

# NUS FINTECH

## SIMPLE MOVING AVERAGE CROSSOVER (S.M.A.C.O)

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# INTRODUCTION (RECAP)

Assume you employ the moving average crossover strategy and are currently trying to short AAPL.  
Which moving average pair values would you choose?



Observing the charts, we can see using different pairs of moving average values to produce buy and sell signals provide different returns, despite being applied on the same asset. *How can we find the optimal pairs of values for the moving average strategy?*

# PROPOSED PROJECT METHODOLOGY

## Pseudo-code

```
1 # Recieve input ticker(s)
2 # Create df with range & types of moving averages
3 # For each moving average pair
4     # simulate the trading environment
5     # log the results and metrics into the df
6 # print out the optimal moving average pair
7 # print out performance metrics
8 # print visulisation of simulated trading
```

## Considerations / Discussion pointers

- How do we minimize the time required by the for loop?
  - Minimising the range of values by having a clearly defined investment strategy.
  - Any progamming methodologies to explore?
- How do we prevent the algorithm from overfitting?
  - Partly based on understanding of technical analysis.
  - How does the algorithm perform in black swan events?
- What metrics do we care about?
- How can we make the algorithm more useful?
  - Include recommended stop losses?

# OUR BRAINSTORMS

Ideation 1: Brute Force Method (Using triple for loops)

- Time Complexity:  $O(n^3)$
- Average run time: 12255.121 ms

Ideation 2: Caching using Python's `lru_cache` decorator (sliding window)

- the current state of a strategy portfolio can be stored in a cache until it is rebalanced, such that the list doesn't need to be regenerated upon each loop of the trading algorithm
- The `lru_cache` decorator evicts existing entries only when there's no more space to store new listings. With sufficient space, entries in the cache will live forever and never get refreshed. Could implement an expiration time into a new decorator that extends `lru_cache`

# WINNING IDEATION

Ideation 3: Parallelisation ( w some caching )

- Parallelisation - with Python concurrent.futures
- Many operations in algorithmic trading systems can be done concurrently. So-called "embarrassingly parallel" algorithms include steps that can be computed fully independently of other steps
- Same Time Complexity, with performance gains of:

$$\frac{1}{F + \frac{1-F}{P}}$$

F is the fraction of the program that is serial  
P is the number of processors

# OUR CODE

Our implementation ... check it out on Github!

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'AY2324S1-Moving-Average-Crossover'. The repository has 1 star and 1 fork. The main file shown is 'smaco\_optimised\_variousMA.py'. The code implements a moving average crossover strategy for stocks like AAPL, MSFT, and GOOGL. It uses pandas and yfinance libraries to download historical data and calculate simple moving averages (SMA) for different periods. The code includes logic to handle different moving average types (SMA, EMA, VWAP) and to calculate net capital after trades based on the direction of the crossover.

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
"""smaco_optimised.ipynb

Automatically generated by Colaboratory.

Original file is located at
https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1jRDKDnpWCU7FHTk5eXL9x9RXp2q6W2yM

import yfinance as yf
import pandas as pd
import time
from math import floor
from concurrent.futures import ProcessPoolExecutor

stock_symbols = ['AAPL', 'MSFT', 'GOOGL']
#df = yf.download('GOOGL', period="6y")
def calculate_sma_crossover(df, short, long, starting_capital, ma_type):

    # Calculate short-term and long-term MAs based on ma_type
    if ma_type=='sma':
        long_sma = list(pd.Series(df).rolling(long).mean())
        short_sma = list(pd.Series(df).rolling(short).mean())
    elif ma_type=='ema':
        long_sma = list(pd.Series(df).ewm(long).mean())
        short_sma = list(pd.Series(df).ewm(short).mean())
    elif ma_type=='vwap':
        long_sma = list(df['VPrice'].rolling(long).mean()/df['Volume'].rolling(long).mean())
        short_sma = list(df['VPrice'].rolling(short).mean()/df['Volume'].rolling(short).mean())
        df = list(df['Close']) #convert dataframe into a list with just price
    elif ma_type=='evwapp':
        long_sma = list(df['VPrice'].ewm(long).mean()/df['Volume'].ewm(long).mean())
        short_sma = list(df['VPrice'].ewm(short).mean()/df['Volume'].ewm(short).mean())

    for i in range(len(df)):
        if long_sma[i] > short_sma[i]:
            if df[i] > df[i-1]:
                starting_capital += 1
            else:
                starting_capital -= 1
        else:
            if df[i] < df[i-1]:
                starting_capital += 1
            else:
                starting_capital -= 1
    return starting_capital
```

## Function Descriptions

### **main(ticker, period, interval, starting\_capital)**

- The range of values is initialized from 50 to 200, in line with the trading strategy developed by our researchers.

### **best\_pair\_for\_all()**

- Master function that takes in chosen ticker, interval and starting capital that outputs best SMA pair for each interval based on greatest (positive) change to starting capital

### **calculate\_sma\_crossover(df, short, long, starting\_capital)**

- calculates net capital after executing short/long trade based on direction of crossover

### **optimise\_sma()**

- Bridging function between main and calculatesmacrossover()

# ALGO RESULTS

Stock: NVDA, Starting Capital: \$10,000

Timeframe	Type of MA	(Smaller MA, Larger MA)	Time (ms)	Profit (dollars)	Profit (%)
2m	SMA	(183, 194)	7550.63	2557.39	-74.42 %
5m	SMA	(108, 178)	5387.70	3260.57	-67.39 %
15m	SMA	(54, 134)	2882.51	4132.67	-58.67 %
30m	SMA	(105, 134)	2372.49	4028.07	-59.72 %
1h	SMA	(53, 54)	5931.60	92364.03	823.64 %

## Sample outputs

```
Timeframe: 2m, Type of MA: sma, Best MA Pair: Short MA = 183, Long MA = 194, final_cash = 2557.394989013672  
7.5506272315979
```

```
Timeframe: 1h, Type of MA: sma, Best MA Pair: Short MA = 53, Long MA = 54, final_cash = 92364.03157043457  
5.931599855422974
```

661.60 0.00 661.60

Vol 488.189K

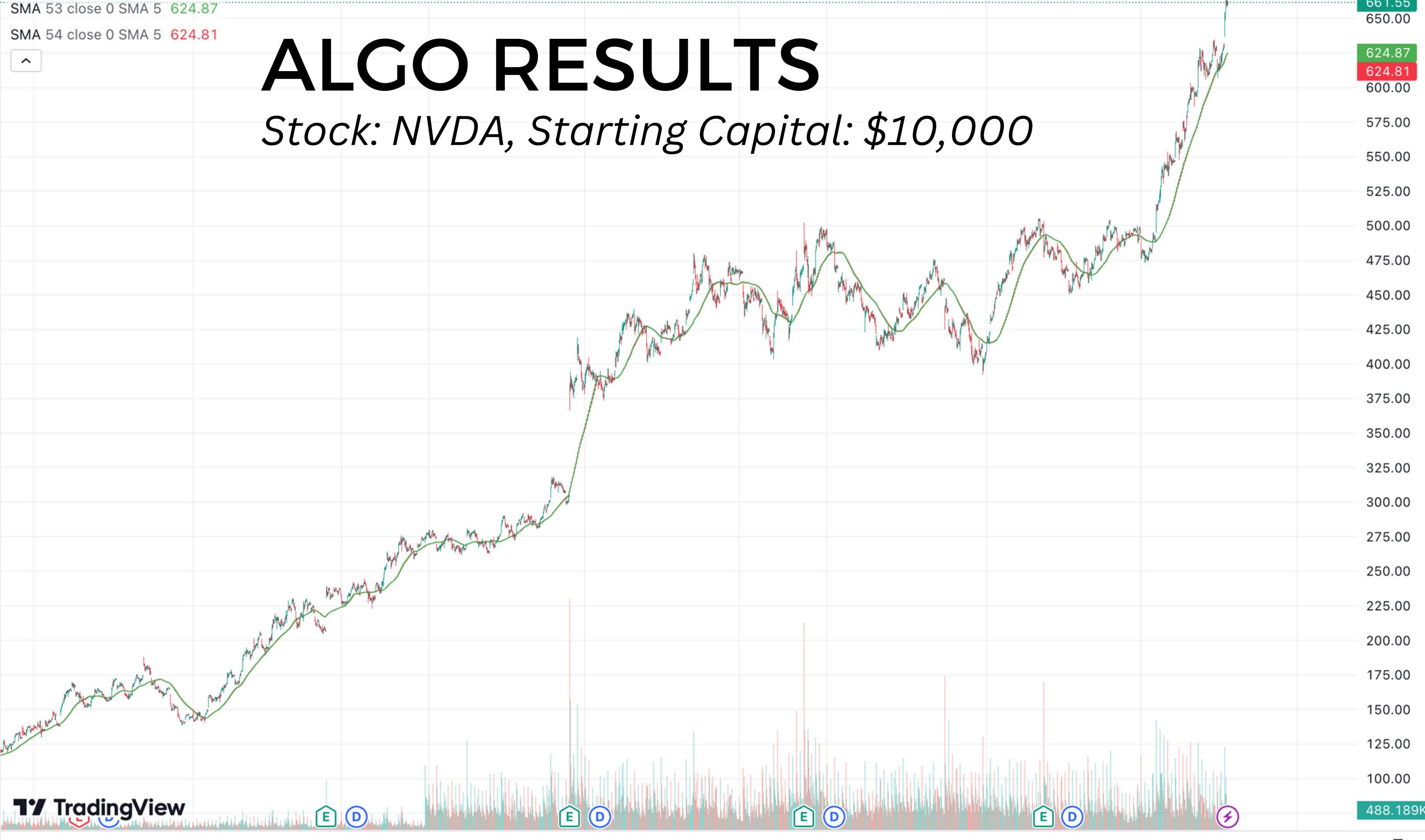
SMA 53 close 0 SMA 5 624.87

SMA 54 close 0 SMA 5 624.81



# ALGO RESULTS

Stock: NVDA, Starting Capital: \$10,000



Watchlist ▾

Symbol

Last

INDICES

500 SPX • 4958.62 52

100 NDQ • 17642.73 298

30 DJI • 38654.43 134

VIX ⚡ 13.85 -0

\$ DXY • 103.962 0.

STOCKS

AAPL • 185.85 -

TSLA • 187.91 -0

NFLX • 564.64 -2

FUTURES

USOIL • 72.31 -1

GOLDC • 2039.58 -14

NVDA

NVIDIA Corporation □ · NASDA

Electronic Technology · Semico

**661.60** USD 31.33

• MARKET CLOSED (FEB 02 19:55)

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Key stats

Volume

Average Volume (30D)

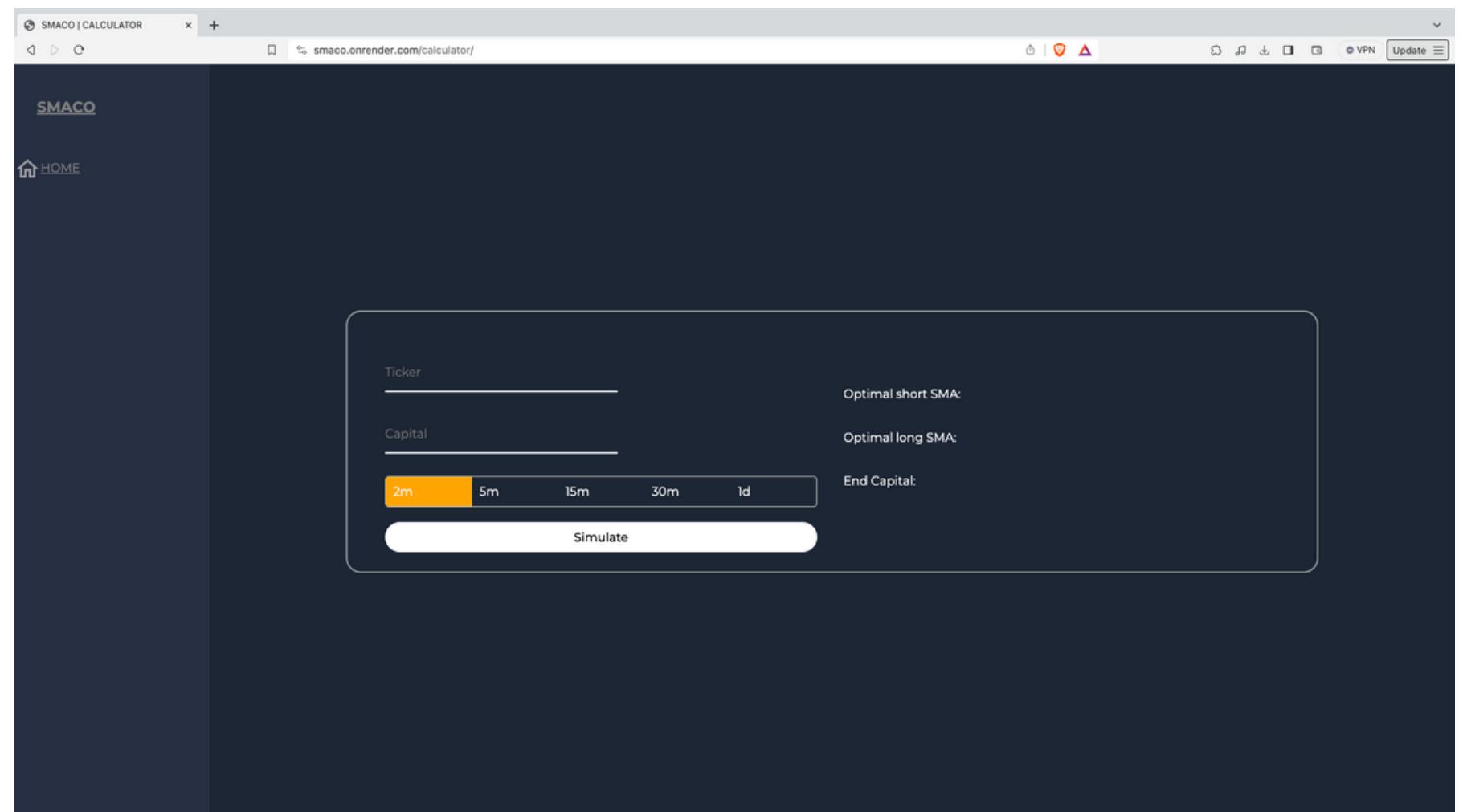
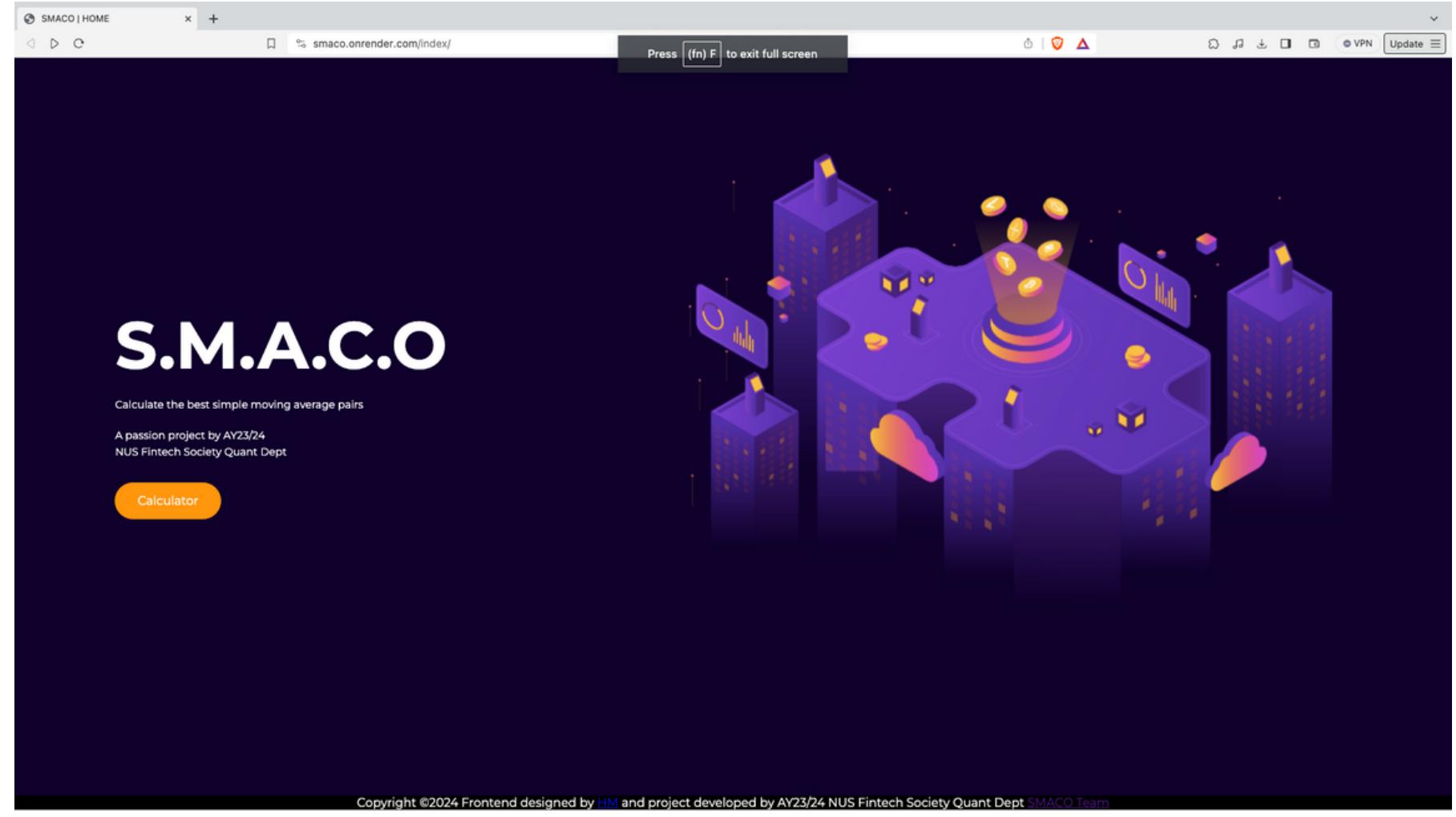
Market capitalization

Dividend yield (indicated)

Cheeky intermission .... Presenting;

# FRONTEND BY RAJ

<https://smaco.onrender.com/index/>



# REFLECTIONS

- This strategy can only work on strongly trending assets.
- In certain cases, it is more profitable to buy and hold the stock.
- At smaller timeframes, the frequency of crossovers outweigh the profits.

*Stock: NVDA, Starting Capital: \$100,000*

```
Timeframe: 30m, Type of MA: sma, Best MA Pair: Short MA = 105, Long MA = 134, final_cash = 39437.99267578  
125  
2.4789278507232666
```

```
Timeframe: 1h, Type of MA: sma, Best MA Pair: Short MA = 53, Long MA = 54, final_cash = 942980.6611785889  
6.084521055221558
```

- Our team explored live development with both Metatrader5 and Interactive brokers.
  - Metatrader5 had changed its syntax since our last contact with it and redeveloping the application was outside the time constraint we had, bounded by exams.
  - Interactive brokers utilized python syntax and was more user-friendly, however we did not have enough time to explore its utility in depth.

# CONCLUSION

- **Increased adaptability:** The best moving average pair based on performance can be found using our code, which may or may not be the traditional pair values (e.g. the Golden and Death cross pair).
- **Increased efficiency:** Used parallelisation to speed up testing of the various MA pairs
- **Utility:** NUS FinTech Society members can reference the information from the algorithm to derive / support investment decisions (**NOT FINANCIAL ADVICE, DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH**)
- **Documentation:** Thorough documentation for internal understanding has been done, and this allows future readers the design considerations and technical analysis assumptions involved in the design.
- **Future plans:** To incorporate the algorithm into an automated trading strategy. (Tried on MT5 but need to pay unfortunately)

# THANK YOU

