Summary of Summary of Can ChatGPT Forecast Stock Price Movements? Return Predictability and Large Language Models 2024.05.14 Yiming LI

1. What are the research questions?

• Is it possible for LLMs like ChatGPT to predict stock market performance based on news headlines?

2. Why are the research questions interesting?

- The untapped capacity of LLMs in finance, especially in forecasting stock market returns, remains largely undiscovered.
 - LLMs, lacking specific training for stock return prediction, have limited efficacy in this area.
 - However these models are trained with big text data, they might be more efficient in understand context
- Research has established that stock returns can be forecasted daily using news and specialized algorithms.
 - It's uncertain whether LLMs, which aren't explicitly trained for return prediction, acquire predictive capabilities in this domain.

3. What is the paper's contribution?

- Contribute to economic literature by investigating ChatGPT's role.
 - Recent: Tackled Fedspeak decoding and historical data for prediction with limited success.
 - Extend: Initially exploring the capabilities of LLMs in financial markets, specifically focusing on the investment decision-making process.
- Contribute to finance literature by applying textual analysis and machine learning techniques to address key questions.
 - Recent: Explored text mining for tone analysis.
 - Extend: Initially investigate ChatGPT's capability to predict stock returns without prior training.
- Contribute by applying text analysis to news articles for sentiment extraction and predicting stock returns.
 - Recent: Analyzing the relationship between media sentiment and overall stock market performance.
 - Extend: Using firm updates to forecast forthcoming returns of specific stocks.
- Contribute to employment risks and susceptibility to AI-related technology.
 - Recent: The level of exposure to AI-related technology in jobs impacts both employment and productivity.
 - Extend: Enhancing the value for market participants in the finance sector by optimizing information processing.

4. What hypotheses are tested in the paper?

• H1: ChatGPT scores and the daily stock returns that follows a positive correlation.

a) Do these hypotheses follow from and answer the research questions?

• Indeed, it assesses the performance across various models.

- b) Do these hypotheses follow from theory? Explain logic of the hypotheses.
 - Yes, the system's sophisticated language comprehension enables it to grasp the intricacies and subtle details of news headlines, resulting in the production of more dependable sentiment scores.
- 5. Sample: comment on the appropriateness of the sample selection procedures.
 - Will the capacity to perform accurately in new situations diminish as time goes on?
- 6. Comment on the appropriateness of variable definition and measurement.
 - Utilize additional language models to enhance robustness without encountering any issues.
- 7. Comment on the appropriateness of the regress/predict model specification.
 - Regression is well-suited.
 - Is it not necessary to include other control variables in regression?
- 8. What difficulties arise in drawing inferences from the empirical work?
 - Can we ensure that no external resources are used as a reference?
- 9. Describe at least one publishable and feasible extension of this research.
 - Comparing the most recent Chinese LLM Yi , which claims to have better performance than GPT-4, Claude3 Sonnet,Llama3-70B-instruct, and Gemini1.5, to examine its ability of predicting stock market based on headlines.