

Predicting the direction of
the DAX
by using indicators

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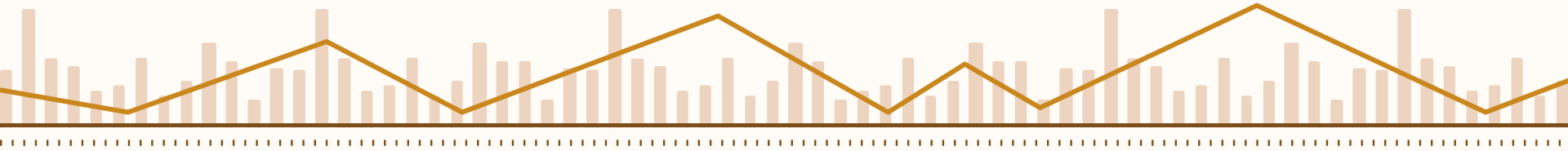
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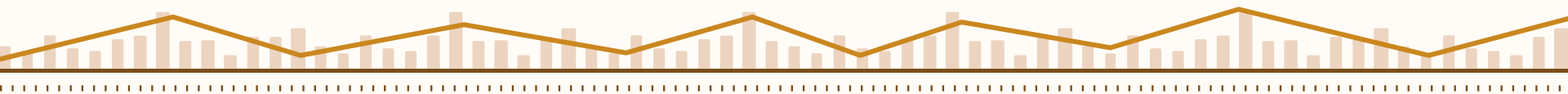
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Objective

- Predict the direction of a finance market for a single day by just using indicators
- By using the direction, I converting a numerical problem to a binary categorical problem
- Indicators are commonly used in trading strategies



How does the data of a stock market look?

- The typical representation of market prices is the candlestick chart
- Each candle represents a period (in this example, one day)
- Each candle contains four prices (open, high, low, close)
- The direction can be defined by the difference between the close and open prices
- When the difference is positive, the direction is upward; when the difference is negative, the direction is downward



How is the DAX calculated?

- The DAX is calculated from the price of the 30 largest German companies
- The price development of individual companies is generally influenced by supply and demand
- There are many different factors that influence the market behaviors



Data Collection

- I have collected data from 2000 to the present by using the yfinance library
- The data includes open, high, low, close (OHLC) prices and the volume of the market
- The target variable is the direction, calculated by the difference between close-price and open-price
- As input variables, I have calculated multiple indicators across different timeframes

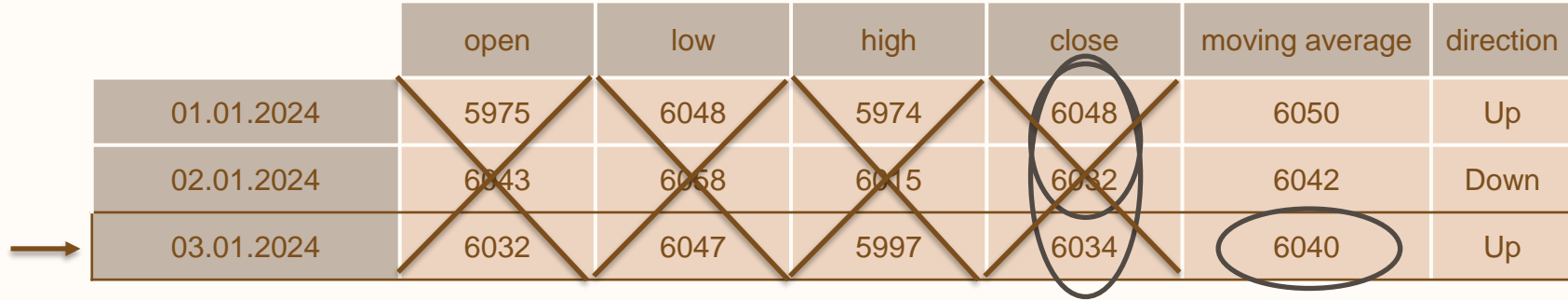


Indicators

- Use 10 different types of indicators
 - Simple Moving Average
 - Relative Strength Index
 - Average True Range
- Each indicator was calculated for three different time periods
- For each indicator that returns a market price, i created a categorical column
 - 1 if the price is above the indicator price
 - 0 if the price is lower than the indicator price



Time Dependency



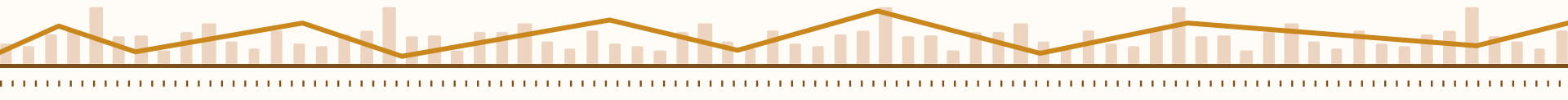
	open	low	high	close	moving average	direction
01.01.2024	5975	6048	5974	6048	6050	Up
02.01.2024	6043	6058	6015	6032	6042	Down
→ 03.01.2024	6032	6047	5997	6034	6040	Up

Feature Selection

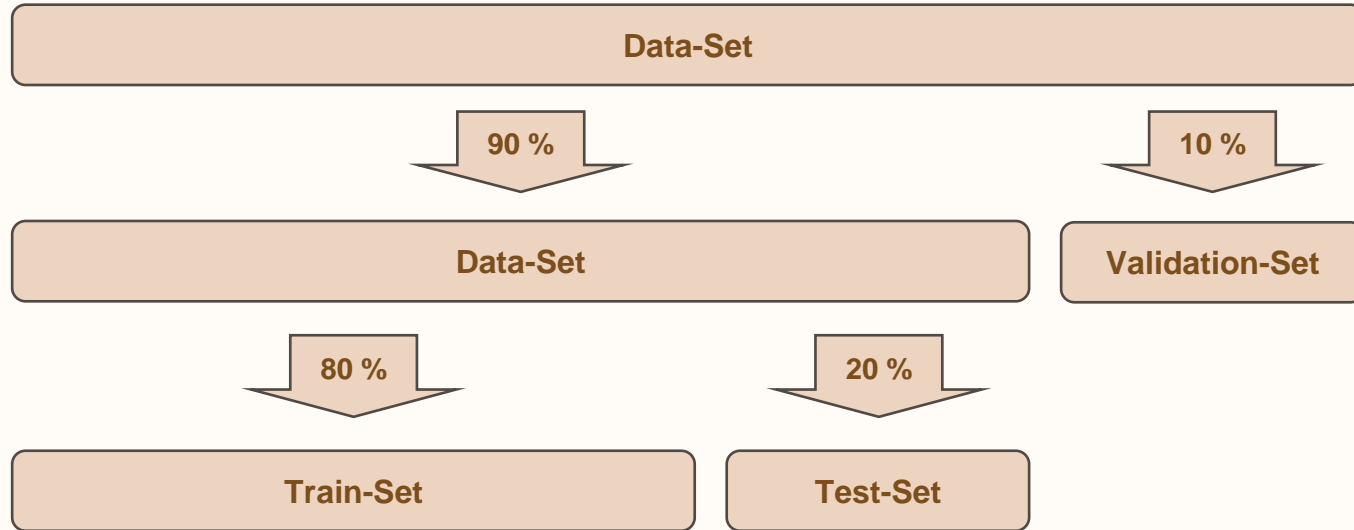
- Variance Threshold to drop features with a variance less than 0.02
- Correlation Matrix to identify multicollinearity with a threshold = 0.99
- End up with 43 features

Transforming, Scaling and Sampling

- Power Transformer
- Min Max Scaler for X
- My target is already in a range between 0 and 1
- Class Imbalance: Train-Set = 0.045 Test-Set = 0.044 -> So I did not use any sampling method



X-y Split



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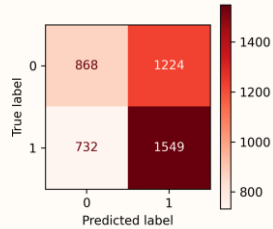
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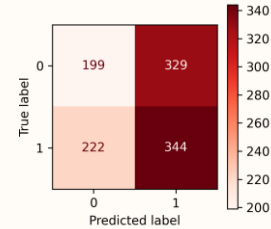
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Logistic - Regression

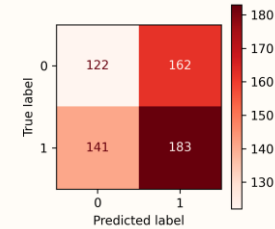
Train-Set



Test-Set



Validation-Set



Accuracy

0.552

0.496

0.501

Kappa

0.094

-0.015

0.005

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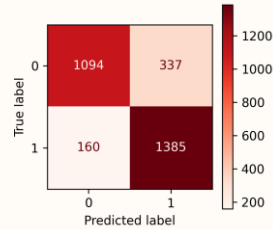
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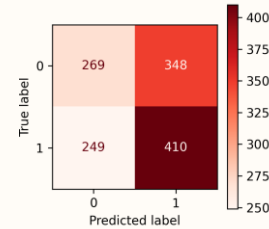
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Random Forest with GridSearchCV

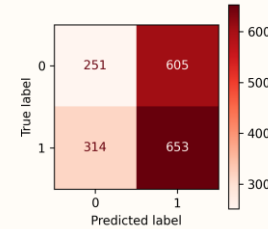
Train-Set



Test-Set



Validation-Set



Accuracy

0.833

0.532

0.495

Kappa

0.664

0.058

-0.032

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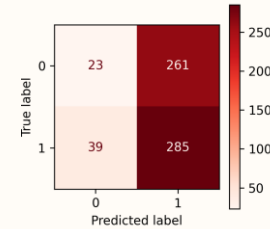
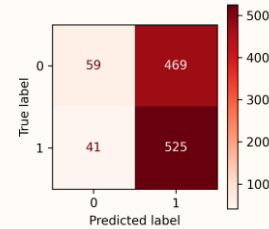
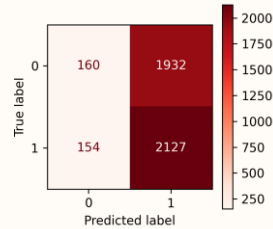
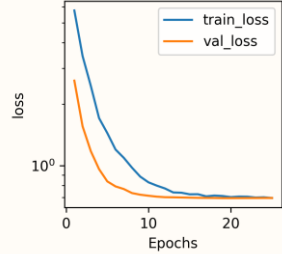
Neural Network

Train-Set

Test-Set

Validation-Set

Training and validation loss



Accuracy

0.553

0.533

0.506

Kappa

0.009

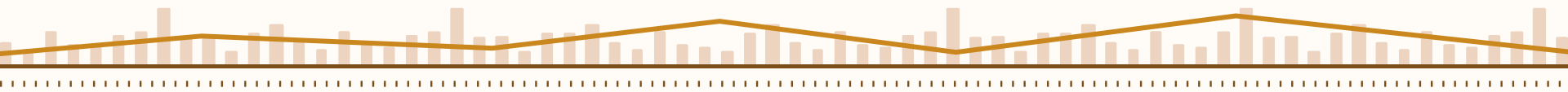
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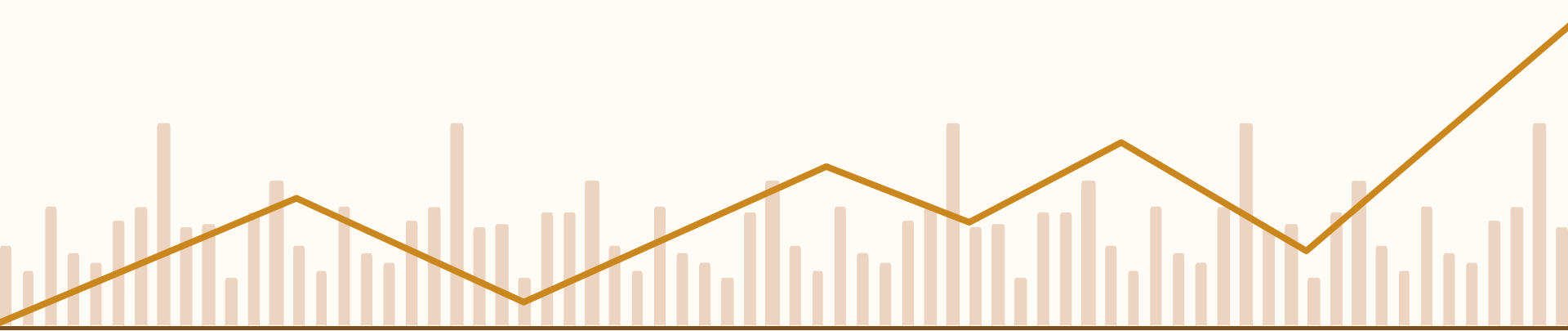
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Final Results & Conclusions

Validation Set	Accuracy	F1	Recall	Precision	Kappa
Logistic Regression	0.502	0.547	0.565	0.530	-0.006
Random Forest	0.498	0.593	0.685	0.522	-0.030
Neural Network	0.506	0.655	0.879	0.522	-0.041

- The performance of all models is really bad -> they are not practical for actual use
- Financial markets are known for their unpredictability and constant changes
- The performance of a model heavily relies on the input features
- Next Steps: Is there an improvement, if I add features from different sources like more pattern related indicators and fundamental data from the companies?





**Thank you for your
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