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# To Harvest More: Achieving Best Trading Strategies on Gold and Bitcoins

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Problem Background

As the popularity of financial knowledge grows, many of the population, more or less, become market traders. Some of them expect to outperform inflation while others want to create wealth. By buying and selling volatile assets frequently, market traders pursue a goal to maximize their total return. Gold and bitcoins enjoys great popularity these days for their complementary characteristics in risk and value. Gold is stable in price and has lower risk while the value of bitcoins varies greatly and thus has a higher risk, as is shown in Figure 1. Regarding to trading rules, Gold is only traded on days the market is open while bitcoins are traded everyday. For both of them, commissions are charged to make each transaction.

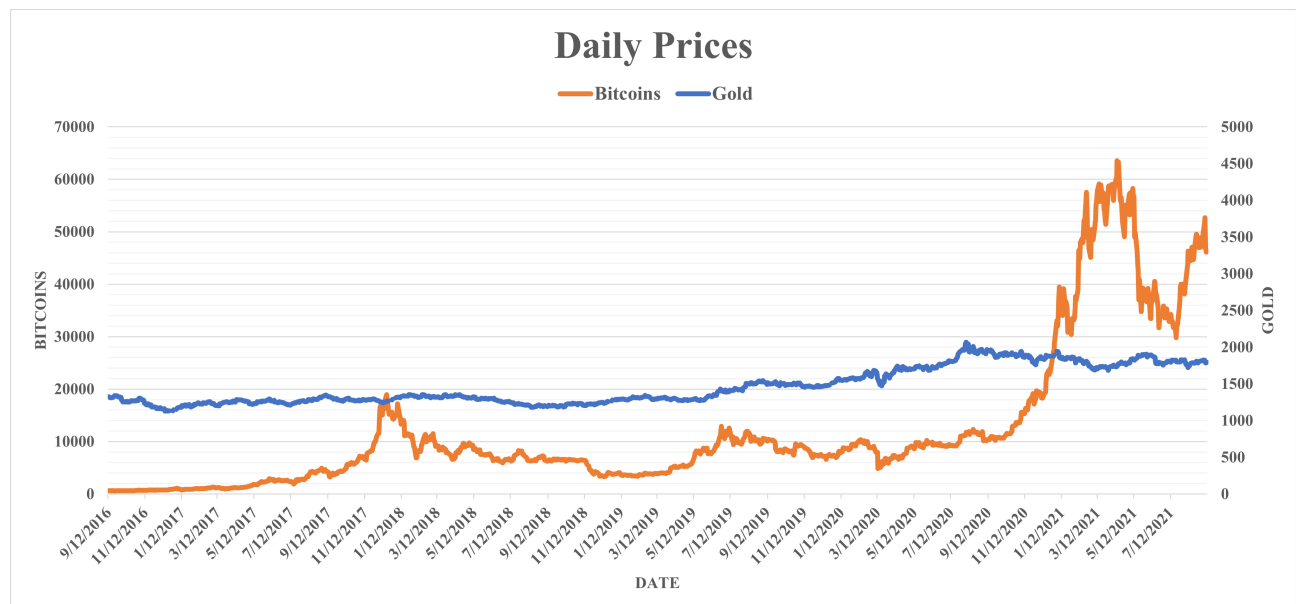


Figure 1: Gold and bitcoin daily prices, U.S. dollars per troy ounce and U.S. dollars per bitcoin. Source: London Bullion Market Association, 9/11/2021 and NASDAQ, 9/11/2021

## 1.2 Restatement of the Problem

- Develop a model that gives the best daily trading strategy based only on price data up to that day, and calculate how much the initial \$1000 investment is worth on 9/10/2021 using the model and strategy.
- Present evidence that your model provides the best strategy.
- Determine how sensitive the strategy is to transaction costs and analyze how transaction costs affect the strategy and results.

## 1.3 Our Approach

# 2 Assumptions and Justifications

## 2.1 Assumptions

To simplify the problem stated above, we make following assumptions, each of which is justified properly:

1. **The market trader sells all of the gold and bitcoins by the end of the five-year trading period, i.e. 9/10/2021.** Generally, investors cares about funding liquidity. Among cash, gold and bitcoins, only cash can circulate unhindered in the market. So we make this assumption and thus measure the outcome in cash.

## 2.2 Symbols and Definitions

Table 1: Symbols and Definitions.

Notations	Description
$\eta$	1
$\xi$	
$P$	
$r$	
$x$	
$X$	
$N$	
$n$	

## 2.3 Symbols and Definitions

# 3 Mathematical Models

## 3.1 Basic Model

$$\sum_t \quad (1)$$

According to Equation (1)

Notations	Description
$a$	Persuasion of comments
$s(X \rightarrow Y)$	Degree of support between $X$ and $Y$ , indicating how often the rules can be used for analysis
$c(X \rightarrow Y)$	Confidence between $X$ and $Y$ , indicating the frequency of transactions in $Y$ containing $X$
$X$	Promotion/The 'verified purchase' is 'N'
$\bar{X}$	No promotion or The 'verified purchase' is 'Y'
$Y$	Poor feedback
$\bar{Y}$	Favourable feedback
$Z$	Poor evaluation support rate
$\bar{Z}$	Favourable support rate
$f_V$	Amount of platform commentators
$f_{\bar{V}}$	Amount of common customers
$a_V$	Support rate of comments written by writers
$a_{\bar{V}}$	Support rate of comments written by non writers
$a_T$	Overall weighted support rate
$Q_\mu(v)$	Amount of comments, dependent variable in multiple linear regression
$\mu_i$	Regression coefficient of multiple linear regression, $\{i = 0, 1, 2, 3\}$
$v_i$	Independent variable of multiple linear regression, $\{i = 0, 1, 2, 3\}$
$v_1$	Amount of no promotions in monthly reviews
$v_2$	Number of disapproval of poor feedback and approval of favorable feedback in each month
$v_3$	Frequency of good keywords in each month
$\xi$	Random error term of multiple linear regression
$r^2$	Sample determination coefficient discrimination coefficient
$SSR$	Regression sum of squares
$SST$	Sum of squares of total variation
$T$	Weighted mean value of star rating in the train set
$\tilde{T}$	Weighted mean value of star rating in the testing set
<b>std</b>	Standard deviation of the result in training set and testing set
$D$	Future value of products
$\varphi$	Weighted star rating
$\delta$	The rate of positive keywords in reviews

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS_2}{dt} = -R_0 \cdot S_2(I_1 + I_2) \\ \frac{dI_2}{dt} = R_0 \cdot S_2(I_1 + I_2) - \frac{I_2}{r} \\ \frac{dS_1}{dt} = \rho \left[ 1 - \frac{S_1 + (1+v/r)I_1}{K_1} \right] - R_0 \cdot S_1(I_1 + I_2) - v \cdot S_1 \\ \frac{dI_1}{dt} = R_0 \cdot S_1(I_1 + I_2) - \frac{I_1}{r+v} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

### 3.2 Improved Model

Additional assumptions for the model improvement

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**Algorithm 1:** Competitive selection
 

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**Input:** the set of data patterns  $\mathbb{X}$

**Output:** the set of prototype seeds  $\mathbb{S}^*$

```

1 Compute the Euclidean distance  $dist(\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{x}_n)$ 
2 Compute the density  $D(\mathbf{x}_m) \geq \gamma$ 
3 Select eligible  $\mathbf{x}_m$  for the candidate seed set  $\mathbb{C}^0 \leftarrow \{\mathbf{x}_m \mid C(\mathbf{x}_m, \gamma) = 1\}$ 
4 Initialize  $\mathbb{C}^* \leftarrow \mathbb{C}^0$ 
5 while  $\mathbb{C}^* \neq \phi$  do
6   | Initialize  $\mathbb{S}^j \leftarrow \mathbb{S}^*$ 
7   | Select the winning seed from the candidate set  $\mathbf{x}_s^j \leftarrow \arg \max D(\mathbf{x}_m), \mathbf{x}_m \in \mathbb{C}^j$ 
8   | Update  $\mathbb{S}^* \leftarrow \mathbb{S}^j \cup \{\mathbf{x}_s^j\}$ 
9   | Update  $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
10 end
11 return  $\mathbb{S}^*$ 

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## 4 Results and Solutions

Result analysis

Discussions

## 5 Model Evaluation and Sensitivity Analysis

### 5.1 Model Evaluation



Figure 2: Figure illustration.

### 5.2 Sensitivity Analysis

## 6 Strength and Weakness

### 6.1 Strength

The models have the following strengths:

- Advantage 1
- Advantage 2



## 6.2 Weakness

The models have the following weaknesses:

- Weakness 1
- Weakness 2

## 7 Conclusions

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# Memorandum to the Trader

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## Appendix: Programs and Codes

If you do not want to provide program codes, delete this appendix section.

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1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 x = np.array([-3.0, -2.9, -2.8, -2.7, -2.5, -2.4, -2.3, -2.2, -2.1, -2])
5 y = np.sin(x)
6
7 plt.figure()
8 plt.xlabel("x axis")
9 plt.ylabel("y axis")
10 plt.plot(x, y, '-^')
11 plt.xlim(min(x)-0.05, max(x)+0.05)
12 plt.ylim(min(y)-0.05, max(y)+0.05)
13 plt.legend(loc='best')
14 plt.show()
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