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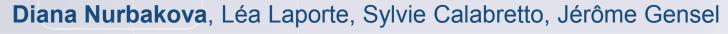
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Itinerary Recommendation for Cruises: User Study



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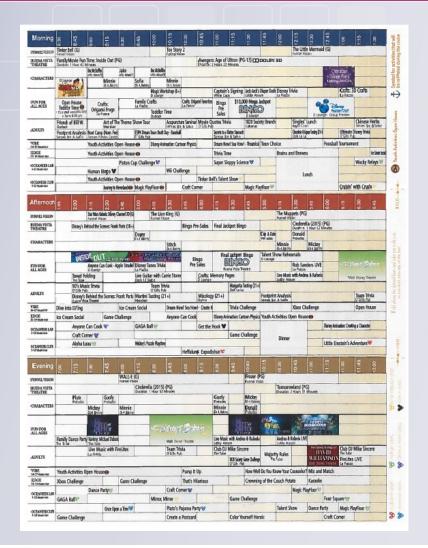








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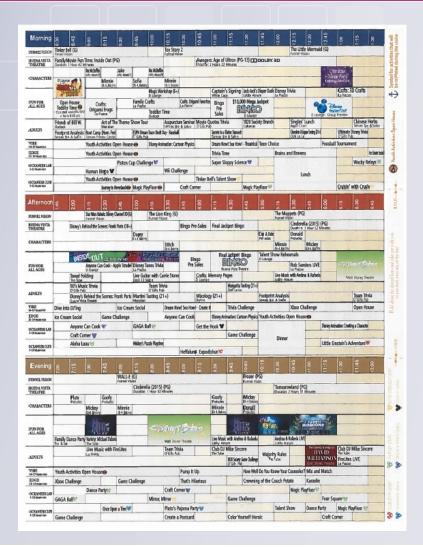
Cruising Statistics

2016 – 24.2 mln passengers globally 2017 - ≈25.3 mln expected 1980-2017 - average annual passenger growth rate – 7%/annum 2005-2015 – increase in demand for cruising – 62% 2016 Deployed Capacity Share – 33.7% Caribbean/Bahamas (FCCA, 2017)





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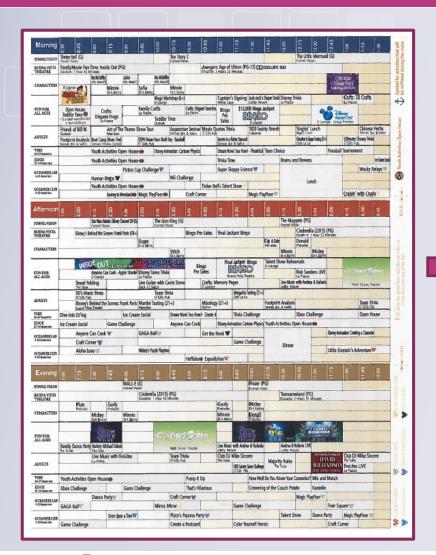
Who Cruises?

- → Preferred vacation choice for families, esp. with kids <18</p>
- Kids are involved in decision process
- Millennials & Generation X : cruises> land-based vacations
- → The best for relaxing and getting away from it all, for see and do new things (FCCA, 2017)





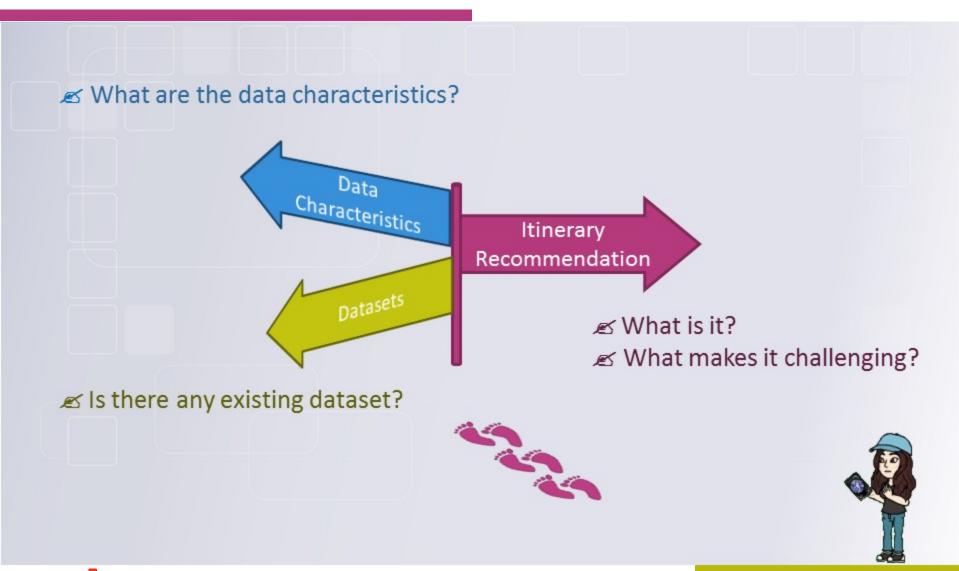
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Time Slots	Activity	Travel
		Time,
		min
14:00 - 14:30	Towel Folding	3.999
14:15 - 15:00	Anyone Can Cook - Apple	3.193
	Strudel	
15:45 - 16:15	Bingo Pre-Sales. Final Jackpot	1.701
16:15 - 17:00	Bingo: Final Jackpot	0.000
17:00 - 18:00	Professional Portraits	2.556
17:00 - 18:00	Talent Show Rehearsals	2.141
18:15 - 19:00	Disney's Believe	2.473
19:15 - 20:30	Professional Portraits	3.328
19:30 - 20:00	Mirror Mirror	2.141
21:30 - 22:30	Professional Portraits	2.141
21:45 - 22:15	Mirror Mirror	2.141
22:15 - 22:45	Club New Year's Eve	0.000
23:00 - 23:30	The Comedy & Magic of David	2.473
	Williamson	
23:30 - 00:00	FireLites LIVE	3.328
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Key Questions





Itinerary Recommendation: Problem Statement

What We Have

Set of Activities, $\mathcal{A} = \{a_i\}_{i=\overline{1,N}}$: $a = \langle l, t, \delta, c, d \rangle$

l = (x, y, z) - location

 $t = (t_s, t_e)$ – time window (start & end)

 $\delta \leq (t_e - t_s)$ – duration

 $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k)$ – vector of categories

d – textual description

- Set of Users, $U = \{u_j\}_{j=\overline{1,M}}$
- Users' History, \mathcal{M} :

$$\mathcal{M}_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1}, j^{th} \text{ user joined } i^{th} \text{ activity} \\ \mathbf{0}, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What We Want

Activity Sequence (itinerary), $\xi(u) = (a_{(1)} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow a_{(s)} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow a_{(s+k)}), 1 < s < s + k < N$

Activity availability constraint:

$$t_s(a_{(i)}) \le start(a_{(i)}) \le t_e(a_{(i)})$$

 $start(a_{(i)}) = \max\{start(a_{(i-1)}) + \delta(a_{(i-1)}) + time(a_{(i-1)}, a_{(i)}), t_s(a_{(i)})\}$

Time budget constraint:

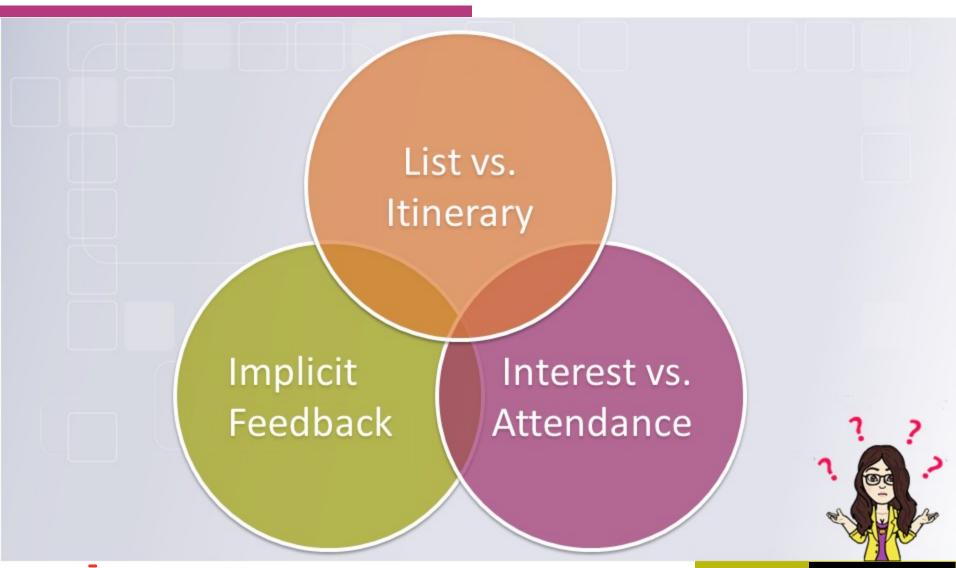
$$\sum_{a_{(i)} \in \xi(u)} time(a_{(i-1)}, a_{(i)}) + \delta(a_{(i)}) \leq T_{max}$$

- User's Satisfaction :
 - w.r.t. activity $r(a,u), r: \mathcal{A} \to \mathbb{R}^+$
 - w.r.t. itinerary $\rho(\xi, u), \rho: \Xi \to \mathbb{R}^+$
- Find: $\forall u \in U, \xi(u)$: max $\rho(\xi, u)$

(Nurbakova *et al.*, 2017)



Challenges





Data Characteristics

ITEM

- Time Windows •
- *Coordinates* Price
- Categories
- Description
- Service Time Item Additional
 - Attributes

SEQUENCE

- Time Budget
- Starting/Ending Point
- **Tour Additional Attributes**

USER

User's personal data

USER-ITEM

- Historical data
- Score

USER-USER

Social links



Existing Datasets



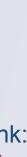
			Single Item							Schedule			Sequence		
Entity	Characteristic	TREC CS'13 [3]	TREC CS'14 [4]	TREC CS' 15 [2]	Yelp ¹	Foursquare_1 [14]	Foursquare_2 2	Flickr [11]	Twitter [5]	Meetup [7]	MCTOPMTW [10]	Other OP-TW [12]	Other OP-based [12]	TripBuilder [6]	GeoLife [13]
	Time windows				✓						✓	✓			
	Coordinates	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Service Time										✓	✓	✓		
Item	Categories									✓	✓			✓	
	Price					√					√			√	
	Item Additional Attributes				√			V		✓					
	Description	L						√	✓						
	Time budget										✓	✓	✓		
Sequence	Starting/Ending Point										✓	✓	✓		✓
	Tour Additional Attributes			✓											✓
User	User's personal data			✓						✓					
User-Item	Historical Data	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
	Score	√	√	√		√	✓				√	√	✓		
User-User	Social links				1	1	1			1			·		



User Study: Stats

Dataset Statistics						
Number of users	23					
Number of activities in overall program	595					
Number of days	7					
Number of DCL categories	10					
Number of No DCL categories	42					
Number of locations	47					
Average time of completion	50min-1h					









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User Study: Part I



User Study Campaign

The aim of this questionnaire is to create a preliminary dataset that could be used in order to make personalised recommendations of itineraries. The survey consists of four parts. The first one deals with user's features and experience. The second part aims to learn the preferences of the user by asking to evaluate the list of activities. In the third one, users are asked to create daily itineraries by selecting activities. And the fourth part concludes the survey. The aim of this study is to better understand what "factors" influence our choice of activities to perform.

The list of activities used in the survey is taken from the personal navigators of Disney's Fantasy 7-nights Eastern Caribbean cruise. Activities dedicated exclusively for kids have been excluded from the current list of activities.

The original personal navigators can be found at:

 $\frac{http://disneycruiselineblog.com/2015/07/personal-navigators-7-night-eastern-caribbean-cruise-on-disney-fantasy-itinerary-a-june-20-2015/$

The deck plan of the ship can be found at: http://disneycruiselineblog.com/ships/deck-plans-disney-dream-disney-fantasy/

The screenshot of Disney Cruise Line official permitting the use of the personal navigators can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzEKHQGWnmE2czBPeTRncEthcEk/view?usp=sharing

PS: the data will be used only in academic purpose

PART I. USER PROFILE

This part contains questions on basic user's features and their experience.

Your gender

Please, choose your gender.

- Female
- Male

Have you already experienced DCL (Disney Cruise Line)?



USER PROFILE

Number of questions – 10

Basic users' features and their cruising experience

Examples:

- 1. Your gender
- Have you already experienced DCL (Disney Cruise Line)
- 3. Have you tried any other cruise?
- 4. The type of group you were/are travelling with. *Please, choose, the option that best describes you*.
- 5. If you were travelling with a group, have you split to attend different activities or you mostly preferred to stay together?



User Study: Part II

USERS PREFERENCES

Number of questions – 311

Evaluation of a list of proposed activities on 5point scale: 1 – Never (not interested at all and won't recommend to anyone to attend it), 5 – Won't miss

Examples:

A Pirate's Life For Me. Don't Miss Event.

Description: Calling all Pirates, we be! If ye have an adventurous spirit or pirate savvy, come spin the "Wheel of Destiny" fer a treasure trove of fun be ripe for the takin' in this action packed pirate game show.

Available: Day 4, 18:30-19:00, Location: D

Lounge & Day 4, 21:30-22:00, Location: D

Lounge

Never ○ ○ ○ ○ *Won't Miss*

User Study Campaign

PART II. USERS PREFERENCES

This part aims to learn user's preferences based on user's evaluation of a list of proposed activities (category-based)

Fun for All Ages

Please, for the activities listed below select one of the grade:

- 1 Never (not interested at all and won't recommend to anyone to attend it);
- 2 Not interested;
- 3 Neutral;
- 4 Interested;
- 5 Won't miss

A Fantasy Come True. Event of the Day.

Description: Join us tonight in the beautiful Walt Disney Theatre for a magical, musical journey through the wonderland of the Disney Fantasy featuring the Walt Disney Theatre Cast; World Famous Disney Characters and the Comedy and Ventriloauism of David Crone. Available: Day 1, 18:15-19:00, Location: Walt Disney Theatre & Day 1, 20:30-21:30, Location: Walt Disney Theatre

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Never \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc Won't Miss

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Never \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc Won't Miss

Andrea & Rafaela LIVE.

Available: Day 6, 22:30-23:00, Location: Lobby Atrium

1 2 3 4 5

Never \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc Won't Miss



User Study: Part III

User Study Campaign Part III. ITINERARY PLANNER In this part users are asked to organise the activities into a day-wise itinerary. Day 1 of 7 Ship: Disney Fantasy Destination: Eastern Caribbean Itinerary: A Date: 20.06.2015 Weekday: Saturday Sunrise: 06:25 Sunset: 20:21 Evening Attire: Cruise Casual Port: Port Canaveral, Florida Today: Sunny Tomorrow: Partly Sunny Today High 86F 30C Tomorrow High 84F 29C Special Holiday Edition: No Holiday: No Day 1 of 7 Going Not going 11:30 - 15:00. Character Meet & Greet Ticket Distribution . Category: Characters. Location: 0 0 Port Adventures Desk. Don't Miss Event 13:00 - 13:30. Walking Ship Tour . Category: Fun for all ages. Location: Preludes. Don't Miss 13:45 - 15:15. Poolside Jams with Cruise Staff DJ. Category: 0 Fun for all ages. Location: Deck 11 Stage 13:45 - 15:00. Spa Open House . Category: Adults. Location: 0 Senses Spa & Salon 14:00 - 14:30. Walking Ship Tour . Category: Fun for all ages.

ITINERARY PLANNER

Number of questions – 593

Organisation of daily planner of activities by indicating the intention 'Going' or 'Not Going'

Examples:

Event	Going	Not going
14:00 - 14:30. Walking Ship Tour . Category: Fun for all ages. Location: Preludes. Don't Miss Event		



User Study: Part IV

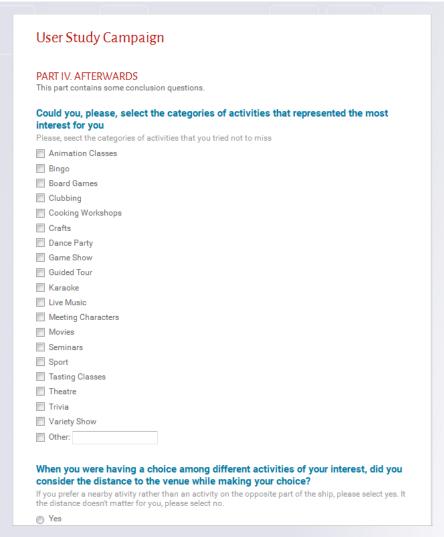
AFTERWARDS

Number of questions – 5

Concluding questions

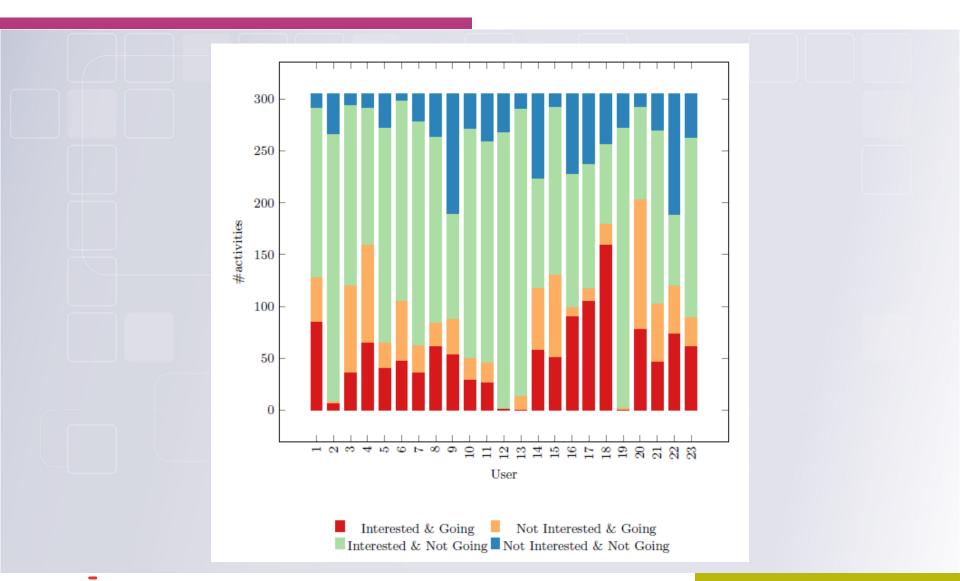
Examples:

- 1. Could you, please, select the categories of activities that represented the most interest for you.
- 2. When you were having a choice among different activities of your interest, did you consider the distance to the venue while making your choice? If you prefer a nearby activity rather than an activity on the opposite part of the ship, please select yes. It the distance doesn't matter for you, please select no.
- 3. How do you usually manage the list of activities to perform during your vacations?





Interest vs. Attendance

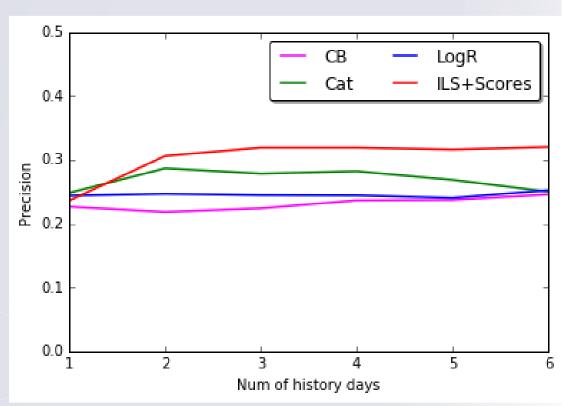




List vs. Itinerary

Top-k vs. Itinerary construction

- Content-based (CB): TF-IDF representation of activity (title + description) and user's past activities
- Category-based (Cat): weighted frequency of categories (Nurbakova et al., 2017)
- Logistic Regression (LogR): CB +Cat
- ILS + Scores: hybrid scores + transition probabilities between activities + ILS algorithm (Nurbakova et al., 2017)

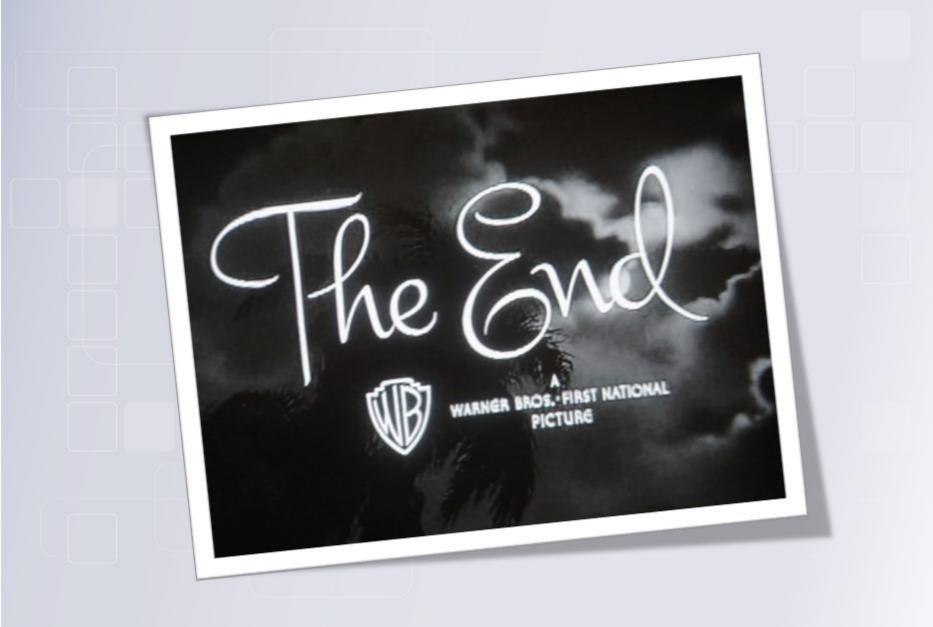




What We've Learnt?

- The shorter questionnaire − the more respondents
- The most desirable characteristics of a dataset for the itinerary recommendation: time windows of an item, coordinates, service time, categories and users historical data
- There's a gap between users' interest in an activity and their engagement to it
- \supset In the context of a distributed event (e.g. a cruise), a personalised itinerary fits better users' behaviour than a list of top-k activities







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