

A high-angle photograph of a business meeting. Three people in light blue shirts are seated at a white table. One person on the left is writing in a small notebook. Another person in the center is pointing at a large sheet of paper covered with various financial charts, including bar graphs, line graphs, and pie charts. A third person on the right is also writing. On the table are several calculators, a keyboard, a pair of glasses, and a smartphone. The overall scene suggests a professional financial analysis or investment decision-making process.

Corporate Investment Decision-making

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Description

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Our program aims to employ the F early warning model to recognize magnitude of risks based on principal component analysis and logistic regression analysis to decide which company to invest in.



Preparation

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Data to collect



Preparations



The Model We Used

Data to Collect

The SEC's EDGAR database provides free public access to corporate information, allowing us to quickly research a company's financial information and operations by reviewing registration statements, prospectuses and periodic reports filed on Forms 10-K and 10-Q.



Preparations



01%

HTML Document & communication

02%

Python Library

parse HTML Document

realize HTTP communication

03%

Regular expression

04%

Tools and calculation
methods to analyze
financial statements.

The Model We Used

$$F = 0.1774 + 1.1091W_1 + 1.9271W_2 + 0.1074W_3 + 0.0302W_4 + 0.04961W_5$$

The F early warning system has been improved upon the Z early warning system, including cash flow as a predictive variable.

An early warning system (EWS) is a system which is used for identifying current situations and predicting the risk level

A simplified F early warning system model:
$$F = -0.1774 + 1.1091W_1 + 1.9271W_2.$$

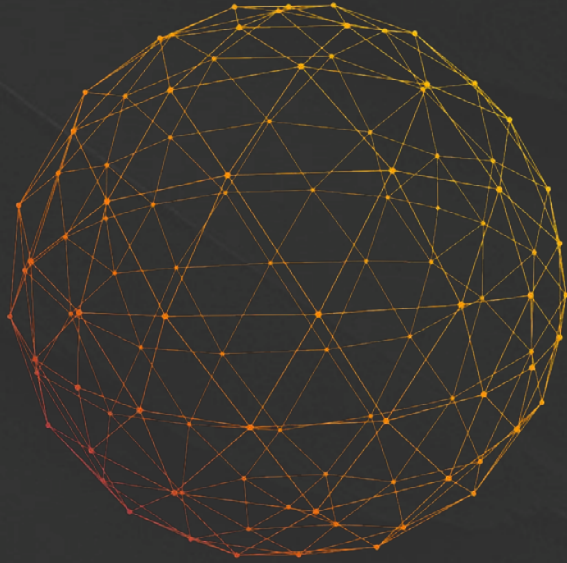


The Development Process



Part 1

Skeleton



As some unpredictable errors may appear when Python program runs for a long period, we decide to divide this part of program into three steps, so that the running time of each step can be decreased and this kind of error can be avoided.

Skeleton



Step 1

Search “CHINA” in the [SEC.gov | EDGAR | Search Tools](#). Get the CIK codes. Save those in “10-XList”.



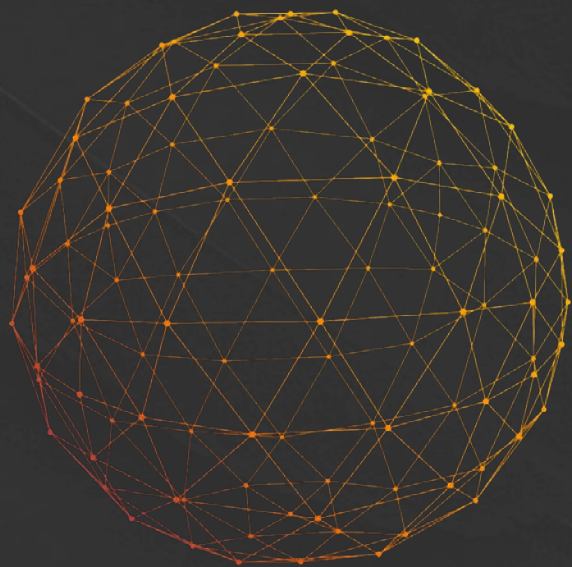
Step 2

Get the URLs. Save them into the file “chartUrls”.



Step 3

Visit the statements through the URLs in “chartUrls”.



More Details

Step One

Obtain the URL and analyze its composition: “country=F4” “start” “count” . Set the valid range to 100. Put CIK code into the CIK list. Visit the URL. Search through the web page . Write the URL into “10-Xlist” . Get all the URL.



CIK	Company
0001588169	Allied Fortune (HK) Management Ltd
0001609313	Ally Bridge Group Capital Partners II, L.P.
0001702738	Ally Bridge Group Flagship Capital Partners, L.P.
0001674513	Ally Bridge Group Innovation Capital Partners III, L.P.
0000725752	ALONG MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES INC SIC: 7389 - SERVICES-BUSINESS SERVICES, NEC
0001614926	Alpha Spring Ltd
0001403565	Aluminum Corp of China

10QSB	Documents
8-K/A	Documents
NT 10-Q	Documents
8-K	Documents
S-8	Documents
8-K	Documents
10QSB	Documents
NT 10-Q	Documents
10KSB	Documents
NT 10-K	Documents

More Details



Search through the index , find the corresponding URL and save it in “chartUrls”.

Step Three

Judge every <tr> in the file. Take the average value of first two items. Save them in data.txt in the form of "CIK\tTCA\tTCL\tTSE\tNI\n"

Seq	Description	Document	Type	Size
1	10-Q	v231528_10q.htm	10-Q	412615

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en" class="js">
  <head>...</head>
  <body class="off-canvas hide-extras">
    <!-- Google Tag Manager -->
    <noscript>...</noscript>
    <script type="text/javascript">...</script>
    <!-- End Google Tag Manager -->
    <div id="global-nav-bg-div" class="hide-for-medium-down"></div>
    <div id="global-wrapper-bg-1" class="clearfix">...</div>
    <script type="text/javascript" id="...</script>
    <script type="text/javascript" id="_fed_an_ua_tag" src="https://dap.digitalgov.gov/UniversalFederatedAnalyticsMin.js?agency=SEC&pua=ua-33523145-2&sdor=sec.gov"></script>
  </body>
</html>

```

Comments:
 CIK——CIK code;
 TCA——Total Current Assets;
 TCL——Total Current Liabilities;
 TSE——Total Stockholders' Equity;
 NI——Net Income

```

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <head>...</head>
  <body style="margin: 0">
    <!-- SEC Web Analytics - For information please visit:
    http://www.sec.gov/privacy.htm#collectedinfo -->
    <noscript>...</noscript>
    <script src="//www.youtube.com/iframe_api" async></script>
    <script type="text/javascript" async src="https://www.google-analytics.com/analytics.js"></script>
    <script async src="//www.googletagmanager.com/gtm.js?id=GTM-TD3BKV"></script>
    <script>...</script>
    <!-- End SEC Web Analytics -->
    <noscript>...</noscript>
    <!-- BEGIN BANNER -->
    <div id="headerTop">...</div>

```




Part 2

part 2



read the data

```
lines=open("data.txt","r").readlines()
```

```
with open("ratio.txt","w") as fout:
```

```
    for line in lines:
```

#due to some numbers like "136,000", which cannot be covert to float directly, so we first remove the ","

```
    data = line.replace(",","")
```

```
    data = data.strip().split()
```

```
0000799414      32, 670, 862      22, 066, 988      29, 415, 970      2, 127, 758
0001470884      14, 764, 034      7, 479, 313      16, 764, 967      8, 998, 708
0000928835      1, 093, 011      642, 869 3, 808, 054      7, 029, 976
0000821524      13, 644, 794      6, 852, 317      1, 671, 670      67, 983
0001491496      2, 001, 997      1, 608, 567      5, 046, 721      41, 960
0000946112      10, 401, 361      10, 242, 886      53, 302, 213      29, 150, 544
0001444183      6, 681, 348      591, 200 6, 128, 508      307, 313
0000763846      26, 171, 785      15, 846, 132      36, 028, 766      2, 159, 949
0001337615      6, 896, 005      5, 789, 593      5, 517, 410      101, 848
0001130128      16, 520, 076      3, 672, 994      319, 337 668, 410
0001470701      24, 502, 409      13, 188, 088      39, 377, 335      5, 951, 438
0001337826      152, 888, 853      79, 012, 843      94, 522, 256      689, 934
0001341808      27, 429, 932      3, 648, 771      46, 815, 946      41, 425
0001418134      41, 929, 853      4, 414, 097      46, 797, 860      1, 947, 226
0001415592      21, 498, 140      3, 467, 199      53, 273, 430      42, 348
0001322729      46, 644, 919      20, 175, 593      31, 392, 308      1, 229, 573
0001417192      36, 156, 145      10, 341, 683      68, 720, 070      4, 469, 021
0001401371      3, 934, 258      3, 050, 192      3, 105, 674      4, 034
0000798985      49, 492 7, 904      183, 696 531
0001392446      27, 977, 588      18, 232, 306      59, 038, 026      4, 392, 147
0001393109      6, 156, 213      957, 219 6, 397, 429      9, 374, 645
0001169354      16, 904, 678      4, 007, 985      2, 330, 030      113, 506
0001388855      92, 500, 142      12, 660, 915      198, 187, 581      609, 861
0001050691      10, 740, 524      8, 897, 343      8, 066, 442      3, 783, 432
0001119721      15, 700, 377      678, 038 22, 611, 715      197, 869
0001352419      6, 253, 143      2, 665, 201      8, 302, 155
0001365669      7, 936, 115      3, 427, 328      3, 797, 302
```


compute financial ratios

```
Current_Ratio = float(data[1])/float(data[2])
ROE = float(data[-1])/float(data[3])
#F-score formula: F = -0.1774 + 1.1091 * Current_Ratio + 1.9271 * ROE
F = -0.1774 + 1.1091 * Current_Ratio + 1.9271 * ROE
Ratios = data[0] + '\n'
fout.write(Ratios)
fout.close()
```

0001367777	1.0177720758662105	0.30878149670286015	1.5464638316392958
0001471302	3.218528799354773	0.1429423568058166	3.6677345071648677
0000826444	5.261292102976431	0.0009142829640528342	5.659660986111186
0000726435	4.391260893367067	0.4342145821417517	5.529722378078784
0001104040	6.633028169424516	0.002253441105440475	7.183634149063025
0001178552	4.068177738462934	0.07199745528379627	4.473362225806644
0001445196	39.27160043747721	0.2549462273407062	43.87003891991425
0001378270	29.024442532164777	0.08854236972560336	32.18423921312216
0000799414	1.480531099214809	0.0723342976621203	1.604050794641612
0001470884	1.9739826371753662	0.536756678375806	3.046327937789214
0000928835	1.7002079739418139	1.8460809641880078	5.265883289985576
0000821524	1.9912671874345569	0.040667715518014916	2.109485192158434
0001491496	1.2445841547165895	0.008314309429825821	1.2189907916983866
0000946112	1.0154717137338052	0.546891814792005	2.0027748939878363
0001444183	11.301332882273343	0.05014483133578352	12.453542404196552
0000763846	1.6516197769903722	0.05995067940989153	1.7699424489508238
0001337615	1.1911035888014927	0.018459385835020416	1.1792260727824033

$$F = -0.1774 + 1.1091 \times \text{Current Ratio} + 1.9271 \times \text{ROE}$$

Current Ratio =

Average Total Current Liabilities

Return On Equity =

Net Income

Average Total Equity

Try to sort the F in the descending order

```
#Thirdly, sort the F-score by using "sorted". But we encounter a problem like that "5" will be larger than "44".  
F_score = open("ratio_sorted.txt", "r").readlines()  
with open("ratio_sorted2.txt", "w") as fout:  
    for number in sorted(F_score, reverse=True):  
        fout.write(number)  
fout.close()
```



ratio_sorted.txt - 记事本			
文件(F) 编辑(E) 格式(O) 查看(V) 帮助(H)			
1. 5464638316392958	0001367777	1. 0177720758662105	0. 30878149670286015
3. 6677345071648677	0001471302	3. 218528799354773	0. 1429423568058166
5. 659660986111186	0000826444	5. 261292102976431	0. 0009142829640528342
5. 529722378078784	0000726435	4. 391260893367067	0. 4342145821417517
7. 183634149063025	0001104040	6. 633028169424516	0. 002253441105440475

ratio_sorted2.txt - 记事本			
文件(F) 编辑(E) 格式(O) 查看(V) 帮助(H)			
9. 779541200997906	0001393109	6. 4313526998523844	1. 4653769506468928
8. 917463925024204	0001284450	8. 173665480427045	0. 015282829475673122
8. 84466199604903	0001130128	4. 497713854147325	2. 093117928708543
8. 190622913377121	0001430682	1. 3745206255530307	3. 5512127484698537
8. 183634149063025	0001104040	6. 633028169424516	0. 002253441105440475



Part 3

part 3



**Step One: covert the format “txt.” into
“csv.”**

Step two: Utilize machine learning

**Step three: evaluate KNN-Regressor
mode's accuracy**

Step four: Export graphics

covert "txt." into "csv."

```
#Fourthly, print "F" "CR" "ROE" row by row.  
with open("line_example.txt", "w") as fout:  
    lines = open("ratio_sorted2.txt", "r").readlines()  
    for line in lines:  
        line=line.strip().split()  
        fout.write(line[0]+"\\n")    #change '0' to '2' '3', except for the company n  
fout.close()
```

1	F-score	CR	ROE
2	790.90328	713.21326	0.0289872
3	527.20056	474.88837	0.3524822
4	332.13623	299.21883	0.2335239
5	291.92172	263.35155	0.0082601
6	132.56385	119.65865	0.0144482
7	44.259957	35.682437	2.522944
8	43.870039	39.2716	0.2549462
9	39.813375	35.865639	0.1101111
10	33.10389	27.963087	1.1766024
11	32.184239	29.024443	0.0885424
12	29.430797	26.232775	0.2664242
13	27.32534	23.844722	0.5482632
14	25.52134	23.1556	0.0087507
15	20.008518	17.942198	0.1485272
16	18.362038	15.053315	0.9567779
17	16.408732	14.953909	0.0003902
18	15.097705	13.763263	0.0053294
19	14.579767	13.131889	0.0999373
20	13.452375	12.221764	0.0387198
21	12.453542	11.301333	0.0501448
22	12.008839	10.842488	0.0834596
23	11.832847	10.783194	0.0262606
24	10.935694	9.5032899	0.2973357

Print"F-score""CR""ROE"seperately row by row

```
9.779541200997906  
8.917463925024204  
8.84466199604903  
8.190622913377121  
8.162054416764851  
8.06008044910672
```

(Sample output)

Machine learning

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
model_knn = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=3)

models = dict()
models['KNN'] = model_knn

print('preparing the data...')
data = pd.read_csv('./ratios_sorted.csv')
feature_columns = [col for col in data.columns]
X = data[feature_columns]
y = data['F-score']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=0)
```

```
### step2: train a machine learning model
print('[2] training the model...')
# initialize the model (KNN, K=3)
model_knn = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=3)
# train/fit the model using training data: X_train, and y_train
model_knn.fit(X_train, y_train)
```



Evaluate the accuracy of KNN

```
## step3: use trained model to predict F-score, and evaluate the model performance
print(' [3] evaluating the model...')
# use the model to predict unseen F-score
y_predict = model_knn.predict(X_test)
print(y_predict.tolist()[:10]) # first 10 predicted data
print(y_test.tolist()[:10]) # first 10 true data
# evaluate model performance (using MSE/RMSE for regression problem)
mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_predict)
print('Mean Square Error (KNN):',mse)
print('Root Mean Square Error (KNN):',mse**0.5)
```

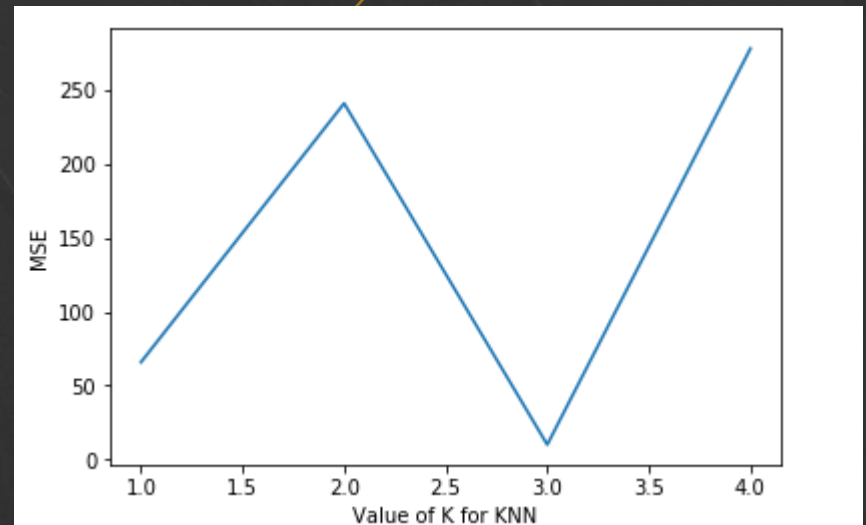
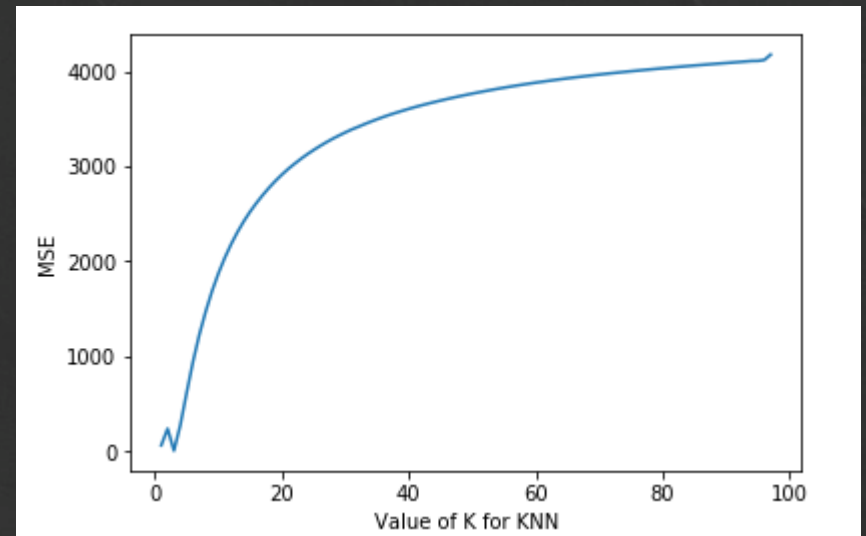
Mean Square Error (KNN): 9.92373352601, Root Mean Square Error (KNN):
3.15019579169

Accuracy

look for the highest degree of accuracy

```
k_range=range(1,98) → 5
scores=[]
for k in k_range:
    knn=KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=k)
    knn.fit(X_train,y_train)
    y_predict = knn.predict(X_test)
    mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, y_predict)
    scores.append(mse)

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
plt.plot(k_range,scores)
plt.xlabel('Value of K for KNN')
plt.ylabel('MSE')
```



k=3 !

OUTCOME

790.9032840708696	0000042136
527.2005619089598	0001380706
332.1362294007186	0001527675
291.9217215654966	0001104904
132.56385340352097	0000029952
44.25995652844528	0001346352
43.87003891991425	0001445196
39.813375206461075	0001451264
33.10389048404004	0001650101
32.18423921312216	0001378270

**Companies ranking
among the top ten**



Optimization

1.Efficiency optimization

In the first step and the third step, first go through all `<a>` or ``, to find out what we need. On average, each page needs to loop for 8000-25000 times. Later changing the object to the `<TR>`, it is reduced to 400-800 times, greatly improving operation efficiency. By going through strings, searching and skipping the inevitable failure of the cycle in time, we reduce the times of looping. By using linear search instead of the regular expression, the program improves the efficiency of operation.



2. Debugging process optimization

In the third step, there are some failures. In the following improvements, the failed URL is saved in "errlog.txt" for following processing, which is to use multiple-nested "try-except-block" to judge the documents, use if-else block to choose corresponding processing method and meanwhile add similarities when finding <TR>.It improves the rate of success of matching. The success rate increases from 12/150 to 123/376.

3. Output optimization



By using formatted strings, it generates the unified format strings. By saving the document, we pass the CLK in the first step to the third step and output the txt document. Then we can reduce the following workload. We choose `\t` as separator so that we can use `string.split ()` to make them into LIST.

OUTCOME

790.9032840708696	0000042136
527.2005619089598	0001380706
332.1362294007186	0001527675
291.9217215654966	0001104904
132.56385340352097	0000029952
44.25995652844528	0001346352
43.87003891991425	0001445196
39.813375206461075	0001451264
33.10389048404004	0001650101
32.18423921312216	0001378270

Companies ranking
among the top ten

THE "WINNER": 0000042136 742,455 1,041 553,00 16,030



Deficiency



F-score isn't always the bigger the better. The F of small scale companies sometimes is high.



We finally choose excel to solve sequencing problem. Because the “sort”function in python may come out the results that 5 is bigger than 44. When we turn string to float for sorting, “CLK” can't move with F-score automatically, which makes it difficult to figure out which company's performance is better.



F-score is a very simple reference. Different companies of different kinds have different potential, which can't reflect in the F-score. When making investment decisions, we should also consider other factors.



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