# 2024 Crypto Final Report

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### 1. Business Background:

DeFiner is a DeFi (Decentralized Finance) platform that aims to address the limitations and problems with current DeFi lending protocols. The main issue with existing DeFi lending platforms is that they often serve as gatekeepers, deciding which tokens are eligible to be part of their lending pools. This selective approach leaves many tokens and digital assets unavailable for lending. In DeFiner 2.0's use cases, the goal is providing a permissionless, configurable, and private lending protocol that accommodates a wide range of tokens and assets.

DeFiner and "Fast Valuer" are more than platforms and products; they are catalysts for change, heralding a new era in decentralized finance.

In this transformative journey, "Fast Valuer" takes center stage as a groundbreaking solution that has the potential to reshape the cryptocurrency landscape and propel DeFiner to new heights in the world of decentralized finance.

"Fast Valuer" is not merely a tool; it is a game-changer. This automated product swiftly determines pricing based on cryptocurrency price fluctuations, offering real-time anomaly tracking using price and volume data. This innovative capability streamlines the integration of new currencies into the DeFiner platform, enhancing accessibility and offering a competitive edge in the ever-evolving cryptocurrency market.

# 2. Product advantages (need)

- 1.Real-Time Pricing Insights: The cryptocurrency market is known for its rapid fluctuations. "Fast Valuer" is designed to provide real-time pricing insights, ensuring that our DeFiner platform stays ahead of the curve. This capability is essential for making timely and informed decisions in a market that never sleeps.
- 2. Anomaly Tracking: Beyond pricing, "Fast Valuer" excels in anomaly tracking. By monitoring both price and volume data, it empowers our platform to identify hidden opportunities and market irregularities. This critical feature positions DeFiner to seize these opportunities and harness their potential.
- 3.Simplified Integration: We understand the importance of seamless currency integration for DeFiner. "Fast Valuer" simplifies the onboarding of new currencies, enhancing diversification and offering a streamlined approach to scaling our platform's offerings.

4.Global Reach, Local Benefits: Our product is versatile, catering to the diverse needs of both seasoned traders and newcomers to the cryptocurrency scene. It brings global capabilities while maintaining a focus on localized benefits, aligning perfectly with DeFiner's mission and user-centric approach.

5.Data-Driven Decisions: In an ever-evolving market, data-driven decisions are paramount. "Fast Valuer" equips our platform with real-time, data-backed insights, enabling DeFiner users to stay agile and responsive in their investment strategies.

#### 3. Data introduction

- 1. Data Source:
  - a. We used the prices of top 10 crypto. Data is obtained from coinmarketcap.com
  - b. Why this data:
    - i. Price and volume play important roles in deciding whether a crypto is promising.
    - ii. This data is always available, we can fetch the data whenever we want
    - iii. This data is continuous, so we can aggregate the data to different levels, where different business logics and opportunities could happen.
    - iv. The continuous data made it feasible to do time series analysis
  - c. How we used the data:
    - i. Visualization



- ii. Statistics analysis
- iii. ML to find anomalies

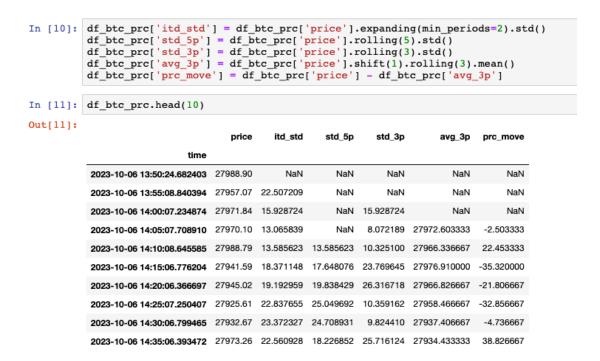
#### 2. Demo

- a. Prototype walkthrough
- b. Data collection & scheduling
- c. Data visualization
- d. Data analysis
- e. Anomaly detection

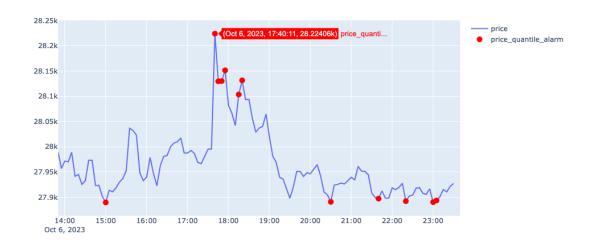
#### 4. Anomalies detection

#### 4.1 Statistical Analysis

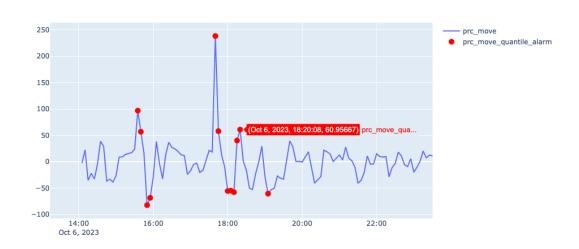
We calculated different features to illustrate the possibilities and directions of anomaly detection. Ideally, we would use different parameters to generate the features based on different crypto, but in this section, we use BTC to illustrate the concepts.



In the first experiment, we used a very naive statistical way to find the anomalies. We used fixed 5% and 95% threshold on price to find the anomalies of prices, and here's the results:



2. Then We used feature price\_move to do the second experiment, we still used 5% and 95% threshold to filter out the anomalies.



As you can see this method to some extent takes seasonality into consideration, and it also made a reasonable detection report.

3.After that, we used the interquartile range of price\_move of the previous N time window to limit the normal data; if the upcoming data is out of that range, it's an anomaly. Here's an example:

```
In [15]: #Windowed Quantile threshold
window = 1
col = 'prc_move'
df_btc_prc[col+'.diff'] = df_btc_prc[col].diff(periods= window)
01 = df_btc_prc[col+'.diff'].quantile(0.25)
03 = df_btc_prc[col+'.diff'].quantile(0.75)
10R = 03 - 01
c = 2
min_t = 01 - c*1QR
max_t = 03 + c*1QR
df_btc_prc[col+'.diff_alarm'] = (df_btc_prc[col+'.diff'].clip(lower = min_t, upper=max_t)!= df_btc_prc[col+'.diff'])
plot_anomaly(df_btc_prc[col],
anomaly_pred = df_btc_prc[df_btc_prc[col+'.diff_alarm']==True][col+'.diff_alarm'])

250

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-50
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-100

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We found it hard to decide the lookback window. The model gives a conservative detection report, which can be used in systems that require high accuracy of anomaly detection.

20:00

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#### **4.2 Isolation Forest**

#### BTC data overview:

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 6223 entries, 0 to 6222
Data columns (total 11 columns):

| #  | Column             | Non-Null Count | Dtype   |
|----|--------------------|----------------|---------|
|    |                    |                |         |
| 0  | name               | 6223 non-null  | object  |
| 1  | symbol             | 6223 non-null  | object  |
| 2  | price              | 6223 non-null  | float64 |
| 3  | change_1h          | 6223 non-null  | float64 |
| 4  | change_24h         | 6223 non-null  | float64 |
| 5  | change_7d          | 6223 non-null  | float64 |
| 6  | market_cap         | 6223 non-null  | int64   |
| 7  | volume_24h_cash    | 6223 non-null  | int64   |
| 8  | volume_24h_token   | 6223 non-null  | int64   |
| 9  | circulating_supply | 6223 non-null  | int64   |
| 10 | time               | 6223 non-null  | object  |

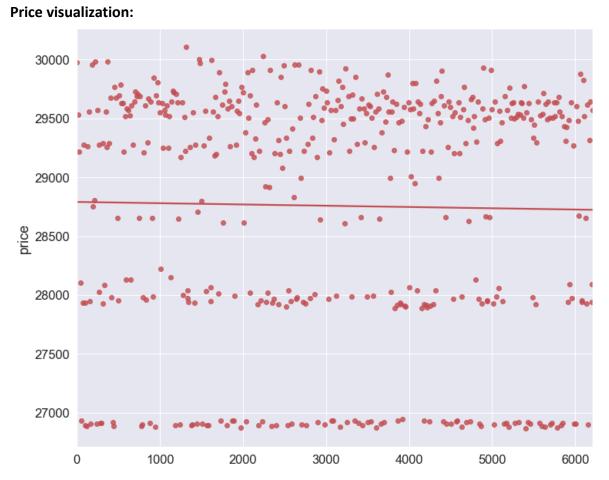
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| time                          | circulating_supply | volume_24h_token | volume_24h_cash | market_cap   | change_7d | change_24h | change_1h | price       | symbol | name           |   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------|----------------|---|
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 19518900           | 690726           | 20638601990     | 583216899100 | 0.1197    | 0.0541     | 0.0058    | 29976.29000 | втс    | Bitcoin        | 0 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 120264972          | 3955717          | 6405434454      | 194743284962 | 0.0501    | 0.0469     | 0.0067    | 1622.45000  | ETH    | Ethereum       | 1 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 83925456770        | 39192065877      | 39212347282     | 83968887148  | 0.0010    | 0.0001     | -0.0000   | 1.00000     | USDT   | Tether<br>USDt | 2 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 151705326          | 1569998          | 338402718       | 32699085838  | 0.0499    | 0.0242     | 0.0040    | 215.54000   | BNB    | BNB            | 3 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 53441027384        | 3391257789       | 1752940800      | 27623661521  | 0.0777    | 0.0770     | -0.0024   | 0.51690     | XRP    | XRP            | 4 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 25513206071        | 3336759586       | 3336379745      | 25510301771  | -0.0001   | -0.0003    | -0.0001   | 0.99990     | USDC   | USDC           | 5 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 416599090          | 36892010         | 996821817       | 11256503955  | 0.2634    | 0.1279     | 0.0064    | 27.02000    | SOL    | Solana         | 6 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 35220483670        | 536310646        | 135099806       | 8872246995   | 0.0259    | 0.0416     | 0.0026    | 0.25190     | ADA    | Cardano        | 7 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 141487726384       | 2398907456       | 144351535       | 8513863462   | 0.0395    | 0.0336     | 0.0005    | 0.06017     | DOGE   | Dogecoin       | 8 |
| 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 | 88895916554        | 2365620983       | 217014907       | 8155042268   | 0.0773    | 0.0329     | -0.0015   | 0.09174     | TRX    | TRON           | 9 |

|      | name    | symbol | price    | change_1h | change_24h | change_7d | market_cap   | volume_24h_cash | volume_24h_token | circulating_supply | time                          |
|------|---------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0    | Bitcoin | втс    | 29976.29 | 0.0058    | 0.0541     | 0.1197    | 583216899100 | 20638601990     | 690726           | 19518900           | 2023-10-20<br>06:40:07.217668 |
| 16   | Bitcoin | втс    | 29527.81 | -0.0010   | 0.0265     | 0.1059    | 576192789785 | 22675784647     | 768165           | 19519100           | 2023-10-20<br>12:10:06.755215 |
| 29   | Bitcoin | втс    | 29217.08 | 0.0101    | 0.0338     | 0.0912    | 570292085975 | 15676368048     | 536534           | 19518618           | 2023-10-19<br>23:45:06.747351 |
| 42   | Bitcoin | втс    | 28103.55 | 0.0049    | 0.0246     | 0.0445    | 548186022516 | 13184967323     | 469157           | 19505937           | 2023-10-06<br>18:15:07.279526 |
| 55   | Bitcoin | втс    | 26932.33 | 0.0040    | -0.0056    | 0.0122    | 525075704573 | 11121935207     | 413029           | 19499425           | 2023-09-29<br>15:36:11.545694 |
|      |         |        |          |           |            |           |              |                 |                  |                    |                               |
| 6170 | Bitcoin | втс    | 29316.47 | 0.0022    | 0.0363     | 0.0923    | 572157506393 | 17381415501     | 592954           | 19518725           | 2023-10-20<br>03:15:07.067325 |
| 6186 | Bitcoin | втс    | 29643.16 | 0.0004    | 0.0346     | 0.0964    | 578526314955 | 21444031053     | 723515           | 19519312           | 2023-10-20<br>17:45:06.416040 |
| 6199 | Bitcoin | втс    | 27941.59 | 0.0035    | 0.0177     | 0.0437    | 545288837435 | 12467441014     | 445979           | 19505775           | 2023-10-06<br>14:15:06.776204 |
| 6204 | Bitcoin | втс    | 28093.76 | 0.0035    | 0.0242     | 0.0455    | 547990472258 | 13233441615     | 471051           | 19506012           | 2023-10-06<br>18:30:07.156321 |
| 6210 | Bitcoin | втс    | 29570.18 | -0.0010   | 0.0284     | 0.1047    | 577063418439 | 22274336132     | 753430           | 19519175           | 2023-10-20<br>12:35:07.496750 |

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**Isolation Forest model:** A tree-based **unsupervised learning** algorithm for anomaly detection that works on the principle of isolating anomalies. It's particularly efficient for high-dimensional and time series datasets.

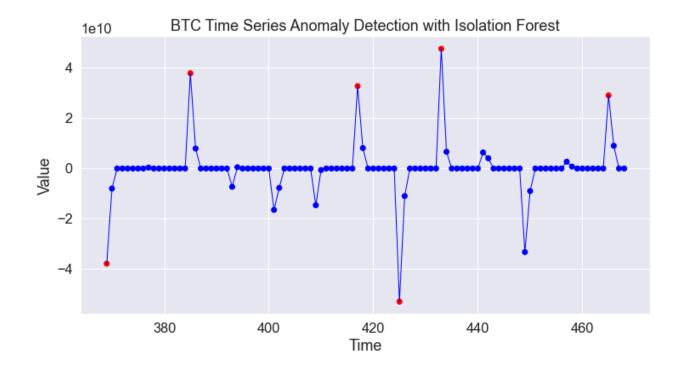
**How does it work**: The algorithm works by randomly selecting an attribute and randomly selecting a split value between the maximum and minimum values for that attribute. This partitioning is done many times until the algorithm has isolated each point in the dataset.

#### Steps:

- 1. A random subsample of the data is selected from the given dataset and assigned to a binary tree.
- 2. Branching of the tree starts by selecting a **random feature** (from the set of all N features). And then branching is done on a random threshold (any value in the range of minimum and maximum values of the selected feature).
- 3. If the value of a data point is less than the selected threshold, it goes to the left branch else to the right. And thus a node is split into left and right branches.
- 4. This process continues recursively till each data point is completely isolated or till max depth(if defined) is reached.
- 5. The above steps are repeated to construct **random binary trees**.

#### **Build the model:**

Predict anomaly scores for each data point:



#### Limitations:

- 1. The final anomaly score depends on the contamination parameter.
- 2. Inherent Bias when detecting anomalies that are more "isolatable" based on the data's structure.
- 3. Dimensionality reduction might be needed to achieve higher performance.

#### 4.3 LSTM Autoencoder

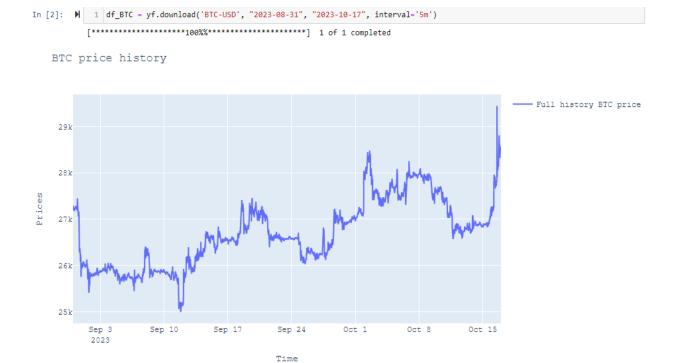
An LSTM has a similar control flow as a recurrent neural network. It processes data passing on information as it propagates forward. The differences are the operations within the LSTM's **cells**.

Autoencoders are a type of **self-supervised learning model** that can learn a compressed representation of input data. The goal is to **minimize reconstruction error based on a loss function**, such as the mean squared error.

An LSTM Autoencoder is an implementation of an autoencoder for **sequence data** using an **Encoder-Decoder LSTM architecture**.

#### **Steps**

#### (1) Download 5-minute Bitcoin Data from Yahoo! Finance



#### (2) Data splitting

Take the first 20% window as the test set, the next 80% as the training set.

#### (3) Normalizing data with MinMaxScaler

**After** the data has been split into training, validation and test sets, scaling is done by training set.

scaler = MinMaxScaler().fit(train[['Close']])

#### (4) Define lookback period

A "lookback period" defines how many previous timesteps are used in order to predict the subsequent timestep. For example, the lookback period is set to 5 means we are using the time steps at t-4, t-3, t-2, t-1, and t to predict the value at time t+1.

# Lookback window is 3 time steps

```
1 #### Sequences generation and dataset creation, Lookback window is 3
2 def shift_samples(data,column_name,lookback=3):
3
        """This function takes a *data* dataframe and returns two numpy arrays:
       - X corresponds to the same values but packed into n frames of *lookback* values each
4
       - Y corresponds to the sample shifted *lookback* steps to the future
 5
 6
 7
       data x = []
8
       data y = []
9
       for i in range(len(data) - int(lookback)):
10
           x_floats = np.array(data.iloc[i:i+lookback])
11
           y_floats = np.array(data.iloc[i+lookback])
12
           data_x.append(x_floats)
13
           data_y.append(y_floats)
14
       return np.array(data_x), np.array(data_y)
```

```
import gc
X_train, y_train = shift_samples(train[['Close']],train.columns[3])
X_test, y_test = shift_samples(test[['Close']], test.columns[3])
gc.collect()

print("Final datasets' shapes:")
print('X_train: '+str(X_train.shape)+', y_train: '+str(y_train.shape))
print('X_test: '+str(X_test.shape)+', y_train: '+str(y_test.shape))
```

```
Final datasets' shapes:
X_train: (10817, 3, 1), y_train: (10817, 1)
X_test: (2701, 3, 1), y_train: (2701, 1)
```

#### (5) LSTM Modelling

The adam optimizer is used, and loss function is MAE.

```
tsteps = 3
nfeatures = 1
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##### Anomaly detectors' training

detector = Sequential()

detector.add(layers.LSTM(128, input_shape=(tsteps, nfeatures),dropout=0.2))

detector.add(layers.Dropout(rate=0.5))

detector.add(layers.RepeatVector(tsteps))

detector.add(layers.LSTM(128, return_sequences=True,dropout=0.2))

detector.add(layers.Dropout(rate=0.5))

detector.add(layers.TimeDistributed(layers.Dense(nfeatures)))

detector.compile(loss='mae', optimizer='adam')

detector.summary()
```

Model: "sequential\_2"

| Layer (type)  | Output Shape   | Param # |  |  |  |  |
|---|----------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| lstm_4 (LSTM)   | (None, 128)    | 66560   |  |  |  |  |
| dropout_2 (Dropout)   | (None, 128)    | 0       |  |  |  |  |
| <pre>repeat_vector_1 (RepeatVec tor)</pre>  | (None, 3, 128) | 0       |  |  |  |  |
| lstm_5 (LSTM)   | (None, 3, 128) | 131584  |  |  |  |  |
| dropout_3 (Dropout)   | (None, 3, 128) | 0       |  |  |  |  |
| <pre>time_distributed_1 (TimeDi stributed)</pre>  | (None, 3, 1)   | 129     |  |  |  |  |
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# Fit the model on the training set

# ModelCheckpoint saves the best model obtained during training

checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint("detector3.hdf5", monitor='val\_loss',
verbose=1,save best only=True, mode='auto', period=1)

history3 = etector.fit(X\_train,y\_train,epochs=50,batch\_size=128,verbose=1, validation\_split=0.1, callbacks=[checkpoint],shuffle=False)

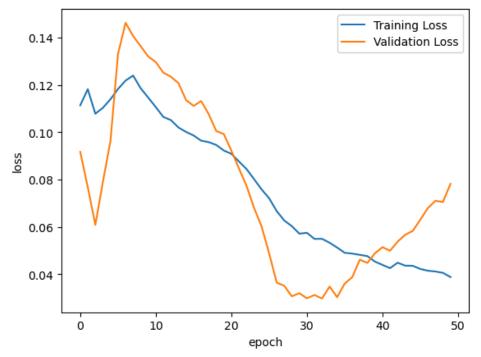
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75/77 [=========>.] - ETA: 0s - loss: 0.0419
Epoch 46: val loss did not improve from 0.02969
77/77 [=========] - 1s 17ms/step - loss: 0.0422 - val_loss: 0.0630
Epoch 47/50
Epoch 47: val loss did not improve from 0.02969
Epoch 48/50
76/77 [=========>.] - ETA: 0s - loss: 0.0411
Epoch 48: val_loss did not improve from 0.02969
77/77 [=========] - 1s 17ms/step - loss: 0.0411 - val_loss: 0.0710
Epoch 49/50
73/77 [==========>..] - ETA: 0s - loss: 0.0396
Epoch 49: val_loss did not improve from 0.02969
77/77 [========] - 1s 18ms/step - loss: 0.0405 - val_loss: 0.0705
Epoch 50/50
76/77 [========>.] - ETA: 0s - loss: 0.0388
Epoch 50: val_loss did not improve from 0.02969
77/77 [========] - 1s 14ms/step - loss: 0.0388 - val_loss: 0.0782
```

# Load the best model obtained during training
detector = load\_model("detector3.hdf5")
detector.evaluate(X test, y test)

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85/85 [============] - 1s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0282
Out[16]: 0.028156884014606476
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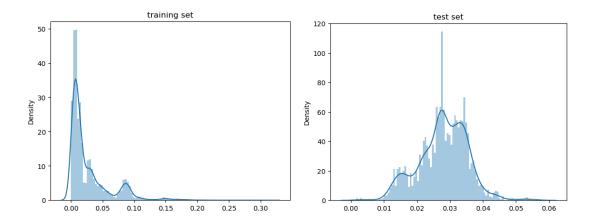
# Visualization of the training loss and validation loss

The validation loss has an initial increase, and starts to decrease after 8 epochs. But it gets bigger after 30 epochs.



#### (6) Generate the prediction and determining MAE threshold for Autoencoder detector

Anomaly will be detected when the error is larger than the selected threshold value. We visually determine the threshold as **0.05** by using the MAE loss for the training and test sets.



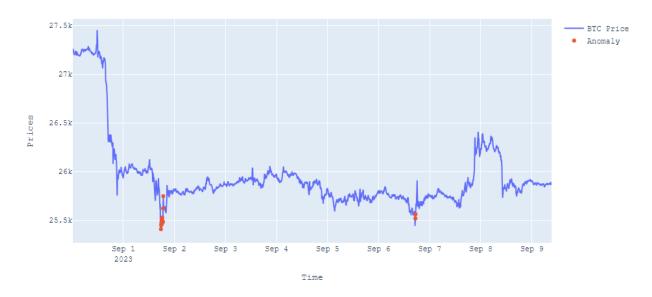
Plot of anomalies in the test set:

1 test\_df[['Close','loss','threshold','anomaly']]

|                           | Close    | loss     | threshold | anomaly |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Datetime                  |          |          |           |         |
| 2023-08-31 00:15:00+00:00 | 0.509160 | 0.020061 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-08-31 00:20:00+00:00 | 0.506958 | 0.020033 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-08-31 00:25:00+00:00 | 0.507877 | 0.019322 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-08-31 00:30:00+00:00 | 0.503364 | 0.019475 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-08-31 00:35:00+00:00 | 0.498249 | 0.018652 | 0.05      | False   |
|                           |          |          |           |         |
| 2023-09-09 08:55:00+00:00 | 0.196808 | 0.027035 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-09-09 09:00:00+00:00 | 0.196517 | 0.027010 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-09-09 09:05:00+00:00 | 0.195588 | 0.027423 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-09-09 09:10:00+00:00 | 0.196226 | 0.027600 | 0.05      | False   |
| 2023-09-09 09:15:00+00:00 | 0.196446 | 0.027709 | 0.05      | False   |

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BTC price anomalies in test set



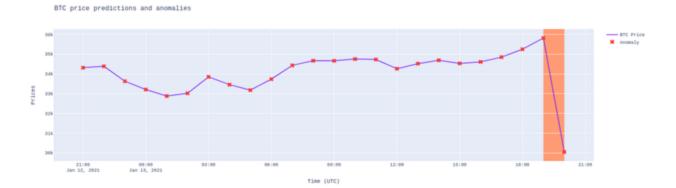
# (7) Generate the prediction for the entire 13,521 Close Prices with 1,880 anomalies:





## (8) Forecast anomalies on streaming Bitcoin prices

Connect to the Scraper and generate the real time alert.



#### 5. Evaluation & Iteration

#### 4.1 Model Evaluation

For model evaluation, we can experiment with different anomaly detection models and compare their performances to select the most suitable one. Model's performance can be evaluated on historical datasets, utilizing techniques like cross-validation and time-series splitting.

Our Statistics-based, LSTM autoencoder model, and isolation forest model, most common evaluation metrics are **MSE** (mean squared error), **RMSE**(root mean squared error). They measure the average (square root) of the squared errors between the model's predictions and the actual values. **MAE** and **MAPE** measure the absolute value (percentage) difference between predictions and the actual values; they are less sensitive to outliers but may not account for larger errors.

**Precision** and **recall** are also useful measures to evaluate classification. Precision measures the proportion of data points labeled as anomalies by the model that are actually true anomalies, while recall measures how many true anomalies are successfully detected. **ROC curve** plots true positive rate vs. false positive rate at different classification thresholds, which could be a useful graphic tool to visualize if our algorithms detects true anomalies with skillfulness and with low cost of false positive predictions. Precision-Recall curve can also serve as an important tool for us to illustrate the trade-off between precision and recall, especially when our price data have few anomalies

Beyond, Isolation Forest models typically assign an **anomaly score** to each data point, indicating the degree to which a data point is considered an anomaly. Thresholds can be set based on these scores to determine which data points should be labeled as anomalies.

#### 4.2 Gather User Feedback

We can continuously perform evaluation, gather user feedback, and monitor the product performance to optimize the product and improve user experience. Our product sends

email alert notifications from the terminal once anomalies are detected. User training and support are also important services to ensure they understand and can communicate issues about product usage.

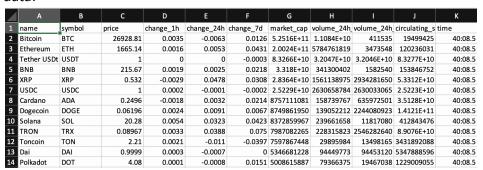
## 6. Potential improvements

- f. How to better attract old users.
- g. Choose from multiple new cryptos.
- h. Develop more features to detect anomalies.
- i. Email notification using Mutt.

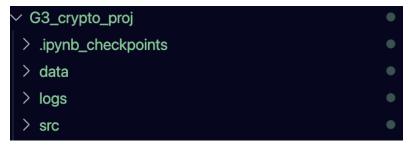
# **Project Proposal:**

#### Scraper

- Input: <a href="https://coinmarketcap.com/">https://coinmarketcap.com/</a> top 10 crypto all info
- Output: generates one .csv file with timestamp
- Logs: saves in ./logs with timestamp
- Results:
  - o data:



o file structure:

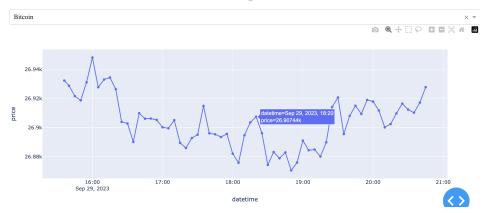


#### Monitor:

- Target:
  - Job start/end/duration time
  - Price dip/surge alert

Output: Interactive plots





- Tool: Plotly/Dash

## Analyzer:

- Anomalies detection:
  - Crypto price change VS historical price change (statistics/time series)
- Tool: jupyter notebook
- Output: Anomalies Alerts/Messages
  - Oral Demo (low fidelity prototype)

#### Scheduler:

- Target: every 5 minutes run scraper & analyzer
- Output:
  - Shell script\*
  - o Airflow Python script
- Tool: Shell script, Crontab or Airflow (if time allows)
- 3. Evaluation & Iteration
  - a. Existing users using new crypto
  - b. User feedback