

# Can Al help MOOCs? 影堂在线

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#### Big Data in MOOC







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- "Network+ EDU" (020)
  - edX launched 10+ MicroMaster degrees
  - Udacity launched NanoDegree program
  - GIT+Udacity launched the largest online master
  - Tsinghua+XuetangX will launch a MicroMaster soon



#### However...



#### only ~3% certificate rate

- The highest certificate rate is 14.95%
- The lowest is only 0.84%
- Can AI help MOOC and how?



#### MOOC user = Student?

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How to learn more effectively and more efficiently?

- Who is who? background, where from?
- Why MOOC? motivation? degree?
- What is personalization? preference?



#### MOOC course = University course?





# However to improve the engagement?



User

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Knowledge



## LittleMU (小木)







## What is LittleMU("小木")



- Not a Chatbot
  - "Good morning", "did you have the breakfast?"—NO
- Not a teacher/TA
  - "Can you explain the equation for me?" —NO
- Instead,"小木" is more like a learning peer
  - Tell you some basic knowledge in her mind
  - Tell you what the other users are thinking/learning
  - Try to understand your intention
  - Teach "小木" what you know



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#### Acrostic Poem: 小木作诗

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#### MOOC user







- Why MOOC? motivation? degree?
- What is personalization? preference?





#### **Basic Analysis**







#### Observation 1 – Gender Difference



#### Table 4: Regression Analysis for Certificate Rate: All Users

	Mode	1	Model 2			
	Non-Science	Science	Non-Science	Science		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		
Female	0.014***	-0.003	0.002*	0.001		
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.002)		
New Post	—	—	0.004***	0.038***		
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Reply	—	_	0.004**	0.001*		
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Graduate	0.007***	0.004	0.013***	0.001		
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)		
Effort	-0.072***		-0.072***			
	(0.003)		(0.003)			
Constant	0.286***	0.018***	0.280***	0.006		
	(0.013)	(0.006)	(0.011)	(0.004)		
Obs.	74,480	19,269	74,480	19,269		
$R^2$	0.024	0.001	0.462	0.363		

Model 1: Demographics vs Certificate Model 2: Demographics + Forum activities vs Certificate

- Females are significantly more likely to get the certificate in non-science courses.
- The size of the gender difference decreases significantly after we control for forum activities.



#### Observation 2 – Ability v.s. Effort



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Model 1: Demographics vs Certificate Model 2: Demographics + Forum activities vs Certificate

- Bachelors students are significantly more likely to get the certificate in nonscience courses.
- Graduate students are more likely to get the certificate in science courses.
   After controlling for learning activities, the size of the effect is almost doubled.
- **Forum activities** are good predictors for getting certificates.



#### Forum activity vs. Certificate







Forum activity vs. Certificate — It is more important to be presented in forum, while the intensity matters less.

"近朱者赤" (Homophily) – Certificate probability tripled when one is aware that she has certificate friend(s)



#### **Dynamic Factor Graph Model**





[1] Jiezhong Qiu, Jie Tang, Tracy Xiao Liu, Jie Gong, Chenhui Zhang, Qian Zhang, and Yufei Xue. Modeling and Predicting Learning Behavior in MOOCs. **WSDM'16**, pages 93-102.

#### **Certificate Prediction**



Category	Method	AUC	Precision	Recall	F1-score
	LRC	92.13	83.33	46.51	59.70
Science	SVM	92.67	52.17	83.72	64.29
Scicilice	FM	94.48	61.54	74.42	67.37
	LadFG	95.73	73.91	79.07	76.40
	LRC	94.16	76.93	89.20	82.57
Non-Science	SVM	93.94	76.96	88.60	82.37
	FM	94.87	80.22	86.23	83.07
	LadFG	95.54	79.76	89.01	84.10

• LRC, SVM, and FM are different baseline models

• LadFG is our proposed model



#### Predicting more



#### • Dropout

- KDDCUP 2015, 1,000+ teams worldwide
- Demographics
  - Gender, education, etc.
- User interests
  - computer science, mathematics, psychology, etc.



# User Tagging



- Observation: With probability 43.91%, a user will enroll in a course in the same category as the last course (s)he enrolled in.
- Method: Use course categories to tag users who enroll in courses under this category to aid course recommendation.



#### Random Walk with Restart



- Use RWR on the user-tag bipartite with # of enrolled courses in the tag (category) as edge weight to generate tag preference of users.
- Offline test in course recommendation

	top1	top3	top5	top10
Original	0.0071	0.0247	0.0416	0.0890
+Tag	0.0185	0.0573	0.1022	0.2198



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#### Knowledge Graph





- How to extract concepts from course scripts?
- How to recognize (prerequisite) relationships between concepts?

[1] Liangming Pan, Chengjiang Li, Juanzi Li, and Jie Tang. Prerequisite Relation Learning for Concepts in MOOCs. ACL'17.

#### **Concept Extraction**





Video script



Vector representation Learned via embedding or deep learning





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#### Prerequisite Relationship Extraction

- Step 1: First extract important concepts
- Step 2: Use Word2Vec to learn representations of concepts

 data mining

 0.8
 0.2
 0.3
 0.0
 0.0

 business intelligence

 0.1
 0.1
 0.2
 0.8
 0.7

Vector representation Learned via embedding or deep learning



#### Prerequisite Relationship Extraction



- Step 1: First extract important concepts
- Step 2: Use Word2Vec to learn representations of concepts
- Step 3: Distance functions
  - Semantic Relatedness
  - Video Reference Distance
  - Sentence Reference Distance
  - Wikipedia Reference Distance
  - Average Position Distance
  - Distributional Asymmetry Distance
  - Complexity Level Distance



#### Result of Prerequisite Relationship



Classifier		Μ	[L	DS	SA	CAL		
	M	1	10	1	10	1	10	
	P	63.2	60.1	60.7	62.3	61.1	61.9	
SVM	R	68.5	72.4	<b>69.3</b>	67.5	67.9	68.3	
	$F_1$	65.8	65.7	64.7	64.8	64.3	64.9	
	P	58.0	58.2	62.9	62.6	60.1	60.6	
NB	R	58.1	60.5	62.3	61.8	61.2	62.1	
	$F_1$	58.1	59.4	62.6	62.2	60.6	61.3	
	P	66.8	67.6	63.1	62.0	62.7	63.3	
LR	R	60.8	61.0	64.8	66.8	63.6	64.1	
	$F_1$	63.7	64.2	63.9	64.3	61.6	62.9	
	P	68.1	71.4	<b>69.1</b>	72.7	67.3	70.3	
RF	R	70.0	73.8	68.4	72.3	67.8	71.9	
	$F_1$	<b>69.1</b>	72.6	<b>68.7</b>	72.5	67.5	71.1	

• SVM, NB, LR, and **RF** are different classification models

 It seems that with the defined distance functions, RF achieves the best

Table 2: Classification results of the proposed method(%).

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#### System Deployed







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### What we can do?









- Let start with a simple case
  - Course recommendation based on user interest





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## **Course Recommendation**









## Online A/B Test







Top-k recommendation accuracy (MRR) Comparison methods:

HCACR – Hybrid Content-Aware Course Recommendation CACR – Content-Aware Course Recommendation IBCF – Item-Based Collaborative Filtering UBCF – User-Based Collaborative Filtering

Online Click-through Rate Comparison methods: HCACR – Our method Manual strategy



## Context based Recommendation





## More Analysis









- Let start the simplest case

   Course recommendation based on user interest
- What can we else?
  - Interaction when watching video?



### Smart Jump —Automated suggestion for video navigation





## Average Jump











## *S*×8,000,000 *users* = 1.3 *years*



## **Observations – Course Related**







Science courses contain much more frequent jump-backs than non-science courses. Users in non-science courses jump back earlier than users in science courses.

Users in science courses are likely to rewind farther than users in non-science courses.



## **Observations – User Related**







- 9.2% users prefer 17 seconds
- 6.6% users prefer 20 seconds



## Video Segmentation



- end position located in different segments).
- $R_{n s}$ : rate of non-empty segments (contains at least one • start position or end position of some complete-jumps).





[1] Han Zhang, Maosong Sun, Xiaochen Wang, Zhengyang Song, Jie Tang, and Jimeng Sun. Smart Jump: Automated Navigation Suggestion for Videos in MOOCs. **WWW'17**, pages 331-339.

## **Prediction Results**



Course	Model	AUC	P@1	P@3	P@5
	LRC	72.46	35.95	65.54	80.13
Science	SVM	71.92	35.45	66.15	81.99
	FM	74.02	37.61	76.04	89.59
Non-science	LRC	72.59	69.23	73.23	89.32
	SVM	73.52	68.39	76.64	91.30
	FM	73.57	67.56	88.43	96.05

• LRC, SVM, and FM are different models

• FM is defined as follows

$$\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}_{i}) = w_{0} + \sum_{j=1}^{d} w_{j} x_{i,j} + \sum_{j=1}^{d-1} \sum_{j'=j+1}^{d} x_{i,j} x_{i,j'} \langle \mathbf{p}_{j}, \mathbf{p}_{j'} \rangle$$



### Data statistics



类别	统计量	7.15-8.15	8.16-10.09
用户数量	总共用户数量	14875	20043
	触发了回看事件的 用户数量	781	1025
视频数量	总共视频数量	235	235
	触发了回看事件的 视频数量	234	235
	总的回看次数	7772	10369
回看路径不包含 推荐点的回看	回看次数	3809	5325
	平均回跳次数	1.657653	1.722441
回看路径包含但	回看次数	3408	4333
禾点击推荐点的   回看	平均回跳次数	1.784918	1.803831
点击推荐点开始 看视频的回看	回看次数	196	297
	平均回跳次数	1.882653	1.845118
点击推荐点后继续跳转的回手	回看次数	359	414
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### **Data statistics**



### 效果好的统计量:

点击推荐点后开始看视频的回看比例有所上升: 35.3% -> 41.7% 点击推荐点后开始看视频的回看的平均回跳次数: 1.882653 -> 1.845118

### 效果不好的统计量:

回看路径不包含推荐点的回看 回看路径包含但未点击推荐点的回看 点击推荐点后继续跳转的回看



## More



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  - Course recommendation based on user interest
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  - What kind of questions did the users ask?



## **Question Answering**





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## **Query Categories**



- PLATFORM: XuetangX platform
- CONTENT: enrollments, courses, teachers
- CONCEPT: simple knowledge point
- DISCUSS: general discussion, comparison
- FEEDBACK: suggestions, complains
- SMALLCHAT: small chat
- CUSTOMER: personal questions (e.g., account)
- MISC: meaningless questions (e.g., asjedkjqw)
- SERVICE: poem, recommendation



## **Category Distribution**





## Candidate Dataset



- Wikipedia: 892,185
- Forum Archive: 65,001
- Platform FAQ: 137
- Zhihu: 1,000+
- CSDN: 670
- Course Structure: 8 types



## **Question Classification**



- #Training (March 2017 August 2017): 2162
- #Test (September 2017): 499
   Precision: 0.77, Recall: 0.78



## **Online Result**





Thumb ratio



0.52

## **Question Retrieval**



- Queries in PLATFORM category: 538
- Q-A pairs in Candidate Set: 77

	MRR	Hit @ 1	Hit @ 3	Hit @5
ES (TF-IDF)	0.617	0.558	0.698	0.748
Word2vec + WMD	0.695	0.602	0.745	0.817
Word2vec + Cosine	0.653	0.577	0.685	0.726
1.0*WMD+1.5*ES	0.728	0.640	0.781	0.845



## More



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  - Course recommendation based on user interest
- What can we else?
  - Interaction when watching video?
  - What kind of questions did the users ask?
  - Interaction->intervention



# **Active** Question Question: What is **time complexity?** 小木提问:什么是时间复杂度? 🖒 ☆常数(constant function) 2 = 2013 = 2013 × 2013 = 0(1), 甚至 2013<sup>2013</sup> = 0(1)0:35 / 6:22 🖒 53 2.00x **[字幕** 高清

## **Active** Question



#### **Question:** What is **Random Vector?**



### **Bot->Mindsets**



are those interventions really useful?
 – not enough...





# Active Question with Social Pressure

#### Example: Thumb\_up Class (with #thumbup)





## **Active** Question



#### **On-line experiment Setting:**

Time	Classified Type	Total user count	User Count per Class			
9/14 – 9/17	On/Off	266	On		Off	
			137			129
9/23 — 9/30	Social/Thumb_up/None	1150	Social	Thumb_	_up	None
			365	414		371

- 1. Each question lasts for 10 seconds;
- 2. Displaying time is notated manually to ensure strong connection with the on-going content;







#### **Positive Direct Feedback:**

Time	Classfied Type	Feedback ratio(at least once)	Thumb_up Ratio
0914 0917	On/Off	12.4%(17/134)	31.2%(10/32)
0923 0930	Social/Thumb_up/None	17.5%(151/864)	47.1%(113/240)

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## **Active** Question



#### New Peaks in in-video interaction:

Vertical line:

- Red: start of question
- Green: end of question

Curve:

- Yellow: without question displaying
- Blue: with question displaying

(Since the course is on-going, a full comparison is not available for now)





## **Active** Question



#### A specific case of jumping back to the quetion time

X-axis: video time axis Y-axis: event time axis

Bottom blue line:

- Red: start of question
- Green: end of question

Other lines:

• User's jump span

Dots:

 Other event, e.g., playing, pausing.









#### Longer Video Watching Time in total:

Class	Median Watch Time(second)	Average Watch Time(second)	User Count
On	1329.5	3497.4	137
Off	1864.0	2946.3	129
		(t-test, p=0.303)	


## **Active** Question



The fixed strategy has some major shortcomings:

- 1. It does not scale up well;
- 2. User difference is not considered;
- 3. The displaying time and duration is chosen intuitively and far from optimal.

Reinforcement learning may help.

- 1. Using users' history for personalization;
- 2. Iteratively update the strategy by users' feedback;
  - Careful design needed to integrate both explicit feedback (thumb\_up or exit button) and implicit feedback (watching time, etc.);
- 3. Experiment is still on the way.



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## **Recent Publications**



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