

# Assignment Weibo

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## Problem description

You want to investigate how a user's characteristics and posting behavior is related to his/her probability of being a spammer.

Three datasets of the Chinese microblogging website *Weibo* are available:

- **weibo\_user**: contains information on the characteristics of 781 users.
- **user\_post**: contains information on 40,443 posts of the users.
- **labels**: contains the response variable, which resolves to 1 if the user is detected as a spammer, 0 otherwise.

Variables related to message (or post) content are not required to be included into the analysis.

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**weibo\_user** has the following attributes:

- **user\_id**: user ID in Weibo
- **user\_name**: user nickname
- **gender**: user registration gender
- **class**: user level given by Weibo
- **message**: user registration location or other personal information
- **post\_num**: number of posts of this user up to now
- **follower\_num**: number of followers of this user
- **followee\_num**: number of 'followees' of this user

**user\_post** has the following attributes:

- **post\_id**: post ID given by Weibo
- **post\_time**: time post was shared
- **content**: content of the post (in Chinese)
- **poster\_id**: user ID of user who shared this post
- **poster\_url**: URL-link to the user
- **repost\_num**: number of retweets by others
- **comment\_num**: number of comments by others