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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

```
# Recieve input ticker(s)
# Create df with range & types of moving averages
# For each moving average pair
    # simulate the trading environment
    # log the results and metrics into the df
# print out the optimal moving average pair
# print out performance metrics
# 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: Parellelisation (w some caching)

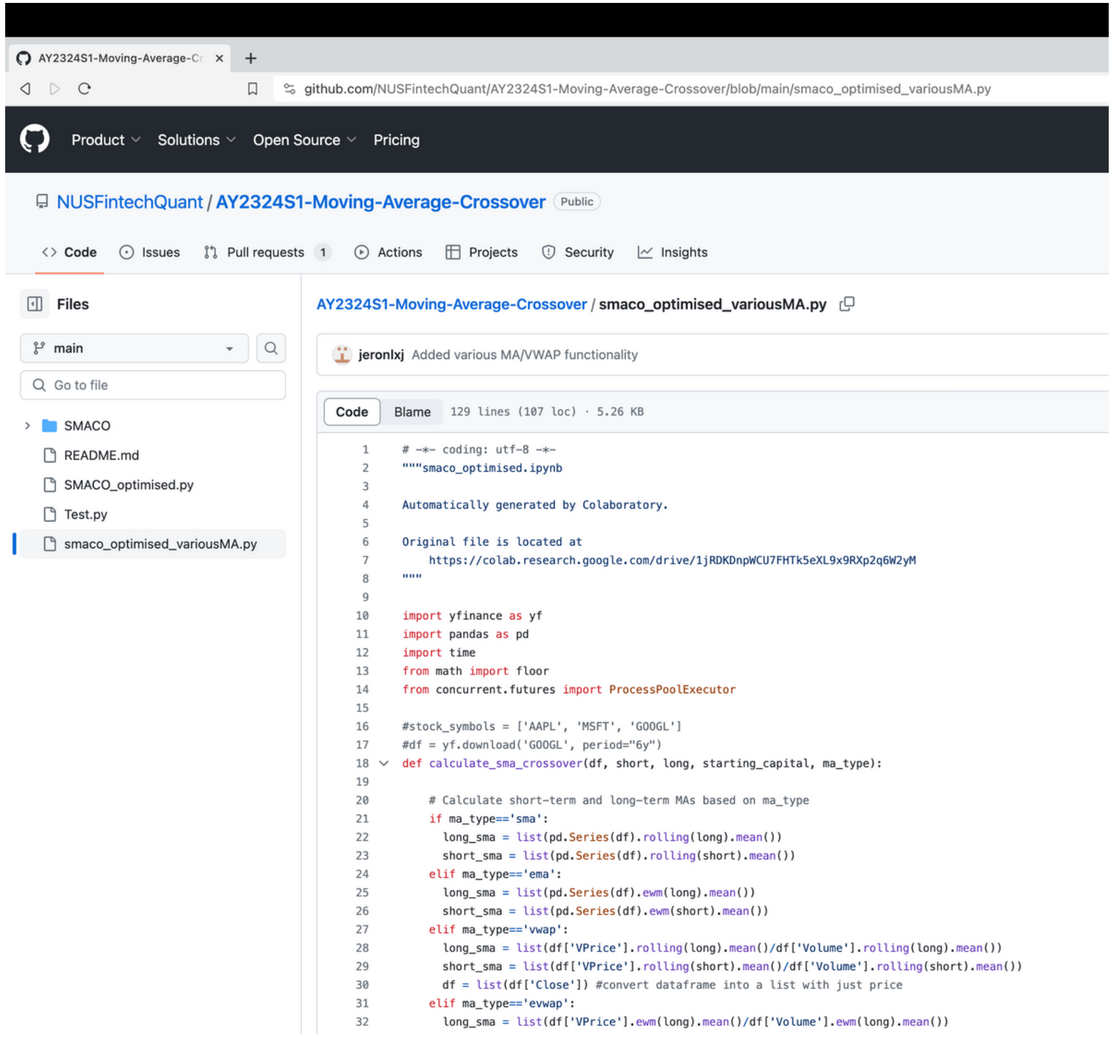
- Parallelisation - with Python concurrent.futures
- Many operations in algorithmic trading systems can be done concurrently. So-called "embarrassingly parallel" algorithms include steps that can be computed fully independently of other steps
- Same Time Complexity, with performance gains of:

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

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!



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
```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661.60 0.00 661.60
Vol 488.189K
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TradingView
Nov 2023 Mar Apr Jun Aug Sep Nov 2024 Mar

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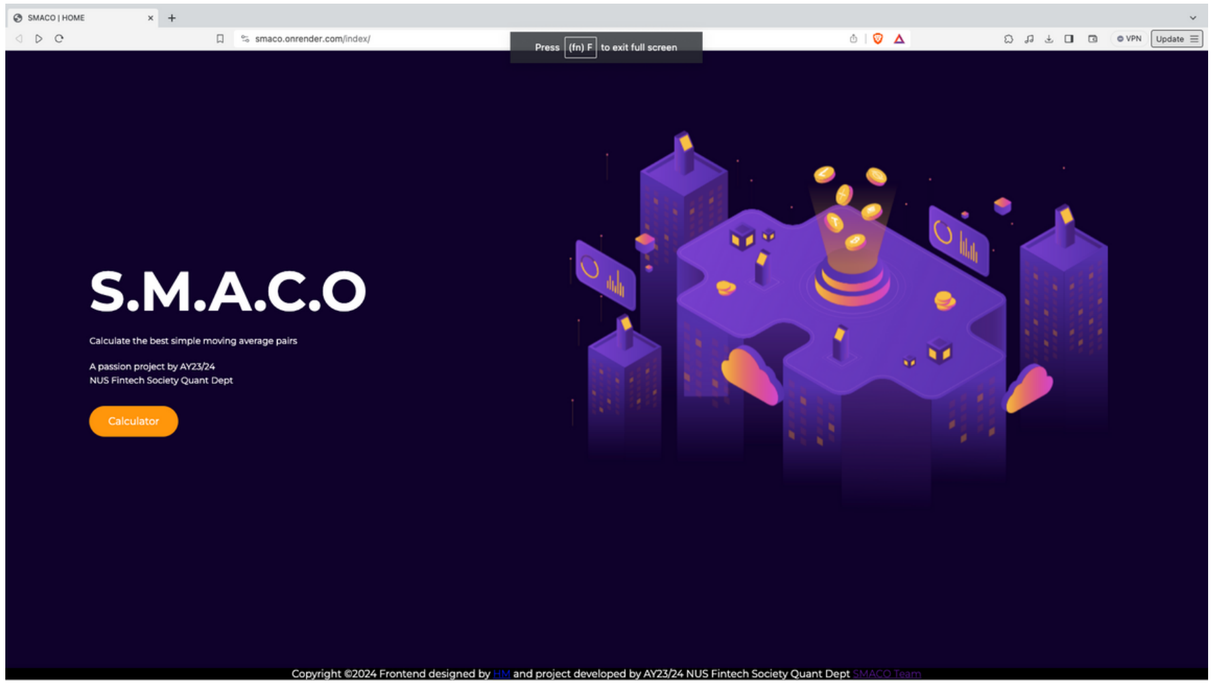

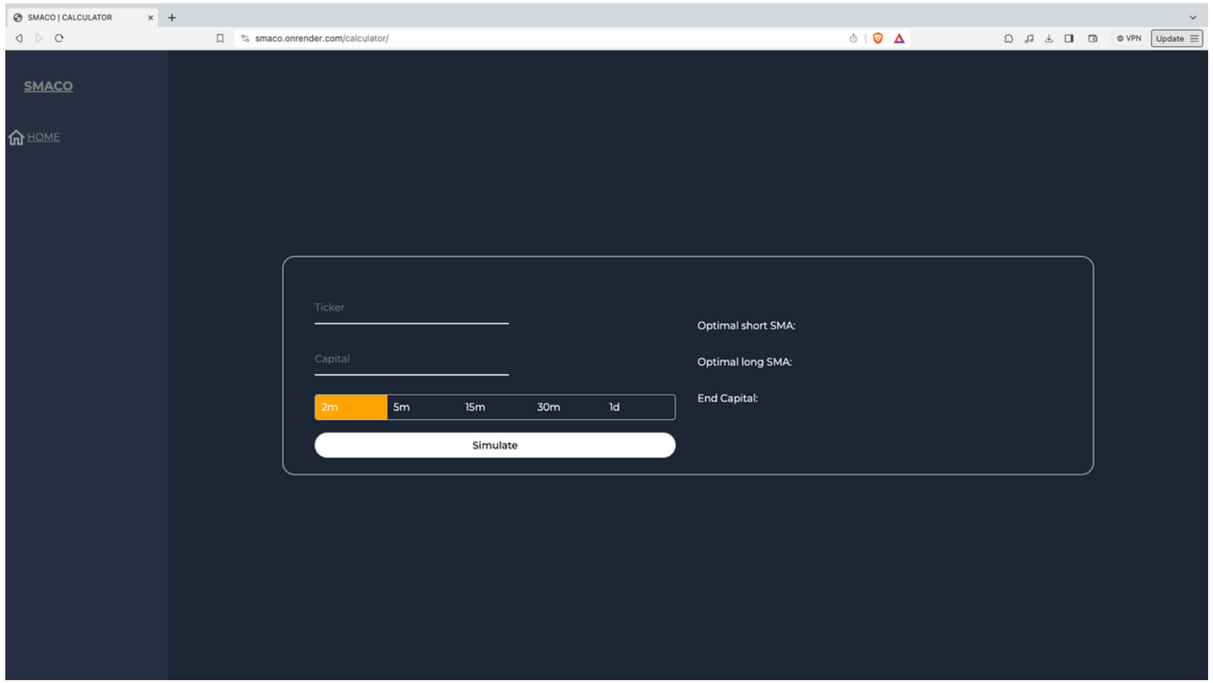

REFLECTIONS

- 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 outweight 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 contraint 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