One Person, One Model, One World: Learning Continual User Representation without Forgetting SIGIR2021

Data&Code: https://github.com/fajieyuan/SIGIR2021_Conure

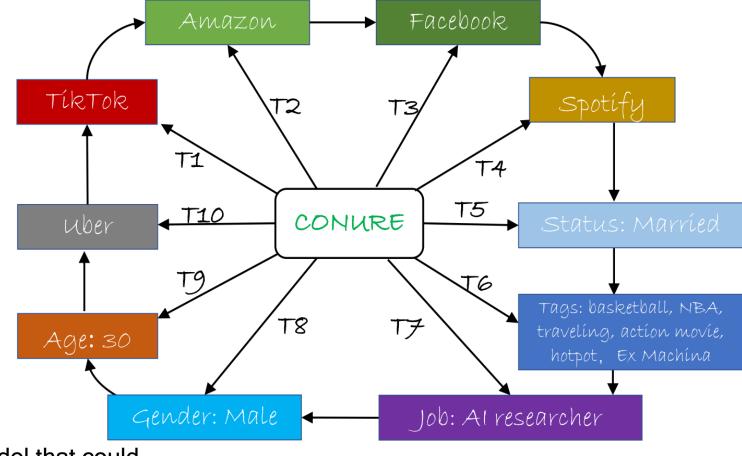
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Our Motivation

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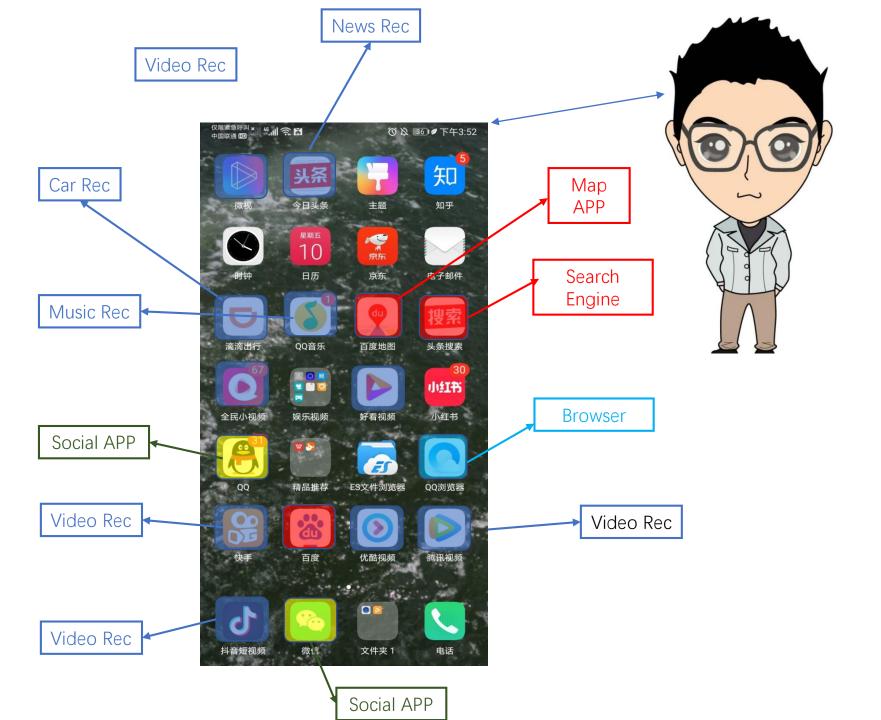
Our Focus:

Whether we can build a user representation model that could keep learning throughout all sequential tasks without forgetting

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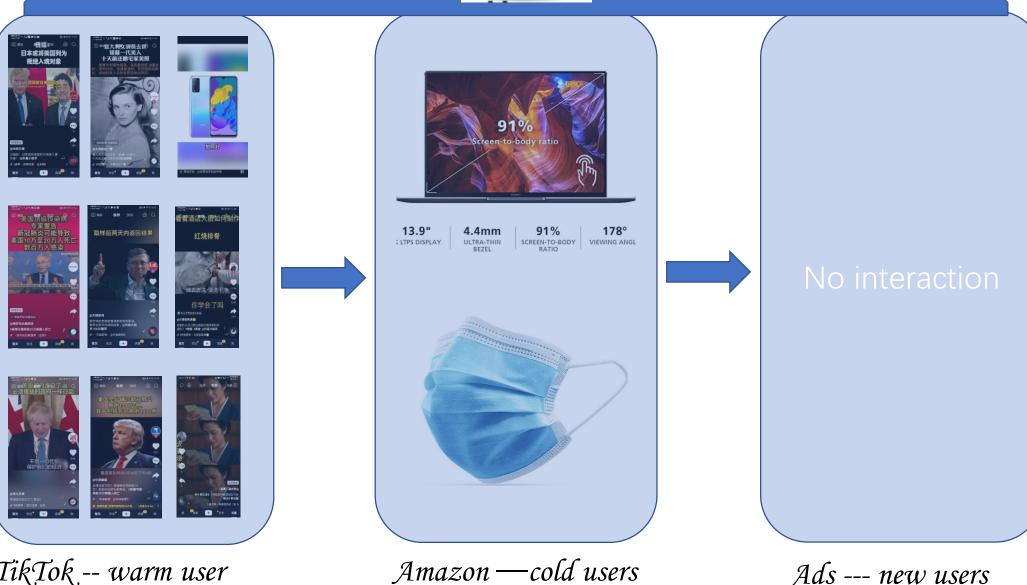


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Clicking logs



TikTok -- warm user

Ads --- new users

Using Lifelong learning techniques to solve recommendation tasks

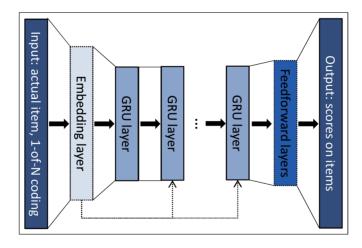
Keypoints

- Necessity and possibility why lifelong learning for UR learning?
- Lifelong learning paradigm throughout all tasks.
- Performance gain for tasks have certain correlations.

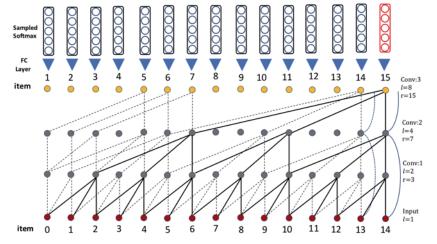
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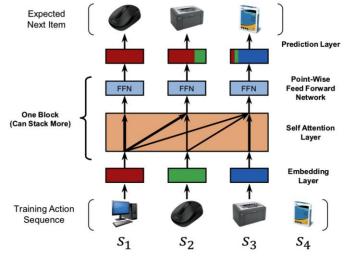
• Classical UR models (works well but is specific to only one task)



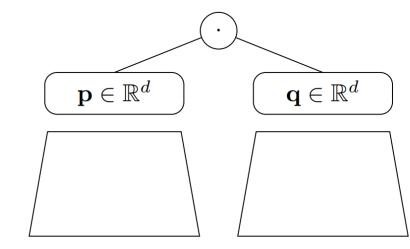
GRU4Rec (Hidasi et al ICLR2016)



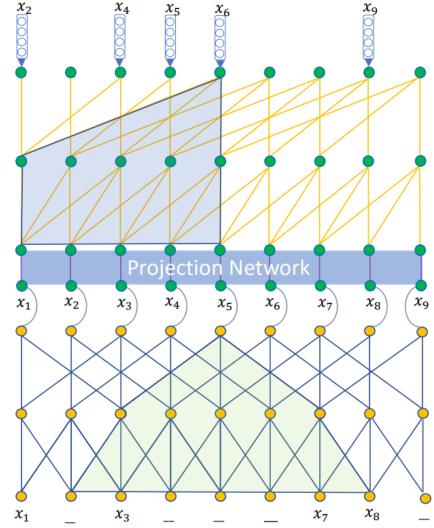
NextltNet (Yuan et al WSDM2019)



SASRec(Kang et al ICDM2018)

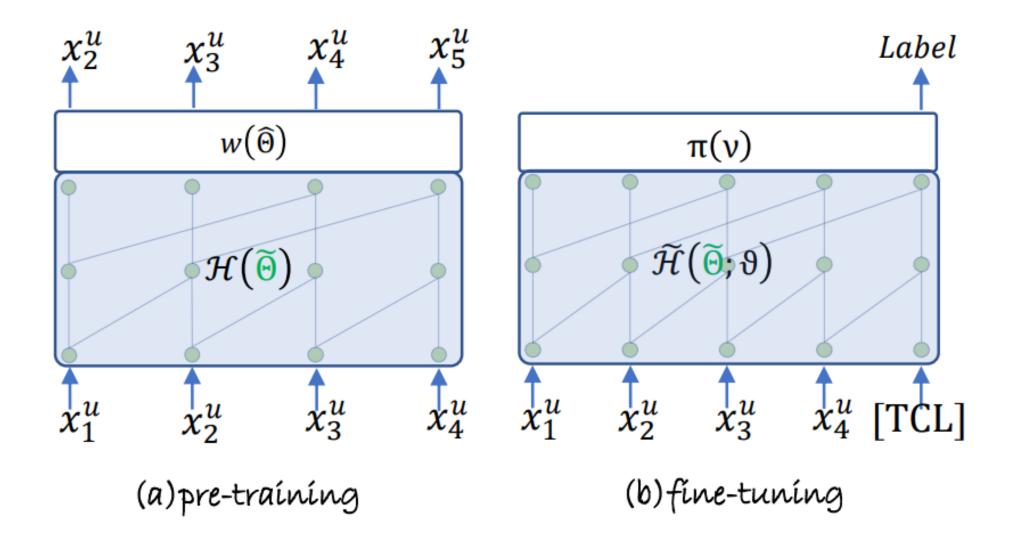


DSSM(Huang et al CIKM2013)

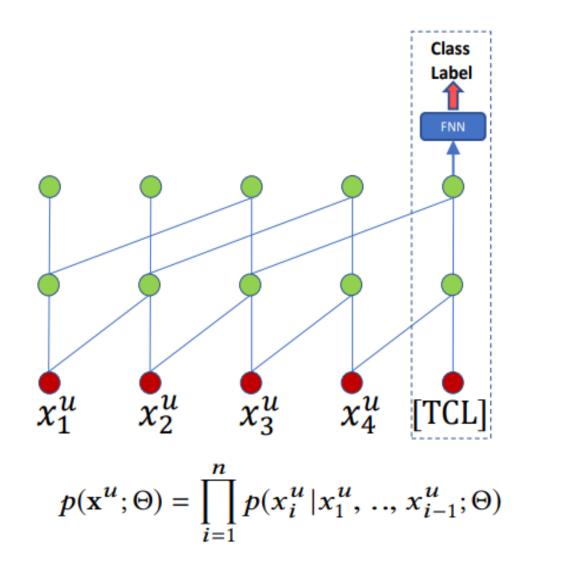


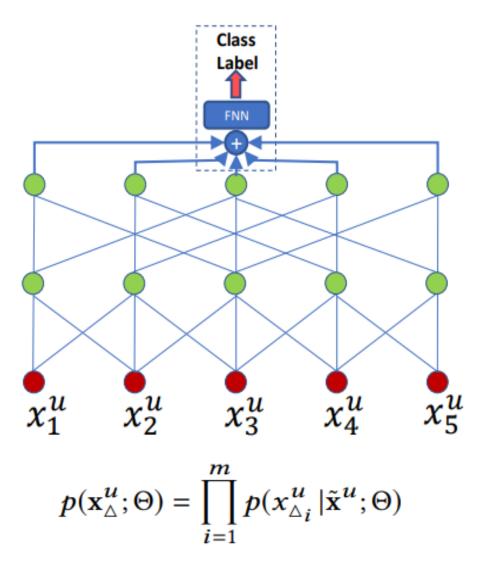
Grec (Yuan et al WWW2020)

• PeterRec (Two-stage Transfer Learning):

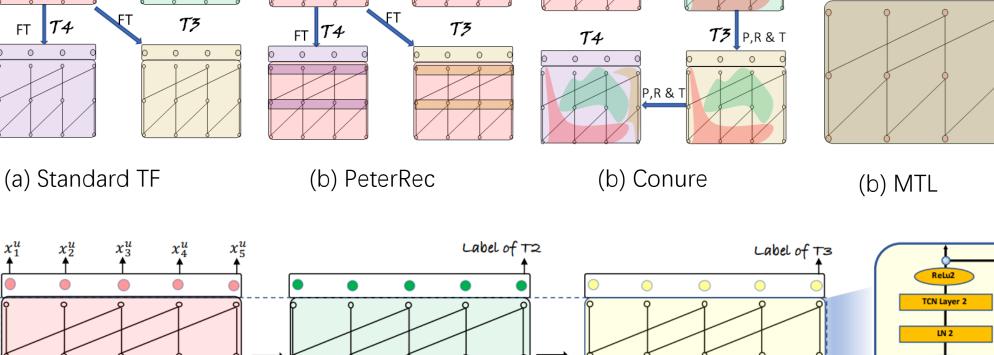


• PeterRec (Finetuning):





Transfer Learning Paradigm Comparisons: • T1 $T\mathcal{L}$ T1 TZ. T1 TL T1 $T\mathcal{L}$ 0 0 0 \bigcirc 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 FΤ P,R & ⁻ FT



T3

T4

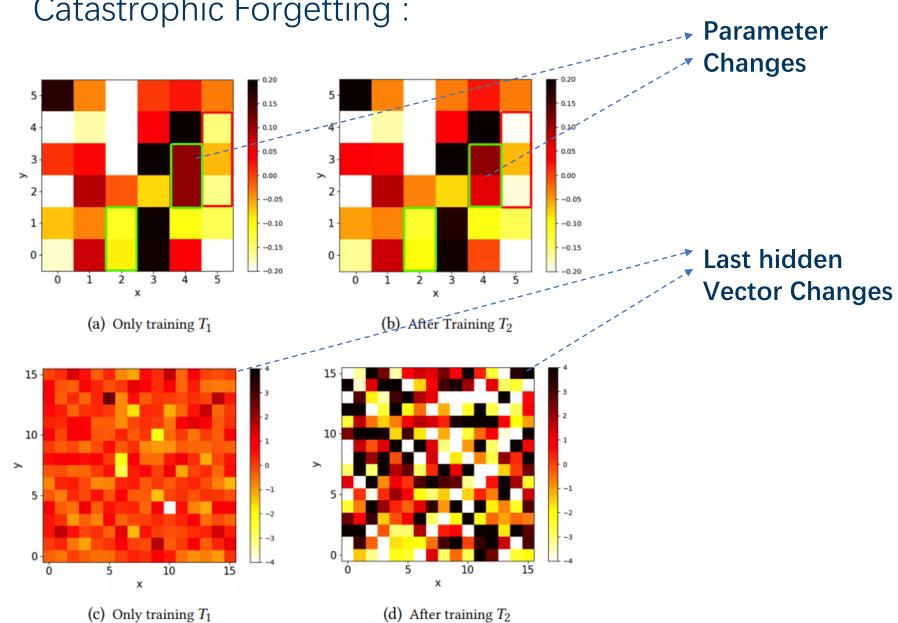
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ReLu1 TCN Layer 1 x_4^u LN 1 x_0^u x_4^{u} x_3^u x_3^{lu} x_1^u x_3^{lu} x_1^u x_4^{lu} x_0^u x_2^u x_1^u x_2^u x_2^{u} (a) T1 (b) T2 (c)T3 (d) Residual Block

Lifelong learning without parameter preserving

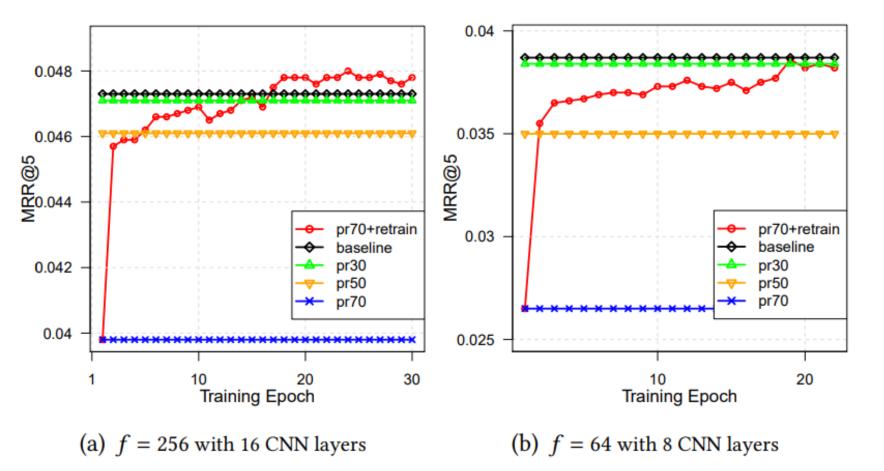
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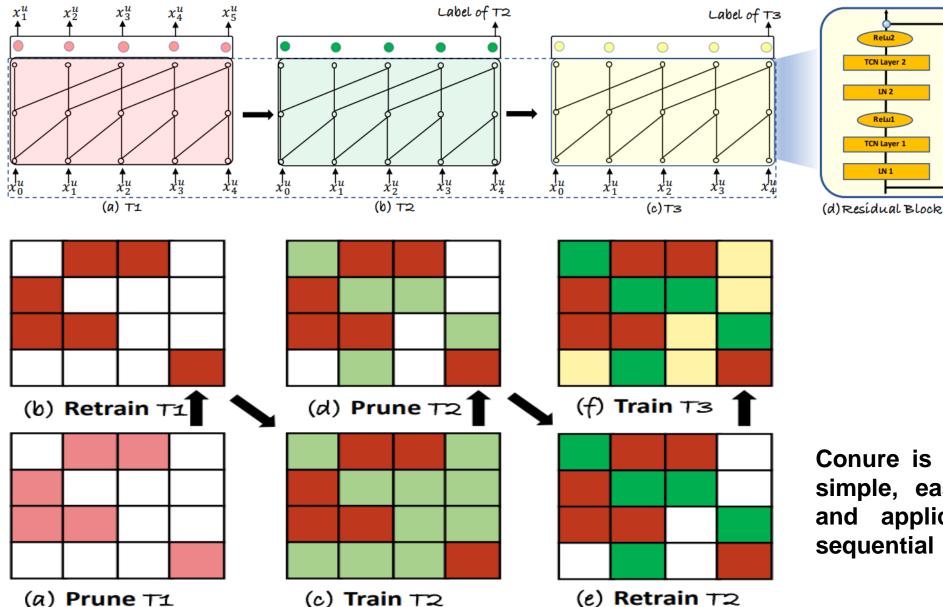
Catastrophic Forgetting :

• Over-parameterization:



- (1) the more parameters are pruned, the worse it performs
- (2) performing retraining on the pruned network (i.e., "pr70+retrain") regains its original accuracy quickly
- (3) smaller models (i.e., (b)) are also highly over-parameterized

• Conure architecture and learning process.



Conure is conceptually very simple, easy to implement, and applicable to various sequential encoder networks.

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• Datasets:

TTL: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1imhHUsivh6oMEtEW-RwVc4OsDqn-xOaP/view</u> ML: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-_KmnZFaOdH11keLYVcgkf-kW_BaM266/view</u>

Table 1: Number of instances. The number of distinct items |X| in T_1 for TTL and ML is 646K and 54K (K = 1000), respectively. The number of labels $|\mathcal{Y}|$ is 18K, 8K, 8, 2, 6, respectively from T_2 to T_6 in TTL, and 26K, 16K, respectively from T_2 to T_3 in ML. M = 1000K.

Data	T_1	T_2	<i>T</i> ₃	T_4	T_5	<i>T</i> ₆
TTL	1.47M	2.70 <i>M</i>	0.27 <i>M</i>	1.47 <i>M</i>	1.47 <i>M</i>	1.02 <i>M</i>
ML	0.74 <i>M</i>	3.06 <i>M</i>	0.82 <i>M</i>	-	-	-

• Results:

Table 2: Accuracy comparison. #B is the number of backbone networks. The left and right of '||' represent TTL and ML, respectively. *Conure* denotes *Conure* that has not experienced the pruning operation after training on the current task. The worse and best results are marked by ' ∇ ' and ' Δ ', respectively.

Model	T_1	T_2	<i>T</i> ₃	T_4	<i>T</i> ₅	T_6	# B	T_1	$ $ T_2	<i>T</i> ₃	# B
DNN	0.0104	0.0154	0.0231	0.7131	0.8908	0.6003	6	0.0276	0.0175	0.0313	3
SinMo	0.0473	0.0144	0.0161	0.7068	0.8998	0.5805⊽	6	0.0637	0.0160	0.0259 [▽]	3
SinMoAll	0.0009 [▽]	0.0079 ^{\neq}	0.0124^{∇}	$0.5640^{ abla}$	0.7314 [▽]	0.6160	1	0.0038 [▽]	0.0145 [▽]	0.0310	1
FineSmax	0.0473	0.0160	0.0262	0.6798	0.8997	0.6070	1	0.0637	0.0150	0.0262	1
FineAll	0.0473	0.0172	0.0271	0.7160△	0.9053	0.6132	6	0.0637	0.0189	0.0325	3
PeterRec	0.0473	0.0173	0.0275	0.7137	0.9053	0.6156	1	0.0637	0.0182	0.0308	1
MTL	-	0.0151	0.0172	0.7094	0.8979	0.6027	1	-	0.0167	0.0276	1
Conure-	0.0473	0.0174	0.0286	0.7139	0.9051	0.6180	-	0.0637	0.0183	0.0347	-
Conure	0.0480△	0.0177^	0.0287^	0.7146	0.9068△	0.6185 [△]	1	0.0656 [△]	0.0197△	0.0353△	1

— (1) Conure largely outperforms other models on T3 because of the positive transfer from T1 and T2

— (2) Conure, PeterRec and FineAll largely outperforms SimMo because of of the positive transfer from T1

— (3) SinMoAll performs much worse on most tasks (except the last one) because of catastrophic forgetting

• Ablation study- T2 for T3:

Table 3: Impact of T_2 on T_3 . Conure_noT_2 denotes training Conure on T_3 after T_1 . Conure_noT_2 and Conure both are the Conure-versions. TTL20% and ML20% denote the 20/80 train/test split.

	T	TL	TTL20	% MI	. ML20%
Conure_noT ₂	0.0)277	0.024	5 0.033	34 0.0295
Conure	0.0	286	0.026	1 0.034	47 0.0309
Impro.	3.	.2%	6.5%	3.9%	% 4.7%

— (1) Without training T2, Conure shows worse results, e.g., -6.5% on TTL20%

Ablation study- Task order:

Table 4: Impact of task orders. Order1 is the original order as mentioned in Section 5.1. KC, KT and Life denotes the clicking dataset, the thumbs-up dataset and the life status dataset of *Kandian*, respectively. Results on T_1 are omitted due to the same accuracy. The left and right of '||' are results of *Conure*- and *Conure*, respectively.

Orders	KC	KT	Life	KC	KT	Life
Order1	0.0174	0.0286	0.6180	0.0177	0.0287	0.6185
Order2	0.0174	0.0289	0.6154	0.0177	0.0290	0.6152
Order3	0.0174	0.0289	0.6145	0.0177	0.0287	0.6149

— (1) Conure is not sensitive to the task order.

• Ablation study:

Table 5: Pruning and retraining both the embedding & convolutional layers. The left & right of '||' are tasks on TTL & ML.

Models	T_1	T_2	$ T_3$	T_1	$ T_2$	$ T_3$
Conure-	0.0473	0.0175	0.0290	0.0637	0.0191	0.0341
Conure	0.0474	0.0177	0.0295	0.0645	0.0196	0.0347

— (1) pruning also works for the embedding layer

Table 6: Results by specifying *Conure* with Transformer as the backbone network. The left and right of '||' represent tasks on TTL and ML, respectively. 'Mo', 'FA', 'C-', 'C', denotes Models, FineAll, Conure- and Conure, respectively.

Mo $ $ T_1	T ₂	<i>T</i> ₃	# B	T_1	T_2	T ₃	# B
FA 0.0510	0.0161	0.0243	3	0.0654	0.0193	0.0321	3
<i>C</i> - 0.0510	0.0177	0.0288	-	0.0654	0.0198	0.0345	-
C 0.0513	0.0179	0.0289	1	0.0662	0.0200	0.0357	1

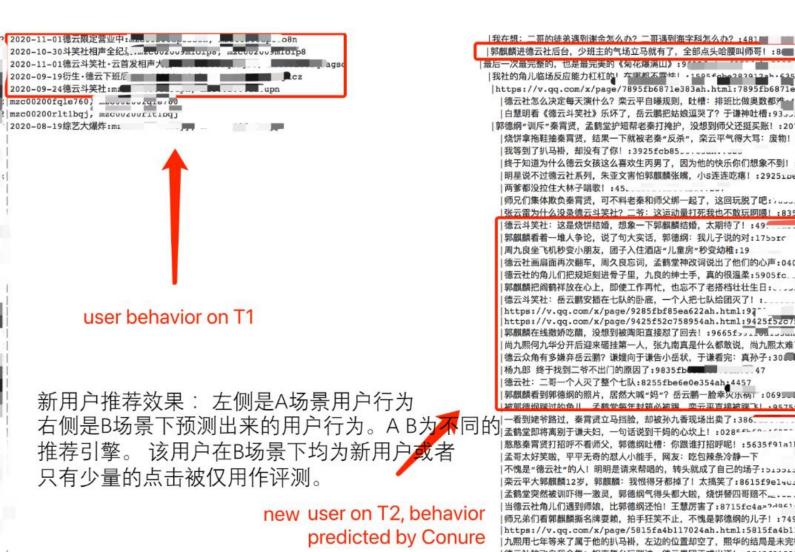
- (1) Conure is not restricted to specialized sequential encoder.
- (2) Conure with the Transformer backbone works a bit better than it with NextItNet.

Contributions:

- (1) providing the first lifelong learning paradigm for user representations.
- (2) providing insights for forgetting and redundancy issues in user representation models
- (3) designing Conure, the first lifelong learning algorithm smple and easy to implement
- (4) instantiazing Conure with NextItNet and Transformer backbones
- (5) Extensive experiments with SOTA performance with many new discoveries and insights



Case study:



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