**INTRODUCTION**

WITH the emerging of the Internet era, online social networks such as Twitter and Face book continue to be popular. People’s communication and lifestyle have brought about tremendous changes. The generation and dissemination of hot topics in social media are constantly affecting the daily lives of people. The social hotspots refer to news or topics that are concerned or interested by the public at present. The social network topology and the user’s reads and replies to messages in the network promote the dissemination and evolution of information related to the hot topic, that is, the propagation of the network topics [1].

Therefore, mastering user-forwarding participation behavior is important for evaluating the influence of a microblog topic [2], monitoring public opinion through networks [3], [4], and information retrieval [5]. At present, the prediction of user behavior in social networks mainly includes the following two approaches. The first approach analyzes the structural topology map used for information dissemination in social networks. This approach predicts the path and range of the information propagation [6] and, hence, the user’s participation behavior. Which users will participate in the micro blog is commonly predicted by dynamic propagation [7] or an infectious disease model [8], [9].

Such predictive models typically classify network nodes as unknowns, communicators, and immunizers [10], [11]. However, this modeling has two main shortcomings. First, it creates a complex topology diagram requiring a large number of calculations. Second, it considers only the relationships of interest among the users, ignoring the differences among users and the frequent changes of topics in social networks. The second modeling approach considers user activity, the number of fans, and the number of messages [3], [12], [13]. Some scholars also make predictions based on the user’s micro blog interest and micro blog information [14]–[16]. The influence of social media platforms (such as Weibo) and the behavior of users are then predicted by machine learning.

The forwarding behavior of online social networks has been extensively studied in recent years. Focusing on the different aspects of the predicted content, prediction models using both approaches have been established. However, despite significant progress in this area of research, there are still some challenges. 1) The Complexity of the Multi message Interaction: Most studies predict either the micro participation behavior during single messaging or the macro popularity perception during multi message topics. These studies ignore the complexity of interactions among multiple messages under hot topics that occur in actual situations. 2) The Ambiguity of Multi message Mutual Impact Metrics:

The user participation behavior is closely related to the multi message interaction under a topic. Traditional micro participation behavior mostly starts from a single message, generally, only analyzes user attributes or network topology, and does not accurately measure the interaction of multiple messages. 3) The Accuracy of the Predicted Model: Traditional mod models cannot correctly capture the nonlinear relationship between the topic data input and user behavior prediction output. In addition, ordinary neural networks are usually over fitting and prone to local minimums, thus reducing the accuracy of predictions. When predicting user participation behavior, the model should consider the personal characteristics of users. In addition, the interactions among multiple messages under the same hot topic are vital for improving the prediction results. Multi message interaction mechanisms and nonlinear relationships can be handled by a back propagation (BP) neural network model. The BP neural network is a multilayer feed forward network trained by an inverse error propagation algorithm. It can learn and store a large number of input–output mode mapping relationships, without the need to derive mathematical equations for the relationship in advance. However, as mentioned earlier, multiple messages exert an iterative guiding effect on user behavior, which causes over fitting of the neural network.

To avoid the over fitting problem, this article applies a simulated annealing algorithm to the BP neural network, which assists the local miniaturization solution of the algorithm and greatly improves the accuracy of the prediction results. The simulated annealing algorithm is derived from the principle of solid annealing and has greatly improved the prediction results in many past instances [17]. The main innovation of this article is that we study the user behavior of social hotspots from the perspective of multi message interaction at the micro level. The specific contributions of this article are as follows.

1) A user participation behavior prediction model based on multi message interaction is constructed. Based on the mapping relationships between the basic user information and participation behavior under the traditional single message, the multi message interaction-driving mechanism improves the completeness of the prediction results. Meanwhile, it is more realistic to describe the process of message dissemination. 2) A quantization mechanism based on multi message interaction is proposed. This article can more accurately measure the multi message selection process within the user community by quantitatively evaluating the mutual influence of messages from the perspective of topics. Meanwhile, the hidden influence under the same topic can be qualitatively measured, which leads to user’s participation behavior. 3) The BP neural network was improved by the simulated annealing algorithm. This method fits well with the nonlinear relationship between the topic data input and the user behavior prediction output. Moreover, the neural network over fitting problem is solved by the simulated annealing algorithm, and the prediction accuracy is further improved. This article is organized as follows. This section introduces the background and status of the research. Section II discusses the work related to our study, and Section III formalizes the research question. Section IV describes the proposed method and its learning algorithms. Section V experimentally evaluates our method oon a real-world data set, and Section VI concludes this study.