

# Deep Reinforcement Learning for Automated Stock Trading

## Project Description

A crucial and difficult challenge for investors is learning how to make wise selections while trading stocks. The primary goal of this specific application of reinforcement learning is to assess whether a DRL agent can automatically make trading judgements and generate long-term consistent profits given that DRL has surpassed humans in many areas, such as playing Atari games. In this project, we will explore the ensemble trading strategy using three actor-critic based algorithms: Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO), Advantage Actor Critic (A2C), and Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG). We will attempt to simulate the results of the primary paper and will try to suggest improvements to obtain better results.

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