Stock Market Forecasting Using Time Series Models

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https://github.com/kishankumar1047/Stock_Forecasting

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Abstract

This report presents a comprehensive analysis of forecasting Apple stock prices using time series models: ARIMA, SARIMA, LSTM, and Prophet. The project leverages historical stock data to predict future prices, integrating the models into an interactive Streamlit web application. We detail the dataset source, exploratory data analysis, model implementations, and performance evaluation. Despite challenges such as a numpy dtype mismatch in the Prophet model, the project successfully demonstrates the strengths and limitations of each model, with LSTM showing the highest estimated accuracy for short-term predictions.

1 Dataset

The dataset used for this project is historical Apple stock data, sourced from a reliable financial data provider and stored in apple_data.csv. It is accessible via the project repository: https://github.com/kishankumar1047/Stock_Forecasting. The dataset contains 11,226 daily records from December 12, 1980, to the present, with the following columns:

- Date: Date of the stock data (datetime).
- Close: Closing price of the stock (float).
- High: Highest price during the trading day (float).
- Low: Lowest price during the trading day (float).
- Open: Opening price of the stock (float).
- Volume: Trading volume (integer).

No missing values or duplicates were found, ensuring data integrity for analysis.

2 Exploratory Data Analysis

Exploratory data analysis (EDA) was conducted to understand the dataset's characteristics:

- Data Integrity: Verified no missing values (df.isnull().sum() = 0) and no duplicates (df.duplicated().sum() = 0).
- Data Structure: The dataset has 11,226 rows and 6 columns, with Date as datetime, prices as float64, and volume as int64.
- Visualization: A line plot of closing prices over time was generated using Matplotlib, revealing long-term trends and potential seasonality. This plot is integrated into the Streamlit app for interactive visualization.

3 Data Preprocessing

The dataset was preprocessed to prepare it for modeling:

- Date Conversion: The Date column was converted to datetime using pd.to_datetime.

- Indexing: Set Date as the index for time series analysis.
- Scaling for LSTM: Close prices were scaled to [0, 1] using MinMaxScaler for LSTM model input.
- Prophet Formatting: Reformatted data to include ds (date) and y (close price) columns, with trading volume as a regressor.

4 Modeling Approaches

Four time series models were implemented to forecast Apple stock prices, integrated into a Streamlit application for user interaction.

4.1 ARIMA

The ARIMA model was configured with order (5,1,0):

- p=5: Five autoregressive terms.
- d=1: First-order differencing for stationarity.
- q=0: No moving average terms.

It was trained on Close prices, forecasting 30 days, with results visualized alongside historical data.

4.2 SARIMA

The SARIMA model, accounting for seasonality, used:

- order=(1,1,1): Standard ARIMA parameters.
- seasonal_order=(1,1,1,12): Seasonal components with a 12-month periodicity.

A 30-day forecast was generated, including confidence intervals, and visualized in the Streamlit app.

4.3 LSTM

The LSTM model, implemented using Keras, had the following architecture:

- Two LSTM layers (50 units each, first with return_sequences=True).
- A dense output layer for next-day price prediction.
- Input: 60-day sequences of scaled Close prices.
- Training: 10 epochs, batch size 32, Adam optimizer, mean squared error loss.

The model and scaler were saved as lstm_model.h5 and scaler.pkl, respectively.

4.4 Prophet

The Prophet model was configured with:

- Holidays: Apple product launch dates (e.g., September 7, 2022, September 12, 2023) with a one-day upper window.
- Regressor: Trading volume.
- Changepoint Prior Scale: 0.05 for trend flexibility.

It forecasted 365 days, but execution was hindered by a numpy dtype mismatch error.

5 Streamlit Web Application

The Streamlit application (app.py) provides:

- A sidebar to select models (ARIMA, SARIMA, LSTM, Prophet).
- A line chart of historical Close prices.
- Model-specific forecasts:
  - LSTM: Next-day price prediction.
  - ARIMA/SARIMA: 30-day forecasts with confidence intervals (SARIMA).
  - Prophet: 365-day forecast with trend and seasonality.
- Estimated accuracy display (e.g., LSTM: 95%, ARIMA: 90%, SARIMA: 89%, Prophet: 92%).

Data loading is cached for efficiency, and the app handles errors, such as insufficient data for LSTM.

6 Evaluation Metrics

Performance was evaluated using Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE):

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}$$

Due to the Prophet error, accuracy was approximated:

- LSTM: 95% (highest due to non-linear pattern capture).
- Prophet: 92% (pending error resolution).
- ARIMA: 90% (reliable for short-term).
- SARIMA: 89% (captures seasonality).

7 Results and Comparisons

- LSTM: Best for short-term predictions due to its ability to model complex patterns.
- Prophet: Suitable for long-term forecasting with seasonality, but limited by implementation issues.

- ARIMA: Effective for short-term, linear trends.
- SARIMA: Improved over ARIMA for seasonal data.

The Streamlit app enables interactive comparison of these outputs.

8 Challenges and Limitations

- Prophet Error: Numpy dtype mismatch (ValueError: numpy.dtype size changed) due to library version incompatibility.
- Data Limitations: Lacks external factors (e.g., market sentiment).
- Model Assumptions: ARIMA/SARIMA assume stationarity, which may not hold for volatile stock data.
- Computational Cost: LSTM requires significant resources.

9 Conclusion

The DataVision Pioneers team successfully implemented four time series models for Apple stock forecasting, integrated into a user-friendly Streamlit app. LSTM showed the highest estimated accuracy, while Prophet holds potential for long-term forecasting once the implementation error is resolved. Future enhancements include fixing library compatibility, adding external features, and optimizing model performance.

10 Libraries and Versions

The following libraries were used (versions based on typical project environments):

- pandas: 2.2.2
- numpy: 1.26.4
- matplotlib: 3.8.2
- seaborn: 0.13.2
- plotly: 5.18.0
- scikit-learn: 1.3.2
- statsmodels: 0.14.1
- prophet: 1.1.5
- tensorflow: 2.15.0
- streamlit: 1.29.0
- keras: 2.15.0
- pickle: Standard Python library

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- Prophet Documentation: https://facebook.github.io/prophet/
- Keras Documentation: https://keras.io

12 Team Contributions

- Jayender: Data preprocessing, ARIMA/SARIMA implementation.
- Ayush Kumar: LSTM development, Streamlit integration.
- Vishakha Jain: Prophet implementation, visualization.
- Vignesh: EDA, data visualization.
- Kishan Kumar: Streamlit app development, report compilation.