

# Modern Social Media Based Film Data Analyse: A Comprehensive Case Study Related With NLP and DL

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Big film data stands for big capacity and big value where capacity is the sum of total information bought by one movie online and value is the instructive finding of latent target interests or tendency behind data representation. From investment to profit, movie data analyse play an important role in maximizing interest both investors and audiences.

In recent years, with the heat of the movie market to increase, a large number of capital influx movie industry. However, the film industry in China is still in its development stage, and the immature market has made movie investment characterized by high risk and high returns. In order to pursue high incomes, the usual way is to use a large number of "celebrities" to promote the box office through the fan effect. At that time, only a few of the works were successful. But it has caused the soaring star worth, the consequent increase in production costs. The reason, Star Bowl although there is a huge fan base, but the star match with the degree of work, star fan characteristics match with the extent of the work is the most important factor affecting the box office. Actors, scripts, publicity, release schedule and other aspects of the combined effect of the results to measure the level of contribution to the box office record can not be obtained directly from the available data, the existing method is the lack of an effective quantitative method to assess the creative record of the box office Contribution value, thus helping investors to assess the investment star's rationality.

In recent years, the research on film mainly focuses on the construction of user-oriented movie recommendation system, emotion analysis and movie box office prediction in three aspects. The system for the Chinese movie market, providing an investor-oriented integrated emotional analysis, box office prediction, actor evaluation, box office contribution analysis of the analysis of the box office analysis of the movie, focusing on the protagonist, director, audience impact on the box office.

## 1.1 Challenges and Solutions

Considering improvements and new methods developed moving with time, natural language process (NLP) and deep learning (DL) is sharp solution in both data mining especially text mining and machine learning area. Based on modern technique, we proposed most valuable end-to-end analyse system Film Knowledge Analyse Platform (FKAP) which cover movie data of films. The main contribution of FKAP is finding state-of-art approach to traditional movie big data mining task. We summarized the key problem that evolved system FKAP focused on.

**DIFFICULTY 1.1.** *Given a comment, how do you analyze the names and emotions mentioned in this comment?*

The existing sentiment analysis of movie reviews rarely seldom further analyzes the sentiment of the commentators. In social media, audiences may show different affective tendencies toward different protagonists of the movie, whereas traditional short text sentiment analysis can not capture these sentiments. To solve this problem, FKAP provides an object-oriented commentary sentiment analysis that performs named entity recognition and sentiment classification for each comment to more accurately capture the viewer's preference for a particular director (actor) of a particular movie.

**DIFFICULTY 1.2.** *How to quantify the director's contribution to the box office?*

Director (starring) contribution to the box office refers to the audience for the expectations of one or a few people to generate consumer spending movie tickets, analyze the contribution of a box office contribution to help get the actual business director or director value. In the analysis of the box office data, it is difficult to quantify the actual box office revenue of every star / director in a movie. There is also a lack of analysis of related modules in the existing commercial film analysis system. FKAP provides a dynamic analysis module that accounts for the share of the box office's contribution, not only to quantify the box office's contribution but also to analyze the changes in the commercial value of a master before and after the release of the movie through changes in contributions over time.

**DIFFICULTY 1.3.** *Joint value evaluation and replacability among actors.*

Since effect of an actor suffer multi uncertainties and how to make a joint-evaluation of actor impact is a big question. A lot of method focus on giving linear weight for each factor. But this weight might change and impractical when goal of analysis changing. In FKAP, we mining joint value based on relationship among actors using heterogeneous network. Qualifying similarity and measuring increase of influence by co-star of two specific actor for target film show great power on practicability of the system which enhance availability and effectiveness of FKAP a lot.

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## 1.2 Roadmap

The rest of this paper is organized as follows, Section 2 presents an overview of FKAP. In section 3 we show integration preprocessing on heterogenous movie data and elaborate disambiguation of actors' names by construct personas. In section 4 we further study name entities recognition based on disambiguation and then describe how FKAP extract target-dependent sentiments and analyse changeable trend on sentiment. Section 5 presents dynamic impact of leader creators based on both sentiments and self attributes. In section 6 present the core value of system by phased prediction of movies which helps to maximum box-office based on reasonable investments now and future. Section 8 presents system evaluation as well as the case study. In section 9, we introduce the related work. Finally, Section 10 concludes the paper.

## 2 PLATFORM OVERVIEW

FKAP is a web-based integrated system for movie analysis. The screenshots of FKAP are shown in Figure 1 and the architecture overview is displayed in Figure 2. Using FKAP, users can carry out a series of analysis based on the movie centric information.

In general, FKAP consists of three layers of components, including Basic Processing Task Layer, Higher Algorithm Library Layer and Visualization Layer.

Basic Processing Task Layers provides data cleaning, data standardization and data conversion. Due to the different data sources, the data obtained can not be applied directly to the analysis. In fact, the movie data need to consider the following questions, name ambiguity elimination, used to evaluate the quality of the film at the box office, the film's reviews of object identification, actor knowledge base construction. These methods are provided in the basic processing task layer.

Higer Algorithm Library Layer contains the core technology of FKAP, including Target-Dependent Sentiment Analysis Module and Dynamic Impact of Actors and Directors Module. The layer considers the importance of film reviews to a film and combine with Machine Learning.

Visualization Layer is the interface between the system and the users. To intuitively present the analysis results, this layer is designed to be user-friendly and easy to operate. Specifically, Sentiment Tendency is to capture the changes of sentiment among audience during movie released. Box-office prediction is to predict the box office of a movie by actors, directors and audience factors. Alternative actors is to get the replaceable list of actors.

## 3 HETEROGENEOUS DATA INTEGRATION AND ANALYSIS

### 3.1 Data standardization

An obvious phenomenon is that the box office of the movie has significant difference with the year and type. In order to eliminate these effects, we define the box office score to measure the box office quality of a movie. Given the box office of a movie  $bo$  and its movie type set  $T = T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$  and release Year  $y$ , the box score is

$$bs = \frac{1}{|T|} \sum_{t \in T} \frac{\log_2 bo}{maxbox_{y,t}} \quad (1)$$

where  $maxbox$  is defined as  $max(\log_2(boset)_{year=y, type=t})$ , which  $boset$  is a set of boxoffice.

Similarly, due to the difference of movie types, the original movie ratings can not accurately describe the word of mouth of the movie. We evaluate the word of mouth score according to the min-max method. Given the word of mouth a movie  $wm$  and its movie type set  $T = T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$ , the word of mouth score is

$$ws = \frac{1}{|T|} \sum_{t \in T} \frac{wm - \min(wms_t)}{\max(wms_t) - \min(wms_t)} \quad (2)$$

where  $wmt$  the set of the word of mouth of movies where type is  $t$ .

### 3.2 Persona of famous actors and directors

We provide persona analysis of famous actors and directors which is shown in Figure 1(d). The box office value of a famous director or actor is one of the most important parts of the box office. Famous Actors(directors) are the main performers(directors) over 10 movies or won the film excellent actor(director) award or have more than three million followers in social networks. Portraying the box office of famous actors or directors in historical movies can help us analyze their value and Volatility.

We use  $bos$ ,  $bov$ ,  $wms$ ,  $wmv$  to reflect the average box office performance, the box office performance fluctuation, the average word-of-mouth performance and the volatility of word-of-mouth performance so that we can depict the performance of the historical movie to provide guidance for the selection of the corner.

$$bos = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in N} bs_i \quad (3a)$$

$$bov = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i \in N} (bs_i - bos)^2 \quad (3b)$$

$$wms = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in N} ws_i \quad (3c)$$

$$wmv = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i \in N} (ws_i - wms)^2 \quad (3d)$$

### 3.3 Named Entity Disambiguation

Named entity disambiguation is one of the most important problems in natural language processing. In named entity category, person name has strong ambiguity so that person name disambiguation is the most difficult category. However, because the project inquiry is a well-known director and famous actor, and Chinese name and English name, makes the probability of Fijian phenomenon is greatly reduced, in this collection of 2371 directors and 801 actors, one by one, through the Baidu encyclopedia content, movie actor information, can be a good solution the same problem.

## 4 PRACTICAL SENTIMENT ANALYSE

The main purpose of sentiment analyse is to discover views and opinions diversity of different targets in films which reflect what attract audience watching the movie. The sample dataset in this area are review corpus  $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n\}$  and each  $r_i$  has film name  $f_i$  it belonging to, time point  $time_i$ , scores towards this film  $s_i$  and user  $u_i$  who scores. These attributes of reviews are discrete (has

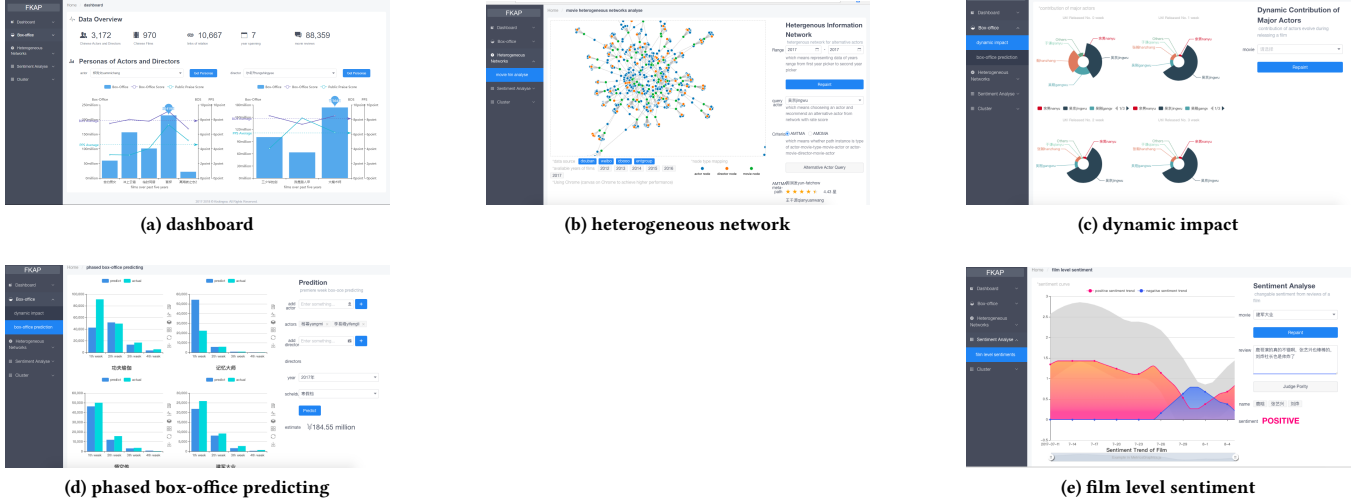


Figure 1: Screenshots of FKAP

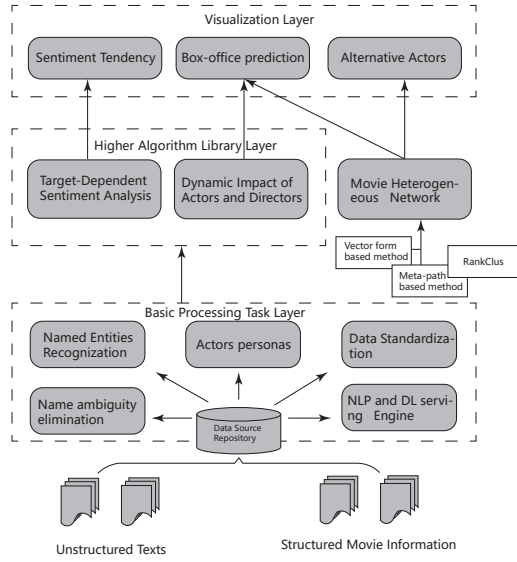


Figure 2: System architecture

domain specific value) and many sentences in it contribute to the whole sentiment of this single review. Since reviews are spread in social media platform such as twitter or micro-blogs, the sentences are limited and review of movie are usually enough short. Thus, many phenomenon occurred on short texts or natural language add difficulties when analysing the sentiments of targets (e.g. Rhetoric, metaphor, proverb and nicknames). Unlike many works focus on proceed in sentence-level document-level and time-period level step by step, we try to figure out the sentiment to a specific actors or director(leading creator of this film). A useful prior knowledge in reviews together with reviewers' rating score or stars made by user is evaluation score of specific film. We make the best of this

knowledge to enlarge our sentiment words database because user usually behave consistent sentiment to same target.

#### 4.1 Named Entities Recognition

If we want to know sentiments behind human expression, targets that people are taking about should be identified firstly. Here we concentrate on comment target about leader creators in films. The main challenging is the nicknames for actors and directors.

**Sequence to sequence approach.** Given a word sequence  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  we observed and the 4-tag label set  $Tags = \{O, B, E, M\}$ , the objective task is to find correct corresponding labels  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | y_i \in Tags\}$ . By optimizing the loss function with parameter  $\theta$

$$J(\theta) = \arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{loss}(f(x_i; \theta), y_i) \quad (4)$$

recurrent neural networks such as *LSTM*, *BidirectionalLSTM*, *BidirectionalLSTM+CRF* have been proved to be state-of-art structures. They consider both long time and short terms information and find tags with maximum possibility for sequence labeling. However, previous machine learning approaches need huge domain training data, while it is hardly to label these social media corpus accurately which are full of informality and flexibility. Especially actors get constantly evolving new roles in various films as time goes by, we hope find a simple and efficient way that recognize most of the comment targets in films reviews.

**Fast and adaptive approach.** In order to mining entities in linear time, we apply key word matching for leader creators in films. Online knowledge database which store film meta information can be strong support providing comprehensive and dependable analysis. Focused crawling technology based on web linkage contribute to construction of prior knowledge of **actors**, **roles** and **directors**.

Assume average noun morphemes length is  $m$  for all  $n$  reviews and  $t$  targets for all  $F$  films. Algorithm 1 need compare  $c \times nmt$  times. Since word comparing consume limited space and time and

Review No.	Contents	Referred	Film No.	time point	Scores
1	Yang Yang's hard temperament is enough to hold up the role	Yang Yang	Ten great II of peach blossom	2016-07-25T13:36:12.000+0800	10
2	Yang Yang's acting is really embarrassing, Crystal Liu is OK	Yang Yang, Crystal Liu	Ten great II of peach blossom	2017-08-07T20:18:55.000+0800	5
3	The story of embarrassment, feeling Yehua did not love Baiqian	Yang Yang, Crystal Liu	Ten great II of peach blossom	2017-08-07T21:09:07.000+0800	2
$r_i$	...	...	$f_i$	$time_i$	$s_i$

Table 1: review targets after named entities recognition

**Algorithm 1** Framework of nickname mining for our system**Input:**

The name set of **actors** and **directors** in each film  
The name set of **roles** for each actors used to played  
Threshold  $\alpha$  for minim similarity of misspell and variation  
Threshold  $\beta$  for max tolerance of misspell and variation

**Output:**

Potential comment targets mapping dictionary  $A, P$

- 1: Aggregating reviews group by corresponding film name along with preparing actors list  $A_i$ , directors list  $P_i$  in  $i$ th film according given **actors** and **directors**;
- 2: Constructing actors mapping  $A$  for every actor in  $a_i$ , so dose  $P$  for every director in  $p_i$ ;
- 3: Quality similarity between every noun morphemes  $w$  and  $t$  in **roles**, **actors** and **directors** by *Jaccard* char distance in all comments for one film;
- 4: Recognizing potential nickname by the similarity and threshold  $\alpha$  we set, if  $Jaccard(w, t) > \alpha$  add it to mapping dictionary  $A$  or  $P$ ;
- 5: Checking potential nickname in mapping dictionary, if  $Levenshtein(w, t) > \beta$ , delete it from mapping dictionary  $A$  or  $P$ ;
- 6: **return**  $A, P$

$m \ll n, t \ll n$ , we extract potential comment targets in  $O(n)$  time complexity which greatly less than deep learning approach. We can easily adjust designed parameter and improve efficiency with parallel framework when processing TB data.

In order to decrease the storage space of data, we replace film name and user name by mapping them using film id and user id.  $f_i \in F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m\}$  and  $u_i \in U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_U\}$ . Let score for each review be  $s_i \in [0, 10]$  and  $time_i$  be the timestamps. The features we finally retrieved can be summarized in table ??.

**4.2 Target-Dependent Sentiment Classification**

Sentences tend to be more complex when targets we want to analyse increase and sentiments detection being a hard work when analysing more objects. We take leader creator of film as major targets in this paper. Examples containing multi targets are shown as follows.

- (1) Live here now! The point of life is looking for the point. —*A dog's purpose*
- (2) It has been a year since I were familiar with Alexander Sandro Gonzalez Inarritu whose films have a cruel irony and full bitterness.—*Bird man*
- (3) Mia had dreamed of becoming an actress known by more audience, while Sebastian want to won a place in his loving jazz. —*LaLa land*

Sentence(1) is a non-target review, while Sentence(2) shows one-target sample and Sentence(3) stands for multi-target sentences. Considering targets after NER process in section 4.1 consist of actors map list  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_A\}$  and directors map list  $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_P\}$ , we cluster sentences into comments set with two polarity(positive +1 and negative -1). Binary sentiment classifier play an important role in sentiment classification. Sentiment polarity  $SP = \{+1, -1\}$  labeled by classifier for each sentences in corpus  $st_i^j$  of  $i$ th film with corresponding target  $j, j \in A \cup P$  and targets capacity  $T = |A| + |P|$ . Let  $T_i$  be number of targets in film  $i$ . We try to find out following segments.

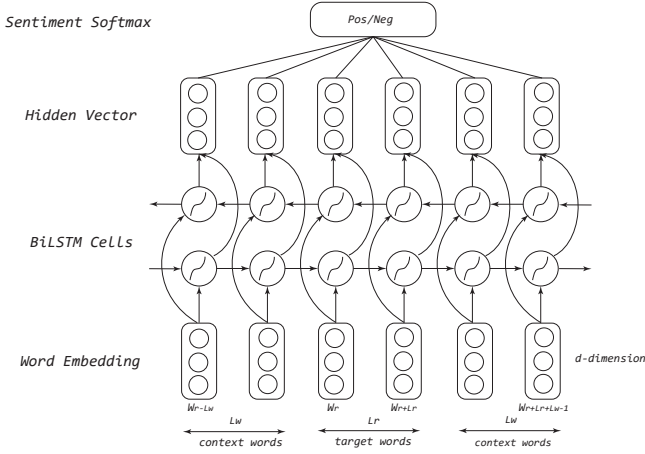
$$Neg = \bigcup_{i=1}^F ng_i \mid \text{polarity of } ng_i = -1, ng_i \in \bigcup_{j=1}^{T_i} st_i^j \quad (5)$$

$$Pos = \bigcup_{i=1}^F ps_i \mid \text{polarity of } ps_i = +1, ps_i \in \bigcup_{j=1}^{T_i} st_i^j \quad (6)$$

Since we have to retrieve  $Neg$  and  $Pos$  shown in Equation (5) and (6), we take training data  $R_p$  with scores larger than 9 for positive sentiment and  $R_n$  which scores lower than 3 for negative one. We exclude reviews  $R_{ambi}$  which scores range between 4 and 8 that might be ambiguous over sentiment in training phrase. Instead,  $R_p$  and  $R_n$  show more concentrated sentiments in words. We train a classifier on  $R_p$  and  $R_n$ , then we split  $R$  with context window according referred target in each review. Reviews segments cover target's contextual information which construct sentiment corpus  $Neg$  and  $Pos$  towards specific targets are objectives for sentiment classifier. We mainly apply it on targets segments split from  $R_{ambi}$ . Finally, we get comprehensive sentiment polarity on targets segments in  $R$ .

Lexicon based sentiment analysis is constrained by sentence structure, latent word meaning and confused word features. We introduce bidirectional long short term memory (*Bi-LSTM*) neural

network for end-to-end sentiment classification and automated feature learning as figure 3 shows.



**Figure 3: Structure of Bi-LSTM Sentiment Classifier, where  $L_r$  for target words length and  $L_w$  for context length we extract from original sentence. First layer in Bi-LSTM stands for forward hidden layer and the second layer are the backward one.**

Specially, word sequence are represented as a low dimensional, continuous and valued vector. It is called word embedding and we use pre-trained vectors so as to make better use of semantic and grammatical associations. Assume each  $d$ -dimension vector  $W_i = \mathbb{R}^{d \times |V|}$  for  $i$ th word in whole vocabulary  $V$ . Targets words with  $L_r$  length cover  $tw = \{W_r, W_{r+1}, \dots, W_{r+L_r-1}\}$  and context words  $cw = \{W_{r-L_w}, \dots, W_{r-1}, W_{r+L_r}, \dots, W_{r+L_r+L_w-1}\}$  with window length  $L_w$  surround corresponding targets words. *BiLSTM* maps word vectors to fix-length sentence vector by recursively transformation above vectors of previous time step  $h_{t-1}$ . Cells for *BiLSTM* in Figure 3 contains neural gates: input gates, forget gates, and output gates which adaptively remember input vector, forget history, and generate output vector. We add softmax layer to output sentiment of sentence vector which cover hidden representation of vectors for specific target segment as Figure 1 shows. Core calculation in LSTM cells are listed in bellow equations.  $\odot$  is element-wise multiplication and  $\sigma$  is sigmoid activation,  $W_i, W_f, W_o, b_i, b_f, b_o$  are parameters for input, forget and output gates.

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i \bullet [h_{t-1}; w_t] + b_i) \quad (7a)$$

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f \bullet [h_{t-1}; w_t] + b_f) \quad (7b)$$

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o \bullet [h_{t-1}; w_t] + b_o) \quad (7c)$$

$$g_t = \tanh(W_r \bullet [h_{t-1}; w_t] + b_r) \quad (7d)$$

$$c_t = i_t \odot g_t + f_t \odot c_{t-1} \quad (7e)$$

$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t) \quad (7f)$$

### 4.3 Film-level Sentiment Trend

In this section, we mainly care about how to predict latent sentiment transform. Obviously, we quantify explicit sentiment towards special actors or directors. Although all information came from overall

corpus, we can not deny that different sentiment exist in different time period during movie life. Audience's sentiments have trends and always behave dynamically. Previous work concentrate on sentiment polarity and we extend it by capture dynamic time-period sentiment. Denote a time period range from  $time_r = [time_i, time_j]$ , we capture review statistical sum  $R_{f_i}$  of each movie  $f_i$  at time period  $time_r$  from *Pos* and *Neg*. Then we get different target  $j$ 's positive or negative sentiment transformation at different  $time_r$ .

$$SentimentPos_i^j(time_r) = 10 \cdot \frac{|pos_i^j \text{ in } time_r|}{R_{f_i}} \quad (8)$$

$$SentimentNeg_i^j(time_r) = 10 \cdot \frac{|neg_i^j \text{ in } time_r|}{R_{f_i}} \quad (9)$$

Dynamic sentiment on leader creator shows how people transform their attention from different targets in movies. We pick out most interesting part (actor) from them and label it the main factor which mainly contribute to the box-office of specific film. The trend analyse is shown in Figure 4.

To measure the smoothness of the sentiment time series, we use slice window to capture the changes in the emotional inclination of the reviews. We Denote upper bound and lower bound of a day  $r, UBP_i^j(r), LBP_i^j(r), UBL_i^j(r)$  and  $LBN_i^j(r)$ .

$$UBP_i^j(r) = mean_i^j(time_r) + \lambda \cdot std_i^j(time_r) \quad (10)$$

$$LBP_i^j(r) = mean_i^j(time_r) - \lambda \cdot std_i^j(time_r) \quad (11)$$

where

$$mean_i^j(r) = \frac{1}{2d} \sum_{k=r-d}^{r+d} SentimentPos_i^j(time_k) \quad (12)$$

$$std_i^j(r) = \frac{1}{2d} \sum_{k=r-d}^{r+d} (SentimentPos_i^j(time_k) - mean_i^j(time_r))^2 \quad (13)$$

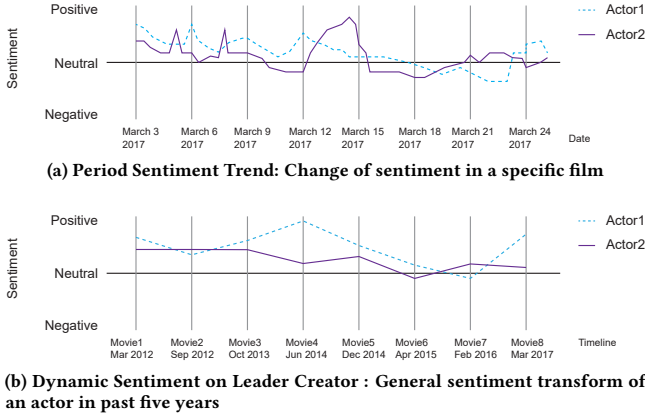
Because the time series follows Gaussian Distribution, and we set  $\lambda = 2$ , means that confidence intervals is 0.0456,

## 5 THE ESTIMATE ABOUT BOX OFFICE INFLUENCES OF ACTORS AND DIRECTORS

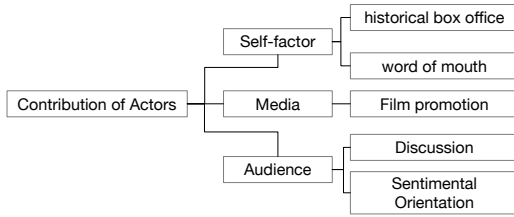
The goal of this module is to find who is the most bankable person in a movie and to capture the dynamic trends about actors and directors during the period of a movie released. As figure 3 shows, the box office influences can be made up of three parts: the actor's/direct's own box office appeal, media exposure and feedback from audience. For simplify, we regard actors and directors as creators.

### 5.1 Contribution of Creators

The creator's own box office appeal. Actor's own box office appeal includes historical box office results and historical word of mouth performance, in which the film's historical movie box office performance can objectively reflect the creative ability of gold absorption, while the historical reputation score can objectively reflect the creative performance by Audience recognition, so this article at the



**Figure 4: Film-level sentiment trend analyse of different time period. a) shows the change of sentiment in one film life period which indicates what attract people. b) shows the average sentiment of a specific actor which indicates highest moments and lowest moment of an actor career**



**Figure 5: Composition of creative influence**

same time using the history of the box office and the history of reputation to measure the creative box office call ability.

We define the box office quality *boq* to measure the box office generated by the creator itself based on the historical film data. As for directors, we define  $boq(c) = wms(c) \cdot bos(c)$ . Considering different role importance, as for actors, we define  $boq(c) = f(c) \cdot wms(c) \cdot bos(c)$ , where  $f(c)$  is the influence factor and it depends on the position  $k$  that the actor  $c$  is. The larger  $k$  is, the smaller  $f(c)$  gets.

**Media exposure.** The movie's promotional period is always accompanied by a wide range of media coverage, the media's title content reflects the current public focus, if an actor or director appear in the title a lot, you can explain the public familiarity and attention more. We define  $mej(c)$  as the number of times the creator  $c$  referred to by the media in the  $j$ th week.

**Feedback from the audience.** Liu mentioned the impact of word-of-mouth on the box office is very large (Liu, Y. (2006). Word of mouth for movies: Its dynamics and impact on box office revenue. Journal of marketing, 70 (3)). With the rapid development of the Internet, people can express their emotions on social media at any time. Thanks to the development of social media networks, the promotion of the movie has also gradually increased the proportion

of online publicity. At the same time, the content of the discussion of the movie has also formed a considerable amount of data. The movie review often includes the concept of "If you can get the audience's idea of fitfitan actor or master from the commentary, you can see whether the source of the audience's emotional inclination toward the movie comes from the influence of the movie's main actor (including the protagonist). We define  $aco_j(c)$  as the number of times the creator  $c$  referred to by the active comments in the  $j$ th week.

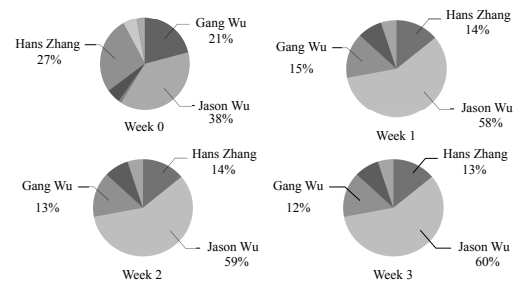
## 5.2 Dynamic Impact of Creators

In the short life of the movie, the contribution of the genre to the box office is obviously not constant. With the development of the Internet media, real-time feedback of the movie users on the movie will affect the watching desire of the non-movie users, and the positive contribution Refers to the potential box office or the desire to watch the increase; the negative is the box office to bring the negative image, to dispel the wishes of watching. Therefore, in the film's life, the star effect on the box office's contribution is dynamic, the project will be divided into the life of the movie before the release, the first week of release, the second week of release, the third week of release, released the fourth Friday A period, respectively, to explore the five periods of major box office contributions.

We define the DIR (Dynamic Impact Ratio) as  $DIR_j(c) = \frac{DIP_j(c)}{\sum_{k \in C} DIP_j(k)}$  to measure the ratio of the box office contribute from creator  $c$  to all box box office contribute in  $j$ th week, where

$$DIP_j(c) = w_1 \frac{boq(c)}{\sum_c boq(c)} + w_2 \frac{\sum_{i=0}^j mej_j(c)}{\sum_{i=0}^j \sum_c mej_j(c)} + w_3 \frac{\sum_{i=0}^j aco_i(c)}{\sum_{i=0}^j \sum_c aco_i(c)} \quad (14)$$

where  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  is three coefficients to embody the importance of creator's own box-office appeal, media exposure and feedback from the audience. In practice, we set  $w_1 = 0.1, w_2 = 0.2, w_3 = 0.7$ .



**Figure 6: Changes of Wolf Warriors II**

Fig.4 shows dynamic impact of creators in "Wolf Warriors II". Before the movie released (week 0), the attentions people payed to Hans Zhang, Gang Wu and Jason Wu were equal while with the movie's release and the increase in the heat of the film, more and more people went to the movies for the sake of Jason Wu. Meanwhile, the dynamic influence process can reflect a major change in



the importance of the movie. We can see that Jason Wu has greatly improved his value through the movie himself.

## 6 BOX-OFFICE PREDICTING

Movie box office is influenced by many factors, such as investment budget, script, director, actor, post production, producer and producer, media publicity and movie reputation. On the whole, we quantify the factors that affect movie box office from the film itself, the director, the actor and the audience. The opening week due to the lack of effective comments, so just for the release of the film at the box office during the period of life prediction problem, we consider the factors associated with the film at the box office and did not join the historic influence of sentiment analysis, in the opening week after we join in the model of the value of emotional factors.

### 6.1 Premiere week box-office predicting

Symbol	Description
<i>sc</i>	The mean <i>bos</i> of famous creators
<i>gsc</i>	The mean <i>wms</i> of famous creators
<i>std</i>	The variance <i>bos</i> of famous creators
<i>gstd</i>	The variance <i>wms</i> of famous creators
<i>starcounts</i>	The number of famous creators
<i>schedule</i>	The schedule that the movie came out
<i>year</i>	The year that the movie came out

Table 2: Features

Table 2 shows the features we used in the task of predicting premiere week box office. As is mentioned above, the box office of a movie depends on not only movie factors itself including actors, directors, type, movie propaganda and so on but also influenced by audience reactions. In addition, the time the movie released also has a certain impact on the movie box office. In general, predicting premiere week box-office can capture the influences of famous creators(actors and directors) to the movie. We provide Premiere week box-office predicting by using traditional box-office predicting model Support Vector Regression. This Module can help people to assess the influence of stars in the movie.

### 6.2 Phased Box-office Predicting

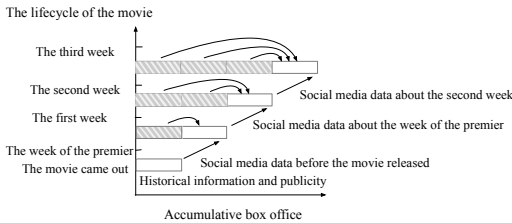


Figure 7: Multi-stage box office prediction model

In the past prediction of box office, we usually only forecast the overall box office, but often ignored the movie's influence on movie box office due to the audience's attitude. Such as "wolf 2", the movie box office to be among the world's top 100, because in the release process, because the audience warmly, attracted the audience is not the original film (film series the fans, fans, like the kind of audience) to watch a movie, which leads to the box office continued to rise however, the traditional model is unable to capture this phenomenon. Therefore, from the pre launch to the 1 months after the release, we set up the box office prediction model with the weekly variation of the weekly release to predict the box office for the first week, the box office for second weeks, the third week box office and the box office at the fourth week.

In this section, we add two type features: *weibo<sub>i</sub>*, The ratio of creative comments and all comments until the *i*th week and *week<sub>i</sub>* The box office in the *i*th week. With these additional messages obtained from audience and current box office, the results we predict are more similar to real box office, shown in Table 3.

## 7 MINING MOVIE HETEROGENEOUS NETWORK

In order to discover important relation and promotion between two actors, we focus on mining movie heterogeneous information network. Discovering interesting topology of network provide great insight about the system innate character. A movie heterogeneous information network (*MHIN*) is a domain information network with multiple types of entities and relations. We construct our *MHIN* with multiple objects such as movies (M), directors (D), users (U), Actors (A), Types (T) and box-offices (B). Figure 8 shows typical *MHIN* schema defined by us. Links exist between users and movies denoting score and score-by relations, between movies and actors(directors) denoting star(direct) and star-by(direct-by) relations, between movies and types denoting label and (labeled) relations, between movies and box-offices denoting gain and gain by relations. Also, we can add other attributes into the movie heterogeneous network (e.g years (Y), producers (P)). Meta-path is a connect relation between two types of objects in *MHIN*. Denote network schema for our *MHIN* is  $S = (\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  represent object types and  $\mathcal{R}$  indicate different types of relationships. A meta-path  $\mathcal{P}$  is defined in the form of  $A_1 \xrightarrow{R_1} A_2 \xrightarrow{R_2} \dots \xrightarrow{R_k} A_{k+1}$ . Length of  $\mathcal{P}$  is defined by number of relations it contains. Semantic composite relations are implied in meta-paths. For example, we can evaluate the similarity of movies or actors by length-2 meta-path MDM (movie-director-movie), MAM (movie-actor-movie) or AMA (actor-movie-actor), AMTMA(actor-movie-type-movie-actor).

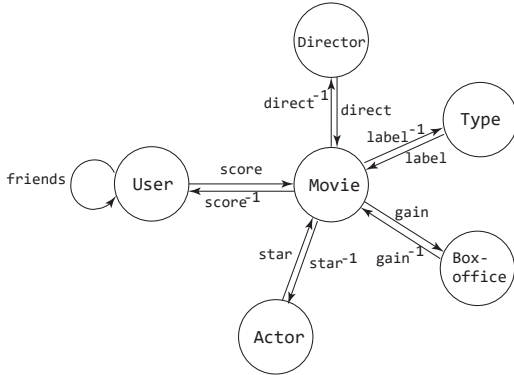
### 7.1 Rank Based Cluster For Actors

In this section, we introduce a way to make distinguish between A-list and B-list actors. We prefer applying cluster based classifier on actors popularity recognition. Strong available mutually reinforcing relations between cluster and rank are helpful to deal with different levels of actors. We defined recursion formula by following empirical rules.

RULE 7.1. *high rank actors star more high rank movies*

First Week					
Metric	SVR	RF	GBDT	LR	LASSO
MSE	<b>0.09393658</b>	0.2683265	0.6354384	1.09512416	0.74275155
R2score	<b>0.63495534</b>	-1.8019927	-2.1466284	-3.5673886	-2.0977628
EVC	<b>0.6082226</b>	0.4194317	0.20241852	-3.0608791	-0.9281806
Second Week					
Metreic	SVR	RF	GBDT	LR	LASSO
MSE	0.2716661	0.3192046	0.51210881	0.51052539	<b>0.05284060</b>
R2score	0.0693802	-1.0037243	-0.78307969	-0.74885631	<b>0.81898915</b>
EVC	0.1977912	-0.1190541	-0.08409798	-0.69472796	<b>0.91647358</b>
Third Week					
Metric	SVR	RF	GBDT	LR	LASSO
MSE	0.3949564	1.0082170	0.764787	0.73353798	<b>0.0896601506</b>
R2score	0.6605046	0.0296122	0.297479	0.369467937	<b>0.9229302356</b>
EVC	0.713641	0.0253357	0.611827	0.37283487	<b>0.9758343006</b>
Forth Week					
Metric	SVR	RF	GBDT	LR	LASSO
MSE	0.745514	0.6839145	2.03964614	1.373235192	<b>0.5025655348</b>
R2score	0.573410	0.1461468	0.16642220	0.214224192	<b>0.7124281104</b>
EVC	0.63220	0.4586132	0.05054086	0.325419958	<b>0.7183931246</b>

Table 3: Evaluation of Predicting Model



(a) Structure of movie heterogeneous network

Figure 8: Social network schema of MHIN.

RULE 7.2. *high rank movies attract more high rank actors*

RULE 7.3. *actors get high rank with high rank co-stars*

Suppose we want  $K$  clusters of actors. According to the star relationship between actors and movies, we define matrix  $M_{MA}(i, j) = c_{ij}$  representing actor  $j$ 's contribution of movie  $i$  (see Section 3.1) and similarly,  $M_{AA}(i, j) = m_{ij}$  stands for number of movies that actor  $i$  and actor  $j$  co-starred. Note that  $W_{AM} = W_{MA}^T$ , and  $i =$

$\{1, 2, \dots, m\}, j = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . According to the 3 rules we proposed, we have

$$r_A(i) = \alpha \sum_{j=1}^m W_{AM}(j, i) r_M(i) + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{j=1}^n W_{AA}(i, j) r_A(j) \quad (15a)$$

$$r_A(j) \leftarrow \frac{r_A(j)}{\sum_{j'=1}^n r_A(j')} \quad (15b)$$

$$r_M(i) = \sum_{j=1}^n W_{MA}(i, j) r_A(j) \quad (15c)$$

$$r_M(i) \leftarrow \frac{r_M(i)}{\sum_{i'=1}^m r_M(i')} \quad (15d)$$

Note that  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  is a believe factor of weighed component of rule 3,  $r_A(j)$  and  $r_M(i)$  are normalized rank score vector. We finally get  $r_A$  which should be primary eigenvector of  $\alpha W_{AM} W_{MA} + (1 - \alpha) W_{AA}$ . Further, we capture posterior probability  $\pi_{i,k}$  that  $a_i$  from cluster  $k$ . Once an actor acts a movie, he is more likely to star high ranked film and for movie, its success are more likely contributed by high rank actor. Thus we have  $K$  dimensional vector  $s_{a_i} = \{\pi_{i,1}, \pi_{i,2}, \dots, \pi_{i,K}\}$  where  $\pi_{i,k}$  denotes  $a_i$ 's coefficient for component  $k$ .



The cluster center and the distance between each actor and each cluster can be defined as

$$S_{A_k} = \frac{\sum_{a \in A} s(a)}{|A_k|} \quad (16a)$$

$$Distance(a, A_k) = 1 - \cos(s_{a_i}, S_{A_k}) \quad (16b)$$

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**Algorithm 2** RankClus for Actors
 

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**Input:**

Our movie information network  $MHIN = (M, A; W)$   
 Cluster Number  $K$

**Output:**

$K$  clusters of actors  $A_i$  and rank of actor in each cluster

- 1: iter = 0;
  - 2: Init partitions for  $A$ , get  $PA^{iter} = \{A_i^{iter}\}_1^K$ ;
  - 3: Repeat following until  $PA^{iter} - PA^{iter-1} < \epsilon$  or iterations reach limitation
  - 4: For all cluster calculate  $r_A$  followed by rank function
  - 5: Evaluate  $\Theta$  for mixture model and get component efficient estimations  $s_{a_i}$  for each actor  $a_i$
  - 6: Update centers  $S_{A_k}^{iter}$  of each cluster  $A_k$
  - 7: Reassign each actor  $a_i$  according distance between  $a_i$  and each cluster center  $A_k^{iter}$
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## 7.2 Alternative Actors

In this section, we discuss method choosing alternative actors for casting agents. The basic idea is measure similarity between actors. Since movie information network has been built, we then introduce meta path-based similarity framework for alternative actors.

Type	Path instance	Meta-path
I(AMA)	Andy- $M_1$ -Sara	Actor-Movie-Actor
II(AMTMA)	John- $M_2$ -Comedy- $M_3$ -Sara	Actor-Movie-Type-Movie-Actor
	Ben- $M_4$ -War- $M_3$ -Sara	
	Drew- $M_5$ -Dracula- $M_2$ -John	
III(AMDMA)	Diana- $M_6$ -Spielberg- $M_1$ -Andy	Actor-Movie-Director-Movie-Actor
	John- $M_2$ -Luc Besson- $M_5$ -Drew	
	Sara- $M_3$ -Tom Tykwer- $M_5$ -Drew	

**Table 4: Different Types of meta-path in MHIN**

Denote actors  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  then  $p_{a_1 \rightsquigarrow a_2}$  is a path instance between  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ ,  $p_{a_1 \rightsquigarrow a_1}$  is a path instance between  $a_1$  and  $a_1$ ,  $p_{a_2 \rightsquigarrow a_2}$  is a path instance between  $a_2$  and  $a_2$ . We then get similarity between  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  by calculate

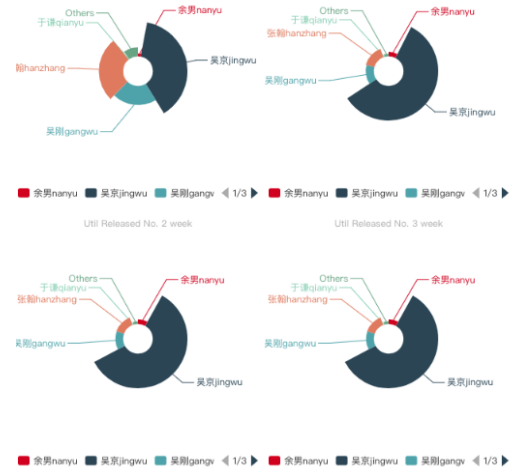
$$s(a_1, a_2) = \frac{2 \times |\{p_{a_1 \rightsquigarrow a_2} : p_{a_1 \rightsquigarrow a_2} \in \mathcal{P}\}|}{|\{p_{a_1 \rightsquigarrow a_1} : p_{a_1 \rightsquigarrow a_1} \in \mathcal{P}\}| + |\{p_{a_2 \rightsquigarrow a_2} : p_{a_2 \rightsquigarrow a_2} \in \mathcal{P}\}|} \quad (17)$$

Base on this measure of actors, we can not only know similarities but also get multi metrics that reflect how actors link with others.

Query a specific actor  $a_i$  and then return a recommend actor list  $r_{a_i}$  that ordered by similarities. Investors can determine the scope of film plan or prepare backup candidate for chief actor. In FKAP we also analyse different types of meta path instances for providing comprehensive alternative information for other actors.

## 8 SYSTEM EVALUATION AND CASE STUDY

In the case study, we use two concrete tasks to demonstrate how investors can apply FKAP to the analysis of movie box office. **Task 1: Movie Inclusion.** It's important for investors to analyze the performance of a movie. Movie performance not only refers to box office income, word of mouth, but also includes the changes in the audience and the change of the influence of the director during the screening process.



**Figure 9: Dynamic Impact of Wolf Warriors II**

Fig.4 shows dynamic impact of creators in "Wolf Warriors II". Before the movie released (week 0), the attentions people payed to Hans Zhang, Gang Wu and Jason Wu were equal while with the movie's release and the increase in the heat of the film, more and more people went to the movies for the sake of Jason Wu. Meanwhile, the dynamic influence process can reflect a major change in the importance of the movie. We can see that Jason Wu has greatly improved his value through the movie himself. To some extent, Jason Jing has more box office attractiveness, and investing in the actor's next movie is very likely to get high box office gains.

**Task 2: Evaluation of investment quality.** Investors usually need to assess the movie's expected box office and measure the actor's return on investment. Because there is a strong correlation between movie box office and audience feedback, the box office of the first week is less affected by audience feedback, so the first week box office can be regarded as the baseline of box office. The first week box office prediction can measure the expected revenue of the movie, and the actor replacement module can help investors to screen the appropriate actors at the right price at the appropriate box office in the first week.

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**9 RELATED WORK**

**10 CONCLUSION**

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