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# Build Night 6.

## Pattern-Matching Strategies

*(and More Code Work)*

# Team Meeting Agenda.

- Discuss homework & meeting with Dr. Gupta (5min)
- Get everyone on the same page in terms of setup (10min)
- Discuss pattern-matching strategies (10min)
- Discuss code architecture and package structure (5min)
- Code review for outstanding PRs (10min)
- Split up work and implement strategies (30min)
- Review, reflect, and prepare for build night presentation

# Project Schedule: Vibing.

1. Welcome & Problem Definition
2. Power Outage – Python and Reading Review
3. Baseline + Follow-the-Winner Strategies I
4. Follow-the-Winner Strategies II
5. Follow-the-Loser Strategies
6. Pattern-Matching Strategies
7. Framework I
8. Framework II
9. Backtesting, Experimentation, and Comparison
10. Poster Work & Presentation Practice

(you are here!)

# Meeting Discussion.

# Setup Time.

# Pattern-Matching Strategies.

# About These Strategies

- It's in the name. Find a period in the market where the stock has behaved similarly and use it
- i.i.d = independent and individually distributed. In this context, it refers to each asset in our portfolio if it were a random variable (stats)



# Pattern-Matching Framework

1. Sample Selection: Select an index set  $C$  of historical PRVs that will be used to predict the next one.
  - a. Translation: Get a set of indices of historical price relatives which we'll use
2. Assign each PRV a probability using some criteria.
  - a. Could be just straight up  $1/|C|$  or could be something more complex
3. Learn an optimal portfolio by maximizing a utility function  $U(\mathbf{b}; C)$  that takes in the current PRV and the index set

$$\mathbf{b}_{t+1} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{b} \in \Delta_m} U(\mathbf{b}; C)$$

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**ALGORITHM 2:** Sample selection framework ( $C(\mathbf{x}_1^t, w)$ ).

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**Input:**  $\mathbf{x}_1^t$ : Historical market sequence;  $w$ : window size;

**Output:**  $C$ : Index set of similar price relatives.

Initialize  $C = \emptyset$ ;

**if**  $t \leq w + 1$  **then**

    | return;

**end**

**for**  $i = w + 1, w + 2, \dots, t$  **do**

    | **if**  $\mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1}$  *is similar to*  $\mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t$  **then**

        |  $C = C \cup \{i\}$ ;

    | **end**

**end**

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# Sample Selection Techniques

- Histogram-based approach: discretize each historical PRV into  $d_L$  buckets and pick the bucket that the current PRV  $x_t$  falls into
- Unclear as to what types of discretization functions may be acceptable

Nonparametric *histogram-based* sample selection [Györfi and Schäfer 2003] predefines a set of discretized partitions, partitions both the latest market window  $\mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t$  and the historical market window  $\mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1}, i = w + 1, \dots, t$ , and finally chooses price relative vectors whose  $\mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1}$  is in the same partition as  $\mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t$ . In particular, given a partition  $P_\ell = A_{j,\ell}, j = 1, 2, \dots, d_\ell$  of  $\mathbb{R}_+^m$  into  $d_\ell$  disjoint sets and a corresponding discretization function  $G_\ell(\mathbf{x}) = j$ , if  $\mathbf{x} \in A_{\ell,j}$ , we can define the similarity set as

$$C_H(\mathbf{x}_1^t, w) = \left\{ w < i < t + 1 : G_\ell(\mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t) = G_\ell(\mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1}) \right\}.$$

Note that  $\ell$  is adopted to aggregate multiple experts.

# Sample Selection Techniques

- Kernel-based approach: use Euclidean distance to compare two market windows
- If the market window is similar enough (based on some threshold), then we add it to the similarity set

Nonparametric *kernel-based* sample selection [Györfi et al. 2006] identifies the similarity set by comparing two market windows via Euclidean distance:

$$C_K(\mathbf{x}_1^t, w) = \{w < i < t + 1 : \|\mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t - \mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1}\| \leq \frac{c}{\ell}\},$$

where  $c$  and  $\ell$  are the thresholds used to control the number of similar samples. Note that the authors adopted two threshold parameters for theoretical analysis.

# Sample Selection Techniques

- Nearest-neighbor approach: pick  $L$  nearest neighbors via Euclidean distance

Nonparametric *nearest neighbor-based* sample selection [Györfi et al. 2008] searches the price relatives whose preceding market windows are within the  $\ell$  nearest neighbor of latest market window in terms of Euclidean distance:

$$C_N(\mathbf{x}_1^t, w) = \{w < i < t + 1 : \mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1} \text{ is among the } \ell \text{ NNs of } \mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t\},$$

where  $\ell$  is a threshold parameter.

# Sample Selection Techniques

- Correlation-driven approach: find the similarity between two market windows using correlation coefficient

*Correlation-driven* nonparametric sample selection [Li et al. 2011a] identifies the linear similarity among two market windows via correlation coefficient:

$$C_C(\mathbf{x}_1^t, w) = \left\{ w < i < t + 1 : \frac{\text{cov}(\mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1}, \mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t)}{\text{std}(\mathbf{x}_{i-w}^{i-1})\text{std}(\mathbf{x}_{t-w+1}^t)} \geq \rho \right\},$$

where  $\rho$  is a predefined correlation coefficient threshold.

# Utility Functions

- See paper.

# Code Architecture.



# Code Review.

# Homework.

# This Week

- On Github Issues!