

Predicting the direction of
the DAX
by using indicators

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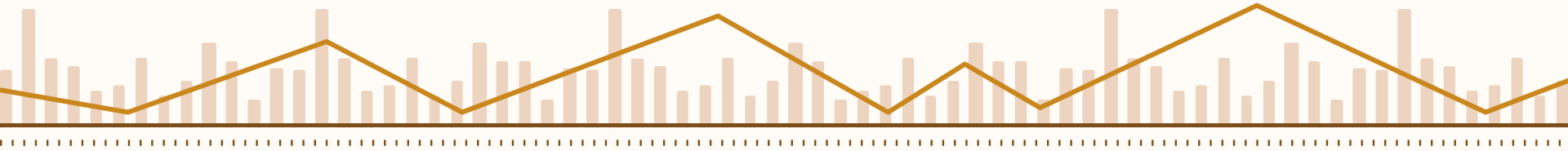
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How does the data of a stock market look?

- 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 1987 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
 - Bollinger Bands
- 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

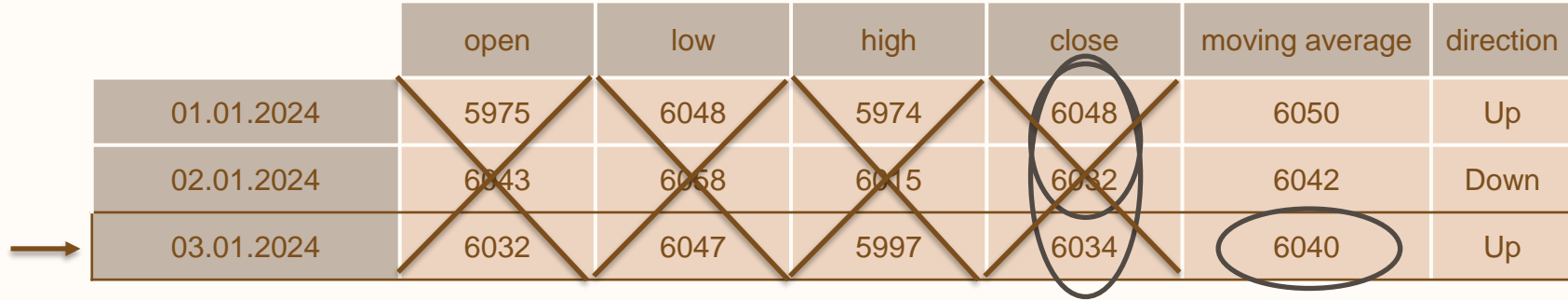


Data Cleaning

- Before 2000 there are missing Values for the volume of the market
 - started from 2000
- By computing an Indicator with a timeperiod of 14 day, the first 13 rows has missing values
 - I dropped the first 13 days



Time Dependency



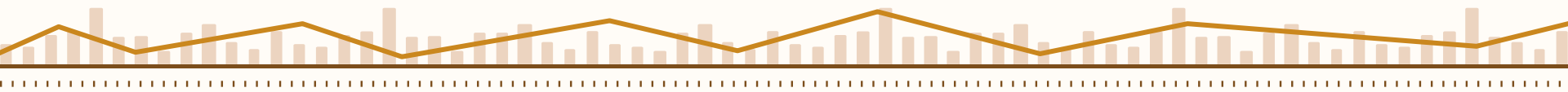
| | open | low | high | close | moving average | direction |
|--------------|------|------|------|-------|----------------|-----------|
| 01.01.2024 | 5975 | 6048 | 5974 | 6048 | 6050 | Up |
| 02.01.2024 | 6043 | 6058 | 6015 | 6032 | 6042 | Down |
| → 03.01.2024 | 6032 | 6047 | 5997 | 6034 | 6040 | Up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

Feature Selection

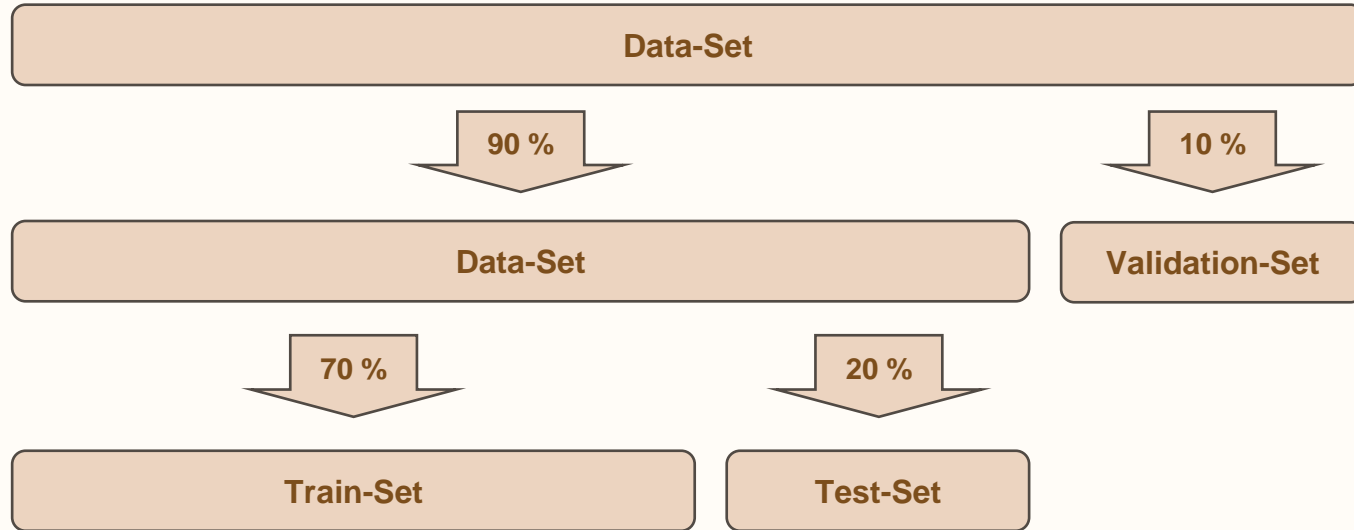
- Variance Threshold to drop features with a variance less than 0.02
- Correlation Matrix to identify multicollinearity with a threshold = 0.99
- End up with 43 features

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



Objective

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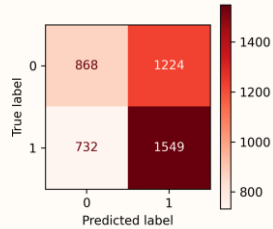
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Modelling

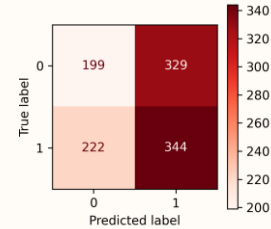
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Logistic - Regression

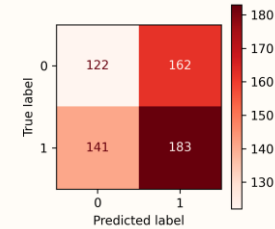
Train-Set



Test-Set



Validation-Set



Accuracy

0.552

0.496

0.501

Kappa

0.094

-0.015

0.005

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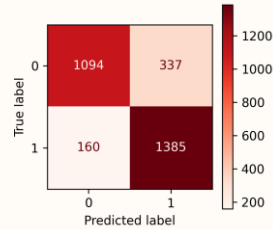
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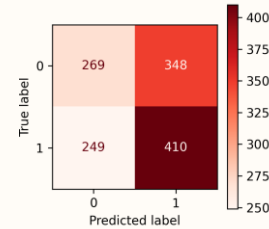
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Random Forest with GridSearchCV

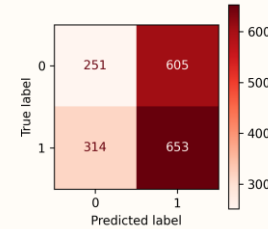
Train-Set



Test-Set



Validation-Set



Accuracy

0.833

0.532

0.495

Kappa

0.664

0.058

-0.032

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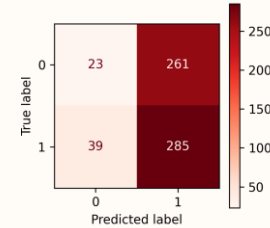
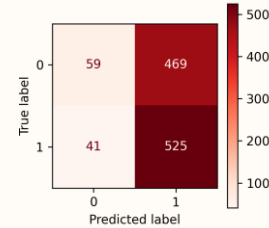
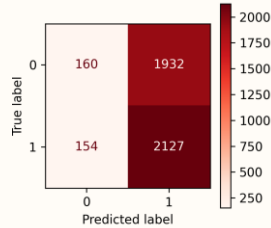
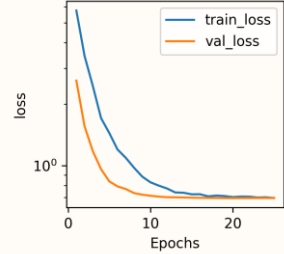
Neural Network

Train-Set

Test-Set

Validation-Set

Training and validation loss



Accuracy

0.553

0.533

0.506

Kappa

0.009

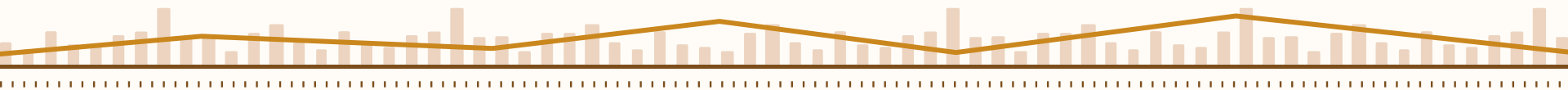
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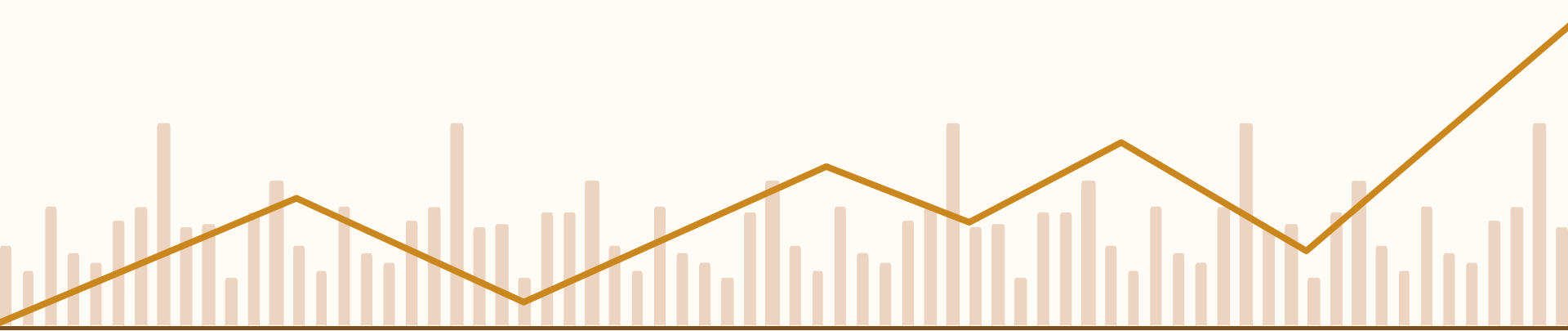
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Final Results

| 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
- 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
attention!**

- Better trust a goldfish than my model! -