

## Online recommendation algorithms

### 1: Online recommendation algorithms

What kind of online recommendation algorithms are you familiar with? Rate the items below from 1-5, from most influential to least influential.

- Social media platforms - for example: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), Tik Tok
- E-commerce websites - for example: Amazon, eBay, Alibaba
- Streaming services - for example: Netflix, Spotify, YouTube
- News aggregators - for example: Google News, Apple News, Facebook (X)
- Dating apps - for example: Tinder, Bumble, Hinge

Explain why the top ranked item is most influential: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2: Personalization

How do you think online recommendation algorithms personalize your experience? Rate the items below from 1-5, from most influential to least influential.

- Browse history - based on your previous searches and visits
- Purchase history - suggesting products similar to your past purchases
- Likes and interactions - based on your engagement with posts, videos, or songs
- Location data - location-specific recommendations, such as nearby restaurants or events
- Demographic information - based on age, gender, or other demographic data

Explain why the top ranked item is most influential: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3: Impact

What impact do online recommendation algorithms have on your online experience? Rate the items **P** – positive or **N** - negative

- Discovering new content – helps you find new products, services, or entertainment
- Saving time - reduces the effort required to search for relevant content
- Echo chambers - limits exposure to diverse perspectives by reinforcing existing preferences
- Targeted advertising - shows ads that are more likely to be relevant to your interests
- Privacy concerns - uses personal data to generate recommendations
- Influencing decisions - sways your choices in purchasing, entertainment, or political views
- Convenience - makes it easier to find and access content that aligns with your preferences
- Dependency – creates a reliance on algorithms for decision-making and content discovery

Overall, do you feel positively or negatively about recommendation algorithms: \_\_\_\_\_