

Predict popularity of TED video

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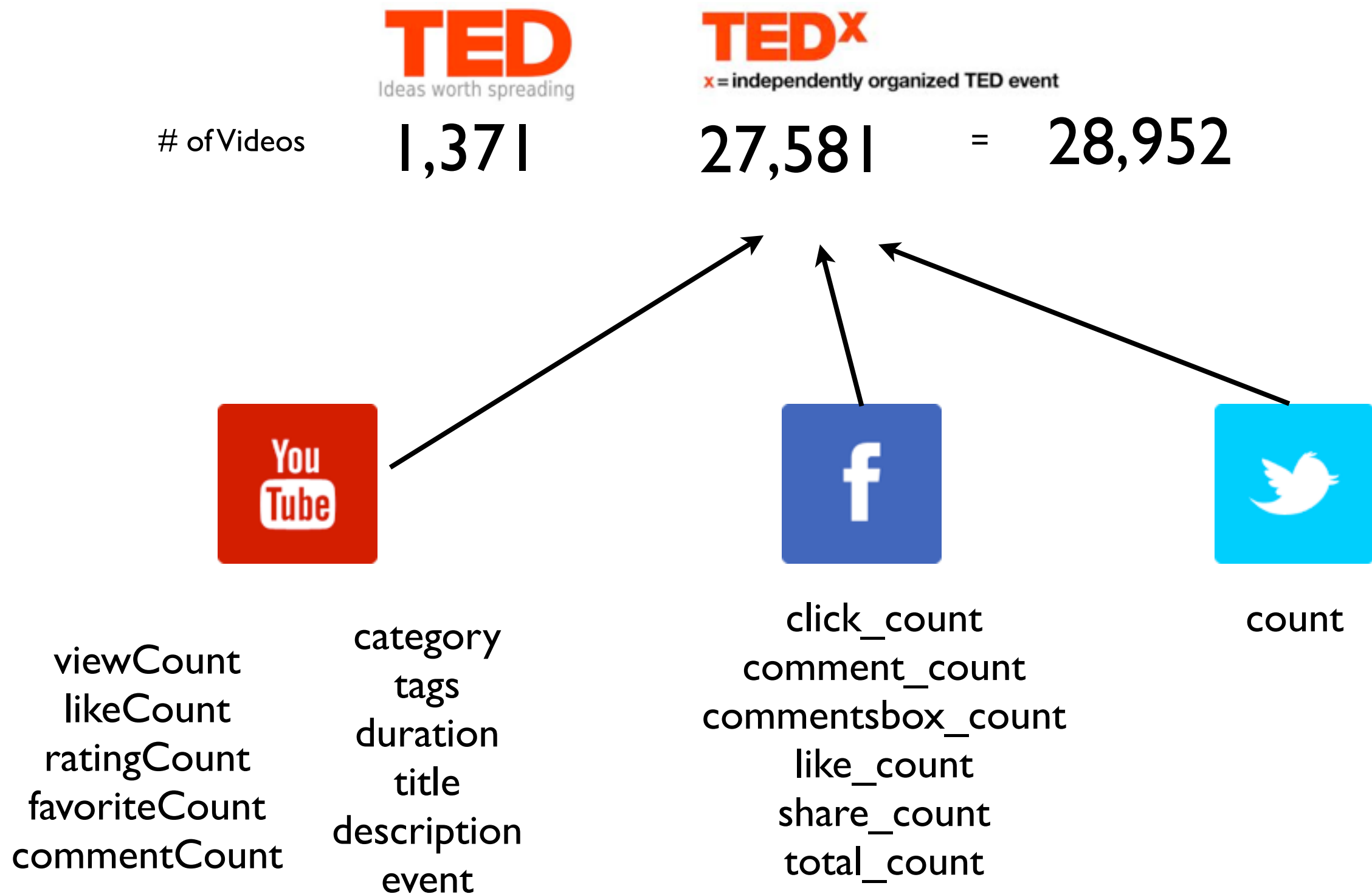
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I. Motivation

- We are TED people.
 - Did another project for ‘working with open data’ (WWOD) class dealing with comparison between TED and TEDx (<http://nbviewer.ipython.org/5439852>)
- Reflected feedbacks from the WWOD project
 - including social media data
 - predicting the popularity with various attributes of video.

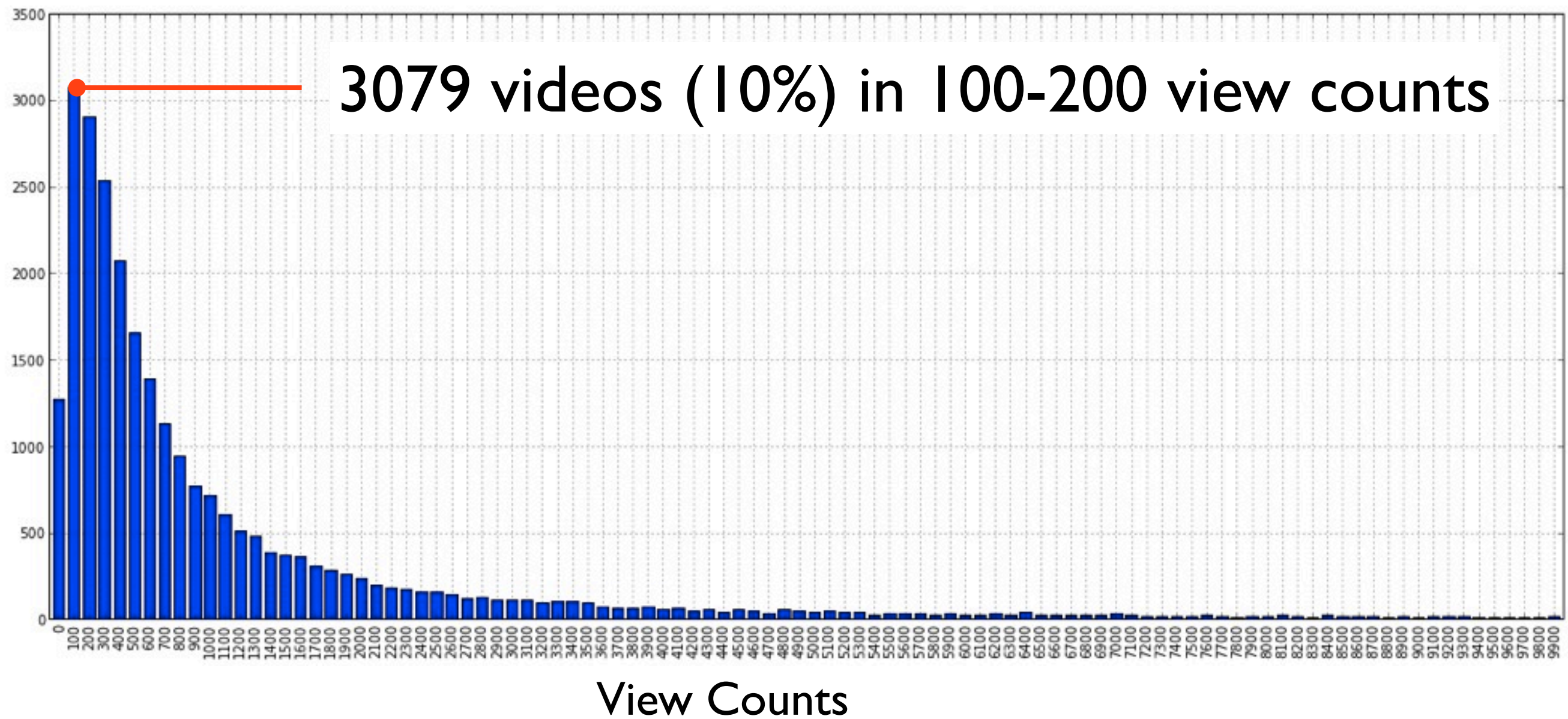
What factors will drive the view counts of the **TED YouTube videos?**

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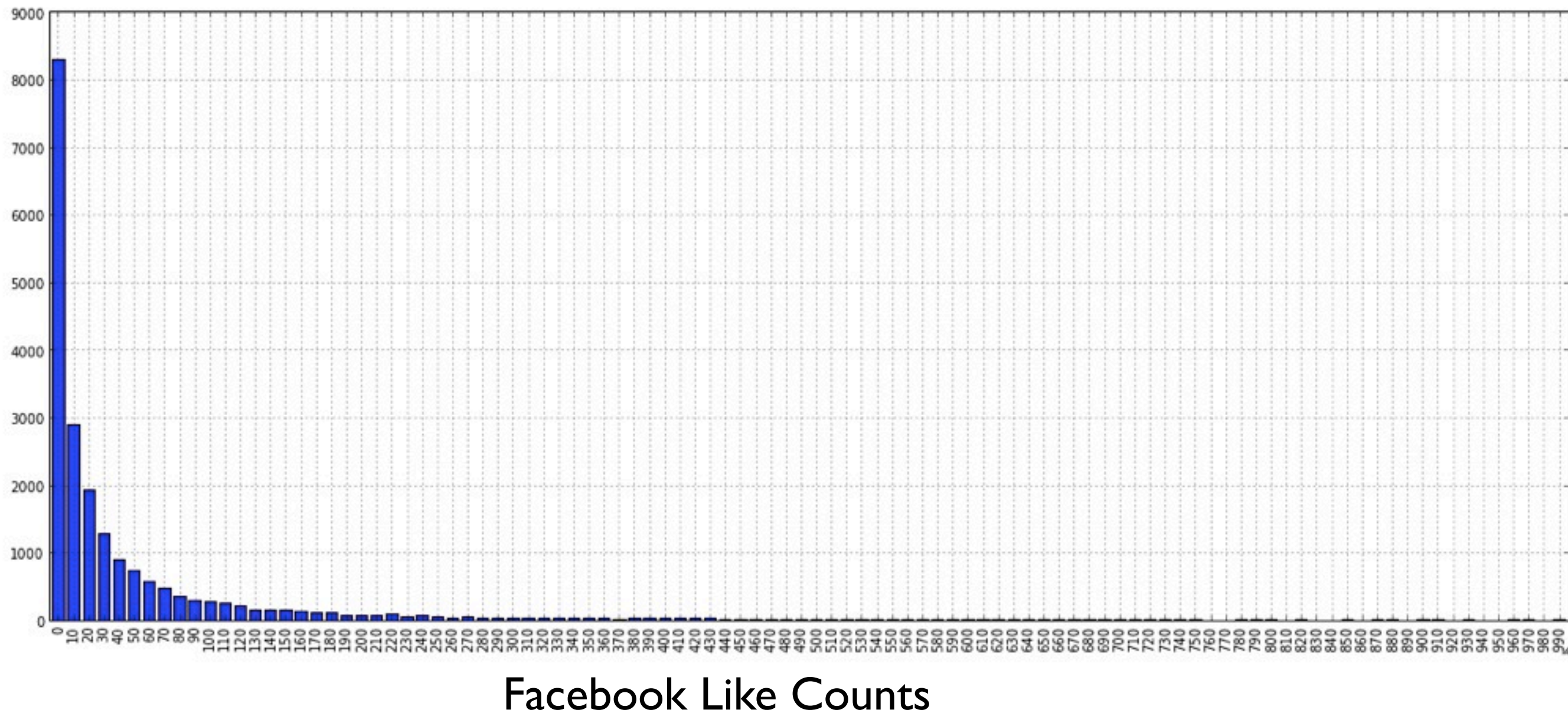
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[more info: http://nbviewer.ipython.org/5602564](http://nbviewer.ipython.org/5602564)

2. Dataset (challenges)

- Data Collection:

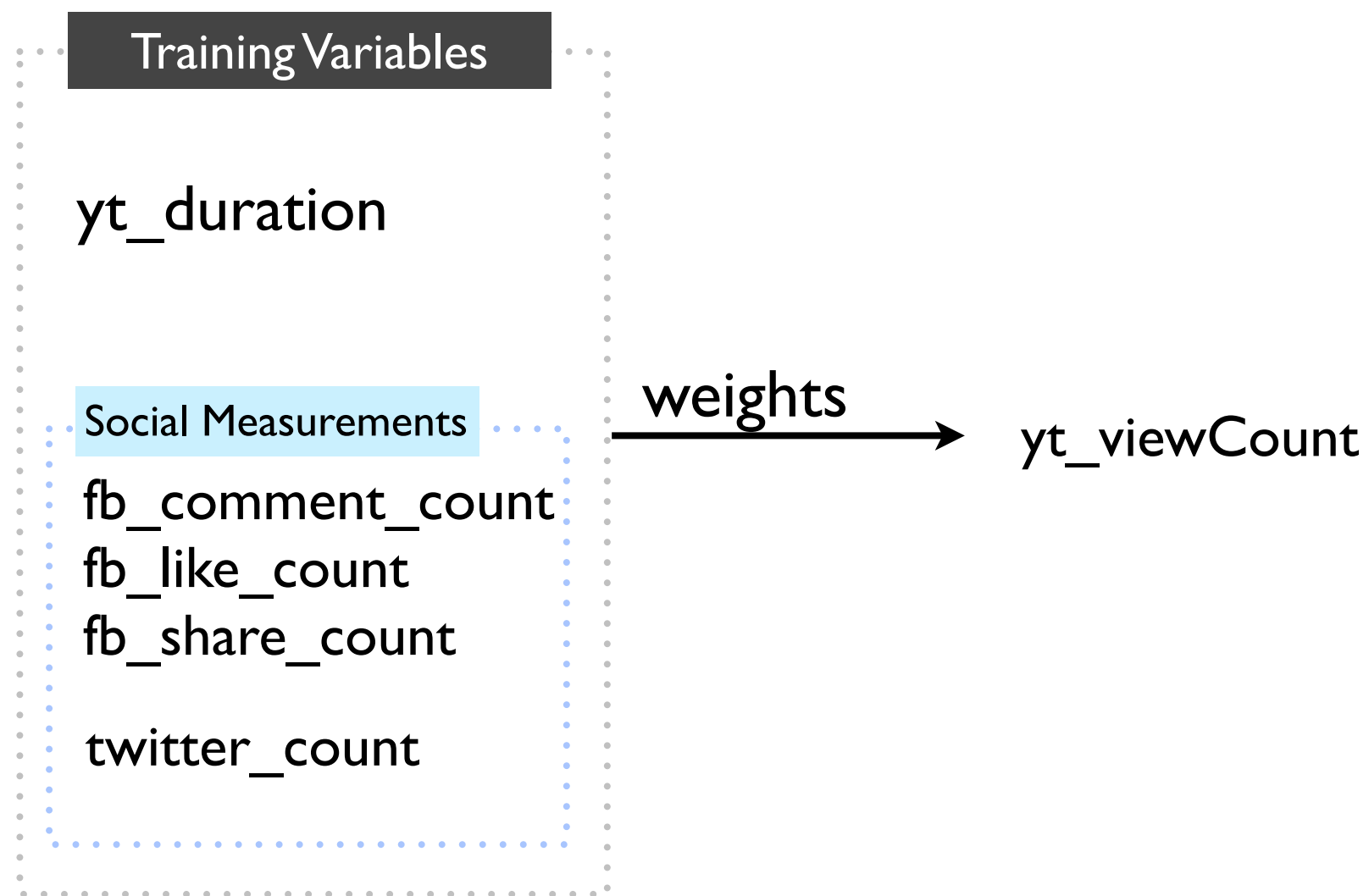
- YouTube API
 - batch response → **sweet! fast!**
- Facebook & Twitter API
 - one-by-one & POLICY! → **slow.....(8+ hr)**
 - accelerate? → **think of sandwich!**
 - (simple) MapReduce? → **I School, OCF, MBA, ...**

- Data Cleaning

- empty data.....

3. Solution

- Model!
 - Classification? => Popular? (Spam?)
 - Still like to see the NUMBER! → Linear Regression



- Randomize!

3. Solution (details)

Combination Name	Factors	Accuracy
A	FB_like_count	0.356182150223
B	A + FB_share_count	0.683559070773
C	B + twitter_count	0.715320465006
D	C + FB_comment_count	0.748929818155
E	D + duration	0.749118154053
F	E + category	0.749048360611

4. Results & Insights

Attribute	FB_ like_ counts	FB_ share_ count	FB_ comment_ count	Twitter_ count	Duration (s)
Coefficient	-41.397	27.850	41.022	152.822	1.684

- Many Facebook users clicked the like button of the video, but did not watch.
- Social sharing through Twitter may be more powerful to attract audience rather than through Facebook.

• Insights

Our model can

- discover how the word of mouth promotion through social media affects the popularity of the video.
- suggest the video owners how to make their videos popular.

5. Demo

Demo

<http://bit.ly/IncPoP>