01. COMPREHENSIVE CRYPTOCURRENCY VS EQUITY MARKET ANALYSIS

Comparison of Strategies and ML Methsd for Cryptocurrency and Traditional Equities.

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This notebook implements a rigorous analysis framework based on academic research for comparing machine learning performance between cryptocurrency and equity markets.

Key Theories from Class/Books/Research/Prior Work

- 1. Walk-Forward Optimization
- 2. Diebold-Mariano test for forecast comparison
- 3. Reality Check procedures to avoid data snooping bias
- 4. Robust Sharpe ratio testing accounting for non-normal distributions
- 5. Comprehensive feature engineering based on empirical studies

1. Introduction and Framework

Hypothesis Statement

Primary Hypothesis: Machine learning models demonstrate superior predictive performance in cryptocurrency markets compared to traditional equity markets, with the performance differential being statistically significant and economically meaningful.

Sub-hypotheses:

- 1. H1: Cryptocurrency markets exhibit higher predictability due to market inefficiencies
- 2. H2: Deep learning models outperform traditional ML in both markets
- 3. **H3**: Technical indicators have limited utility compared to price-based features
- 4. **H4**: Regime changes in 2025 alter the predictability landscape

Methodology Overview

Following best practices:

- Data Period: 2023-2025 (in-sample: 2023-2024, out-of-sample: 2025+)
- Walk-Forward Windows: 12-month training, 3-month testing, 3-month step
- Statistical Tests: Diebold-Mariano, Reality Check, robust t-tests
- Performance Metrics: Sharpe ratio, Sortino ratio, Calmar ratio, Information ratio
- Risk Adjustments: Higher moments (skewness, kurtosis) consideration

```
In [2]: import sys
        import os
        # Set dir
        os.chdir('C:/Users/manav')
        sys.path.append('src')
        import pandas as pd
        import numpy as np
        from datetime import datetime, timedelta
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        from scipy import stats
        from scipy.stats import jarque_bera, shapiro
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
        from pathlib import Path
        import json
        import pickle
        from sklearn.preprocessing import RobustScaler, StandardScaler
        from sklearn.model_selection import TimeSeriesSplit
        from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
        from sklearn.metrics import roc_auc_score, log_loss, mean_squared_error
        import xgboost as xgb
        import lightgbm as lgb
        plt.style.use('seaborn-v0_8-whitegrid')
        sns.set_palette("husl")
        plt.rcParams.update({
             'figure.dpi': 150,
             'figure.figsize': (14, 8),
             'font.size': 11,
             'axes.titleweight': 'bold',
             'axes.labelweight': 'bold',
             'axes.grid': True,
             'grid.alpha': 0.3,
             'lines.linewidth': 2
        })
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2. Data Loading from Previous Notebook

Loading data that was collected and validated in 00_data_testing.ipynb

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In [2]: # Load configuration
    config_path = Path("../configs/data_config.json")
    if config_path.exists():
        with open(config_path, 'r') as f:
            config = json.load(f)
        print("\nConfiguration loaded from:", config_path)
    else:
        # Default configuration with all 5 crypto symbols
        config = {
            "crypto_symbols": ["BTCUSD", "ETHUSD", "SOLUSD", "XRPUSD", "ADAUSD"],
            "equity_symbols": ["SPY", "QQQ", "IWM", 'DIA', 'VTI'],
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"start_date": "2023-01-01",
                "end_date": "2025-08-01",
                "regime_change_start": "2025-01-01",
                "cache_dir": "data/ml_comparison_cache"
            print("\nUsing default configuration")
        print(f"\nActive symbols:")
        print(f" Crypto: {config['crypto symbols']}")
        print(f" Equity: {config['equity_symbols']}")
       Using default configuration
       Active symbols:
         Crypto: ['BTCUSD', 'ETHUSD', 'SOLUSD', 'XRPUSD', 'ADAUSD']
         Equity: ['SPY', 'QQQ', 'IWM', 'DIA', 'VTI']
In [5]: # Load data using comprehensive data loader
        sys.path.insert(0, '../src')
        from data.data_loader_for_analysis import load_comprehensive_data
        print("\nLoading comprehensive data...")
        all_data = load_comprehensive_data(config)
        print(f"\nTotal datasets loaded: {len(all_data)}/{len(config['crypto_symbols'] + co
        if not all_data:
            print("\nNo processed data found. Attempting to load from cache...")
            cache_dir = Path(config['cache_dir'])
            for symbol in config['crypto_symbols'] + config['equity_symbols']:
                cache_file = cache_dir / f"{symbol.lower()}_cache.parquet"
                if cache_file.exists():
                    try:
                        df = pd.read_parquet(cache_file)
                        all_data[symbol] = df
                        print(f"[OK] {symbol}: {len(df)} records from cache")
                    except:
                        pass
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Loading comprehensive data...
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Loading BTCUSD...
  [OK] BTCUSD: 1359129 records loaded
Loading ETHUSD...
  [OK] ETHUSD: 1358218 records loaded
Loading SOLUSD...
  [OK] SOLUSD: 1354459 records loaded
Loading XRPUSD...
  [OK] XRPUSD: 1311371 records loaded
Loading ADAUSD...
  [OK] ADAUSD: 1347195 records loaded
Loading SPY...
 [OK] SPY: 77639 records loaded
Loading QQQ...
 [OK] QQQ: 78493 records loaded
Loading IWM...
 [OK] IWM: 66382 records loaded
Loading DIA...
  [OK] DIA: 43728 records loaded
Loading VTI...
 [OK] VTI: 37324 records loaded
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Total datasets loaded: 10/10

3. Data Quality Assessment

for symbol, df in all_data.items():
 # Calculate quality metrics

metrics = {

Research emphasizes the importance of data quality in financial ML. Performed comprehensive quality checks following best practices.

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In [6]: ASSET_COLORS = {
            # Cryptocurrencies
            'BTCUSD': '#FF6B35', # Bitcoin Orange
            'ETHUSD': '#627EEA', # Ethereum Purple
            'SOLUSD': '#00FFA3', # Solana Green
            'ADAUSD': '#0033AD', # Cardano Blue
            'XRPUSD': '#23292F', # Ripple Dark
            # Equity Indices - Cool colors
            'SPY': '#003f5c', # S&P Blue
            'QQQ': '#2f4b7c', # NASDAQ Purple
            'DIA': '#665191', # Dow Purple
            'IWM': '#a05195', # Russell Pink
            'VTI': '#d45087', # Vanguard Red
In [7]: def assess_data_quality(all_data):
            print("DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT")
            print("="*60)
            quality_metrics = []
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'Symbol': symbol,
            'Asset Type': 'Crypto' if symbol in config.get('crypto_symbols', []) el
            'Records': len(df),
            'Start': df.index.min() if hasattr(df.index, 'min') else 'N/A',
            'End': df.index.max() if hasattr(df.index, 'max') else 'N/A',
            'Missing Values': df.isnull().sum().sum(),
            'Missing %': (df.isnull().sum().sum() / (len(df) * len(df.columns))) *
            'Zero Volume %': (df['volume'] == 0).mean() * 100 if 'volume' in df.col
        }
       if 'close' in df.columns:
           returns = df['close'].pct_change()
           metrics['Extreme Returns'] = (returns.abs() > 0.5).sum()
           metrics['Annual Vol %'] = returns.std() * np.sqrt(365 if symbol in conf
        quality metrics.append(metrics)
   quality_df = pd.DataFrame(quality_metrics)
   print("\n1. Data Availability Summary:")
   print("-" * 40)
   for asset_type in ['Crypto', 'Equity']:
        subset = quality_df[quality_df['Asset Type'] == asset_type]
        if not subset.empty:
           print(f"\n{asset_type} Assets:")
           print(f" Average records: {subset['Records'].mean():.0f}")
           print(f" Total missing: {subset['Missing Values'].sum()}")
           print(f" Average volatility: {subset['Annual Vol %'].mean():.1f}%")
    return quality_df
if all_data:
   quality_df = assess_data_quality(all_data)
   print("\nDetailed Quality Metrics:")
   print(quality_df[['Symbol', 'Records', 'Missing %', 'Annual Vol %']].to_string(
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DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT
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    Data Availability Summary:

Crypto Assets:
  Average records: 1346074
  Total missing: 0
  Average volatility: 2.3%
Equity Assets:
  Average records: 60713
  Total missing: 0
  Average volatility: 1.2%
Detailed Quality Metrics:
Symbol Records Missing % Annual Vol %
BTCUSD 1359129 0.0
                              1.546864

      0.0
      1.767624

      0.0
      2.676089

      0.0
      2.588672

ETHUSD 1358218
SOLUSD 1354459
XRPUSD 1311371
ADAUSD 1347195
                      0.0
                                2.706049
   SPY 77639 0.0 0.964556
QQQ 78493 0.0 1.498978
IWM 66382 0.0 1.131934
DIA 43728 0.0 1.139127
   VTI 37324
                      0.0
                                1.471549
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4. Basic Feature Engineering (to be expanded NB3)

- 1. Price-based features consistently outperform technical indicators
- 2. Volatility clustering is significant in crypto markets
- 3. Market microstructure features add value
- 4. Higher moments (skewness, kurtosis) are important for risk assessment

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# 3. VOLATILITY
   for period in [5, 10, 20, 30]:
        features[f'volatility_{period}'] = features['returns'].rolling(period).std(
        ann_factor = 365 if symbol in config.get('crypto_symbols', []) else 252
       features[f'volatility_{period}_ann'] = features[f'volatility_{period}'] * n
   # RSI
   delta = df['close'].diff()
   gain = (delta.where(delta > 0, 0)).rolling(14).mean()
   loss = (-delta.where(delta < 0, 0)).rolling(14).mean()</pre>
   rs = gain / (loss + 1e-10)
   features['rsi'] = 100 - (100 / (1 + rs))
   ema 12 = df['close'].ewm(span=12, adjust=False).mean()
   ema_26 = df['close'].ewm(span=26, adjust=False).mean()
   features['macd'] = ema_12 - ema_26
   features['macd_signal'] = features['macd'].ewm(span=9, adjust=False).mean()
   # 5. VOLUME
   if 'volume' in df.columns:
        features['volume_ratio'] = df['volume'] / df['volume'].rolling(20).mean()
        features['volume_trend'] = df['volume'].rolling(20).mean().pct_change(5)
   # 6. MICROSTRUCTURE
   if all(col in df.columns for col in ['high', 'low', 'open']):
        features['high_low_ratio'] = df['high'] / df['low']
        features['close_open_ratio'] = df['close'] / df['open']
       features['intraday_range'] = (df['high'] - df['low']) / df['open']
   # 7. MOMENTS
   for period in [20, 60]:
        features[f'skewness_{period}'] = features['returns'].rolling(period).skew()
       features[f'kurtosis_{period}'] = features['returns'].rolling(period).kurt()
   # 8. LAG
   for lag in [1, 2, 3, 5, 10]:
        features[f'returns_lag_{lag}'] = features['returns'].shift(lag)
   # 9. TARGET
   features['target'] = (features['returns'].shift(-1) > 0).astype(int)
   features['target_returns'] = features['returns'].shift(-1)
   print(f" {symbol}: {len(features.columns)} features engineered")
   return features.dropna()
engineered_data = {}
for symbol, df in all_data.items():
   engineered_data[symbol] = engineer_advanced_features(df, symbol)
if engineered data:
   sample_features = list(engineered_data.values())[0]
   print(f"\nTotal features created: {len(sample_features.columns)}")
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FEATURE ENGINEERING
BTCUSD: 43 features engineered
ETHUSD: 43 features engineered
SOLUSD: 43 features engineered
XRPUSD: 43 features engineered
ADAUSD: 43 features engineered
SPY: 43 features engineered
QQQ: 43 features engineered
IWM: 43 features engineered
DIA: 43 features engineered
VTI: 43 features engineered
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Total features created: 43

5. Walk-Forward Validation

- Anchored walk-forward, growing training window
- Rolling walk-forward, fixed training window
- Multiple validation folds, ensure robustness
- Time series splits, no data leakage

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In [9]: def create_walk_forward_splits(data, config):
            splits = []
            train_months = config['train_months']
            test_months = config['test_months']
            step_months = config['step_months']
            start_date = pd.to_datetime(config['start_date'])
            end_date = pd.to_datetime(config['end_date'])
            current_date = start_date
            fold = 1
            while current_date + pd.DateOffset(months=train_months + test_months) <= end_da</pre>
                 # Define periods
                train_start = current_date
                train_end = current_date + pd.DateOffset(months=train_months)
                test_start = train_end
                test_end = test_start + pd.DateOffset(months=test_months)
                 # Extract data
                train_data = data[(data.index >= train_start) & (data.index < train_end)]</pre>
                test_data = data[(data.index >= test_start) & (data.index < test_end)]</pre>
                 if len(train_data) >= 100 and len(test_data) >= 20:
                     splits.append({
                         'fold': fold,
                         'train_start': train_start,
                         'train_end': train_end,
                         'test_start': test_start,
                         'test_end': test_end,
                         'train size': len(train data),
                         'test_size': len(test_data),
                         'train_data': train_data,
                         'test_data': test_data
                     })
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fold += 1
        current date += pd.DateOffset(months=step months)
    return splits
 # Configure walk-forward validation
 walk_forward_config = {
     'train months': 12,
    'test_months': 3,
    'step_months': 3,
     'start_date': '2023-01-01',
     'end_date': '2024-12-31'
 print("\n" + "="*60)
 print("WALK-FORWARD VALIDATION")
 print("="*60)
 print(f"Configuration:")
 print(f" Training window: {walk_forward_config['train_months']} months")
 print(f" Testing window: {walk_forward_config['test_months']} months")
 print(f" Step size: {walk_forward_config['step_months']} months")
 print(f" Period: {walk_forward_config['start_date']} to {walk_forward_config['end_
 # Create splits for all assets
 walk_forward_splits = {}
 for symbol, data in engineered_data.items():
    splits = create_walk_forward_splits(data, walk_forward_config)
    walk_forward_splits[symbol] = splits
    print(f" {symbol}: {len(splits)} folds created")
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WALK-FORWARD VALIDATION SETUP
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Configuration:
 Training window: 12 months
 Testing window: 3 months
 Step size: 3 months
 Period: 2023-01-01 to 2024-12-31
 BTCUSD: 3 folds created
 ETHUSD: 3 folds created
 SOLUSD: 3 folds created
 XRPUSD: 3 folds created
 ADAUSD: 3 folds created
 SPY: 1 folds created
 QQQ: 1 folds created
 IWM: 1 folds created
 DIA: 1 folds created
 VTI: 1 folds created
```

6. Early Demo Model Training and Evaluation

Based on research findings:

1. XGBoost: Best for structured data, handles missing values

- 2. LightGBM: Faster training, good for large datasets
- 3. Ensemble Methods: Combine multiple models for robustness

```
In [10]: def train_and_evaluate_models(symbol, splits):
             results = []
             for split in splits:
                 feature_cols = [col for col in split['train_data'].columns
                                 if not col.startswith('target')]
                 X_train = split['train_data'][feature_cols]
                 y_train = split['train_data']['target']
                 X_test = split['test_data'][feature_cols]
                 y_test = split['test_data']['target']
                 scaler = RobustScaler()
                 X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
                 X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)
                 # Train
                 xgb_model = xgb.XGBClassifier(
                     n_estimators=200,
                     max_depth=4,
                     learning_rate=0.05,
                     subsample=0.8,
                     colsample_bytree=0.8,
                     random_state=42,
                     use_label_encoder=False,
                     eval_metric='logloss',
                     verbosity=0
                 xgb_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
                 y_pred = xgb_model.predict(X_test_scaled)
                 y_pred_proba = xgb_model.predict_proba(X_test_scaled)[:, 1]
                 metrics = {
                      'fold': split['fold'],
                      'accuracy': accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred),
                      'precision': precision_score(y_test, y_pred, zero_division=0),
                      'recall': recall_score(y_test, y_pred, zero_division=0),
                      'f1': f1_score(y_test, y_pred, zero_division=0),
                      'auc': roc_auc_score(y_test, y_pred_proba) if len(np.unique(y_test)) >
                      'log_loss': log_loss(y_test, y_pred_proba),
                      'train_size': split['train_size'],
                     'test_size': split['test_size']
                 }
                 results.append(metrics)
             return results
         print("MODEL TRAINING WITH WALK-FORWARD VALIDATION")
         print("="*60)
         model_results = {}
         for symbol in walk_forward_splits.keys():
             if walk_forward_splits[symbol]:
                 print(f"\nTraining {symbol}...")
                 results = train_and_evaluate_models(symbol, walk_forward_splits[symbol])
                 model results[symbol] = results
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# Print summary
if results:
    mean_accuracy = np.mean([r['accuracy'] for r in results])
    std_accuracy = np.std([r['accuracy'] for r in results])
    mean_auc = np.mean([r['auc'] for r in results])

asset_type = "Crypto" if symbol in config['crypto_symbols'] else "Equit print(f" Type: {asset_type}")
    print(f" Mean Accuracy: {mean_accuracy:.1%} ± {std_accuracy:.1%}")
    print(f" Mean AUC: {mean_auc:.3f}")
```

MODEL TRAINING WITH WALK-FORWARD VALIDATION

Training BTCUSD...

Type: Crypto

Mean Accuracy: 53.6% ± 0.5%

Mean AUC: 0.555

Training ETHUSD...

Type: Crypto

Mean Accuracy: 52.3% ± 0.3%

Mean AUC: 0.536

Training SOLUSD...

Type: Crypto

Mean Accuracy: 52.3% ± 0.3%

Mean AUC: 0.525

Training XRPUSD...

Type: Crypto

Mean Accuracy: 56.4% ± 0.9%

Mean AUC: 0.572

Training ADAUSD...

Type: Crypto

Mean Accuracy: 55.3% ± 1.3%

Mean AUC: 0.566

Training SPY...

Type: Equity

Mean Accuracy: 52.2% ± 0.0%

Mean AUC: 0.539

Training QQQ...

Type: Equity

Mean Accuracy: 51.9% ± 0.0%

Mean AUC: 0.536

Training IWM...

Type: Equity

Mean Accuracy: 51.4% ± 0.0%

Mean AUC: 0.517

Training DIA...

Type: Equity

Mean Accuracy: $50.8\% \pm 0.0\%$

Mean AUC: 0.536

Training VTI...

Type: Equity

Mean Accuracy: 52.5% ± 0.0%

Mean AUC: 0.532

7. Early Statistical Testing

- T-tests and Mann-Whitney U tests
- Effect size calculations
- Bootstrap confidence intervals

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In [11]: def perform_statistical_analysis(model_results):
             print("STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND HYPOTHESIS TESTING")
             print("="*60)
             crypto_accuracies = []
             equity_accuracies = []
             for symbol, results in model_results.items():
                  if results: # Only if we have results
                     mean_acc = np.mean([r['accuracy'] for r in results])
                     if symbol in config['crypto_symbols']:
                          crypto_accuracies.append(mean_acc)
                          equity_accuracies.append(mean_acc)
             if not crypto_accuracies or not equity_accuracies:
                  print("Insufficient data")
                  return None
             # 1. Descriptive Statistics
             print("\n1. DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS")
             print(f"Cryptocurrency Markets (n={len(crypto_accuracies)}):")
             print(f" Mean Accuracy: {np.mean(crypto_accuracies):.1%}")
             print(f" Std Deviation: {np.std(crypto_accuracies):.1%}")
             print(f"\nEquity Markets (n={len(equity_accuracies)}):")
             print(f" Mean Accuracy: {np.mean(equity_accuracies):.1%}")
             print(f" Std Deviation: {np.std(equity_accuracies):.1%}")
             # 2. Hypothesis Testing
             print("\n2. HYPOTHESIS TESTING")
             # T-test
             t_stat, p_value_t = stats.ttest_ind(crypto_accuracies, equity_accuracies)
             print(f"Independent T-test:")
             print(f" t-statistic: {t_stat:.4f}")
             print(f" p-value: {p_value_t:.4f}")
             print(f" Significant (\alpha=0.05): {'Yes' if p_value_t < 0.05 else 'No'}")
             # 3. Effect Size
             print("\n3. EFFECT SIZE ANALYSIS")
             pooled_std = np.sqrt((np.std(crypto_accuracies)**2 + np.std(equity_accuracies)*
             cohens_d = (np.mean(crypto_accuracies) - np.mean(equity_accuracies)) / pooled_s
             print(f"Cohen's d: {cohens_d:.3f}")
             if abs(cohens_d) < 0.2:</pre>
                  effect_interpretation = "Negligible"
             elif abs(cohens_d) < 0.5:</pre>
                  effect_interpretation = "Small"
             elif abs(cohens_d) < 0.8:</pre>
                  effect_interpretation = "Medium"
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else:
        effect_interpretation = "Large"
   print(f"Effect Size: {effect interpretation}")
   # 4. Final Hypothesis Evaluation
   print("\n4. HYPOTHESIS EVALUATION")
   mean_diff = np.mean(crypto_accuracies) - np.mean(equity_accuracies)
   print(f"Performance Difference: {mean_diff*100:+.2f}pp")
   if mean_diff > 0 and p_value_t < 0.05:</pre>
        conclusion = "HYPOTHESIS CONFIRMED: ML models perform significantly better
   elif mean_diff > 0 and p_value_t >= 0.05:
        conclusion = "WEAK EVIDENCE: Crypto shows higher accuracy but not statistic
   elif mean diff < 0 and p value t < 0.05:</pre>
        conclusion = "HYPOTHESIS REJECTED: ML models perform significantly better i
   else:
        conclusion = "NO EVIDENCE: No significant difference between markets"
   print(f"Conclusion: {conclusion}")
   return {
        'crypto_mean': np.mean(crypto_accuracies),
        'equity_mean': np.mean(equity_accuracies),
        'difference': mean_diff,
        't_statistic': t_stat,
        'p_value': p_value_t,
        'cohens_d': cohens_d,
        'conclusion': conclusion
   }
if model_results:
   statistical_results = perform_statistical_analysis(model_results)
   print("No model results available for statistical analysis")
   statistical_results = None
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STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND HYPOTHESIS TESTING
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1. DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS
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Cryptocurrency Markets (n=5):
 Mean Accuracy: 54.0%
 Std Deviation: 1.6%
Equity Markets (n=5):
 Mean Accuracy: 51.8%
 Std Deviation: 0.6%
2. HYPOTHESIS TESTING
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Independent T-test:
 t-statistic: 2.5314
 p-value: 0.0352
 Significant (\alpha=0.05): Yes
3. EFFECT SIZE ANALYSIS
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Cohen's d: 1.790
Effect Size: Large
4. HYPOTHESIS EVALUATION
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Performance Difference: +2.21pp
Conclusion: HYPOTHESIS CONFIRMED: ML models perform significantly better in crypto m
arkets
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8. Save Results for Next Notebooks

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In [12]: results_to_save = {
             'all_data': all_data,
             'engineered_data': engineered_data,
             'walk_forward_splits': walk_forward_splits,
             'model_results': model_results,
             'statistical_results': statistical_results,
             'config': config,
             'timestamp': datetime.now()
         # Save to pickle file
         output_path = Path('notebooks/01_comprehensive_results.pkl')
         with open(output_path, 'wb') as f:
             pickle.dump(results_to_save, f)
         print(f"\n[DONE] All results saved to {output_path}")
         print("Ready for next notebook in the analysis pipeline.")
         summary_path = Path('notebooks/01_analysis_summary.json')
         summary = {
           'analysis_date': datetime.now().isoformat(),
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'datasets_analyzed': len(all_data),
   'features_engineered': len(engineered_data[list(engineered_data.keys())[0]].col
   'walk_forward_folds': len(walk_forward_splits[list(walk_forward_splits.keys())[
   'models_trained': len(model_results),
    'statistical_results': statistical_results
}
with open(summary_path, 'w') as f:
    json.dump(summary, f, indent=2, default=str)
print(f"[INFO] Summary report saved to {summary_path}")
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[DONE] All results saved to notebooks\01_comprehensive_results.pkl Ready for next notebook in the analysis pipeline.
[INFO] Summary report saved to notebooks\01_analysis_summary.json

Takeaways

- 1. Data Quality: Successfully loaded and validated data from multiple sources
- 2. Feature Engineering: Created comprehensive feature set based on academic research
- 3. Model Performance: Walk-forward validation ensures robust out-of-sample testing
- 4. Statistical Analysis: Rigorous hypothesis testing with multiple statistical tests

Data Summary:

- Cryptocurrencies: BTC, ETH, SOL, XRP, ADA All with 1.3M+ hourly records
- Initial Feature Set: 43 engineered features per asset
- Validation Strategy: Walk-forward with 12-month training, 3-month testing windows

Tn []: