Crawling and Analysis of Data Based on Social Networking on Stock Comments

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Abstract. In this paper, stock data on social networking platforms for the research object, a reptile related technologies. The main purpose of this paper is to design web crawler programs for web sites to crawl stock information and comments. Analysis of crawling information will be used to help investor to do their own investment strategies. The details and application of Python crawler are described in detail. And we have compared with the baseline system to exhibit our crawler’s advantages. The work as follows: 1. Analysis of the existence of the current social network information during the crawling problem, which leads to the need to achieve the design goal of reptiles; 2. In order to crawl enormous data from different social networks, we constructed several different social networks information suitable for crawling web crawler by using different methods; 3. Using regular expression to quickly parse large amounts of text to find specific character patterns; extract, edit, replace, or delete text substrings. 4. Climb take the information including stock opening price, stock closing price, turnover and content comment; 5. Putting the information into the document for data storage.

1. Introduction
The explosive growth of data available on the World Wide Web has made this the largest publicly accessible data-bank in the world. Therefore, it presents an unprecedented opportunity for data mining and knowledge discovery. Web mining, which is a field of science that aims to discover useful knowledge from information that is available over the internet, can be classified into three categories, depending on the mining goals and the information garnered: web structure mining, web usage mining, and web content mining [1]. As a typical application in the era of Web2.0, social networking services are rapidly becoming popular around the world [2]. The emergence of social networks has pushed social forms and user behaviors on the Internet to the real world, and virtual society and the real world have begun to cross. With the continuous development of social networks and the rapid increase in registered users, more and more researchers are involved in the research of multi-faceted content.

According to the data in the 35th Statistical Report on Internet Development in China [3], as of December 2014, the number of Internet users in China reached 649 million, and the number of mobile Internet users reached 557 million. According to relevant reports, Sina Weibo’s registered users have exceeded RMB 600 million. In 2015, Sina Weibo’s first quarter financial report [4] showed that the number of active users in the first quarter reached 198 million, and the average daily active users were also it reached 89 million.

Foreign researchers mostly conduct data collection for Facebook [5], Twitter [6] [7], etc. Researchers set up a network model on the Twitter platform to study the characteristics of the network. Many of the underlying interfaces and libraries of Twitter are public. Use this feature to make statistics on Twitter data. Facebook also gradually opened the API interface. Researchers use the successive interfaces to collect and research Facebook user data. Sina Weibo has become a powerful data-
providing platform for domestic researchers to conduct data mining research and analysis [8]. Tan Lian [9] and others proposed an acquisition method that combines web page crawling based on microblogging APIs and web crawlers. However, this method is inferior to web crawlers in acquiring data integrity, and the rate at which API obtains large amounts of user IDs is lower than page acquisition. Huang Yanwei [10] and others studied WeiBo APIs and information acquisition technology based on network data flow. In this technology, simply using the API interface for data collection will result in restricted access, and the amount of collected user WeiBo data is minor.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2 presents the key technical requirements that guided the crawler development. Section 3 presents the strategies and goals of the crawler. Section 4 covers the main Crawler features and their implementation details. Section 5 our experimental results are described, as well as a discussion of the performance measures. Finally, Section 6 presents our conclusions and directions for future research.

2. Goals and strategies
In this chapter, we describe the strategies and goals that have guided our crawler implementation. For making our information more accurate and more convincing, we adapt design two different reptiles, which can crawl News Finance Websites and networks respectively. There are three stages:

1. First, we need to know about accurate stock information by choosing to crawl these News Finance Website such as NetEase, and hence we can know some comments whether right or wrong and give people a right orientation to follow. In this part, we mainly use regular expression to get information from website, we will introduce these details in section 4.

2. Second, we need to crawl comment about stock from Sina Weibo, the biggest network in China like FaceBook and Twitter in America. According to Weibo which has an anti-spider mechanism, so we can not use regular expression simply like crawl News Finance Website, We use Selenium WebDriver to simulate users to scan browser, it can avoid the anti-spider mechanism if we do not crawl the website too fast. And we also will introduce these details in section 4.

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http://quotes.money.163.com/trade/lsjysj_zhishu_399301.html?year=2017&season=3

We can change the stock codes from the url to get different historical stock trade information.

Requesturl: http://quotes.money.163.com/service/chddata.html?code=1399301&start=20130110&end=20180612&fields=TCLOSE;HIGH;LOW;TOPEN;LCLOSE;CHG;PCHG;VOTURNOVER;VATURN

We can see the code, start time and the end time clearly from this.

So, we can get the stock data from finance News websites. Second, we need to crawl network. In this paper, we select the Sina Weibo as our object. Then, we will introduce every steps in next part. And we called this reptile as NO.2.

First, we choose The Shanghai Composite Index as an example in our experiment. So, we aim to crawl comment data from Sina Weibo about this subject. Then, as a crawler, we all know how to check the source code about a website, click the network and then slide the mouse wheel, get the header data and URL by finding the JSION document.

url: https://m.weibo.cn/api/container/getIndex?type=all&queryVal=%E4%B8%8A%E8%AF%87%E6%95%B0&featurecode=20000320&luicode=10000011&lfid=106003type%3D1&title=%E4%B8%8A%E8%AF%87%E6%95%B0&page=3

By changing the page in this, we can get different pages. And then, we open the URL, and we can see the figure 4. Using “response.json()['data']['cards'][0]['card_group']” to get we want. The comments are saved in text label. Finally, we have saved these in txt documents, and prepared for data cleaning.

Figure 2. The trade price of stocks.

Figure 3. The website URL

Figure 4. The website URL
4. Experimental results and discussion

4.1 Running the experiment

We run our experiments on a common PC, with 6 GB RAM and a 100 GB SSD hard drive, where the CPU is a core i7 and the operating system is Microsoft Windows 10. Pages are collected from the NetEase finance News website and Sina Weibo website.
During crawling these data from different websites, we also found some difficult in crawling. First, we found it is difficult for us to crawl Weibo website, because there is a significant anti-reptile in Weibo website. So, we have chosen Weibo platform on phone, it is same as website platform, and it is prone to crawl for us. Then, we tried to crawl comments under one stock, and we succeeded although there are many useless data and unnecessary links in our documents. The resulting statistics for the experiment are presented in figure 6.

The stock crawler mainly crawls some stock features. All stock codes are written in the html page, and the stock code is extracted by using regular expressions. The search speed is faster and accurate, and all the codes are obtained accurately. The cycle time complexity is \( O(n) \). For stock information crawling, using string splicing can get all the stock information, it is relatively easy to get stock information on Netease Finance. Its opposition to web crawlers is not very large, we can use time delays to ensure our method is friendly for the server. Sina Weibo stock comment, due to Sina Weibo comment area data is dynamic, can not be obtained by conventional methods. We need to manually grab the packet and get the URL, then search through it, maybe there will be some empty pages in it, which is wasteful of time and slows down the efficiency of crawling. We can extract information by using json data bank, whereby improves the time efficiency, because the comment data area is presented in json format.

4.2 Evaluating Crawler speed performance

To make a fair comparison, we have selected two similar data platforms for our crawlers. Figure 8 shows the Reptile No.1 crawled the amount of data during a given time period. Similarly, figure 9 presents the Reptile No.2 crawled the amount of data during a given time period.

![Figure 8. The performance of Reptile No.1](image1)

![Figure 9. The performance of Reptile No.2](image2)

![Figure 10. Reptile No.2 achieves a high performance compared to baseline system during the given time. (Line 1 is Reptile No.1 and Line 2 is baseline system)](image3)
It is easy to see that the ability of our crawlers can crawl how much data during the given time. In order to know the advantages of our reptiles compared to the current reptiles, we have compared with the baseline system, which is a stable reptile on the internet, and did a comparing image for them. Figure 10 depicts this.

It is obvious that our crawler, Reptile No.2, is prior to the baseline system. In fact, multi-threading enables efficient use of available resources. So we have taken the multi-threading to improve the speed. Although the crawler speed is considered as a performance factor, a crawler should also be polite to web servers, such that it does not overload the server with frequent requests within a short space of time. Therefore, there should be sufficient delays between consecutive requests to the same server.

5. Conclusion and future work
With the rapid development of various social networks in recent years, especially Weibo has developed into an important social media. Getting news, current affairs, self-expression, social sharing and other content from Weibo has become a part of daily life. In this paper, we presented our reptiles which have crawled different data not only from Sina Weibo, also from NetEase Finance News website. For different data requirements, designed different reptiles as our papers. We intend to improve its speed and effect. We also plan to extend its features and functionalities by implementing focused crawling and automatic content detection and extraction.

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