
Hybrid Neural Network Models for Predicting Limit Order Executions in High-Frequency Trading

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Abstract

1 In this paper, we investigate various hybrid neural network models for predicting
2 limit order executions in high-frequency trading. We focus on logistic regression,
3 weighted logistic regression, and XGBoost with artificial neural networks (ANNs)
4 to classify executed vs. non-executed orders. The study shows that LOB(limit order
5 books) are complex and have a very severe class imbalance comparing executed
6 orders to non-executed orders. Thus, the best methodologies used class weights,
7 regularization penalties, and other optimizations to account for imbalance. The best
8 model in the paper perfectly predicts executed status for LOB using an ensemble
9 of XGBoost and ANN. However, this method has its own set of limitations in the
10 real world.

11 1 Introduction

12 High-frequency trading (HFT) is a hot topic in the current finance research space. HFT research
13 focuses on low-latency systems and high-frequency data analytics, where nanoseconds determine
14 if an order is set to be executed. Thus, The ability to process and analyze large financial data in
15 real-time has become increasingly crucial for trading firms to gain a competitive edge. This study
16 aims to contribute to the growing body of research in this field by developing a hybrid neural network
17 classification model to predict the execution of limit orders in high-frequency trading environments.
18 While building a low latency model to update the trading algorithm is a very viable research topic,
19 financial institutions trade in the scale of billions of dollars. There need to be some human intervention
20 to interpret the model's output and insights. Thus, this paper will dive deeper into gaining insight
21 from LOB(limit order books) about the factors that lead to orders being executed.

22 1.1 Problem Relevance

23 AI has been growing at an astronomic pace and the amount of data we deal with doubles every year.
24 The rapid growth of electronic trading has led to an explosion of available market data. Among the is
25 High Frequency Trading, where the challenge is to build the fastest and best algorithms for executing
26 orders at nanosecond speeds. The ability to utilize this data and extract meaningful insights provides
27 an advantage in this field. By accurately predicting the likelihood of a limit order being executed,
28 traders can optimize their strategies, reduce latency, and potentially improve their overall profitability.
29 While there is a common belief that being first to market is the key to successful order execution,
30 the reality is more complex. A multitude of factors, such as the bid price, timing, and size of the
31 order, play crucial roles in determining whether an order will be filled. This complexity highlights
32 the need for sophisticated models that can capture both linear and non-linear relationships among
33 these variables. Our study aims to draw insights on what factors lead to orders being executed.

34 1.2 Proposed Approach

35 In this study, we propose a hybrid neural network model that combines the strengths of logistic
36 regression and artificial neural networks (ANNs). Logistic regression is suited for classification tasks
37 where we want to capturing linear relationships between factors such as order size, price, and timing.
38 ANNs are proficient at modeling non-linear interactions and can uncover complex hidden patterns in
39 the data. However, the ANNs need to be optimized across a multitude of hyper-parameters and can
40 be computationally expensive as the amount of data increases.

41 By leveraging the coverage of these two approaches, we aim to develop a robust classification model
42 that can accurately predict the probability of a limit order being executed. Before we perform our
43 analysis, its essential to carefully consider the characteristics of the dataset and the limitations of the
44 chosen models and parameters. This study explores the considerations in detail, providing insights
45 into the development and evaluation of the proposed hybrid model. The paper is structured as follows:
46 Section 2 provides an in-depth exploration of the datasets, highlighting key features and patterns.
47 Section 3 provides a comprehensive literature review, discussing relevant research in the field of
48 high-frequency trading and machine learning applications. Section 4 outlines the methodology
49 employed. Section 5 outlines the architecture of the proposed hybrid model. Section 6 presents the
50 results of our experiments, comparing the performance of the hybrid model against standalone logistic
51 regression and ANN models. Finally, Section 7 concludes the paper, summarizing our findings and
52 discussing potential avenues for future research.

53 2 Data Exploration

54 The data used in this study are two high-frequency limit order book datasets sourced from LOBSTER.
55 We will specifically look at Microsoft (MSFT) and Apple (AAPL) stocks. The MSFT dataset contains
56 141,506 rows and 6 columns and the AAPL dataset has 91,996 rows and 6 columns. One of the key
57 limitations was the dataset size. LOBSTER's paid plan would provide access to millions of rows
58 of data. However, I opted with the sample data used, which still consists of a lot of information to
59 analyze at a high level.

60 2.1 Data Structure

61 Each dataset consists of the following six columns:

- 62 • **Time:** Seconds after midnight with decimal precision.
- 63 • **Type:** Indicates the type of order event. 1: Submission of a new limit order; 2: Cancellation
64 (partial deletion of a limit order); 3: Deletion (total deletion of a limit order); 4: Execution
65 of a visible limit order; 5: Execution of a hidden limit order; 7: Trading halt indicator.
- 66 • **Order ID:** Unique order reference number assigned in order flow.
- 67 • **Size:** Number of shares in the order.
- 68 • **Price:** Dollar price times 10,000 (i.e., a stock price of \$91.14 is given by 911400).
- 69 • **Direction:** Indicates whether the order is a buy or sell limit order. -1: Sell limit order; 1:
70 Buy limit order.

71 Note: that the execution of a sell (buy) limit order directly relates to a buyer (seller) initiated trade, in
72 other words, a buy (sell) trade. Also the *StartTime* and *EndTime* variables in the dataset are limited
73 because the theoretical beginning and end time of the output file in milliseconds after midnight and
74 *LEVEL* refers to the number of levels of the requested limit order book.

75 2.2 MSFT - Microsoft LOB Data

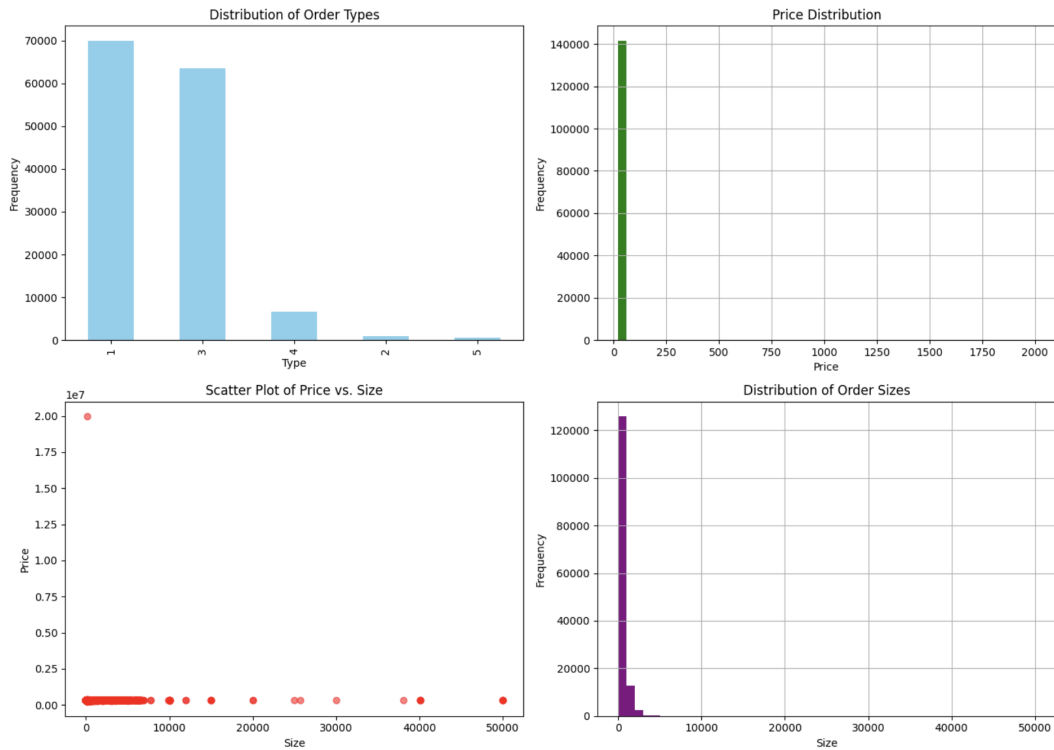


Figure 1: Exploratory Data Analysis for Microsoft LOB Data

76 Figure 14 presents an exploratory analysis of the MSFT dataset. The visualizations reveal several key
 77 characteristics of the data. First, there is a high frequency of small-sized orders, indicating that most
 78 of the trading activity involves relatively low volumes. Second, the price variance is not substantial,
 79 suggesting that the stock price remains relatively stable within the observed time frame. Finally, Type
 80 1 (submission of new limit orders) and Type 3 (total deletion of limit orders) events constitute the
 81 majority of the dataset, implying that a significant portion of the order flow involves the placement
 82 and cancellation of limit orders.

83 2.3 AAPL - Apple LOB Data

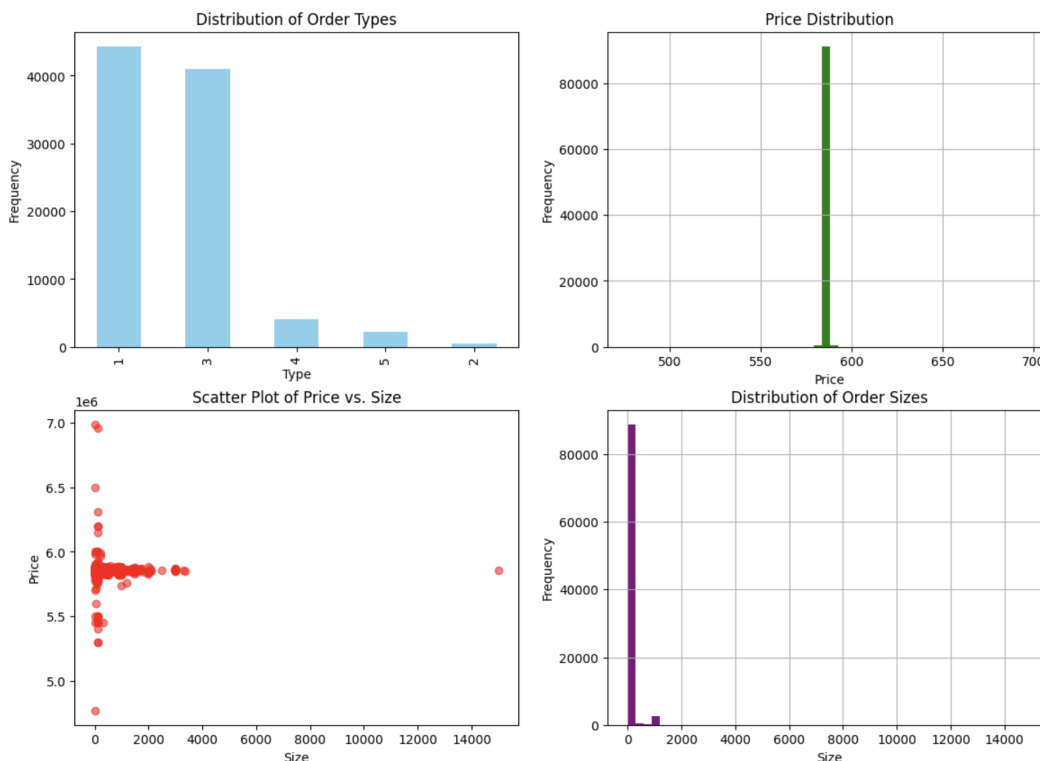


Figure 2: Exploratory Data Analysis for Apple LOB Data

84 The exploratory analysis of the AAPL dataset, as shown in Figure 2, reveals similar patterns to those
 85 observed in the MSFT dataset. The AAPL data also exhibits a high frequency of small-sized orders,
 86 relatively stable prices, and a dominance of Type 1 and Type 3 order events. These similarities suggest
 87 that the two datasets share common characteristics, which may be representative of high-frequency
 88 limit order book dynamics in general.

89 3 Literature Review

90 3.1 Limit Order Books: Mechanics and Challenges

91 Limit Order Books (LOBs) serve as the primary data format for facilitating trade in many of the
 92 world's major financial markets. This includes the NYSE, NASDAQ, LSE, and Tokyo Stock Exchange
 93 [2]. This paper introduces the mechanics and challenges of using limit orderbooks. By definition, an
 94 LOB is a system that matches buyers and sellers of an asset by maintaining a record of unexecuted
 95 limit orders waiting to be filled. In the paper, Gould et al. provide a precise mathematical formulation
 96 of the LOB mechanism, defining key terms such as order size, price, priority, bid and ask prices, and
 97 market depth.

98 The authors also discuss the economic benefits of LOBs. The ability to facilitate trade between patient
 99 and impatient traders introduces an interesting dynamic of what drives an order to be executed and
 100 how price, time and size can be leveraged to meet that demand. The authors describe how limit orders
 101 can be viewed as free options offered to the market. However, studying LOBs is a challenge due to
 102 its high dimensionality and complex dependence between order flows and LOB states(submitted,
 103 deleted, executed, etc.). There are presences of hidden liquidity and its hard to estimate volatility
 104 based on these factors. But, traders and alogirhtm builders are interested in studying the impact of
 105 LOB resolution parameters on trading behavior and market dynamics.

106 3.2 Machine Learning and Data Science Applications in LOBs

107 In the past decade, AI advancements have been powered by the availability of faster, cheaper
108 computing power have opened up new possibilities for modeling and simulating LOBs using modern
109 machine learning techniques [4]. Chip manufactures like Nvidia are pushing the limits of what is
110 possible, to an extent where experts are worried about energy. These models are build around big data
111 collected across the internet protocols and online traffic. However, its not feasible to have completely
112 labeled datasets of all fields and subfields, which is why researchers use simulated datasets that
113 exhibit properties of real datasets. Jain et al. emphasize the importance of these simulations for
114 calibrating and fine-tuning automated trading strategies, which aligns with our goal of predicting
115 limit order executions.

116 In the paper, authors classify LOB simulation models based on their methodology, including Point
117 Processes, Agent-Based Modeling, Deep Learning, and Stochastic Differential Equations. These
118 approaches guide the design of our hybrid models we are interested in this study. Additionally, the
119 paper discusses "stylized facts", in other words, empirically observed LOB statistics that to improve
120 their realism and performance of complex models.

121 Jain et al. also highlight the importance of responsiveness to exogenous trades or Market/Price Impact.
122 He suggests that practically applicable LOB simulator needs to be Market Impact aware because we
123 want to avoid poor out-of-sample performance. This means market impact could be a crucial variable
124 in our models for the real-world effectiveness index of LOB predictions.

125 Jain et al. provides a comparative analysis of various LOB models' goodness of fit and performance
126 against empirical data. They identify that recent novel LOB simulators that leverage generative
127 modeling techniques like GANs open an avenue for future research in integrating these advanced
128 models into our hybrid approach and considering the complex mechanics of limit order books.

129 3.3 Logistic Regression and Neural Networks in Related Fields

130 For various clasificaion and predictions tasks, Logistic Regression (LR) and Artificial Neural Net-
131 works (ANNs) have been widely applied to various fields. There is a plethora of reserch done on the
132 effectiveness, limitations and benefits of each approach. Dreiseitl and Ohno-Machado [1] provide
133 a comprehensive review of these two methodologies in the field of biomedical data, discussing the
134 similarities, differences, and key considerations for training and evaluation.

135 In the paper, the authors notes that a neural network without a hidden layer is comparable to logistic
136 regression model if using a logistic activation function. Adding hidden layers makes the ANN flexible
137 and nonlinear compared to LR. This understanding is important for developing our hybrid models
138 that combine these two approaches.

139 Dreiseitl and Ohno-Machado also discuss variable selection methods for LR and techniques to
140 avoid overfitting in ANNs, such as regularization, early stopping, and Bayesian approaches. These
141 considerations are likely relevant for training the component models in our hybrid approach.

142 In analyzing a sample of papers comparing LR and ANN models on medical data, the authors find
143 that both models often perform at a similar level, with ANNs outperforming LR in some cases likely
144 due to their greater flexibility. Thus, ANNs likely provide better performance reulsts in some cases
145 but they are coparable. The flexibility of ANNs may be more advantageous for our complex LOB
146 data, but it will be important to compare hybrid models against LR and ANN baselines to demonstrate
147 the benefit of our approach.

148 3.4 Hybrid Models Combining Logistic Regression and Neural Networks

149 Tunç [5] proposes a hybrid model that combines Logistic Regression and feedforward neural networks
150 (FNNs) for lung cancer classification. The study shows that there exists a potential benefits of
151 integrating these two methods into a hybrid model. The proposed approach consists of two stages:
152 first, an LR model is used to obtain initial classification results and determine significant covariates,
153 and a FNN is trained using significant covariates identified by the LR model.

154 In the disuccssions, the author attributes the strong performance of the hybrid model to the effective
155 combination of LR for covariate selection and FNN for nonlinear modeling. By using only the
156 significant covariates identified by LR, the hybrid approach reduces the input dimensionality for the

157 FNN. This improved the accuracy and generalization. Although the domain differs from financial
158 LOB data, the application of methods and success of this hybrid LR-FNN model in improving
159 classification accuracy compared to just LR and FNN standalone models is a good sign. We can
160 utilize a similar approach, which could be beneficial for our limit order predictions. Based on the
161 nature of LOB data, I do believe using Logistic Regression for feature selection and dimensionality
162 reduction can be helpful before passing it to a neural network.

163 3.5 XGBoost for Imbalanced Data

164 Zhang et al. [6] investigate the application of XGBoost. XGBoost is a well known powerful gradient
165 boosting algorithm. It can be used for classification and regression tasks. The authors highlight
166 XGBoost’s advantages, such as high flexibility, strong predictability, generalization ability, scalability,
167 efficiency, and robustness. Considering the nature of LOB data, XGBoost is promising for our hybrid
168 models, given the large-scale and complex nature of LOB data. But this is also one of the downsides,
169 XGBoost is not feasible for extremely large datasets.

170 Despite the optimizations in its objective functions, the authors states that XGBoost’s performance
171 can suffer on imbalanced datasets. To address this issue, the authors propose combining data-
172 level resampling methods like SVM-SMOTE oversampling and EasyEnsemble undersampling with
173 XGBoost, as well as optimizing XGBoost’s regularization term and using Bayesian optimization for
174 hyperparameter tuning.

175 In their experiments, Zhang et al. find that the proposed XGBoost method outperforms other leading
176 boosting algorithms on imbalanced data. The results suggest that optimized XGBoost can improve
177 our model greatly. They also show that the combination of resampling techniques and XGBoost
178 optimizations is more effective than using mixed sampling alone. This means both resampling and
179 optimizations play a key role in achieving the improved performance. Thus, this paper highlight
180 XGBoost’s potential for handling the class imbalance problem, which we can apply to our LOB
181 data. The authors also propose and discuss the benefits of incorporating techniques like resampling,
182 regularization, and hyperparameter tuning when integrating XGBoost into our hybrid models.

183 3.6 Research Gap and Proposed Approach

184 From the literature review, it is clear that research on modeling and simulating LOBs involves
185 using various machine learning techniques. Standalone models are likely to perform sub optimally.
186 Thus, many researchers and papers have proposed hybrid combination of models that incorporate
187 regulariztion, oversampling, weighting, penalties etc.

188 The challenges posed by the high dimensionality, non-stationarity, and class imbalance of LOB data
189 call for a hybrid approach that combines the strengths of different methodologies. By integrating
190 logistic regression for feature selection and interpretability, XGBoost for handling class imbalance
191 and capturing complex relationships, and artificial neural networks for learning non-linear patterns,
192 we aim to develop a powerful and flexible framework for predicting limit order executions in high-
193 frequency trading environments. Not all models need to be in the same architecture. It would be very
194 inefficient, as we know ANNs will have similar results to logistic regressino if we arent carefull.

195 Our proposed approach builds upon the findings and insights from previous studies, incorporating
196 techniques such as regularization, hyperparameter tuning, and class weights to address the specific
197 challenges of LOB data. The success of hybrid models in other domains, like the LR-FNN model for
198 lung cancer classification [5], can give us confidence in our architecture. Firstly, we will start with
199 standalone models, and then move on to the neural network integration.

200 4 Methodology

201 4.1 Logistic Regression

202 Logistic regression is a widely used statistical method for binary classification problems. It models
203 the probability p of an event occurring based on a set of independent variables x . In the context of
204 predicting limit order executions, logistic regression captures the linear relationships between factors
205 such as order size, price, and timing, and the probability of an order being executed.

206 The logistic regression model estimates the parameters of a logistic function, which is defined as:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_n x_n)}}$$

207 where $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ are the coefficients.

208 The model is trained by minimizing the logistic loss function, typically using optimization algorithms
209 such as gradient descent. The logistic loss function is given by:

$$L(\beta) = - \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i \log(p(x_i)) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - p(x_i))]$$

210 where y_i are the class labels.

211 In the financial domain, logistic regression has been applied to various problems such as credit scoring
212 [1], bankruptcy prediction [5], and fraud detection. For high-frequency trading, logistic regression
213 can be used to model the linear relationships between order characteristics and execution probabilities.
214 However, as noted by [3], financial time series often exhibit non-linear dynamics, which may limit
215 the effectiveness of logistic regression in capturing complex patterns in limit order data.

216 To address this limitation, researchers have explored techniques to enhance the flexibility of logistic
217 regression models. One approach is to include interaction terms between the independent variables,
218 allowing the model to capture some non-linear relationships [1]. Another strategy is to combine
219 logistic regression with more advanced non-linear models, such as artificial neural networks, in a
220 hybrid approach [5].

221 4.2 XGBoost

222 XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boosting) is an ensemble method that combines multiple weak learners,
223 typically decision trees, to create a strong predictive model. It is known for its performance and
224 efficiency in various types of data.

Algorithm 1 XGBoost Algorithm

- 1: [t] Initialize model with a constant value: $f_0(x) = \arg \min_{\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^n l(y_i, \gamma)$
 - 2: **for** $t = 1$ to T **do**
 - 3: [t] Compute residuals: $r_{it} = - \left[\frac{\partial l(y_i, f(x_i))}{\partial f(x_i)} \right]_{f(x)=f_{t-1}(x)}$
 - 4: [t] Fit a new model $h_t(x)$ to predict the residuals r_{it}
 - 5: [t] Update the model: $f_t(x) = f_{t-1}(x) + \eta h_t(x)$
 - 6: **end for**
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225 In recent years, XGBoost has gained popularity in the financial industry due to its ability to handle
226 large-scale, high-dimensional data and its strong predictive performance. [6] highlight the advantages
227 of XGBoost, including its flexibility, scalability, and robustness, making it well-suited for complex
228 financial modeling tasks.

229 XGBoost can capture complex non-linear interactions among the input features, such as order size,
230 price, and timing on our LOB dataset. By leveraging its ability to handle high-dimensional data and
231 its built-in regularization techniques, XGBoost is both simple and great for handling data like our
232 financial LOB dataset

233 4.2.1 Features

- 234 • **Regularization:** Includes L1 and L2 regularization to prevent overfitting.
- 235 • **Handling Missing Values:** Learns the best direction to move when a missing value is
236 encountered.
- 237 • **Scalability:** Efficiently utilizes multiple CPU cores during training.

238 4.3 Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)

239 Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) are inspired by biological neural networks. ANNs consist of
240 layers of interconnected nodes, or neurons, each of which applies a non-linear transformation to its
241 input and passes the output to the next layer.

242 The standard feedforward network, or multi-layer perceptron (MLP), involves layers structured as
243 follows:

- 244 • **Input Layer:** Receives the input data.
- 245 • **Hidden Layers:** One or more layers that learn abstract data representations.
- 246 • **Output Layer:** Produces the final predictions.

247 The learning process involves backpropagation, where the network's weights are adjusted based on
248 the gradient of the loss function. For binary classification, the binary cross-entropy loss is used:

$$L = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)]$$

249 where \hat{y}_i is the predicted probability and y_i is the actual class label.

250 ANNs have been widely applied in finance for tasks such as stock price prediction, portfolio op-
251 timization, and risk assessment. In the context of limit order books, ANNs can learn complex,
252 non-linear relationships between order characteristics and execution probabilities. [4] discuss the
253 recent advancements in using deep learning techniques, including ANNs, for limit order book model-
254 ing and simulation. They highlight the ability of ANNs to capture intricate patterns and dynamics in
255 high-frequency trading data.

256 However, training ANNs on limit order book data presents several challenges. The high dimensionality
257 and non-stationarity of the data require careful feature engineering and model design. Additionally,
258 the class imbalance problem necessitates the use of appropriate techniques, such as cost-sensitive
259 learning or data resampling, to ensure the model learns to predict both executed and non-executed
260 orders effectively.

261 5 Proposed Hybrid Models

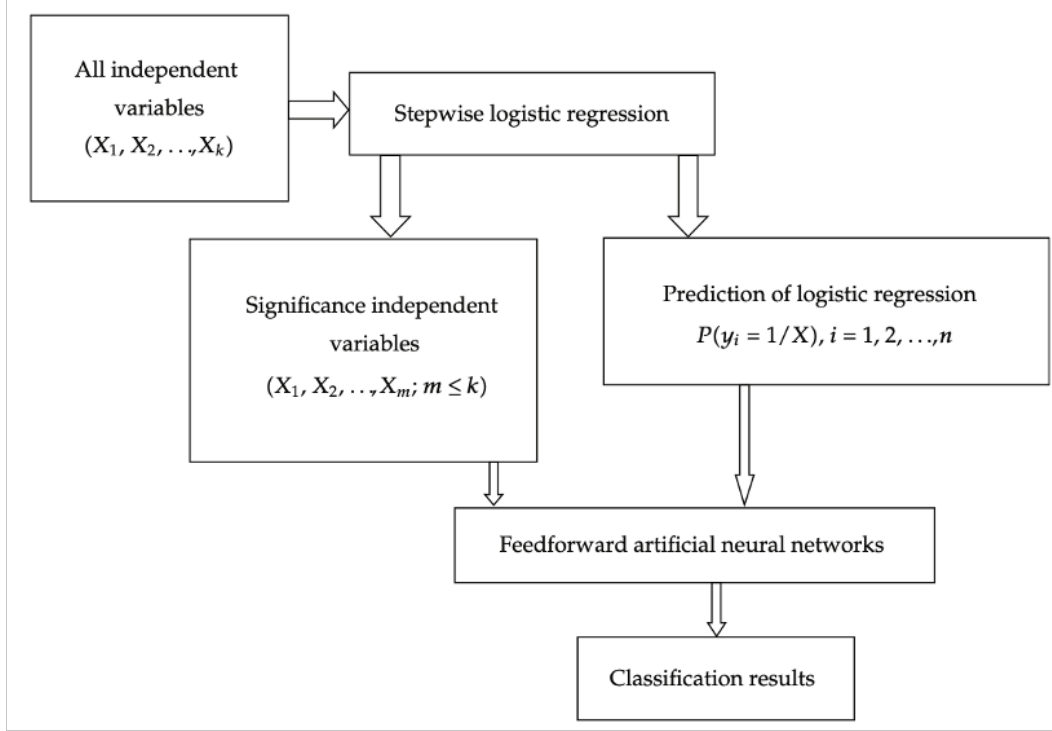


Figure 3: Initial Proposed Architecture

6 Results

6.1 MSFT - Microsoft LOB Data

Table 1: Performance Metrics for MSFT Data

Method	AUC	Accuracy	Precision	Recall
Logistic Regression	0.6779	0.95	0.08	0.00
Weighted Logistic Regression	0.6779	0.58	0.08	0.66
XGBoost	0.9275	0.85	0.23	0.87

For the MSFT dataset, XGBoost outperforms both logistic regression and weighted logistic regression across all metrics. XGBoost achieves an AUC of 0.9275, accuracy of 0.85, precision of 0.23, and recall of 0.87. Weighted logistic regression improves upon the recall of standard logistic regression (0.66 vs. 0.00) but at the cost of lower accuracy and precision.

6.2 AAPL - Apple LOB Data

Table 2: Performance Metrics for AAPL Data

Method	AUC	Accuracy	Precision	Recall
Logistic Regression	0.5872	0.93	0.00	0.00
Weighted Logistic Regression	-	0.58	0.09	0.57
XGBoost	0.9263	0.87	0.32	0.81

Similar to the MSFT dataset, XGBoost demonstrates the best overall performance on the AAPL dataset, with an AUC of 0.9263, accuracy of 0.87, precision of 0.32, and recall of 0.81. Weighted logistic regression again trades off accuracy and precision for improved recall compared to standard logistic regression.

6.3 Combined LOB Data

Table 3: Performance Metrics for Combined Data

Method	AUC	Accuracy	Precision	Recall
Logistic Regression	0.6336	0.94	0.00	0.00
Weighted Logistic Regression	-	0.61	0.08	0.57
XGBoost	0.8992	0.82	0.22	0.81
ANN	0.7278	0.9429	0.4663	0.0471
Weighted LogReg + ANN	0.7144	-	0.1203	0.5592
XGBoost + ANN	1.0000	0.9999	1.0000	0.9985

For the combined dataset, the performance metrics show the advantages of hybrid and ensemble methods over simpler models. The basic Logistic Regression model, while achieving a high accuracy of 0.94, fails to predict any executed orders correctly, as indicated by zero precision and recall.

Weighted Logistic Regression shows a significant improvement in recall (0.57), suggesting it is better at identifying executed orders. However, the precision remains low (0.08). This means a indicating a high number of false positives, which is very costly and dangerous in trading.

XGBoost continues to perform robustly, with substantial gains in both precision (0.22) and recall (0.81) compared to logistic regression models. Its ability to handle diverse data characteristics and complex interactions between features makes it well-suited for this task.

The standalone ANN model, despite high accuracy (0.9429), shows limited success in precision (0.4663) and very low recall (0.0471). This indicates that ANN can correctly label most non-executed orders but struggles to identify the executed orders. So its level with logistic regression.

The hybrid model combining Weighted Logistic Regression and ANN shows an improvement in recall (0.5592) compared to standalone models, but precision is still very low (0.1203). In this scenario, we want precision to be fairly high. The hybrid Weighted Logistic Regression and ANN model has some success in capturing the executed orders.

The XGBoost + ANN model shows excellent performance, with nearly perfect scores across all metrics (AUC, Accuracy, Precision, Recall all approaching 1). This model effectively uses the strengths of both XGBoost's robust classification abilities and ANN's pattern recognition capabilities.

As discussed, the computational cost of this model makes it less feasible for real-time high-frequency trading applications.

These results suggest that while advanced hybrid models like XGBoost + ANN offer exceptional accuracy, with near perfect precision and recall.

7 Discussion and Future Work

Insights and Model Performance : The methods and literature review in this study has provided interesting insights into the prediction of limit order executions in a simulation of a high frequency environment. We looked various standalone and hybrid models. The main goal was to determine what factors were significant contributors of orders being executed. The result of this study is intended to be used for interpretation and future research in this field. Our data had significant class imbalance in executed and non-executed orders. This heavily influenced our initial logistic regression model. This issue is reflective of the challenges of doing a study on LOB data. Thus, dealing with class imbalance and feature processing were integral.

Advancements in Model Techniques: Since our weighted logistic regression had poor precision and recall, it was not great at predicting executed orders despite having a high accuracy. Using

308 class-weighted logistic regression and XGBoost with class weights and regularization penalties did
309 show improvements and captured some more complex feature interactions. However, our weighted
310 logistic regression had poor precision and recall, it was not great at predicting executed orders despite
311 having a high accuracy. Comparing it to the performance of XGBoost, it's clear that XGBoost was the
312 better standalone model for its robustness in classifying on LOB data. Its precision and recall values
313 were high enough to be considered reasonable and it boasted a high AUC and accuracy scores. This
314 lead into our investigation for hybrid model. Among the hybrid models we looked at, XGBoost +
315 artificial neural networks (ANN), achieves near-perfect classification accuracy.

316 **Computational Considerations and Practical Implications:** XGBoost + ANN model had great
317 success with classifying executed orders but tradeoff of computational complexity and resource
318 demands of the hybrid model vs. the accuracy of alternative models needs to be considered. This
319 introduces challenges in real-time high-frequency trading settings, where decision-making speeds
320 are more important. Considering the methods developed thus far in this paper, the tradeoff for
321 computational complexity makes sense but I believe there is space for improvement in our logistic
322 regression hybrid model.

323 **Future Research Directions:** This study highlights several areas for future improvements. Firstly,
324 including domain-specific data like market sentiment, news events, and cross-asset correlations could
325 potentially improve the predictive capabilities of our models and reliability of our models to the real
326 world. Secondly, investigating the parts of XGBoost and ANN that give us a perfect classification
327 can be very beneficial. This can help us optimize and create less computationally expensive models.
328 I would like the future work to focus on enabling traders to understand the underlying drivers of limit
329 order executions more clearly.

330 However, market dynamics continue to evolve, stressing the need for real time data injections into
331 our model to update every week. One of the suggestions made by the audience at the final report
332 presentation was to use more simpler data which is more accessible and free. I agree with my
333 colleague as this LOB dataset was interesting to study but accessibility was an issue. Future studies
334 should also focus on the interpretability of models to facilitate deeper insights into the decision-
335 making processes in high-frequency trading, building a interactive sandbox for simulating LOB
336 algorithms as I acquire more information on its complex structure.

337 In conclusion, this study has made strides in understanding and predicting limit order executions
338 in high-frequency trading environments. By tackling class imbalance, utilizing advanced modeling
339 techniques, and proposing computationally efficient solutions, we have laid a strong foundation for
340 further research in this field.

341 8 Figures and Supplemental Work

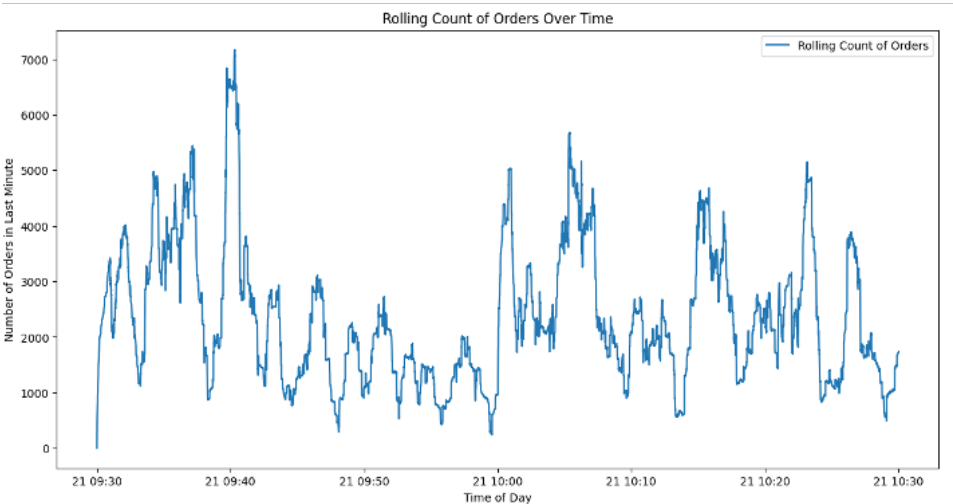


Figure 4: Rolling Count of Orders Over Time



Figure 5: Histogram of Milliseconds Since Market Open

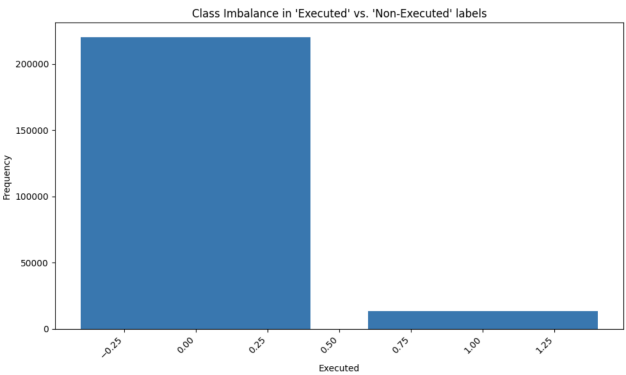


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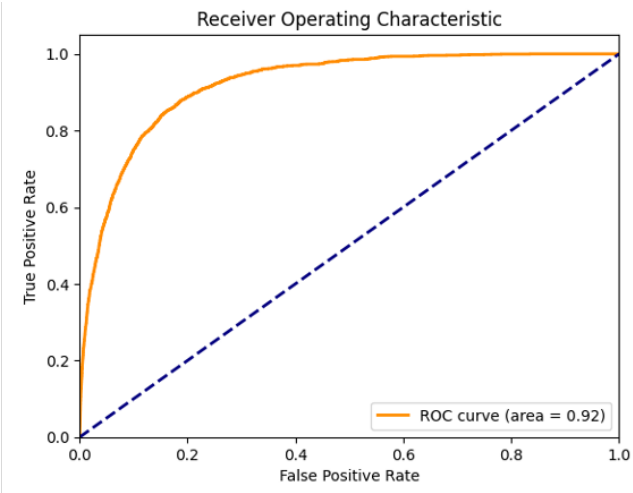


Figure 7: ROC Curve for MSFT

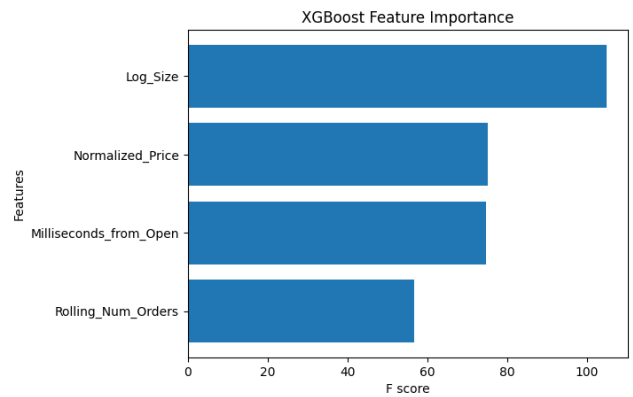


Figure 8: Feature Importance for MSFT

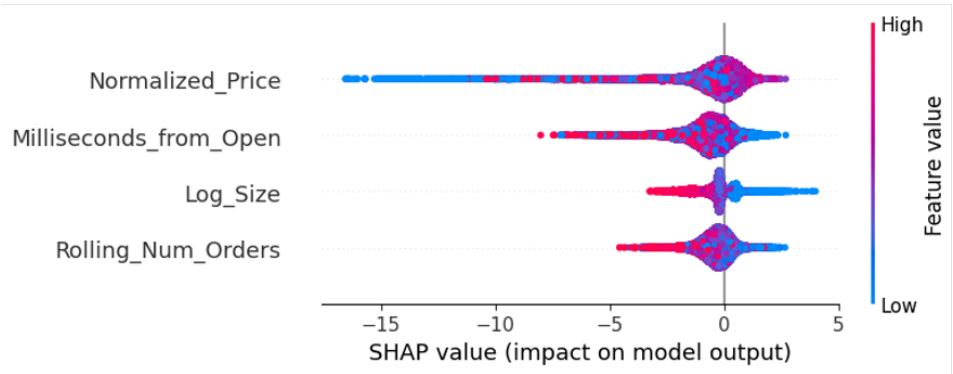


Figure 9: SHAP Values for MSFT

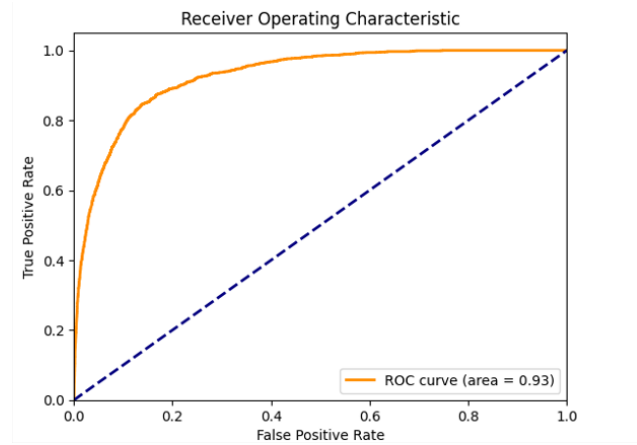


Figure 10: ROC Curve for AAPL

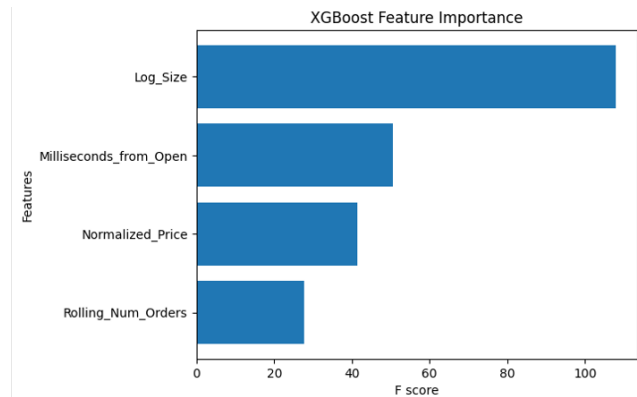


Figure 11: Feature Importance for AAPL

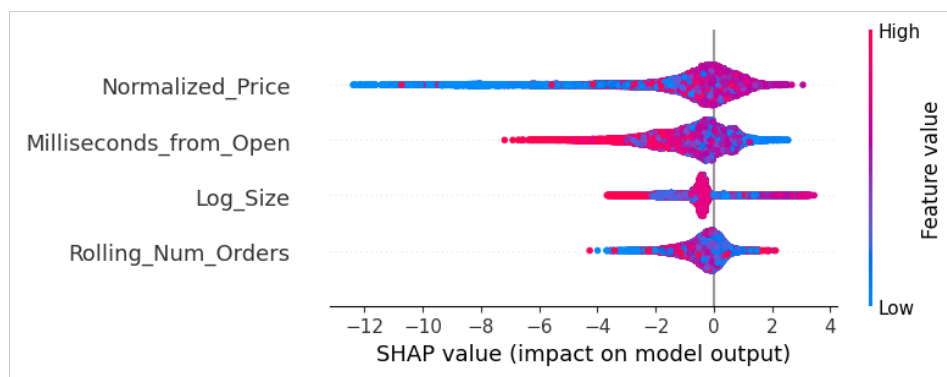


Figure 12: SHAP Values for AAPL

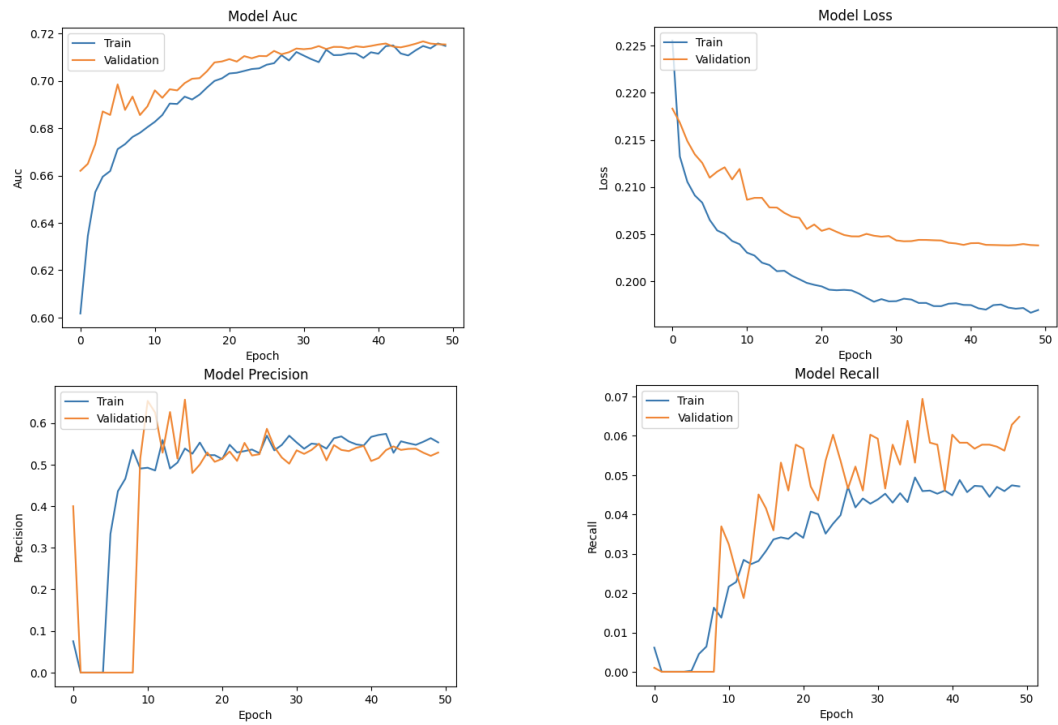


Figure 13: ANN Model Recorded Metrics across Epochs

346 8.5 XGBoost + ANN - Summary Statistics

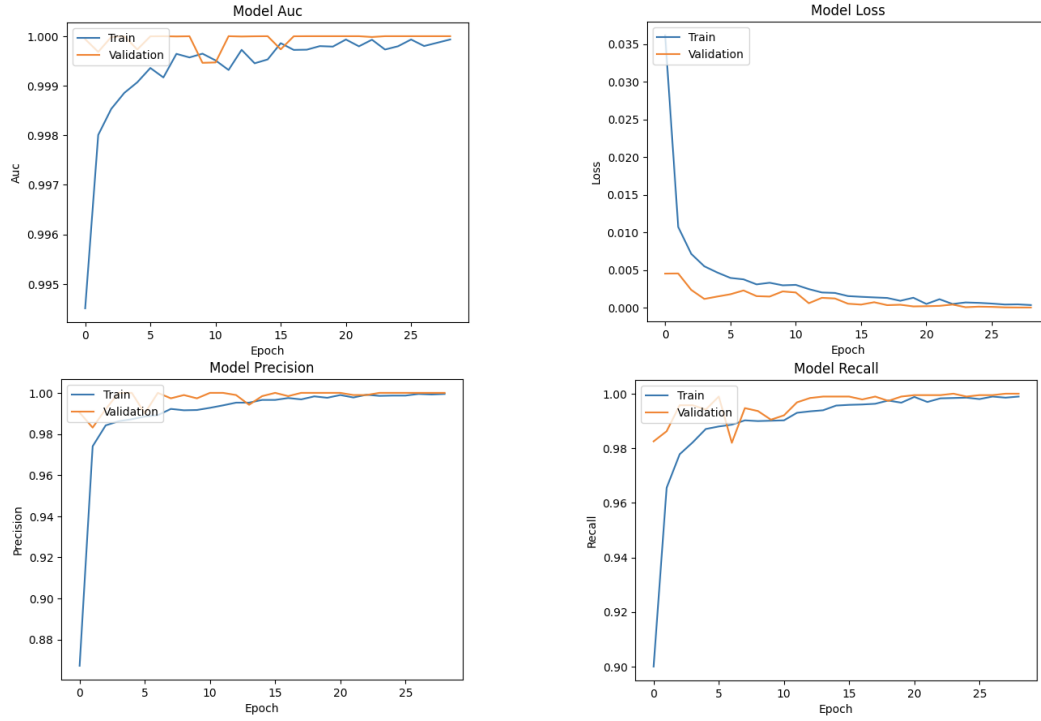


Figure 14: XGBoost + ANN Model Recorded Metrics across Epochs

347 9 Code Availability

348 The source code and additional resources used in this study are available on GitHub below:

349 <https://github.com/PrayashJoshi/LOB-Order-Execution-Classifer>

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