** *object*

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** **res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.30 Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

**class** `cornac.models.nmf.recom_nmf.NMF`

Non-negative Matrix Factorization

**Parameters**

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 15*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 50*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.

- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.005*) – The learning rate.
- **lambda\_u** (*float, optional, default: 0.06*) – The regularization parameter for user factors U.
- **lambda\_v** (*float, optional, default: 0.06*) – The regularization parameter for item factors V.
- **lambda\_bu** (*float, optional, default: 0.02*) – The regularization parameter for user biases Bu.
- **lambda\_bi** (*float, optional, default: 0.02*) – The regularization parameter for item biases Bi.
- **use\_bias** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, user, item, and global biases are used.
- **num\_threads** (*int, optional, default: 0*) – Number of parallel threads for training. If num\_threads=0, all CPU cores will be utilized. If seed is not None, num\_threads=1 to remove randomness from parallelization.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model will not be re-trained, and input of pre-trained parameters are required.
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When True, running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – Initial parameters, e.g., init\_params = {'U': user\_factors, 'V': item\_factors, 'Bu': user\_biases, 'Bi': item\_biases, 'mu': global\_mean}
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization. If specified, training will take longer because of single-thread (no parallelization).

## References

- Lee, D. D., & Seung, H. S. (2001). Algorithms for non-negative matrix factorization. In Advances in neural information processing systems (pp. 556-562).
- Takahashi, N., Katayama, J., & Takeuchi, J. I. (2014). A generalized sufficient condition for global convergence of modified multiplicative updates for NMF. In Proceedings of 2014 International Symposium on Nonlinear Theory and its Applications (pp. 44-47).

### fit

Fit the model to observations.

#### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

#### Returns self

**Return type** *object*

### score

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

#### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns** *res* – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.31 Probabilistic Matrix Factorization (PMF)

```
class cornac.models.pmf.recom_pmf.PMF (k=5,      max_iter=100,      learning_rate=0.001,
                                       gamma=0.9, lamda=0.001, name='PMF', vari-
                                       ant='non_linear', trainable=True, verbose=False,
                                       init_params={}, seed=None)
```

Probabilistic Matrix Factorization.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 5*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD\_RMSProp.
- **gamma** (*float, optional, default: 0.9*) – The weight for previous/current gradient in RMSProp.
- **lamda** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'PMF'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **variant** (*{'linear', 'non\_linear'}, optional, default: 'non\_linear'*) – Pmf variant. If 'non\_linear', the Gaussian mean is the output of a Sigmoid function. If 'linear' the Gaussian mean is the output of the identity function.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}`. U: a `csc_matrix` of shape (n\_users,k), containing the user latent factors. V: a `csc_matrix` of shape (n\_items,k), containing the item latent factors.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

### References

- Mnih, Andriy, and Ruslan R. Salakhutdinov. Probabilistic matrix factorization. In NIPS, pp. 1257-1264. 2008.



**fit** (*train\_set*, *val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

**Parameters**

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

**Returns self**

**Return type** *object*

**score** (*user\_idx*, *item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

**Parameters**

- **user\_idx** (*int*, *required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int*, *optional*, *default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.32 Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

```
class cornac.models.svd.recom_svd.SVD (name='SVD', k=10, max_iter=20, learning_rate=0.01, lambda_reg=0.02, early_stop=False, num_threads=0, trainable=True, verbose=False, init_params=None, seed=None)
```

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD). The implementation is based on Matrix Factorization with biases.

**Parameters**

- **k** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 10*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.01*) – The learning rate.
- **lambda\_reg** (*float*, *optional*, *default: 0.001*) – The lambda value used for regularization.
- **early\_stop** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: False*) – When True, delta loss will be checked after each iteration to stop learning earlier.
- **num\_threads** (*int*, *optional*, *default: 0*) – Number of parallel threads for training. If num\_threads=0, all CPU cores will be utilized. If seed is not None, num\_threads=1 to remove randomness from parallelization.
- **trainable** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When False, the model will not be re-trained, and input of pre-trained parameters are required.
- **verbose** (*boolean*, *optional*, *default: True*) – When True, running logs are displayed.

- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – Initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U': user_factors, 'V': item_factors, 'Bu': user_biases, 'Bi': item_biases}`
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization. If specified, training will take longer because of single-thread (no parallelization).

## References

- Koren, Y. Factorization meets the neighborhood: a multifaceted collaborative filtering model. In SIGKDD, pp. 426-434. 2008.
- Koren, Y. Factor in the neighbors: Scalable and accurate collaborative filtering. In TKDD, 2010.

## 2.33 Social Recommendation using PMF (SoRec)

```
class cornac.models.sorec.recom_sorec.SoRec (name='SoRec', k=5, max_iter=100, learning_rate=0.001, lamda_c=10, lamda=0.001, gamma=0.9, weight_link=True, trainable=True, verbose=False, init_params={}, seed=None)
```

Social recommendation using Probabilistic Matrix Factorization.

### Parameters

- **k** (*int, optional, default: 5*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for SGD\_RMSProp.
- **gamma** (*float, optional, default: 0.9*) – The weight for previous/current gradient in RMSProp.
- **lamda** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The regularization parameter.
- **lamda\_c** (*float, optional, default: 10*) – The parameter balancing the information from the user-item rating matrix and the user social network.
- **weight\_link** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When true the social network links are weighted according to eq. (4) in the original paper.
- **name** (*string, optional, default: 'SOREC'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U, V and Z are not None).
- **verbose** (*boolean, optional, default: False*) – When True, some running logs are displayed.
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: {'U':None, 'V':None}*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V, 'Z':Z}`.

**U: a ndarray of shape (n\_users, k)** Containing the user latent factors.

**V: a ndarray of shape (n\_items, k)** Containing the item latent factors.

**Z: a ndarray of shape (n\_users, k)** Containing the social network latent factors.

- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for parameters initialization.

## References

- H. Ma, H. Yang, M. R. Lyu, and I. King. SoRec: Social recommendation using probabilistic matrix factorization. CIKM '08, pages 931–940, Napa Valley, USA, 2008.

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, required) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset*, optional, default: None) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

### Return type object

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item. :param user\_idx: The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction. :type user\_idx: int, required :param item\_idx: The index of the item for that to perform score prediction.

If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 2.34 Weighted Matrix Factorization (WMF)

```
class cornac.models.wmf.recom_wmf.WMF (name='WMF', k=200, lambda_u=0.01,  
lambda_v=0.01, a=1, b=0.01, learning_rate=0.001,  
batch_size=128, max_iter=100, trainable=True,  
verbose=True, init_params=None, seed=None)
```

Weighted Matrix Factorization.

### Parameters

- **name** (*string, default: 'WMF'*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **k** (*int, optional, default: 200*) – The dimension of the latent factors.
- **max\_iter** (*int, optional, default: 100*) – Maximum number of iterations or the number of epochs for SGD.
- **learning\_rate** (*float, optional, default: 0.001*) – The learning rate for AdamOptimizer.
- **lambda\_u** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization parameter for users.

- **lambda\_v** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The regularization parameter for items.
- **a** (*float, optional, default: 1*) – The confidence of observed ratings.
- **b** (*float, optional, default: 0.01*) – The confidence of unseen ratings.
- **batch\_size** (*int, optional, default: 128*) – The batch size for SGD.
- **trainable** (*boolean, optional, default: True*) – When False, the model is not trained and Cornac assumes that the model already pre-trained (U and V are not None).
- **init\_params** (*dictionary, optional, default: None*) – List of initial parameters, e.g., `init_params = {'U':U, 'V':V}`
  - U: ndarray, shape (n\_users,k)** The user latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
  - V: ndarray, shape (n\_items,k)** The item latent factors, optional initialization via `init_params`.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for weight initialization.

## References

- Hu, Y., Koren, Y., & Volinsky, C. (2008, December). Collaborative filtering for implicit feedback datasets. In 2008 Eighth IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (pp. 263-272).
- Pan, R., Zhou, Y., Cao, B., Liu, N. N., Lukose, R., Scholz, M., & Yang, Q. (2008, December). One-class collaborative filtering. In 2008 Eighth IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (pp. 502-511).

**fit** (*train\_set, val\_set=None*)

Fit the model to observations.

### Parameters

- **train\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, required*) – User-Item preference data as well as additional modalities.
- **val\_set** (*cornac.data.Dataset, optional, default: None*) – User-Item preference data for model selection purposes (e.g., early stopping).

### Returns self

### Return type object

**score** (*user\_idx, item\_idx=None*)

Predict the scores/ratings of a user for an item.

### Parameters

- **user\_idx** (*int, required*) – The index of the user for whom to perform score prediction.
- **item\_idx** (*int, optional, default: None*) – The index of the item for that to perform score prediction. If None, scores for all known items will be returned.

**Returns res** – Relative scores that the user gives to the item or to all known items

**Return type** A scalar or a Numpy array

## 3.1 Rating

### 3.1.1 Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

**class** `cornac.metrics.MAE`  
Mean Absolute Error.

**name**  
Name of the measure.

**Type** string, value: 'MAE'

### 3.1.2 Mean Squared Error (MSE)

**class** `cornac.metrics.MSE`  
Mean Squared Error.

**name**  
Name of the measure.

**Type** string, value: 'MSE'

### 3.1.3 Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

**class** `cornac.metrics.RMSE`  
Root Mean Squared Error.

**name**  
Name of the measure.

**Type** string, value: 'RMSE'

## 3.2 Ranking

### 3.2.1 Area Under the Curve (AUC)

**class** `cornac.metrics.AUC`  
Area Under the ROC Curve (AUC).

#### References

<https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1205/1205.2618.pdf>

### 3.2.2 Fmeasure (F1)

**class** `cornac.metrics.FMeasure` (*k=-1*)  
F-measure@K@.

**Parameters** *k* (*int, optional, default: -1 (all)*) – The number of items in the top@k list. If None, all items will be considered.

### 3.2.3 Mean Reciprocal Rank (MRR)

**class** `cornac.metrics.MRR`  
Mean Reciprocal Rank.

**Parameters** *k* (*int, optional, default: -1 (all)*) – The number of items in the top@k list. If None, all items will be considered.

#### References

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mean\\_reciprocal\\_rank](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mean_reciprocal_rank)

### 3.2.4 Normalized Cumulative Reciprocal Rank (NCRR)

**class** `cornac.metrics.NCRR` (*k=-1*)  
Normalized Cumulative Reciprocal Rank.

**Parameters** *k* (*int, optional, default: -1 (all)*) – The number of items in the top@k list. If None, all items will be considered.

### 3.2.5 Normalized Discount Cumulative Gain (NDCG)

**class** `cornac.metrics.NDCG` (*k=-1*)  
Normalized Discount Cumulative Gain.

**Parameters** *k* (*int, optional, default: -1 (all)*) – The number of items in the top@k list. If None, all items will be considered.

#### References

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discounted\\_cumulative\\_gain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discounted_cumulative_gain)

### 3.2.6 Precision

```
class cornac.metrics.Precision (k=-1)  
    Precision@K.
```

**Parameters** *k* (*int, optional, default: -1 (all)*) – The number of items in the top@k list. If None, all items will be considered.

### 3.2.7 Recall

```
class cornac.metrics.Recall (k=-1)  
    Recall@K.
```

**Parameters** *k* (*int, optional, default: -1 (all)*) – The number of items in the top@k list. If None, all items will be considered.





## 4.1 Base Method

```
class cornac.eval_methods.base_method.BaseMethod(data=None, fmt='UIR', rating_threshold=1.0, seed=None, exclude_unknowns=True, verbose=False, **kwargs)
```

Base Evaluation Method

### Parameters

- **data** (*array-like, required*) – Raw preference data in the triplet format [(user\_id, item\_id, rating\_value)].
- **rating\_threshold** (*float, optional, default: 1.0*) – Threshold used to binarize rating values into positive or negative feedback for model evaluation using ranking metrics (rating metrics are not affected).
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for reproducibility.
- **exclude\_unknowns** (*bool, optional, default: True*) – If *True*, unknown users and items will be ignored during model evaluation.
- **verbose** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – Output running log.

**evaluate** (*model, metrics, user\_based*)

Evaluate given models according to given metrics

### Parameters

- **model** (*cornac.models.Recommender*) – Recommender model to be evaluated.
- **metrics** (*iterable*) – List of metrics.
- **user\_based** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – Evaluation mode. Whether results are averaging based on number of users or number of ratings.

**Returns** *res*

**Return type** `cornac.experiment.Result`

**classmethod** `from_splits`(*train\_data*, *test\_data*, *val\_data=None*, *fmt='UIR'*, *rating\_threshold=1.0*, *exclude\_unknowns=False*, *seed=None*, *verbose=False*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Constructing evaluation method given data.

#### Parameters

- **train\_data** (*array-like*) – Training data
- **test\_data** (*array-like*) – Test data
- **val\_data** (*array-like, optional, default: None*) – Validation data
- **fmt** (*str, default: 'UIR'*) – Format of the input data. Currently, we are supporting:  
'UIR': User, Item, Rating 'UIRT': User, Item, Rating, Timestamp
- **rating\_threshold** (*float, default: 1.0*) – Threshold to decide positive or negative preferences.
- **exclude\_unknowns** (*bool, default: False*) – Whether to exclude unknown users/items in evaluation.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for reproduce the splitting.
- **verbose** (*bool, default: False*) – The verbosity flag.

**Returns** `method` – Evaluation method object.

**Return type** `<cornac.eval_methods.BaseMethod>`

`cornac.eval_methods.base_method.ranking_eval`(*model*, *metrics*, *train\_set*, *test\_set*, *val\_set=None*, *rating\_threshold=1.0*, *exclude\_unknowns=True*, *verbose=False*)

Evaluate model on provided ranking metrics.

#### Parameters

- **model** (`cornac.models.Recommender`, required) – Recommender model to be evaluated.
- **metrics** (iterable, required) – List of rating metrics `cornac.metrics.RankingMetric`.
- **train\_set** (`cornac.data.Dataset`, required) – Dataset to be used for model training. This will be used to exclude observations already appeared during training.
- **test\_set** (`cornac.data.Dataset`, required) – Dataset to be used for evaluation.
- **val\_set** (`cornac.data.Dataset`, optional, default: None) – Dataset to be used for model selection. This will be used to exclude observations already appeared during validation.
- **rating\_threshold** (*float, optional, default: 1.0*) – The threshold to convert ratings into positive or negative feedback.
- **exclude\_unknowns** (*bool, optional, default: True*) – Ignore unknown users and items during evaluation.
- **verbose** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – Output evaluation progress.

**Returns****res** –**Tuple of two lists:**

- average result for each of the metrics
- average result per user for each of the metrics

**Return type** (List, List)

`cornac.eval_methods.base_method.rating_eval(model, metrics, test_set, user_based=False)`  
Evaluate model on provided rating metrics.

**Parameters**

- **model** (`cornac.models.Recommender`, required) – Recommender model to be evaluated.
- **metrics** (iterable, required) – List of rating metrics `cornac.metrics.RatingMetric`.
- **test\_set** (`cornac.data.Dataset`, required) – Dataset to be used for evaluation.
- **user\_based** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – Evaluation mode. Whether results are averaging based on number of users or number of ratings.

**Returns****res** –**Tuple of two lists:**

- average result for each of the metrics
- average result per user for each of the metrics

**Return type** (List, List)

## 4.2 Ratio Split

`class cornac.eval_methods.ratio_split.RatioSplit(data, test_size=0.2, val_size=0.0, rating_threshold=1.0, seed=None, exclude_unknowns=False, verbose=False, **kwargs)`

Splitting data into training, validation, and test sets based on provided sizes. Data is always shuffled before split.

**Parameters**

- **data** (*array-like, required*) – Raw preference data in the triplet format [(user\_id, item\_id, rating\_value)].
- **test\_size** (*float, optional, default: 0.2*) – The proportion of the test set, if > 1 then it is treated as the size of the test set.
- **val\_size** (*float, optional, default: 0.0*) – The proportion of the validation set, if > 1 then it is treated as the size of the validation set.
- **rating\_threshold** (*float, optional, default: 1.0*) – Threshold used to binarize rating values into positive or negative feedback for model evaluation using ranking metrics (rating metrics are not affected).
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for reproducibility.

- **exclude\_unknowns** (*bool, optional, default: True*) – If *True*, unknown users and items will be ignored during model evaluation.
- **verbose** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – Output running log.

## 4.3 Cross Validation

```
class cornac.eval_methods.cross_validation.CrossValidation (data,      n_folds=5,  
                                                    rating_threshold=1.0,  
                                                    partition=None,  
                                                    seed=None,      ex-  
                                                    clude_unknowns=True,  
                                                    verbose=False,  
                                                    **kwargs)
```

Cross Validation Evaluation Method.

### Parameters

- **data** (*array-like, required*) – Raw preference data in the triplet format [(*user\_id, item\_id, rating\_value*)].
- **n\_folds** (*int, optional, default: 5*) – The number of folds for cross validation.
- **rating\_threshold** (*float, optional, default: 1.0*) – Threshold used to binarize rating values into positive or negative feedback for model evaluation using ranking metrics (rating metrics are not affected).
- **partition** (*array-like, shape (n\_observed\_ratings, ), optional, default: None*) – The partition of ratings into *n\_folds* (fold label of each rating) If *None*, random partitioning is performed to assign each rating into a fold.
- **seed** (*int, optional, default: None*) – Random seed for reproducibility.
- **exclude\_unknowns** (*bool, optional, default: True*) – If *True*, unknown users and items will be ignored during model evaluation.
- **verbose** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – Output running log.

**evaluate** (*model, metrics, user\_based*)

Evaluate given models according to given metrics

### Parameters

- **model** (*cornac.models.Recommender*) – Recommender model to be evaluated.
- **metrics** (*iterable*) – List of metrics.
- **user\_based** (*bool, optional, default: False*) – Evaluation mode. Whether results are averaging based on number of users or number of ratings.

### Returns res

**Return type** *cornac.experiment.Result*

## 5.1 Experiment

```
class cornac.experiment.experiment.Experiment (eval_method, models, metrics,
                                             user_based=True, verbose=False)
```

Experiment Class

### Parameters

- **eval\_method** (<cornac.eval\_methods.BaseMethod>, required) – The evaluation method (e.g., RatioSplit).
- **models** (array of <cornac.models.Recommender>, required) – A collection of recommender models to evaluate, e.g., [C2PF, HPF, PMF].
- **metrics** (array of :obj:{<cornac.metrics.RatingMetric>, <cornac.metrics.RankingMetric>}, required) – A collection of metrics to use to evaluate the recommender models, e.g., [NDCG, MRR, Recall].
- **user\_based** (*bool*, *optional*, *default: True*) – This parameter is only useful if you are considering rating metrics. When *True*, first the average performance for every user is computed, then the obtained values are averaged to return the final result. If *False*, results will be averaged over the number of ratings.
- **result** (array of <cornac.experiment.result.Result>, default: None) – This attribute contains the results per-model of your experiment, initially it is set to None.

## 5.2 Result

```
class cornac.experiment.result.Result (model_name, metric_avg_results, metric_user_results)
```

Result Class for a single model

### Parameters

- **model\_name** (*string, required*) – The name of the recommender model.
- **metric\_avg\_results** (*OrderedDict, required*) – A dictionary containing the average result per-metric.
- **metric\_user\_results** (*defaultdict, required*) – A dictionary containing the average result per-user across different metrics.

## 6.1 Amazon Clothing

This data is built based on the Amazon datasets provided by Julian McAuley @ <http://jmcauley.ucsd.edu/data/amazon/>. We make sure all items having three types of auxiliary data: text, image, and context (items appearing together).

```
cornac.datasets.amazon_clothing.load_context (reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader =  
                                             None) → List
```

Load the item-item interactions

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (item, item, 1).

**Return type** array-like

```
cornac.datasets.amazon_clothing.load_image ()
```

Load the item image in the form of visual features (extracted from pre-trained CNN)

**Returns**

- **features** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Feature matrix with shape (n, 4096) with n is the number of items.
- **item\_ids** (*List*) – List of item ids aligned with indices in *features*.

```
cornac.datasets.amazon_clothing.load_rating (reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None)  
                                             → List
```

Load the user-item ratings

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, rating).

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.amazon_clothing.load_text()`

Load the item text descriptions

**Returns**

- **texts** (*List*) – List of text documents, one per item.
- **ids** (*List*) – List of item ids aligned with indices in *texts*.

## 6.2 Amazon Office

This data is built based on the Amazon datasets provided by Julian McAuley at: <http://jmcauley.ucsd.edu/data/amazon/>

`cornac.datasets.amazon_office.load_context(reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None)`

→ List

Load the item-item interactions

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (item, item, 1).

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.amazon_office.load_rating(reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None)`

→ List

Load the user-item ratings

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, rating).

**Return type** array-like

## 6.3 Amazon Toys and Games

This data is built based on the Amazon datasets provided by Julian McAuley at: <http://jmcauley.ucsd.edu/data/amazon/>

`cornac.datasets.amazon_toy.load_rating(reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None)`

→ List  
Load the user-item ratings

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, rating).

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.amazon_toy.load_sentiment(reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None)`

→ List

Load the user-item-sentiments The dataset was constructed by the method described in the reference paper.

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, [(aspect, opinion, sentiment), (aspect, opinion, sentiment), ...]).



**Return type** array-like

## References

Gao, J., Wang, X., Wang, Y., & Xie, X. (2019). Explainable Recommendation Through Attentive Multi-View Learning. AAAI.

## 6.4 CiteULike

This dataset is mostly from the paper ‘Collaborative topic modeling for recommending scientific articles’ [Wang and Blei - KDD 2011]. It was further collected, named *citeulike-a*, and used in the paper ‘Collaborative Topic Regression with Social Regularization’ [Wang, Chen and Li - IJCAI 2013].

Link to the data: <http://www.wanghao.in/CDL.htm>

`cornac.datasets.citeulike.load_data` (*reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None*) → List

Load the implicit feedback between users and items

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, 1).

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.citeulike.load_text` ()

Load item texts including title and abstract joined together into one document per item.

**Returns**

- **texts** (*List*) – List of text documents, one per item.
- **ids** (*List*) – List of item ids aligned with indices in *texts*.

## 6.5 Epinions

Link to the dataset: [http://www.trustlet.org/downloaded\\_epinions.html](http://www.trustlet.org/downloaded_epinions.html)

`cornac.datasets.epinions.load_data` (*reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None*) → List

Load the rating feedback

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, rating).

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.epinions.load_trust` (*reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None*) → List

Load the trust data

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (source\_user, target\_item, trust\_value).

**Return type** array-like

## 6.6 FilmTrust

Source: <https://www.librec.net/datasets.html>

`cornac.datasets.filmtrust.load_feedback` (*reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None*) → List

Load the user-item ratings, scale: [0.5,4]

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, rating).

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.filmtrust.load_trust` (*reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None*) → List

Load the user-user trust information (undirected network)

**Parameters** **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, user, 1).

**Return type** array-like

## 6.7 MovieLens

Link to the data: <https://grouplens.org/datasets/movielens/>

`cornac.datasets.movielens.load_100k` (*fmt='UIR', reader=None*)

Load the MovieLens 100K dataset

**Parameters** **fmt** (*str, default: 'UIR'*) – Data format to be returned.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples depending on the given data format.

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.movielens.load_1m` (*fmt='UIR', reader: cornac.data.reader.Reader = None*) → List

Load the MovieLens 1M dataset

**Parameters**

- **fmt** (*str, default: 'UIR'*) – Data format to be returned.
- **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, default: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns** **data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples depending on the given data format.

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.movielens.load_plot` ()

Load the plots of movies provided @ <http://dm.postech.ac.kr/~cartopy/ConvMF/>

**Returns**

- **texts** (*List*) – List of text documents, one per item.
- **ids** (*List*) – List of item ids aligned with indices in *texts*.

## 6.8 Netflix

Link to the data: <https://www.kaggle.com/netflix-inc/netflix-prize-data/>

`cornac.datasets.netflix.load_data` (*fmt*='UIR', *reader*: `cornac.data.reader.Reader = None`) → List

Load the Netflix entire dataset - Number of ratings: 100,480,507 - Number of users: 480,189 - Number of items: 17,770

### Parameters

- **fmt** (*str*, *default*: 'UIR') – Data format to be returned.
- **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, *default*: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples depending on the given data format.

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.netflix.load_data_small` (*fmt*='UIR', *reader*: `cornac.data.reader.Reader = None`) → List

Load a small subset of the Netflix dataset. We draw this subsample such that every user has at least 10 items and each item has at least 10 users. - Number of ratings: 607,803 - Number of users: 10,000 - Number of items: 5,000

### Parameters

- **fmt** (*str*, *default*: 'UIR') – Data format to be returned.
- **reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, *default*: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples depending on the given data format.

**Return type** array-like

## 6.9 Tradesy

Link to the data: <http://jmcauley.ucsd.edu/data/tradesy/> This data is used in the VBPR paper. After cleaning the data, we have: - Number of feedback: 394,421 (410,186 is reported but there are duplicates) - Number of users: 19,243 (19,823 is reported due to duplicates) - Number of items: 165,906 (166,521 is reported due to duplicates)

`cornac.datasets.tradesy.load_data` (*reader*: `cornac.data.reader.Reader = None`) → List

Load the feedback observations

**Parameters reader** (*obj:cornac.data.Reader*, *default*: None) – Reader object used to read the data.

**Returns data** – Data in the form of a list of tuples (user, item, 1).

**Return type** array-like

`cornac.datasets.tradesy.load_feature` ()

Load the item visual feature

### Returns

- **features** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Feature matrix with shape (n, 4096) with n is the number of items.
- **item\_ids** (*List*) – List of item ids aligned with indices in *features*.



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