<span id="page-0-0"></span>Discrete Federated Multi-behavior Recommendation for Privacy-Preserving Heterogeneous One-Class Collaborative Filtering

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### <span id="page-1-0"></span>Problem Definition

Privacy-Preserving Heterogeneous One-Class Collaborative Filtering (PHOCCF)

- Input:
	- The server is allowed to own the complete (user, item) purchase  $\mathbf{H}$ **matrix**  $\mathbf{P} \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times m}$ **.**
	- Each client (i.e., user) has a set of purchased items  $\mathcal{I}^\mathcal{P}_u$  and a set of examined items  $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{E}}_u$  .
- Goal: Predict the purchase preference value of each user *u* to each not yet purchased item  $j \in \mathcal{I} \backslash \mathcal{I}^\mathcal{P}_u$  and recommend the top ranked items in a privacy-preserving, storage-efficient and computation-efficient manner.

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## Assumption

- We assume that the purchase behaviors can be collected by the server.
- It is often impractical to assume that the organizations do not collect any raw data and they can still meet the basic business imperatives.
- For example, in an online e-commerce platform, if the platform does not know what items a specific user has bought, it could not deliver the items to the user.

## Overall of Our Solution

- We propose a novel framework named discrete federated multi-behavior recommendation (DFMR) for PHOCCF. To the best of our knowledge, DFMR is the first federated learning framework for PHOCCF.
- We use discrete hashing techniques to encode the user and item vectors via binary codes, which makes it possible to store massive vectors effectively. We then extend DCF to PHOCCF, and design a global model updating module and a personal model updating module to update the parameters.
- We design a memorization module called cache updating module to address the computational bottlenecks. By deriving the update formulas, we enable some terms to be independent of the items or users, and then pre-calculate them only once in each training round.

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# Related Work (1/4)

- Federated learning aims to collaboratively train a global machine learning model among multiple clients without sharing the raw data.
- Federated recommendation presents a new challenge of storage overhead for the embeddings.
	- Traditional recommendation systems often use unique identifiers (IDs) to represent items and then generate some trainable embeddings for items.
	- The size of the embeddings will increase as the number of items increases, and they account for the majority of storage compared to other neural network parameters.
- Discrete hashing techniques provide a promising alternative for the embeddings by encoding real-valued embeddings via binary codes.

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### Related Work (2/4)

- **Federated recommendation aims to make accurate** recommendations in a distributed machine learning paradigm in a privacy-preserving manner.
- The most relevant works are DeepRec [\[Han et al., 2021\]](#page-67-0) and LightFR [\[Zhang et al., 2022\]](#page-68-1).

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## Related Work (3/4)

- **O** DeepRec [\[Han et al., 2021\]](#page-67-0) is an on-device deep learning framework for privacy-preserving sequential recommendation.
- Our DFMR is inspired by DeepRec, in which the authors argue that collecting the business necessary data does not violate the privacy-related laws.
- There are two significant differences between our DFMR and DeepRec.
	- The problem we study is HOCCF while the problem they study is single-behavior sequential recommendation.
	- DeepRec is not a federated learning method. Our training process is the same as that of most traditional federated recommendation methods.

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### Related Work (4/4)

- LightFR [\[Zhang et al., 2022\]](#page-68-1) is a federated version of DCF [\[Zhang et al., 2016\]](#page-68-2), which encodes the item and user vectors via binary codes.
- We discuss the differences among DCF, LightFR and our DFMR.
	- In LightFR and DCF, the authors study the item ranking task with explicit feedback instead of heterogeneous implicit feedback in this paper.
	- For implicit feedback, a constraint term which lies in the summation over the missing data is required in the objection function and will cause the computational bottleneck. Thus, we need an additional module to reduce the computational complexity, for which LightFR and DCF do not need.
	- Our DFMR is able to exploit the difference between examinations and purchases to improve the recommendation performance, which can thus outperform DCF with implicit feedback.

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### <span id="page-8-0"></span>DFMR



Figure: The framework of our discrete federated multi-behavior recommendation (DFMR).



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### Objective Function

$$
\arg\min_{U,V,X,Y} \mathcal{L}_{\text{DCF}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Purc}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Exam}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Reg}}
$$
  
s.t.  $\mathbf{1}^T X = \mathbf{0}, X^T X = n\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{1}^T Y = \mathbf{0}, Y^T Y = m\mathbf{I}$   

$$
U \in {\{\pm 1\}}^{n \times d}, V \in {\{\pm 1\}}^{m \times d},
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where 
$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{DCF}} = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_u^P} w_{ui} (r_{ui} - \hat{r}_{ui})^2 + s \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{I}_u^P} \hat{r}_{uk}^2
$$
,  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Purc}} = \lambda \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_u^P} c_i \left[ \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_u^E} (\gamma_1 - (\hat{r}_{ui} - \hat{r}_{uj}))^2 + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus (\mathcal{I}_u^P \cup \mathcal{I}_u^E)} (\gamma_2 - (\hat{r}_{ui} - \hat{r}_{uk}))^2 \right]$ ,  
\n $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Exam}} = (1 - \lambda) \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_u^E} c_j \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus (\mathcal{I}_u^P \cup \mathcal{I}_u^E)} (\gamma_3 - (\hat{r}_{uj} - \hat{r}_{uk}))^2$ ,  
\n $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Reg}} = -2\alpha tr (UX^T) - 2\beta tr (VY^T)$ .

Note that  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  and  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$  are used to relax the balance and decorrelation constraints [\[Zhang et al., 2016\]](#page-68-2).

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### Modules Overview

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Those parameters (i.e., *V* and *Y*) which are independent of the user preference are treated as the global parameters and can be maintained in the server.

We denote  $V_{\textit{if}}$  as the *f*-th bit of  $V_{\textit{i}}$  and  $V_{\textit{if}}$  as the rest binary vector excluding *Vif* .

For  $V_{if}$ , we fix  $U, X, Y$  and  $V_{i\bar f}$  to be constant and then the original objective function can be represented as the objective function of *Vif* , i.e.,

$$
\arg\min_{V_{if}\in\{\pm 1\}} V_{if}V_{if}^*,\tag{2}
$$

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$$
V_{i\bar{t}}^{*} = \sum_{u \in U_{i}^{\mathcal{P}}} \left[ \frac{w_{ui} \left( d \left( 2r_{ui} - 1 \right) - U_{u\bar{t}} V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} \right)}{2d^{2}} U_{ut} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_{G}^{\mathcal{E}}} \frac{\lambda c_{i}}{2d^{2}} \left( V_{j\bar{t}} + 2d\gamma_{1} U_{ut} - U_{ut} U_{u\bar{t}} \left( V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} - V_{j\bar{t}}^{T} \right) \right) \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \left( \mathcal{I}_{U}^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{I}_{G}^{\mathcal{E}} \right)} \frac{\lambda c_{i}}{2d^{2}} \left( V_{kt} + 2d\gamma_{2} U_{ut} - U_{ut} U_{u\bar{t}} \left( V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} - V_{kt}^{T} \right) \right) \right] \\ + \sum_{u \in U_{i}^{\mathcal{E}}} \left[ -\frac{s \left( d + U_{u\bar{t}} V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} \right)}{2d^{2}} U_{ut} + \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}_{U}^{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{\lambda c_{t}}{2d^{2}} \left( V_{tt} - 2d\gamma_{1} U_{ut} + U_{ut} U_{u\bar{t}} \left( V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} - V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} \right) \right) \right. \\ + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \left( \mathcal{I}_{U}^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{I}_{G}^{\mathcal{E}} \right)} \frac{\left( 1 - \lambda \right) c_{i}}{2d^{2}} \left( V_{kt} + 2d\gamma_{3} U_{ut} - U_{ut} U_{u\bar{t}} \left( V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} - V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} \right) \right) \right] \\ - \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U} \setminus \left( u_{i}^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{I}_{G}^{\mathcal{E}} \right)} \left[ \frac{s \left( d + U_{ut} V_{i\bar{t}}^{T} \right)}{2d^{2}} U_{ut} - \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}_{U}^{\mathcal{P
$$

Please refer to Appendix B of our paper for the detailed derivations of  $V_{if}^*$ .

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The update rule of *Vif* can be derived as

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V_{if} = \text{sgn}\left(K(V_{if}, V_{if}^*)\right),\tag{4}
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where  $K(x, y)$  is a function that  $K(x, y) = y$  if  $y \neq 0$  and  $K(x, y) = x$ otherwise, and sgn(*x*) is a function with sgn(*x*) = 1 if  $x > 0$  and  $sgn(x) = -1$  otherwise.

The objective function of *Y* can be represented as follows,

$$
\underset{Y}{\arg \max} \text{ tr} \left( V Y^T \right), \text{s.t. } \mathbf{1}^T Y = \mathbf{0}, Y^T Y = m\mathbf{I}. \tag{5}
$$

Let 
$$
\overline{V}_{if} = V_{if} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} V_{if}, \overline{V}^T \overline{V} = \begin{bmatrix} P_V & \hat{P}_V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{V}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_V & \hat{P}_V \end{bmatrix}^T
$$
,

where  $P_V \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d'}$  are the left singular vectors corresponding to the  $d'$  $\mathsf{positive}$  singular values in the diagonal matrix  $\Sigma_V$  and  $\hat P_V \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times (d-d')}$ are the eigenvectors of the zero eigenvalues.

 ${\sf Let} \; Q_V = \bar V P_V \Sigma_V^{-1}$  $\hat{V}$ <sup>1</sup>, we obtain  $\hat{Q}_V$  ∈  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times (d-d')}$  by Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization [\[Selek et al., 2022\]](#page-67-1) based on [*Q<sup>V</sup>* **1**].

The update rule of *Y* can be derived as

$$
Y'^T = \sqrt{m} \begin{bmatrix} P_V & \hat{P}_V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q_V & \hat{Q}_V \end{bmatrix}^T.
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## Personal Model Updating Module

*Uu*· and *Xu*· are closely related to user *u*'s preference, thus they are treated as the personal parameters.

We denote *Uuf* as the *f*-th bit of *Uu*· and *U<sup>u</sup>* ¯*f* as the rest binary vector excluding *Uuf* . The objective function of *Uuf* can be represented as follows,

$$
\arg\min_{U_{uf}\in\{\pm 1\}} - U_{uf}U_{uf}^*,\tag{7}
$$

The update rule of *Uuf* can be represented as follows,

$$
U_{uf} = \text{sgn}\left(K\left(U_{uf}, U_{uf}^*\right)\right). \tag{8}
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### Personal Model Updating Module

$$
U_{uf}^* = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{w_{ui} \left(d \left(2r_{ui} - 1\right) - U_{u\bar{f}} V_{i\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}}\right)}{2d^2} V_{if} - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{s \left(d + U_{u\bar{f}} V_{k\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}}\right)}{2d^2} V_{kt} + 2\alpha X_{uf} + \lambda \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{c_i}{d} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{E}}} \left(2d\gamma_1 - U_{u\bar{f}} V_{i\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}} + U_{u\bar{f}} V_{j\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}}\right) \left(V_{if} - V_{jt}\right) + \lambda \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{P}}} \frac{c_i}{d} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus (\mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{E}})} \left(2d\gamma_2 - U_{u\bar{f}} V_{i\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}} + U_{u\bar{f}} V_{k\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}}\right) \left(V_{if} - V_{kt}\right) + (1 - \lambda) \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{E}}} \frac{c_j}{d} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I} \setminus (\mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{I}_v^{\mathcal{E}})} \left(2d\gamma_3 - U_{u\bar{f}} V_{j\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}} + U_{u\bar{f}} V_{k\bar{f}}^{\mathcal{T}}\right) \left(V_{jt} - V_{kt}\right).
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Please refer to Appendix D of our paper for the detailed derivations of *U* ∗ *uf* .

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# Personal Model Updating Module

The objective function and the update rule of *X* can be represented as follows,

$$
\underset{X}{\arg \max} tr\left(UX^{T}\right), \text{s.t. } \mathbf{1}^{T}X = \mathbf{0}, X^{T}X = n\mathbf{I}, \tag{10}
$$

$$
X^{\prime T} = \sqrt{n} \left[ P_U \quad \hat{P}_U \right] \left[ Q_U \quad \hat{Q}_U \right]^T, \tag{11}
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where  $P_U,$   $\hat{P}_U$  and  $Q_U$  are calculated based on the user-specific latent feature matrix *U* detailed in Appendix E.

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For each item *i*'s *f*-th bit *Vif* , all the clients need to send the corresponding parameters to the server.

As the number of items increases, the communication overhead on the clients increases linearly.

It is expected that the clients' communication overhead corresponds to the size of their interaction data, i.e., only the users who have interacted with item *i* need to communicate with the server.

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## We rewrite *V* ∗ *if* as follows,

$$
V_{if}^{*} = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{f}^{\mathcal{P}}} C_{ult}^{\mathcal{P}} + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{f}^{\mathcal{E}}} C_{uit}^{\mathcal{E}} + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} C_{uit} + 2\beta Y_{if} + \frac{\lambda}{2d^{2}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{t}^{\mathcal{P}}} U_{ut} U_{u\overline{i}} c_{t} V_{t\overline{i}}^{T} + \frac{(1 - \lambda)}{2d^{2}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}} \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}_{f}^{\mathcal{E}}} U_{ut} U_{u\overline{i}} c_{t} V_{t\overline{i}}^{T} + \frac{\lambda}{2d^{2}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}} c_{t} V_{tt} |U_{t}^{\mathcal{P}}| + \frac{(1 - \lambda)}{2d^{2}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}} c_{t} V_{tt} |U_{t}^{\mathcal{E}}|,
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$$

The detailed derivations of  $C_{\sf uif}^{\cal P}$ ,  $C_{\sf uif}^{\cal E}$  and  $C_{\sf uif}$  can be found in Appendix B.

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We can observe that the terms

$$
\left(\frac{s}{2d} + \frac{\lambda \gamma_2}{d} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}_{u}^p} c_t + \frac{(1 - \lambda)\gamma_3}{d} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_{u}^{\mathcal{E}}} c_j\right) U_{uf}
$$

and

$$
U_{uf}U_{u\overline{f}}\left(\frac{s}{2d^2}+\frac{\lambda}{2d^2}\sum_{t\in\mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{P}}}c_t+\frac{1-\lambda}{2d^2}\sum_{j\in\mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{E}}}c_j\right)
$$

in *Cuif* are independent of the item *i*. Hence, client *u* can pre-calculate and send them to the server only once in each training round.

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### Similarly,

$$
\frac{\lambda}{2d^{2}}\sum_{t\in\mathcal{I}}\sum_{u\in\mathcal{U}_{t}^{\mathcal{P}}}U_{u\bar{t}}U_{u\bar{t}}\sigma_{t}V_{t\bar{t}}^{\mathcal{T}}+\frac{(1-\lambda)}{2d^{2}}\sum_{t\in\mathcal{I}}\sum_{u\in\mathcal{U}_{t}^{\mathcal{E}}}U_{u\bar{t}}U_{u\bar{t}}\sigma_{t}V_{t\bar{t}}^{\mathcal{T}}+\frac{\lambda}{2d^{2}}\sum_{t\in\mathcal{I}}c_{t}V_{t\bar{t}}\left|u_{t}^{\mathcal{P}}\right|+\frac{(1-\lambda)}{2d^{2}}\sum_{t\in\mathcal{I}}c_{t}V_{t\bar{t}}\left|u_{t}^{\mathcal{E}}\right|
$$

can also be pre-calculated and sent to the server only once in each training round.

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We design a memorization strategy to calculate the terms of the summation of the parameters related to all items, such as  $\sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}} \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{k}\mathsf{f}}.$ 

For example, we can define  $\mathsf{q}^{\mathit{f}}_1 = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}} \mathsf{V}_{\mathit{tf}}$  and  $\mathsf{p}^{\mathit{f}}_1 = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{I}} \mathsf{V}^{\mathit{I}}_{\mathit{tf}}$  $\frac{r_I}{t^f}$ . By leveraging the above memorization strategy in those terms, we can rewrite *V* ∗ *if* as

$$
V_{\tilde{t}}^* = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\mathcal{P}}} C_{\tilde{u}\tilde{t}}^{\mathcal{P}} + \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}_1^{\mathcal{E}}} C_{\tilde{u}\tilde{t}}^{\mathcal{E}} + q_2^{f} + p_2^{f} V_{i\tilde{t}}^{\mathcal{I}} + 2\beta Y_{i\tilde{t}} + \frac{\lambda}{2\sigma^2} h_1^{f} + \frac{(1-\lambda)}{2\sigma^2} h_2^{f} + \frac{\lambda}{2\sigma^2} h_3^{f} + \frac{(1-\lambda)}{2\sigma^2} h_4^{f}, \tag{13}
$$

where  $C_{\textit{\scriptsize{ui}}}^{\mathcal{P}}$  and  $C_{\textit{\scriptsize{ui}}}^{\mathcal{E}}$  have been rewritten through the memorization strategy. Similarly, we can rewrite  $U_{\textit{\tiny uf}}^{*}$  with the above strategy.

The detailed derivations can be found in Appendix F.

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### **Algorithm 1** The algorithm of DFMR in the server.

- 1: **Input:** The purchase matrix  $P \in \{0, 1\}^{n \times m}$  and the hyperparameters.
- 2: Initialize and pre-train *U*, *V*, *X* and *Y*.
- 3: Distribute *Uu*· , *Xu*· and the hyperparameters to client *u*.
- 4: Calculate  $\left| \mathcal{U}_i^{\mathcal{E}} \right|$ ,  $i \in 1, 2, \cdots, m$  via secret sharing.
- 4. Oalculate  $|a_i|$
- 6: **for**  $t = 1$  **to**  $T$  **do**
- 7: // Global model updating
- 8: Update the cache  $q_1^f$ ,  $p_1^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \cdots, d$ .
- 9: Update the cache  $q_2^t$ ,  $p_2^t$ ,  $h_1^t$ ,  $h_2^t$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \cdots, d$  via secret sharing.
- 10: Update the cache  $h_3^f$  and  $h_4^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \dots, d$ .
- 11: **for**  $u = 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**
- 12: Distribute  $q_1^f$  and  $p_1^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \dots, d$  to client *u*.
- 13: Distribute *V* to client *u*.
- 14: **end for**
- 15: **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $m$  **do**
- 16: **for**  $f = 1$  **to**  $d$  **do**

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17: Receive  $C_{\textit{uit}}^{\mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{F}}$  from client  $u \in \mathcal{U}_i^{\mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{F}}$ . 18: Update  $V_{if} = sgn(K(V_{if}, V_{if}^{\ast})).$ 19: **if** *Vif* changes **then** 20: Distribute  $V_{if}$  to client  $u \in \mathcal{U}_i^{P \cup \mathcal{E} \cup \mathcal{F}}$ . 21: **end if** 22: **end for** 23: **end for** 24: Update *Y*. 25: // Personal model updating 26: Update the cache  $q_5^f$ ,  $p_5^f$ ,  $q_6^f$ ,  $p_6^f$  and  $p_7^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \dots, d$ . 27: **for**  $u = 1$  **to**  $n$  **do** 28: Distribute  $q_5^f$ ,  $p_5^f$ ,  $q_6^f$ ,  $p_6^f$  and  $p_7^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \cdots, d$  to client *u*,  $f \in {1, 2, \cdots, d}$ . 29: **end for**

30: **end for**

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### **Algorithm 2** The algorithm of DFMR on the client *u*.

- 1: **Input:** A set of purchased items  $\mathcal{I}_{u}^{\mathcal{P}}$ , a set of examined items  $\mathcal{I}_{u}^{\mathcal{E}}$ , the sampling parameter ρ.
- 2: Receive *Uu*· , *Xu*· and the hyperparameters from the server.
- 3: Randomly generated  $\mathcal{I}_{u}^{\mathcal{F}}$ , where  $|\mathcal{I}_{u}^{\mathcal{F}}| = \rho (|\mathcal{I}_{u}^{\mathcal{P}}| + |\mathcal{I}_{u}^{\mathcal{E}}|)$ .
- 4: Calculate  $|\mathcal{U}^{\mathcal{E}}_i|, i \in \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{E}}_u \cup \mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{F}}_u$  via secret sharing.
- 5: // Start training
- $6 \cdot$  **for**  $t = 1$  **to**  $T$  **do**
- 7: // Global model updating
- 8: Update the cache  $q_2^f$ ,  $p_2^f$ ,  $p_3^f$ ,  $p_4^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \cdots, d$  via secret sharing.
- 9: Receive  $q_1^f$  and  $p_1^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \cdots, d$  from the server.

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- 10: Receive *V* from the server.
- 11: **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $m$  **do**
- 12: **for**  $f = 1$  **to**  $d$  **do**
- 13: **if**  $i \in \mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{E}} \cup \mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{F}}$  then *u*

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14: \tC_{uif}^{\mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{E}} \cup \mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{F}}} =
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 $C_{\textit{uit}}^{\mathcal{P}}$  if  $i \in \mathcal{I}_{\textit{u}}^{\mathcal{P}}$  $C_{\text{diff}}^{\varepsilon}$  if  $i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{u}}^{\varepsilon}$ 

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- 15: Upload  $C_{\text{uit}}^{\mathcal{I}_{\text{U}}^p \cup \mathcal{I}_{\text{U}}^{\mathcal{I}}}\text{ to the server via secret sharing.}$
- 16: **if** *Vif* changes **then**
- 17: Update  $V_{if}$ .
- 18: Update the cache  $q_1^f$  and  $p_1^f$  locally.
- 19: **end if**
- 20: **end if**
- 21: **end for**
- 22: **end for**
- 23: // Personal model updating
- 24: Receive the cache  $q_5^f$ ,  $p_5^f$ ,  $q_6^f$ ,  $p_6^f$ , and  $p_7^f$ ,  $f \in 1, 2, \cdots, d$  from the server.
- 25: Update *Uu*· .
- 26: **end for**

## <span id="page-29-0"></span>Space Complexity

- The server requires *d* (5*d* + 3) *B* bits for storing the cache, 2*dm* bits for storing *V* and *Y*.
- Each client *u* requires *d* (4*d* − 1) *B* bits for storing the cache, *dm* bits for storing the item-specific binary matrix and 2*d* bits for storing *Uu*· and *Xu*· , where *B* is the bit-length of the data.
- We usually have *dB* ≪ *m*, which means that the space complexity of the server and the clients are O (*dm*).

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# Communication Complexity

- The communication complexity of the server is  $\mathcal{O}(dmT)$ .
- The communication complexity of the client *u* is  $\mathcal{O}(dm)$ .

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# Computational Complexity

- The computational complexity of the server is  $\mathcal{O}(d\mathbf{s}T)$ .
- The computational complexity of each client *u* is  $\mathcal{O}\left(\boldsymbol{d}\left(\left|\mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{P}}\right|+\left|\mathcal{I}_u^{\mathcal{E}}\right|\right)^2 \boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}\right).$

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### Privacy analysis

- Our DFMR protects a portion of the privacy-sensitive raw data without affecting the basic business.
- The personal parameter *Uu*· , which is related to the user preference, is always kept on each client.
- All the uploaded intermediate parameters are protected via secret sharing and fake items techniques [\[Lin et al., 2022\]](#page-67-2).

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### <span id="page-33-0"></span>Research Questions

- RQ1: How does our DFMR perform compared with the baseline methods?
- RQ2: What is the superiority of our proposed cache updating module?
- RQ3: Comparing with real-valued methods, does the space overhead reduce significantly?

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### Datasets

- We conduct experiments on four public datasets including JD, Tmall, User Behavior (UB) and MovieLens 10M (ML10M).
- For the sake of simplicity, we only preserve two types of behaviors, i.e., examinations and purchases.
- For the simulation, we regard the rating behaviors with scores greater than or equal to 4 as purchase behaviors and the rest behaviors as examination behaviors on ML10M.

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### Datasets

We preprocess the datasets as follows:

- For duplicated (user, item, behavior) tuples in a sequence, we only retain the earliest one;
- We discard the cold-start items with fewer than 20 purchase interactions and the cold-start users with fewer than 5 purchase interactions;
- We remove the records from Tmall on the special sales promotion day November 11;
- We sort all the records according to the timestamp in ascending order, and then take the data front of the 80% timeline as the training set, that of 80%-90% as the validation set, and that after 90% as the test set;
- We discard the examination records which the same users have both examined and purchased.

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### **Datasets**

### Table: Statistics of the processed datasets.



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### **Baselines**

Four centralized learning-based algorithms:

- LogMF [\[Johnson and C, 2014\]](#page-67-3) is a classic one-class collaborative filtering (OCCF) algorithm that adopts a pointwise preference assumption, which learns the user and item vectors via the stochastic gradient descent (SGD) technique using a logistic loss function.
- eALS [\[He et al., 2016\]](#page-67-4) is a non-sampling-based OCCF algorithm, which learns the user and item vectors via the element-wise alternative least square technique [\[He et al., 2016\]](#page-67-4) using a root mean square error (RMSE) loss function.

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### **Baselines**

- VALS [\[Ding et al., 2018\]](#page-67-5) is a non-sampling-based heterogeneous one-class collaborative filtering (HOCCF) algorithm that models the pairwise relations among the purchase data, the examination data and the un-interacted data, which learns the user and item vectors via the element-wise alternative least square technique using an RMSE loss function.
- **O** DCF [\[Zhang et al., 2016\]](#page-68-2) is a non-sampling-based discrete OCCF algorithm, which learns the user and item vectors via the discrete coordinate descent technique [\[Farsa and Rahnamayan, 2020\]](#page-67-6) using an RMSE loss function.

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### **Baselines**

Two federated learning-based algorithms:

- MF FedAVG is a federated version of LogMF, which uses the FedAVG algorithm [\[McMahan et al., 2017\]](#page-67-7) to aggregate the items' gradients in the server.
- FedGNN [\[Wu et al., 2022\]](#page-67-8) is a GNN-based federated OCCF algorithm, which proposes to use a trusted third-party server to construct similar user neighborhoods for each client to learn high-order graph information.

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### Table: Recommendation performance of MF, eALS, VALS, MF FedAVG, FedGNN, DCF and our DFMR on JD.



### Table: Recommendation performance of MF, eALS, VALS, MF FedAVG, FedGNN, DCF and our DFMR on Tmall.



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### Table: Recommendation performance of MF, eALS, VALS, MF FedAVG, FedGNN, DCF and our DFMR on UB.



### Table: Recommendation performance of MF, eALS, VALS, MF FedAVG, FedGNN, DCF and our DFMR on ML10M.



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Figure: Recommendation performance (i.e., NDCG, Precision and Recall) with different values of *K* on JD.



Figure: Recommendation performance (i.e., NDCG, Precision and Recall) with different values of *K* on Tmall. 

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Figure: Recommendation performance (i.e., NDCG, Precision and Recall) with different values of *K* on UB.



Figure: Recommendation performance (i.e., NDCG, Precision and Recall) with different values of *K* on ML10M. イロト イ押ト イヨト イヨ

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We have the following observations:

- **•** For the three baselines exploiting homogeneous one-class feedback (i.e., MF, eALS and DCF), we can observe that DCF does not perform well compared with the two real valued-based baselines, i.e., MF and eALS, in most cases. It indicates that there is a performance gap between real valued-based models and binary-based models. Indeed, it is acceptable to sacrifice some accuracy for efficiency, but the hope is that the performance will not drop significantly.
- **Moreover, our DFMR achieves the better performance than DCF on all** the four datasets, which clearly shows the advantage of our generic solution by modeling different preference levels for the users' purchase, examination and un-interacted behaviors.
- Additionally, our DFMR can approach or even outperform MF and eALS on both JD and ML10M, which demonstrates the effectiveness of our DFMR.

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- **•** For the baseline VALS exploiting heterogeneous one-class feedback, it outperforms all OCCF-based centralized baselines in most cases, which clearly indicates that the use of the examination behaviors can improve the recommendation performance. Moreover, it outperforms our DFMR on Tmall and UB. Instead, our DFMR can approach or even outperform VALS on JD and ML10M. It clearly indicates that in the case of binarizing the user and item vectors our DFMR does not sacrifice much in terms of recommendation performance.
- Compared with the two federated learning-based baselines (i.e., MF FedAVG and FedGNN), we can observe that DFMR achieves better performance than MF FedAVG on four datasets. And at the same time, it can approach and even outperform FedGNN. It clearly indicates that although our DFMR sacrifices some accuracy for efficiency, it is still a state-of-the-art federated learning-based recommendation method due to the exploitation for examination behaviors.

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Table: Time cost of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of dimensions on JD.



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Table: Time cost of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of dimensions on Tmall.



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Table: Time cost of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of dimensions on UB.



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Table: Time cost of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of dimensions on ML10M.



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We have the following observations:

- Our DFMR with cache is significantly faster than that without cache on four datasets. It indicates that our designed cache updating module can effectively reduce the computational overhead by pre-calculating the summation over the parameters of all the items or users independently for a corresponding specific item or user.
- For the OCCF-based methods, eALS and DCF, their computational time is of the same order of magnitude approximately, while the computational time of VALS and our DFMR with cache is also of the same order. It indicates that the discrete-based methods can be comparable to the real value-based methods in terms of the computational time.

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- When the dimension number increases, the computational time of our DFMR with cache increases linearly while that of our DFMR without cache increases exponentially. This result indicates that if the dimension number is large, our designed cache updating module can play a more important role in reducing the computational overhead.
- Even if we set a small dimension number in our DFMR without cache (e.g.,  $d = 2$ ), the computational time of the server is still larger than that of a large dimension number in our DFMR with cache (e.g.,  $d = 32$ ), which again shows the superiority of our designed cache updating module.

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Table: Communication cost (MB) of each client of one round with different numbers of dimensions on four datasets.



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We have the following observations:

- We can see that the communication cost of our DFMR with cache is higher than that without cache, which indicates that the use of the cache updating module will increase the communication overhead.
- As the dimension number increases, the communication cost of our DFMR without cache increases linearly while that with cache increases sharply.

- **•** For our DFMR with cache, its communication cost is higher than MF FedAVG and FedGNN when the size of the dimension is large. The reason is that the clients in the latter need to spend some additional cost to receive the cache which is proportional to the square of the dimension number.
- The dimension number is often fixed and it is thus unnecessary to set an especially large value. For example, we can learn a good recommendation model when  $d = 32$  in the experiments. In this case, the communication costs sacrificed for the cache are acceptable.

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Table: Space overhead (MB) of one round with different numbers of dimensions on JD.



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Table: Space overhead (MB) of one round with different numbers of dimensions on Tmall.



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Table: Space overhead (MB) of one round with different numbers of dimensions on UB.



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Table: Space overhead (MB) of one round with different numbers of dimensions on ML10M.



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Figure: Space overhead (MB) of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of items on JD.

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Figure: Space overhead (MB) of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of items on Tmall.

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Figure: Space overhead (MB) of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of items on UB.

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Figure: Space overhead (MB) of the server and each client of one round with different numbers of items on ML10M.

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We have the following observations:

- Taking MF and DFMR (w/o cache) as an example, we can see that the discrete hashing techniques can compress the storage space to 1.56% of the real-valued parameters when  $B = 64$ .
- Similar to the experimental results for the communication cost, the cache will bring some additional storage overhead.
- Both lines gradually approach as the number of items increases. Hence, the additional storage overhead can be ignored when the number of items is large.

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## <span id="page-64-0"></span>**Conclusions**

- To ensure the basic business imperatives, we assume that the purchase behaviors can be collected, and then propose a novel framework called discrete federated multi-behavior recommendation (DFMR).
- We use discrete hashing techniques to binarize the user and item vectors, which reduces the storage overhead significantly.
- We design a global model updating module and a personal model updating module to update the parameters.
- We design a cache updating module to break through the computational bottlenecks.

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### Future Work

- We are interested in studying how to improve the accuracy of the discrete hashing methods in federated recommendation.
- We are also interested in extending our method to privacy-preserving sequential recommendation with different types of behaviors.
- We are also interested in studying how to forget the private data from the recommendation systems, which lies in the fields of machine unlearning and federated unlearning.

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