6_Appendices

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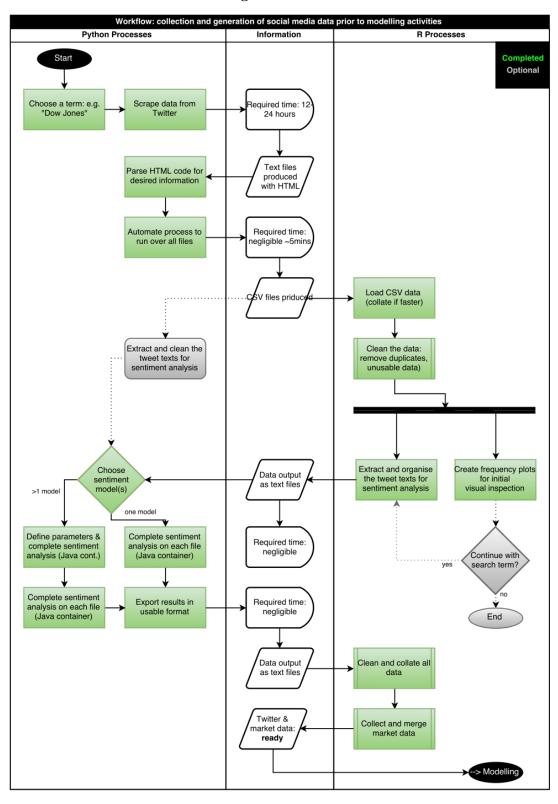
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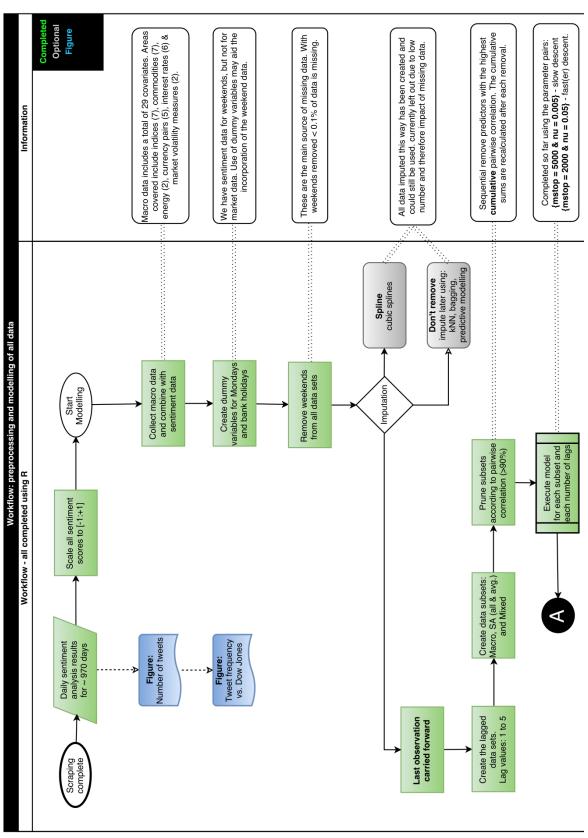
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1.1 Appendix 1 - Flowcharts

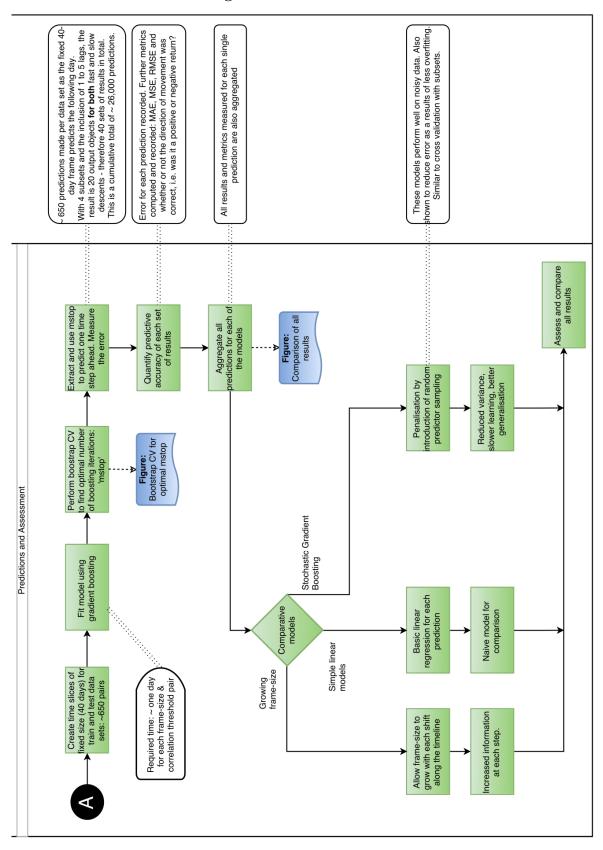
1.1.1 Flowchart 1 - Twitter mining



1.1.2 Flowchart 2.a - Data preparation



1.1.3 Flowchart 2.b - Modelling



1.2 Appendix 2 - Public holidays

1.2.1 Remark: Nikkei 225

An additional feature of the data sourced from Japan should be mentioned. The Nikkei 225 stock index data was used, which had a missing data point for the very first day of the timeline used, 14th January 2013. In order to perform the selected method of imputation - last observation carried forward (LOCF) - it was therefore necessary to source the data from the most closely preceding trading day, in order to impute Jan}

1.2.2 North America

Table 1 summarises public holidays relevant to the timeline and so the data used in this study is presented. The public holidays listed give the dates, which were used a dummy variables in the modelling. The dummy variable took the value 1 for a public holiday and 0 for not a public holiday.

	Monday January 21 2013
Martin Luther King Day:	Monday January 20 2014
	Monday January 19 2015
	Monday February 18 2013
Presidents' Day:	Monday February 17 2014
	Monday February 16 2015
	Monday May 27 2013
Memorial Day:	Monday May 26 2014
	Monday May 25 2015
	Thursday July 4 2013
Independence Day:	Friday July 4 2014
	Friday July 3 2015
	Monday September 2 2013
Labor Day:	Monday September 1 2014
	Monday September 7 2015
Columbus Day:	Monday October 14 2013
Veterans' Day:	Monday November 11 2013
	Tuesday November 11 2014
Thanksgiving Day:	Thursday November 28 2013 Thursday November 27 2014
	Thursday November 21 2014
Christmas Day:	Wednesday December 25 2013 Thursday December 25 2014
New Year's Day:	Wednesday January 1 2014
-	Thursday January 1 2015
Columbus Day:	Monday October 13 2014

Table 1: A summary of relevant public holidays in North America, included as a dummy variable for modelling.