ASSIGNMENT 4: RNN AND LSTM MODEL PREDICTING ETHEREUM PRICE

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INTRODUCTION

Ethereum is the reason for the recent drop in bitcoin prices. The price of Ethereum is currently very cheap compared to bitcoin, but some financial experts, including Tesla's CEO Elon Musk, claiming that we will see a rise in the price of Ethereum soon. So, the question is how to predict the future prices of Ethereum, this small project throws some light on how to predict the price of Ethereum with the help of RNN and LSTM. In this small project report, I will walk you through the task of Ethereum Price Prediction with Deep Learning using Python.

ETHEREUM PRICE PREDICTION

Predicting the price of a cryptocurrency is a regression problem. Bitcoin is one of the most successful examples of cryptocurrency, but we recently saw a major drop in bitcoin prices due to Ethereum. Unlike bitcoin, Ethereum is very cheap right now, but financial experts are predicting that we may see a major increase in Ethereum prices.

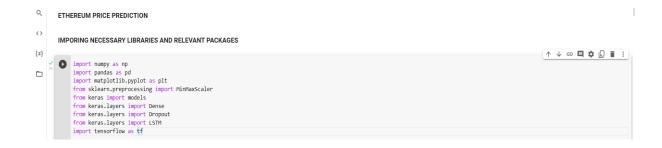
There are many machine learning approaches that we can use for the task of Ethereum price prediction. You can train a machine learning model, or you can also use an already available powerful model like the Facebook Prophet Model. But in the section below, I will be using the Deep Learning approach using RNN and LSTM for the task of Ethereum price prediction and, I try experimenting one machine learning approach that is a powerful model named as Facebook Prophet Model.

DATA COLLECTION

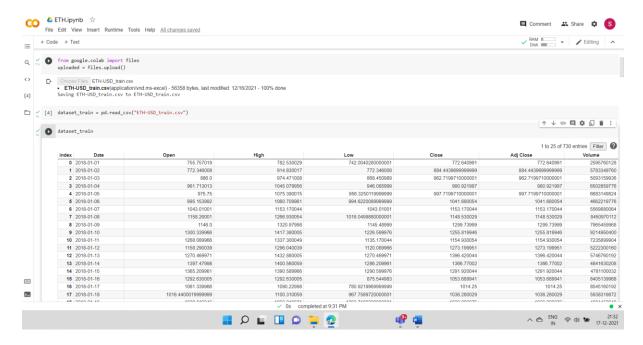
To predict future Ethereum prices, we first need to get a dataset for this task. So, to get a dataset for the Ethereum price prediction task I just follow the steps mentioned below:

- 1. Visit Yahoo Finance
- 2. Search for Ethereum
- 3. Go to Historical Data Section
- 4. Click on Download (Now you are halfway through)

After completing the steps mentioned above, we will find a dataset of historical prices of Ethereum in our downloads folder. Now let's get started with the task of Ethereum price prediction by importing the necessary Python libraries and the dataset:

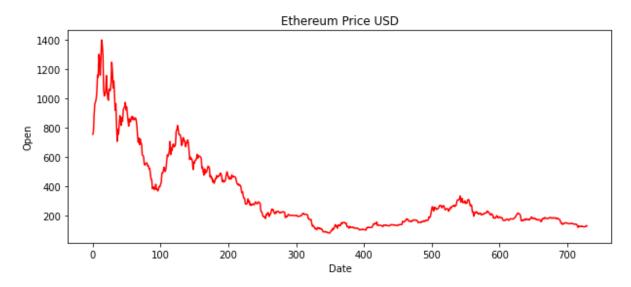


LOADING DATASET

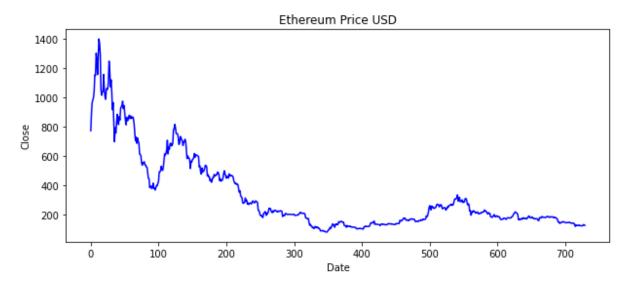


Dataset that we collected is from 01/01/2018 till 31/12/2019. Contains 730 Entries in total.

In this dataset, the "Open" column contains the values whose future values that we want to predict, so let's have a closer look at the historical values of Open prices of Ethereum:

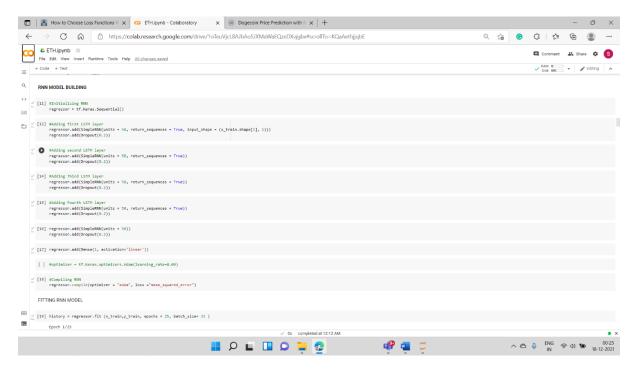


Similarly, we can plot for "Close" Column of Ethereum and see how it is behaving for better understanding.

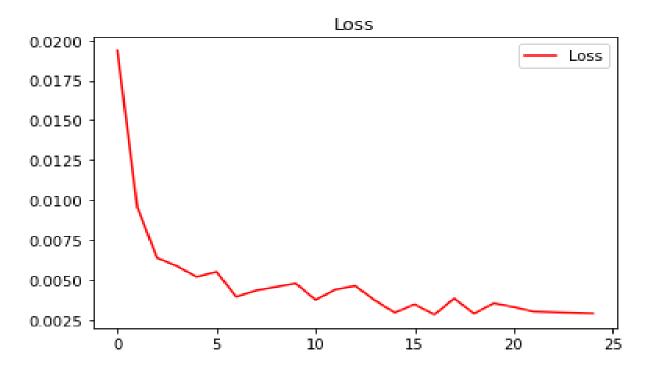


I have decided to work on opening price of Ethereum. Then I did feature scaling the reason doing feature scaling is to bring the attribute in same dimensions.

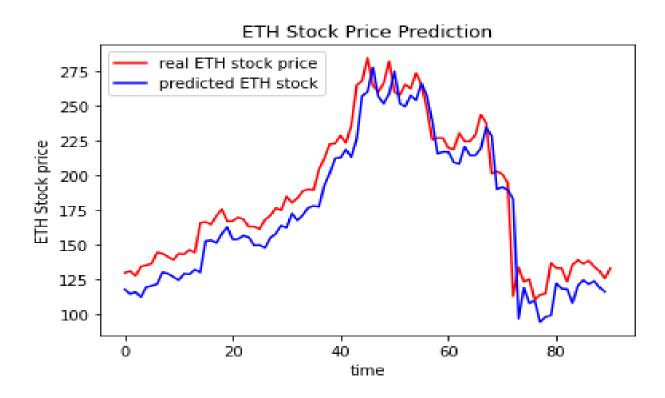
BUILDING RNN MODEL



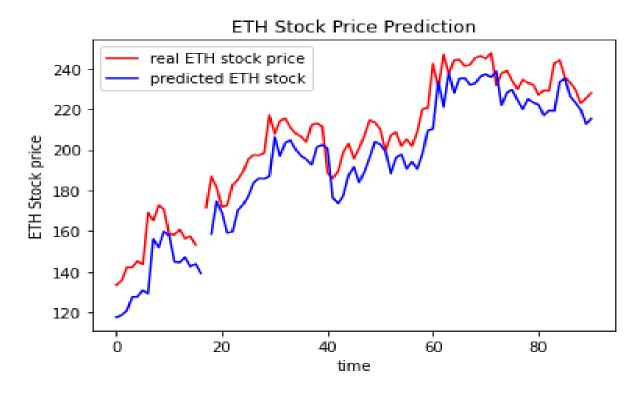
LOSS/MEAN SQUARED ERROR



TESTING ON TEST DATA 1 (FROM 01/01/2020 TILL 31/03/2020)

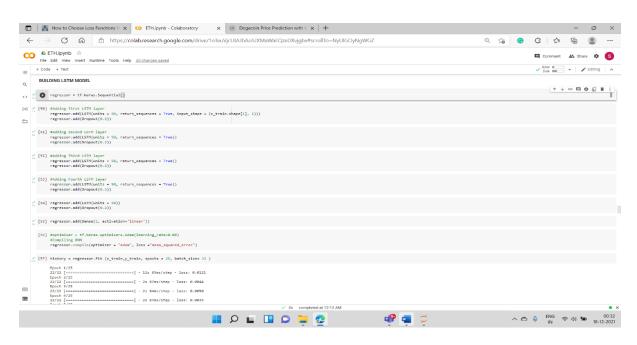


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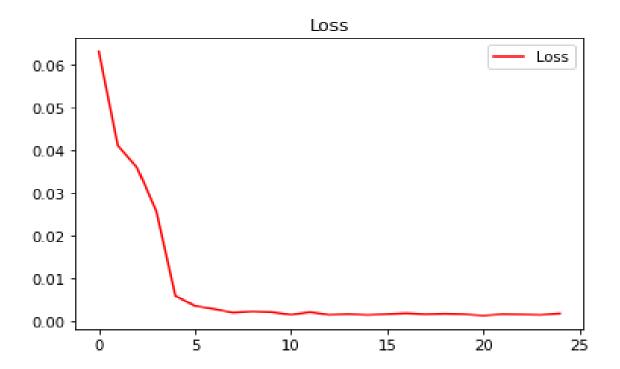


Total model error is: 18.27382878730733

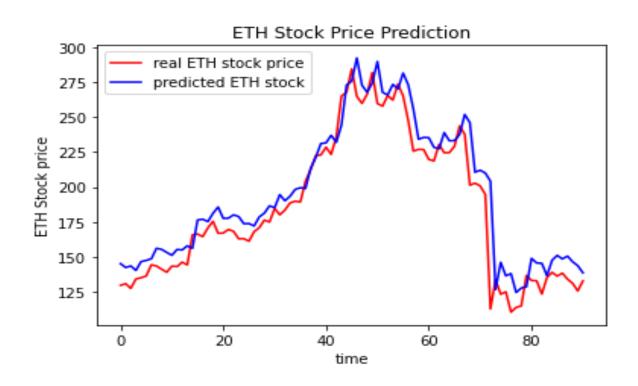
BUILDING LSTM MODEL



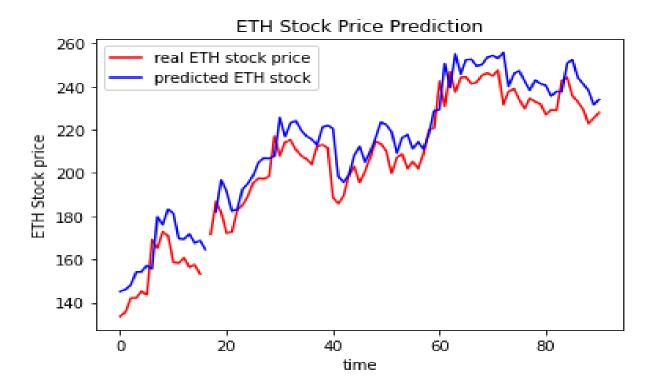
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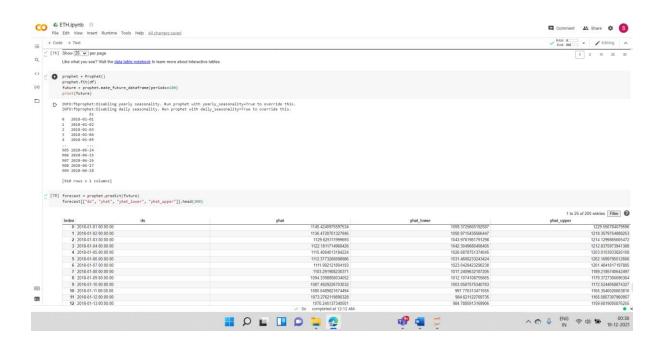


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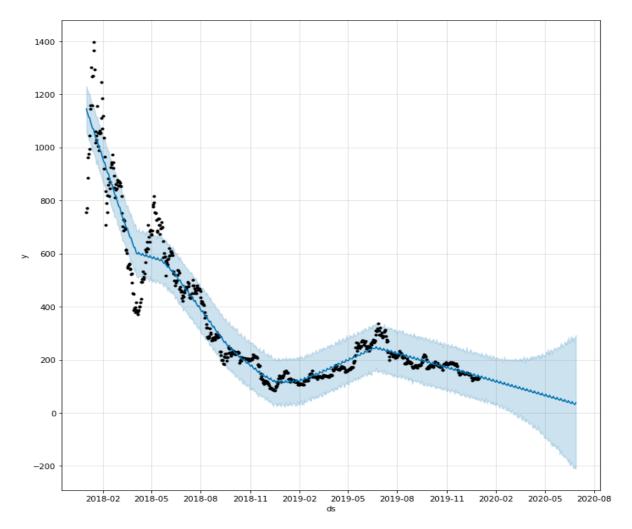


Total model error is: 16.53464686501529

BUILDING FACEBOOK PROPHET MODEL



OUTPUT OF FACEBOOK PROPHET MODEL



SUMMARY

There are many machine learning approaches that we can use for the task of predicting the future prices of Ethereum. In this Project, I introduced you to how you can predict the future prices of Ethereum by using the RNN and LSTM in Python. And I did try Facebook Prophet Model but unable to get anything out of it. I hope you liked this project on how to predict the future prices of Ethereum with RNN and LSTM using Python.

Here, I found that the Root mean squared error of LSTM is slightly lower than that of RNN and on the other hand the predicted price value of Ethereum almost converges to that of Real price of Ethereum. As per the evidence we can conclude that LSTM performs better than RNN.

The Root mean square error of RNN was found to be 18% and LSTM was approx. 16%.

For justifying the predicted price of Ethereum I concluded that due to covid financial condition become worse and this is the reason for irregularities in the graph.