## IML HACKATHON

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Aim We strive to create a model that, given data about movies, will successfully predict the revenue made in the box office and the average viewer ranking of those movies before they are officially released. The revenue is represented as an int, and the ranking is a float between 0 and 10, with one digit after the decimal point.

## DATASET DESCRIPTION AND CHALLENGING CHARACTERISTICS:

Dataset description: The provided dataset contained around 5,000 movies, each with 22 features (ID, collection to which the movie belongs (if indeed), budget, genre, link to homepage, original language, original title, overview, number of viewers who ranked the movie, production companies, production countries, release date, runtime, spoken language, the stage of production, tagline, title, keywords, cast, crew.

Challenging Characteristics of the Dataset:

- 1. The multitude of formats that the different characteristics of the movies had. Some of the data (like the budget) was numeric, some was a long string (like the overview). Moreover, some columns included lists inside of them: the genres, crew, production company, keywords, cast and spoken languages, were all lists.
- 2. Nonnumeric data had to be processed before it could be used.
- 3. Missing data. Many values simply did not exist in the provided data. For example, many revenue values were missing.
- 4. Non-useful variables. Some of the features could be directly inferred from other features and were therefor pretty much useless in and of themselves.

## DATA CLEANING AND PRE-PROCESSING

First.

we had to figure out a way to divide the provided data into a training set and a set for testing. We decided to do this by first sorting the all the data according to the revenue, and then picking every forth feature to be in the test set, the rest of the data went to the training set. We decided to fill missing fields using the average of the data set, thus we would have a better result than if we were simply to fill the missing space with a zero, and we do not change the balance of that feature too much. We dealt with nonnumeric data by using dummy variables. Now, we feel that since much of the course is in English, it is appropriate to write at least some of the document in Hebrew. So -

CONSIDERATIONS THAT GUIDED OUR DESIGN OF THE LEARNING SYSTEMS and DESCRIPTION OF THE CHOSEN ALGORITHM

VARIOUS METHODS WE TRIED AND THEIR RESULTS

PREDICTION (AND EXPLANATION) OF THE GENERAL MODEL ERROR WE EXPECT OUR SYSTEM TO HAVE: