

LSTM Neural Network with Emotional Analysis for Prediction of Stock Price

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Abstract—Time series forecasting is an important and widely known topic in the research of statistics, with the forecasting of stock opening price being the most crucial element in the entire forecasting process. However, to improve the accuracy of forecasting the stock opening price is a challenging task, therefore in this paper, we propose a robust time series learning model for prediction of stock opening price. The proposed model consists of two parts, namely the emotional analysis model and the long short-term memory (LSTM) time series learning model. Firstly, we use an emotion classifier based on naïve Bayesian to analyze the data from forums. Secondly, we combine the emotional data obtained from the previous experiments together with the actual Behavior Data as the training data for the long short-term memory time series learning model. Finally, a satisfactory result can be obtained by training the neural network. Experimental results show that by treating the stock exchange data, Shanghai Composite index and emotional data as the input variables can greatly improve the prediction accuracy. As expected, an outstanding prediction performance has been obtained from proposed model as it outperforms traditional neural network. The proposed model is expected to be a promising method in the realm of stock opening price prediction where the data are non-linear, long-term dependent and influenced by noise and many other factors.

Index Terms—stock forecasting, LSTM, emotional analysis, time series

I. INTRODUCTION

TIME series forecasting is an interdisciplinary research program which has some useful applications in a numerous of other research fields. In the financial area, time series forecasting can help people make a wise plan and decision so as to reduce the risk of investment. In a time series, time is usually an important variable used for making decisions and predictions. When we use time series to predict the trend of the future, we need to utilize detailed historical data over a period of time to understand it. Researchers usually use historical data to predict various future events, such as the forecast of stock prices and changes of product sales.

Many traditional methods based on statistics are proposed for time series learning. These methods include linear regression [1], Moving Average (MA) and Auto-regression (AR). Box and Jenkins [2] proposed Auto-regression Moving

Average (ARMA) model that can deal with the sequence, part of which is Auto-regression while another part is Moving Average. Auto-regression Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) model [2] is capable of dealing with non-stationary time series. Engle [3] established Auto-regressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity (ARCH) model, which can simulate the variation of time series variable. Thereafter, Bollerslev [4] proposed Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity (GARCH) model, which is particularly suitable for the analysis and prediction of volatility. These methods are widely used in the field of time series predictions and can achieve a good predictive effect when the time series is Gauss distribution. Some other traditional methods are also used for time series forecasting. Elaal et al. introduced multivariate-factors fuzzy time series forecasting model based on fuzzy clustering to handle real-world multivariate forecasting problems [5]. Khalil Khiabani and Saeed Reza Aghabozorgi presented hybrid forecast model based on the particle swarm optimization and k-means clustering to solve time series forecasting problems [6]. However, there are still a few drawbacks regarding the previously mentioned models where they are not able to take the unstable and non-stationary factors of the stock forecasting into account [7].

Artificial neural network (ANN) [8] is one of the most accurate methods to predict stock trends. So far, ANN has been widely used in stock forecasting [9]. Shen, Guo, Wu, and Wu [10] predict stock indices of Shanghai Stock Exchange with the model of radial basis function neural network. Huarng and Yu [11] used back-propagation neural network to predict stock price. Some researchers regard stock price as time series [12], [13] and use short-term memory model Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) to forecast time series [14], [15].

Based on the findings above, these models exist three main disadvantages. (1) The traditional time series models use historical stock data as the input variables. However, the price of stock is affected by a large number of factors, such as market conditions and environmental influences. The direct use of complex historical data in the traditional time series models has a tendency to reduce the forecasting ability and therefore the final results. Therefore, many researchers tend to reduce the complexity of the original data, for instance, principal component analysis (PCA) is proposed so that the original data break down into simpler elements or higher correlated variables to improve the ability of the predicting models. (2) These models only take the historical trade data as input variables, but not considering the impacts of the environment of the stock on the forecasting, such as the

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emotional tendency of investors. (3) Some researchers do not regard stock price variables as a time series and consider them as discrete variations. Other researchers even consider stock price variations as a time series, but they believe the memory of time series is either short or fixed. Yet, as seen above, the long-term dependence problems are not well handled.

To overcome the drawbacks above, we propose a robust time series learning model for predictions of stock opening price. The proposed model consists of two models: the emotional analysis model and the long short-term memory (LSTM) time series learning model. Research shows that network information can be used to predict product sales, brand awareness and presidential election, etc. Mishne and Rijke [16] used the number of the blog comments to calculate box office whereas Schumaker and Chen [17] studied the correlation between financial news and stock prices. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) is a variant of RNN and proves to be demonstrating good performances in time series learning as LSTM can maintain contextual information as well as temporal behaviors of events. In this paper, we integrate data from network public opinions and actual behavior data as a high dimension input time series, and propose a new time series model based on long short-term memory. This new model trains the input data to deduce the price of the stock.

We use corresponding network of public opinions data to establish emotion classifier based on naïve Bayes. Then, we post the information of shares into the emotion classifier to get the emotional data on stock. After that, we combine the emotional data and the actual behavior data to establish a high dimension time series. Finally, we train the model so that it is capable of predicting the results from the original data. Experimental results suggest that the proposed model can achieve significant effectiveness in stock forecasting.

The remaining parts of this paper is organized as the following: Section 2 will describe the related studies. Section 3 will briefly introduce the basic definitions of the new model where Section 4 introduces the time series learning based on LSTM. Section 5 shows and discusses the experimental results. Finally, conclusions are made in Section 6.

II. RELATED WORK

Predicting stock price is an exciting and challenging research [18]. Many time series forecasting models have been proposed to be used for stock forecasting. First of all, we will review the application of ANN in stock forecasting because many studies show that ANN outperforms statistical regression models [19] and discriminant analysis [20]. Wang, Zou, Su, Li, & Chaudhry [21] proposed a time series prediction model based on ARIMA and ANN. In another study, Rout, Majhi, Majhi, and Panda [22] developed a model by ARIMA and differential evolution based on trainings of ANN. In a recent study, Yi, Jin, John, and Shouyang [23] used ARIMA and ANN to predict the financial volatility. These models are combined with statistical and ANN. At the same time there are a number of studies conducted in a bid to optimize the parameters of ANN. Kim and Ahn [24] tried to find a global optimal solution of ANN. Chen, Fan, Chen, and Wei [25] designed experiments on ANN's parameters

optimization in stock forecasting.

Furthermore, many Neural Networks for time series have been brought into the use of stock forecasting. Chen, Leung, and Daouk [26] used probabilistic neural network (PNN) to predict the direction of index return. Huarng and Yu [27] used BP neural network to forecast stock price. In another research, Hsu [28] used BP neural network and feature selection as well as genetic programming to solve the problems of stock price forecasting. In the latest studies, Time series model RNN with short-term memory is widely used. Hsieh, Hsiao, and Yeh [29] merged wavelet transforms and RNN based on artificial bee colony algorithm to predict stock markets.

III. DEFINITION OF MODEL

Stock market can be seen as a group decision making system, subject to external (Network Public Opinion) as well as internal (Actual Behavior) constraints. Therefore, the whole system can be divided into two space. One space is Network Public Opinion Data Space (OS) and the other space is Actual Behavior Data Space (BS).

A. Actual Behavior Data Space

The data we choose is composed of various attributes of each stock and Shanghai Stock Composite Index (SCI). We define the BS:

$$BS = \{ \text{Time}, \text{Member}, \text{Price}_s, \text{High}_s, \text{Low}_s, \text{Close}_s \} \\ \cup \{ \text{Chg}_s, \% \text{Chg}_s, \% \text{Turnover}_s, \text{Close}_{SH}, \text{High}_{SH} \} \\ \cup \{ \text{Low}_{SH}, \text{Price}_{SH}, \text{Chg}_{SH}, \% \text{Chg}_{SH} \} \quad (1)$$

Where Time denotes the trading time of the listing Corporation's shares, Member denotes the ticker of the listing Corporation's shares, Price_s denotes the opening price of stock at Time, High_s denotes maximum price of stock at Time, Low_s denotes minimum price of the stock at Time, Close_s denotes closing price of the stock at Time, Chg_s denotes change amount of stock at Time, $\% \text{Chg}_s$ denotes change rate of stock at Time, $\% \text{Turnover}_s$ denotes turnover rate of stock at Time, Close_{SH} denotes closing price of Shanghai Composite Index at Time, High_{SH} denotes maximum price of Shanghai Composite Index at Time, Low_{SH} denotes minimum price of Shanghai Composite Index at Time, Price_{SH} denotes opening price of Shanghai Composite Index at Time, Chg_{SH} denotes change amount of Shanghai Composite Index at Time, $\% \text{Chg}_{SH}$ denotes change rate of Shanghai Composite Index at Time.

B. Network Public Opinion Data Space

The outstanding feature of the Internet is to connect each isolated computer into the network, so as to realize the high speed transmission and sharing of global information. There is a lot of network evaluation information in the network public opinion space, which often contains a lot of emotional tendency, so we generally call it information emotional tendency. Information emotional tendency has the following characteristics: 1) Memory. Investor sentiment information both has the special features of the financial information and has the semantic features of the text information. Once this

information appears in the network public opinion, it will leave traces in the network space, so it can be stored and be remembered. 2) Spontaneity. As the subjective evaluation and self-judgment of the information of the stock market and listing Corporation, the investor sentiment in the network space of public opinion is the spontaneous behavior of the investors. This spontaneous generation, spontaneous communication and spontaneous acceptance allow us to get a more pure investor sentiment that is not affected by other information. 3) Interactivity. The network evaluation information in the network public opinion space both has the objective description of all kinds of information and has the subjective judgment of investors. The interactive process in the network public opinion space, including investor's attention, click and reply, makes the mood contained in the network evaluation information have more tendencies. Due to the widespread attention of investors, this interaction has an unprecedented influence on the investor groups. 4) Representativeness. The opinion of network evaluation information in network public opinion space is generally considered as the opinion that is held or recognized by the information publisher, so this information represents clear emotional tendencies of different investors. Although the network public opinion revealed that the emotional focus of investors is emanative, the object we focus on is concentrated, which contains all kinds of information about the recent performance and future development of quoted company. So we can extract the performance characteristics of the investor sentiment in the network public opinion space.

The comments information and reply message, which crawled from the public message forum about the Shanghai Composite Index of the Eastern wealth network, constitutes the network of public opinion space. We defined information of post as Posts, which is a subspace of OS.

Unlike in English, Most of the information from OS is in the form of Chinese, so there is a space between each word. For Chinese, we need to divide a sentence into several meaningful words for further processing. In this paper, we choose the Chinese lexical analysis system ICTCLAS (Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Lexical Analysis System) to segment each information P in Posts of OS. Each information P is represented as a collection of words $p=\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$, all of the information can be used to form a sparse matrix P, whose rows and columns are labeled with text and glossary, respectively.

Through manually labeled emotional information and sentiment dictionary, we mark the emotional tendency of information in the Posts of OS. We can filter out some irrelevant nouns when dealing with the text information of OS.

After processing, we can obtain a vector matrix P which is used for training and the evaluation of the emotion classifier. In this paper naïve Bayes method is used to set up an emotion classifier. For the emotion tendency $E=\{\text{positive}, \text{negative}\}$ obtained after processing the information $p=\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$, considering the weight of the characteristics word, the classification algorithm is as follows:

$$E_{NB} = \arg \max_{e_j \in E} \{P(e_j) \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | e_j)\} \quad (2)$$

Where $P(e_j)$ denotes the prior probability of category e_j ; $P(w_i | e_j)$ denotes the posterior probability of the feature word w_i in the category e_j . For the prior probability $P(e_j)$, we use the training corpus which has been correctly labeled to estimate, and it is defined as:

$$P(e_j) = \frac{n(e_j)}{\sum_{e_j \in E} n(e_j)} \quad (3)$$

Where $n(e_j)$ denotes the number of information that belongs to the category e_j .

Posterior probability $P(w_i | e_j)$ denotes the probability that the characteristic word w_i appears in the category e_j . The ratio of w_i 's total weight in the text labeled with e_j to all the words' total weight in e_j is taken as an estimation of $P(w_i | e_j)$. We use TF-IDF value as the weight. In order to avoid $P(w_i | e_j)$ value to be 0, this paper uses the Laplace smoothing, so we can calculate the posterior probability as the formula:

$$P(w_i | e_j) = \frac{\text{weight}(w_i, e_j) + \lambda}{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{weight}(w_i, e_j) + \lambda |\Omega|}, \lambda = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \quad (4)$$

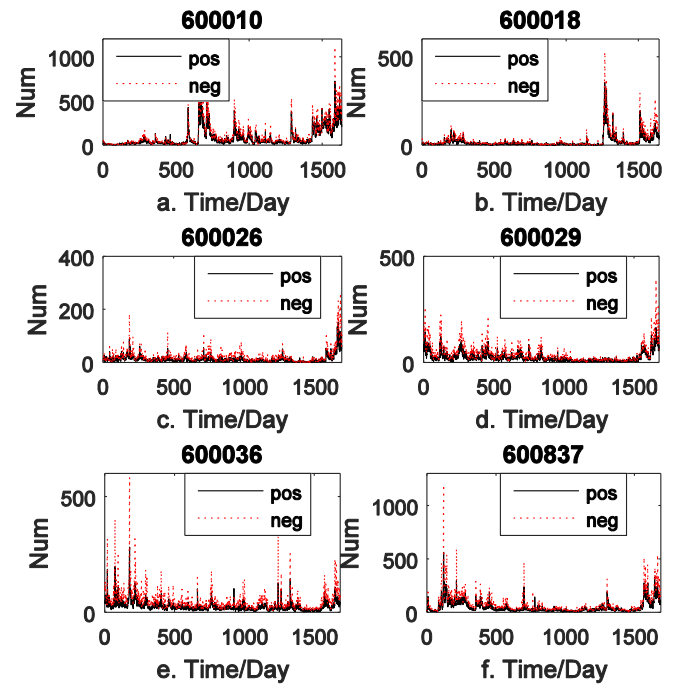


Fig. 1. Sentiment of investors after processing by emotion classifier

The use of Laplace conversion can avoid the probability to be 0. In general, the constant Ω is the sum of the weights of all words. λ is usually determined to be 1, but when $\lambda = 1$, it will increase the probability of characteristic value of w which does not appear in the corpus, at the same time reduce the probability of the word that has appeared. In order to solve this problem, this paper uses $\lambda = 1/|\Omega|$. In this case, when the

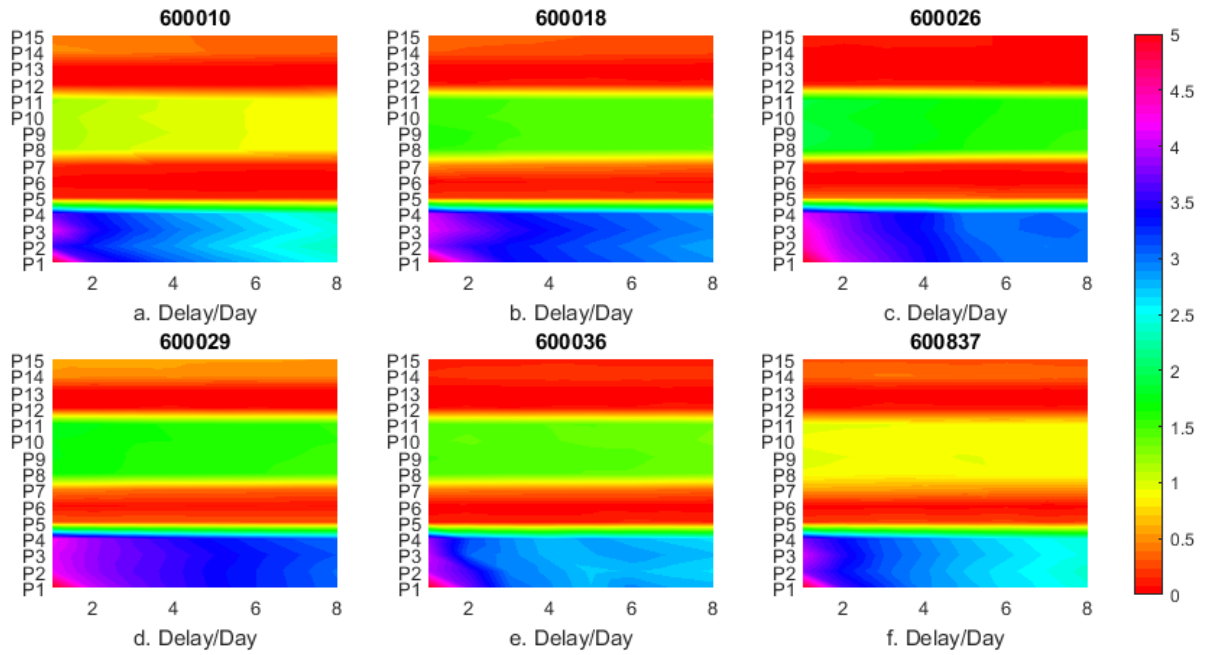


Fig. 2. Mutual information of price and other input variables from no delay to seven days delay

feature word does not exist, the posterior probability is a very small probability. When the characteristic word is present, it will not affect the original probability.

In order to validate the performance of the proposed classifier, the set of the labeled posts is divided into two sets randomly, including training set, denoted as T_{train} , and testing set, denoted as T_{test} . To verify the effectiveness of the method, we randomly shuffle T_{train} and divide it into 50 pieces of the same size. Then we use the first piece as the training set and obtain an initial classifier. There is a fraction of the remaining 49 blocks to be selected, which is used to update the classifier.

We collected the data of OS, about 2GB size. We use the above algorithm to analyze the data and the results are shown in Fig. 1. In Fig. 1 where pos represents the positive sentiment of investors and neg represents the negative sentiment of investors. Through the results of these six stocks, we can see that the amount of negative emotions is more than positive emotions in OS.

C. Delay Analysis

We use the concept of information theory to measure the correlation between multivariate time series through concrete value. We measure the relevant information in different delays between the opening price of stock and the other input variables. We call this information as mutual information. It can be viewed as the relevant information about another time series contained in a time series or the reducing uncertainty of a time series due to another known time series. In other words, the higher mutual information between time series 1 and time series 2 is, the more we can establish about the nature of time series 2 by observing time series 1. As a part of the calculation of mutual information, we need to calculate the entropy first. Calculation of entropy is based on the probability distribution of the value in the data set. In our study, we need to estimate the probability distribution of a time series, and we use

histogram to estimate the probability density of time series. By calculating the mutual information we can know the correlation between the opening price and other input variables from the current time to lag seven days to verify the rationality of our model.

In order to unify comparison, mutual information of each stock is normalized between 0-5. Normalized mutual information of each stock is shown in Fig. 2, where P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P15 denotes the mutual information between $Price_s$ and $Price_s$, Low_s , $Close_s$, Chg_s , $\%Chg_s$, $\%Turnover_s$, $Close_{SH}$, $High_{SH}$, Low_{SH} , $Price_{SH}$, Chg_{SH} , $\%Chg_{SH}$. From the analysis of the results presented in this table we can know that $Price_s$ and other input variables from the current time to lag seven days exists mutual information, this is the validation of the long short-term memory model.

D. Measure Method

We calculate mean square error (MSE) value to compare different forecasting series.

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^n |actual(t) - forecast(t)|^2}{n} \quad (5)$$

Where $actual(t)$ denotes the original series, $forecast(t)$ denotes the forecasting series, n is the length of time series. We define B_{12} as follow:

$$B_{12} = \frac{|MSE_1 - MSE_2|}{MSE_2} \quad s.t. \quad MSE_1 < MSE_2 \quad (6)$$

Where MSE_1 is the MSE of time series 1, MSE_2 is the MSE of time series 2. When $MSE_1 < MSE_2$, B_{12} means how much MSE_1 is better than MSE_2 .

IV. TIME SERIES LEARNING BASED ON LSTM

A. LSTM for Time Series Learning

Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is a mathematical model which is used to simulate the information processing capability of the human neural network system, and it has been widely popular in the pattern classification problem. As illustrated in Fig.3 ANN is based on a hierarchical structure that contains an input layer, one or more hidden layers and one output layer. These units are connected to each other, each neuron weighted sum up the inputs, applies an activation function to the sum and the output is transmitted to the next layer.

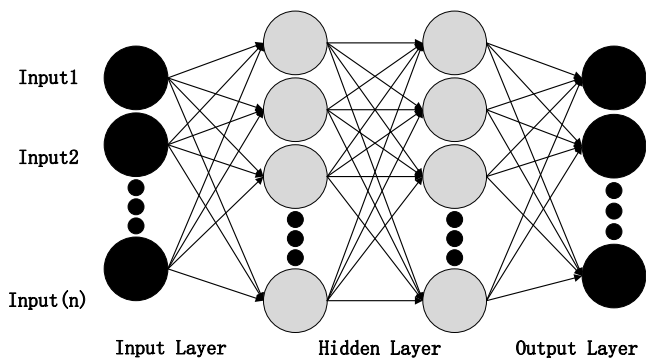


Fig. 3. Artificial neural network model

Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) [30] are arranged in layers, with the connections feeding forward from the layer to the next layer. Data is presented to the input layer, which is then passed to the output layer through the hidden layer. So we called this kind of network as forward pass of the network. The output of a MLP is only related to the current input and does not depend on past input or future input, so MLP is suitable for pattern classification. By changing the weights, a single MLP can perform well in many research fields. Actually Hornik [31] proved that a MLP with a large number of units can approximate any continuous function to an arbitrary accuracy. It is for the reason that MLP is also called universal function approximation.

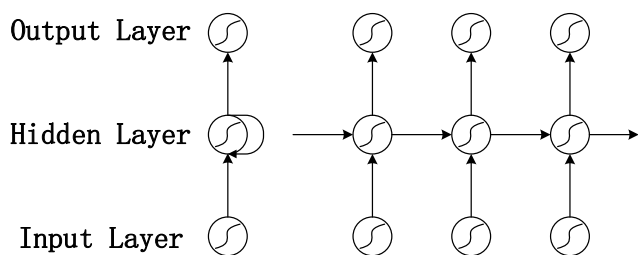


Fig. 4. Left: RNN; Right: an unfolded RNN

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) is a variant of ANN. Different from the feed-forward neural networks represented by MLP, RNN allows the connection of the network to form a cycle. Despite the fact that the difference between RNN and MLP is very small, the effect of RNN on time series learning is profound. Indeed, equivalent to the universal function approximation, RNN with layer and sufficient number of hidden units can approximate any measurable

sequence-to-sequence mapping to an arbitrary precision [32]. This makes RNN to be a good learning model in stock forecasting. Many varieties of RNN have been proposed, such as Elman network [33] and Jordan network [34].

The structure of the RNN is shown in the left part of Fig.4. The recurrent connections of hidden layer help the network to “remember” the input state of the previous network. The right part of Fig.4 shows an unfolded recurrent network, each hidden node represents a state at a time step. An important attribute of RNN is the ability to map from the entire history of inputs to each output. This RNN is also called short-term memory model, because the influences decays over time as the inputs overwrite the activations of the hidden layer. In general, this problem is called vanishing gradient problem [35], [36].

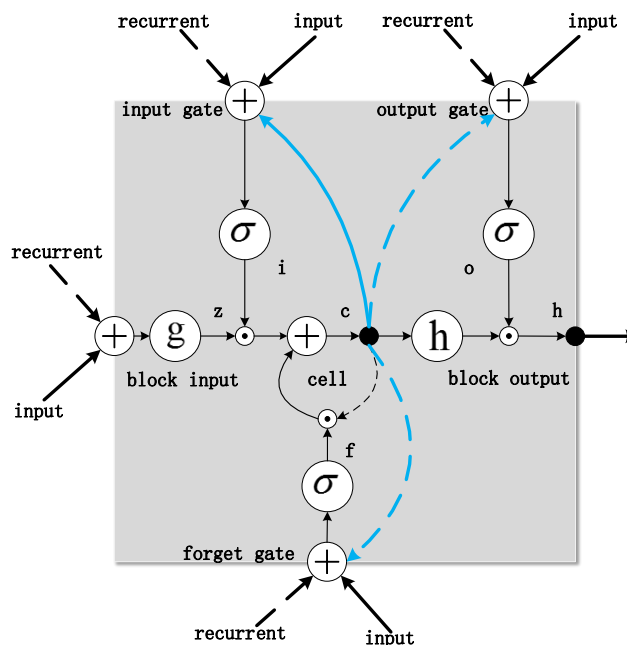


Fig. 5. LSTM memory block with a single cell

The vanishing gradient problem and context access has been processed by Long Short Term Memory Recurrent Neural Network (LSTM RNN). The basic unit of the LSTM architecture is a block memory with one or more different types of memory cells and three adaptive multiplications called input gate, forget gate and output gate. Over the past years, LSTM is applied to many problems, such as protein structure prediction [37], speech recognition [38], [39] and handwriting recognition [40], [41].

Fig. 5 shows a single LSTM memory cell, at time T , the state of LSTM memory cell is stored in c_t . The input and the output gates i_t and o_t , multiply the input and output of the cell while the forget gate multiplies the cell’s previous state. The activation functions of the gates i_t , o_t , f_t usually use logistic sigmoid so that the activation function of the gates is between 0 (gate closed) and 1 (gate open). The activation function of the input or output of the cell (‘g’ and ‘h’) is usually tanh or logistic sigmoid. In fact, the three gates collect the activations from inside to outside the LSTM block and through element-wise multiplication \odot operation to control the activation function of the cell. The self-connection weight

usually be 1, unless any outside interference, the state c_t can be constant from one time to another.

When a LSTM memory cell is at time t , the activation function of the hidden layer is calculated as follows:

x_t and h_t are the input and the output of LSTM block at time t . W_z, W_i, W_f and W_o represent the input weight matrices of the block input, input gate, forget gate and output gate, R_z, R_i, R_f and R_o are the recurrent weight matrices of the block input, input gate, forget gate and output gate. b_i, b_f, b_c and b_o are the bias of the block input, input gate, forget gate and output gate. \odot represents element-wise multiplication.

$$\text{Block input: } z_t = g(W_z x_t + R_z h_{t-1} + b_z) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{Input gate: } i_t = \sigma(W_i x_t + R_i y_{t-1} + p_i \odot c_{t-1} + b_i) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Forget gate: } f_t = \sigma(W_f x_t + R_f h_{t-1} + p_f \odot c_{t-1} + b_f) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Cell state: } c_t = i_t \odot h_t + f_t \odot c_{t-1} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Output gate: } o_t = \sigma(W_o x_t + R_o h_{t-1} + p_o \odot c_t + b_o) \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Block output: } h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t) \quad (12)$$

In fact, the role of the input gate is to control the input signal that can change the state of the memory cell or block it. The function of the output gate is to allow the state of memory cell to have an effect on the other units or prevent it. The forget gate is the self-connection of the memory cell so as to let the cell remember or forget previous state. Due to the multiplicative gates, LSTM can access more context information than RNN, which alleviate the vanishing gradient problem.

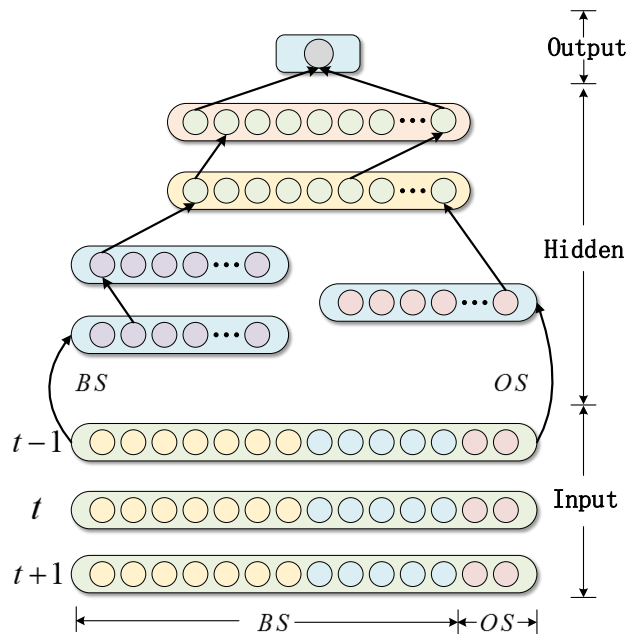


Fig. 6. The proposed model based on LSTM for time series learning

B. LSTM for Time Series Model

According to the Section 3, our input variables comes from OS (Network Public Opinion Data Space) and BS (Actual Behavior Data Space). As shown in Fig.6, we divide our proposed model into two parts, the right part corresponds to OS, which is used to train the long short-memory of OS space.

The left part corresponds to BS, which is served to train the long short-memory of BS space. Due to the high dimension of the BS space, we use LSTM with two layers for training to remember the long short-memory. After the use of LSTM, we use a merge layer to merge the output of the two spaces. Then the output of merge layer is trained through Rectified Linear Units Layer (RULE) in order to achieve faster convergence speed. Finally, we use the linear layer to output the value of the model.

V. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

A. Data Resources

The source of emotional information in OS is the stock's posts of Eastmoney from 06/02/2008 to 06/05/2015. Each share contains 150 thousand to 300 thousand posts text information. Eastmoney is one of the largest and most influential financial security portals in china. The real transaction data in BS is obtained from NetEase from 06/02/2008 to 06/05/2015, which includes $Price_S, Low_S, Close_S, Chg_S, \%Chg_S, \%Turnover_S, Close_{SH}, High_{SH}, Low_{SH}, Price_{SH}, Chg_{SH}, \%Chg_{SH}$. A multidimensional time series is obtained by pretreatment. The last 30 days data of each stock is treated as the testing set, and the rest of the data as the training set.

B. Experimental and Results

As discussed earlier, the experimental study of the system was carried out on 6 stocks. All of them come from Shanghai Composite Index. Fig.7 depicts the ability of proposed model in time series learning, where price is the opening price of the stock, and forecast is generated by the proposed model after training. The MSE of forecast and price is 2.42×10^{-4} . From the MSE and trend of the generated time series, we can say that in a way the proposed model can learn the law of this time series. The results of this experiment provide a basis for the expansion of our subsequent experiments.

Fig.10 displays the predicted time series generated by the proposed model with different input variables, where price is the opening price of stock, forecast1 is the predicted time series using the stock exchange data and Shanghai Composite Index as input variables, forecast2 is the predicted time series using the stock exchange as input variables. In the left part of Fig.7, the MSE of forecast1 and price is 6.7984×10^{-4} and the MSE of forecast2 and price is 7.2391×10^{-4} , and the $B_{12} = 6.09\%$. So we can say forecast1 is better than forecast2, it is the response to the fact that opening price and data of SSE have mutual information which has been calculated in section 3. In the right part, the MSE of forecast1 and price is 3.6552×10^{-4} and the MSE of forecast2 and price is 5.5665×10^{-4} , and the $B_{12} = 34.33\%$.

From the above experimental results, we can know that using the stock exchange data and Shanghai Composite Index as input variables is better than just using the stock exchange data as input variables, we call the stock exchange data and Shanghai Composite Index as exchange data. Fig.8 displays the predicted time series generated by the proposed model

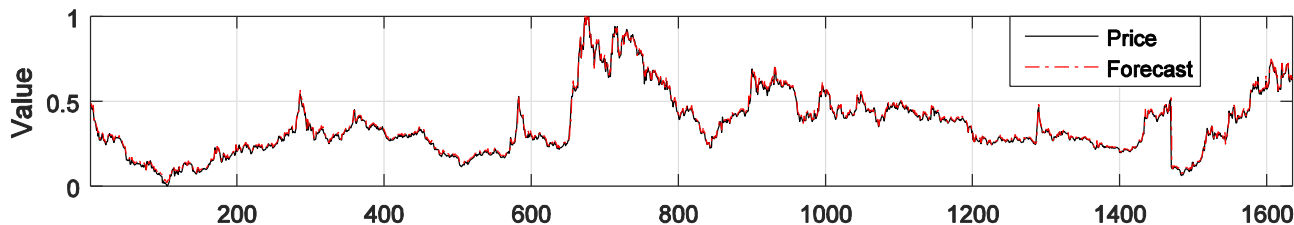


Fig. 7. The original series and the predicted time series

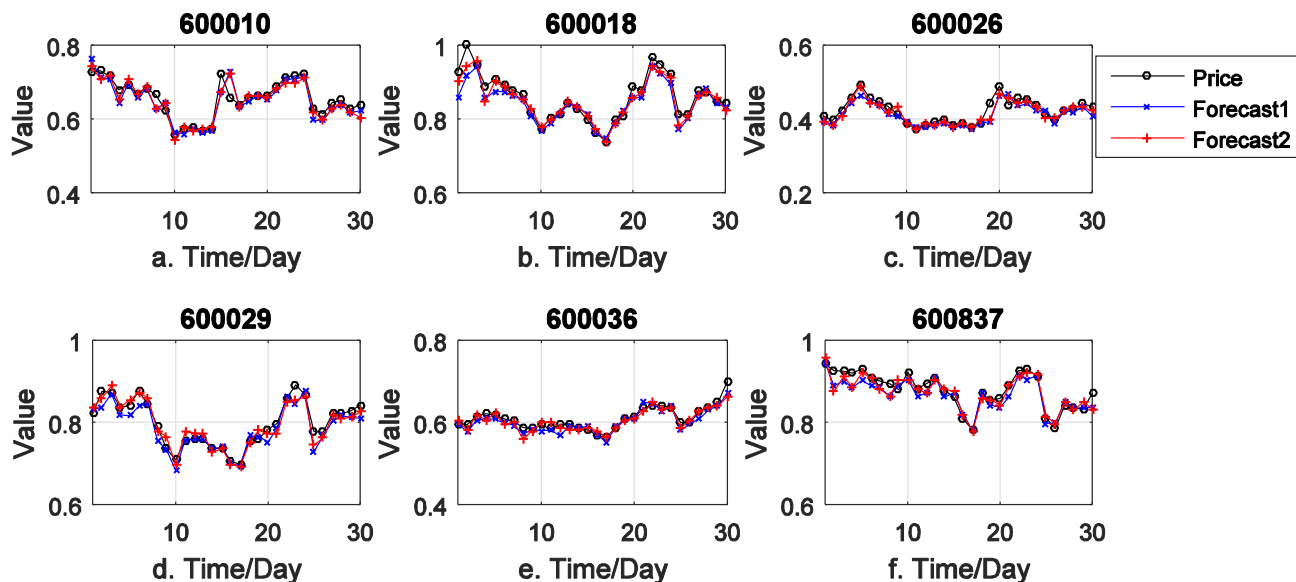


Fig. 8. The original series and the predicted time series with different input variables

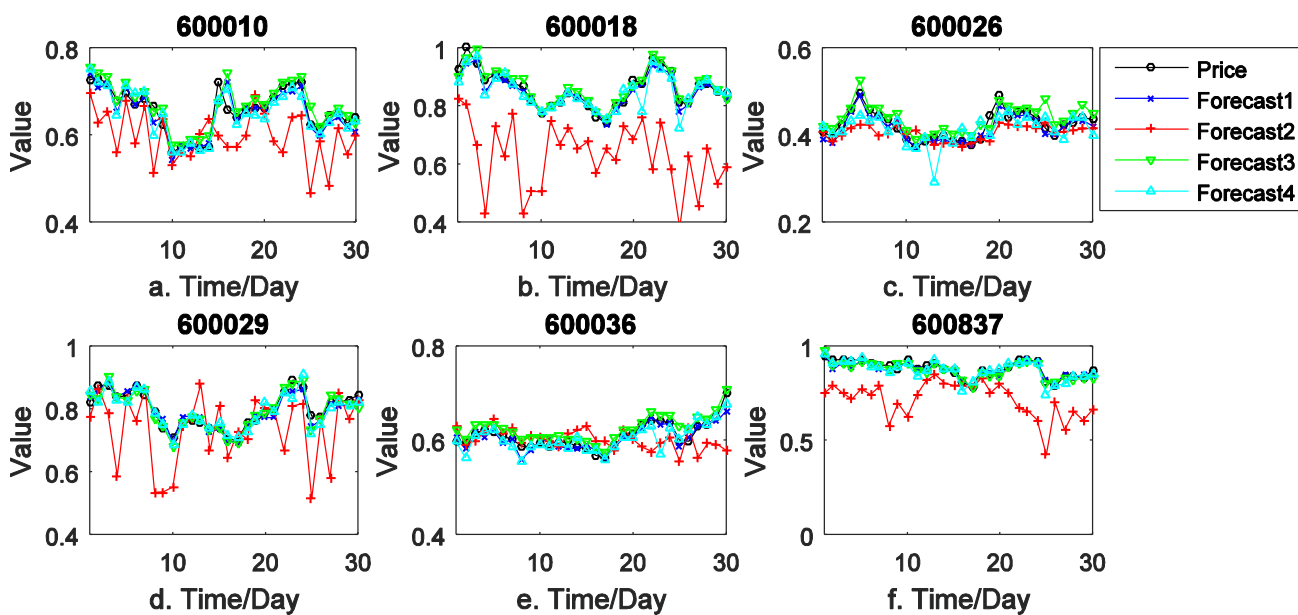


Fig. 9. The original series and the forecasting series with different models

TABLE I
The MSE of different models and B value

Ticker	MSE_P	MSE_S	MSE_M	MSE_R	B_{PM}	B_{PR}
600010	0.000441	0.00690	0.000602	0.000561	26.80%	21.47%
600018	0.000357	0.06542	0.000371	0.001044	3.773%	65.76%
600026	0.000186	0.00090	0.000521	0.000926	64.37%	79.95%
600029	0.000260	0.0143	0.000379	0.000648	31.37%	59.83%
600036	0.000141	0.00157	0.000275	0.000321	48.68%	55.98%
600837	0.000332	0.0366	0.000344	0.000609	3.528%	45.47%

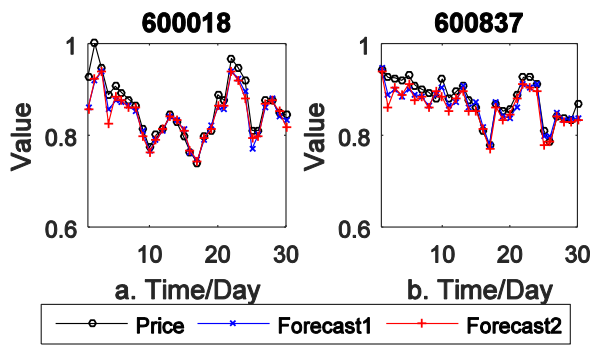


Fig. 10. The original series and the predicted time series with different input variables

TABLE II
THE MSE OF DIFFERENT INPUT VARIABLES AND B VALUE

Ticker	M_1	M_2	B_{21}
600010	0.000513	0.000441	14.11%
600018	0.000680	0.000357	47.43%
600026	0.000291	0.000186	36.13%
600029	0.000445	0.000260	41.57%
600036	0.000152	0.000141	7.24%
600837	0.000366	0.000332	9.23%

with different input variables, where price is the opening price of stock, forecast1 is the predicted time series using exchange data as input variables, forecast2 is the predicted time series using exchange data and emotional data as input variables. The of each prediction and price is shown in Table II, M_1 is the MSE of forecast1 and price, M_2 is the MSE of forecast2 and price, from the Table II we can know that forecast2 is better than forecast1 and the B of M_2 and M_1 are shown in the Table II.

From the above experimental results, we can know that using exchange data and emotional data as input variables is better than just using exchange data as input variables, so we use merged data as input. Fig.9 displays the predicted time series generated by different models using merged data as input variables, where price is the opening price of stock, forecast1 is the predicted time series obtained by the proposed model, forecast2 is the predicted time series obtained by Support Vector Regression (SVR), forecast3 is the predicted time series obtained by MLP, forecast4 is the predicted time series obtained by RNN. The MSE of each predicted time series and price is shown in Table I, the MSE_p is the MSE of forecast1 and price, MSE_s is the MSE of forecast2 and price, MSE_M is the MSE of forecast3 and price, MSE_R is the MSE of forecast4 and price, and the B_{PM} , B_{PR} are the B of MSE_p and MSE_M , MSE_R respectively, due to the training error of SVR is large, we do not calculate the B value. From the Fig.9 and Table I we can know that the proposed model has a better performance in stock price forecasting.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have examined methods to predict the opening price of stock using long short-term memory (LSTM) which is a variant of ANN. To search for new and effective input variables for LSTM neural network, we used stock

exchange, Shanghai Composite Index and emotional data as input variables, and then experimental results showed that the proposed 15 input variables can successfully predict the stock opening price. We compared the prediction performance of the proposed model with different models, such as RNN and MLP. The stock data exists long-term dependence and the proposed model is able to learn the long-term dependence, so the proposed model can improve the accuracy of the experiment.

In addition, it is possible that multi-collinearity problem and correlation are existed among the selected input variables. There are many factors affect the opening price of stock, such as news and micro-blog. In the future, we will consider these problems in our model and reduce the dimension of the input variables and use more useful data from different aspects to improve the accuracy of stock forecasting. Future research also focus on the prediction of the stock price using an ANN and other models.

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