

# Crypto-currency Price Prediction with Machine Learning

## Big Data Parallel Processing by PySpark and Horovod Distributed Deep Learning

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Codes are publicly accessible: [https://github.com/verybithub/CS5488\\_Project](https://github.com/verybithub/CS5488_Project)

# Data Preprocessing by PySpark

```
: oldtime = time()
from pyspark.sql.functions import col, log
cdf = cdf.withColumn('Log Price', log(10.0, col("Price USD")))
cdf = cdf.withColumn('Log Trading Volume Last 24h', log(10.0, col("Trading Volume Last 24h")))
cdf = cdf.withColumn('Log Market Cap', log(10.0, col("Market Cap")))
cdf.show()
print(f'Time needed: {time()-oldtime} s')
```

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DateTime	Price USD	Trading Volume Last 24h	Market Cap	Log Price	Log Trading Volume Last 24h
24h	Log Market Cap				
2019-01-01 08:04:04	0.1146302991	90503046.2253028	2196405505.5719624	-0.9407005744041936	7.956663197288
9015 9.341712523653495					
2019-01-01 08:04:04	0.1146302991	90503046.2253028	2196405505.5719624	-0.9407005744041936	7.956663197288

Time needed: 14.219001293182373 s

- Data scaling

→ Use **PySpark** to process data

≈ **twice speed** compared with Pandas

→ Apply **Log scale** to raw data

original value is too **large**

# Data Preprocessing by Pyspark

## Data scaling

→ Use Zero Mean and Unit Variance Normalization

```
: ## Data scaling - Normalization
oldtime = time()
from pyspark.sql.functions import mean as _mean
from pyspark.sql.functions import stddev as _std
# Data scaling
def column_statistics(df, name=""):
    df_stats = df.select(
        _mean(col(name)).alias('mean'),
        _std(col(name)).alias('std')
    ).collect()

    return df_stats[0]['mean'], df_stats[0]['std']

data_p_mean, data_p_std = column_statistics(cdf, "Log Price")
data_v_mean, data_v_std = column_statistics(cdf, "Log Trading Volume Last 24h")
data_m_mean, data_m_std = column_statistics(cdf, "Log Market Cap")

cdf = cdf.withColumn("Price_Mean", f.lit(data_p_mean))
cdf = cdf.withColumn("Price_Std", f.lit(data_p_std))
cdf = cdf.withColumn("Price_Normalized", (f.col("Log Price") - f.col("Price_Mean")) / f.col("Price_Std"))

cdf = cdf.withColumn("Volume_Mean", f.lit(data_v_mean))
cdf = cdf.withColumn("Volume_Std", f.lit(data_v_std))
cdf = cdf.withColumn("Volume_Normalize", (f.col("Log Trading Volume Last 24h") - f.col("Volume_Mean")) / f.col("Volume_Std"))

cdf = cdf.withColumn("Market_Mean", f.lit(data_m_mean))
cdf = cdf.withColumn("Market_Std", f.lit(data_m_std))
cdf = cdf.withColumn("Market_Normalize", (f.col("Log Market Cap") - f.col("Market_Mean")) / f.col("Market_Std"))
cdf.show()
print(f'Time needed: {time()-oldtime} s')
```

# Model selection: MLP and LSTM

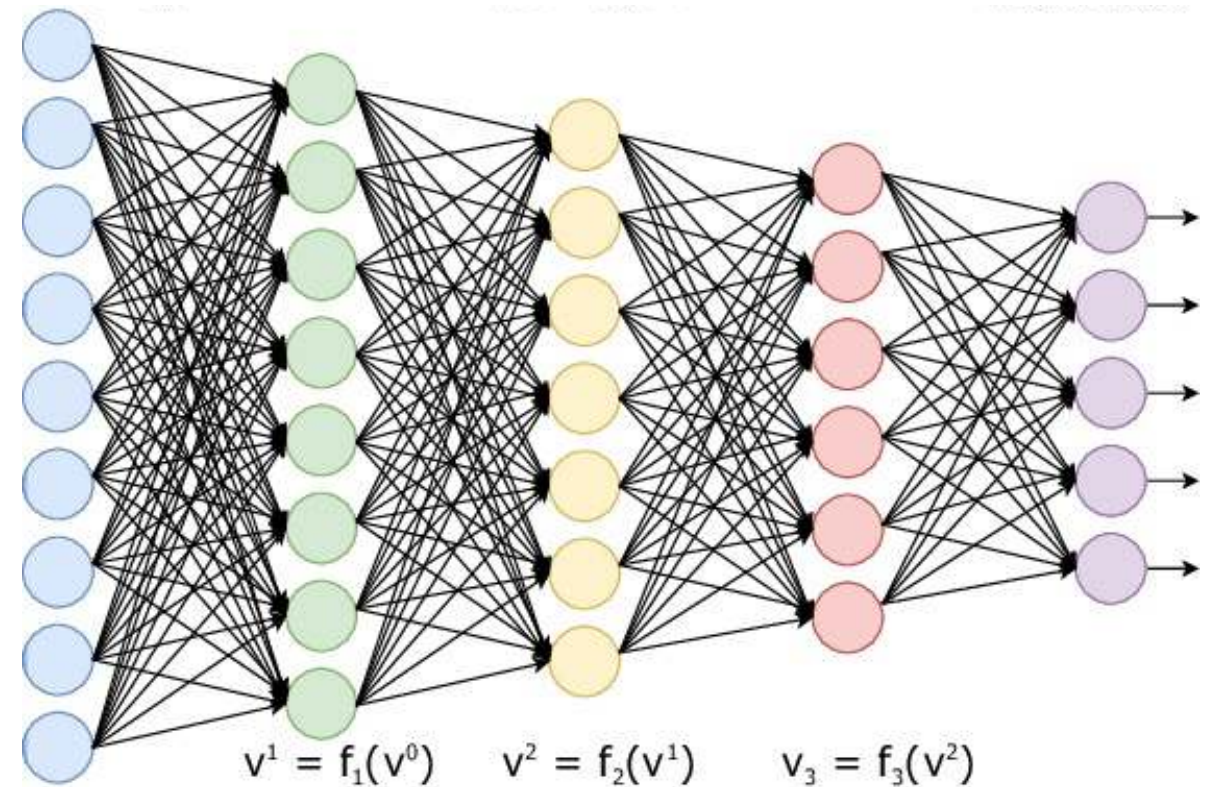


Figure 1: A Fully-connected Neural Network

Reference: Figure 1 is from open-sourced Google Images



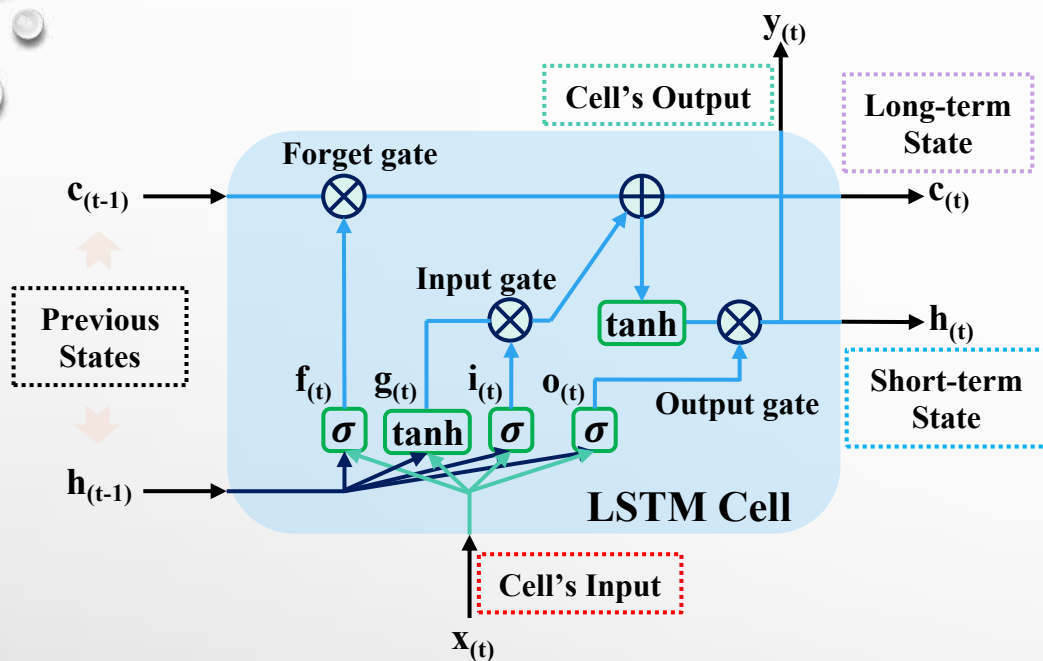


Figure 1: A Long-short Term Memory



Figure 2: Currency Price through time

Reference:

**Figure 1 is from Shuyue Jia's under review paper.**

"Deep feature mining via attention-based BiLSTM-GCN for human motor imagery recognition."

Currently Under review at *Frontier in Neuroscience*

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.00777>

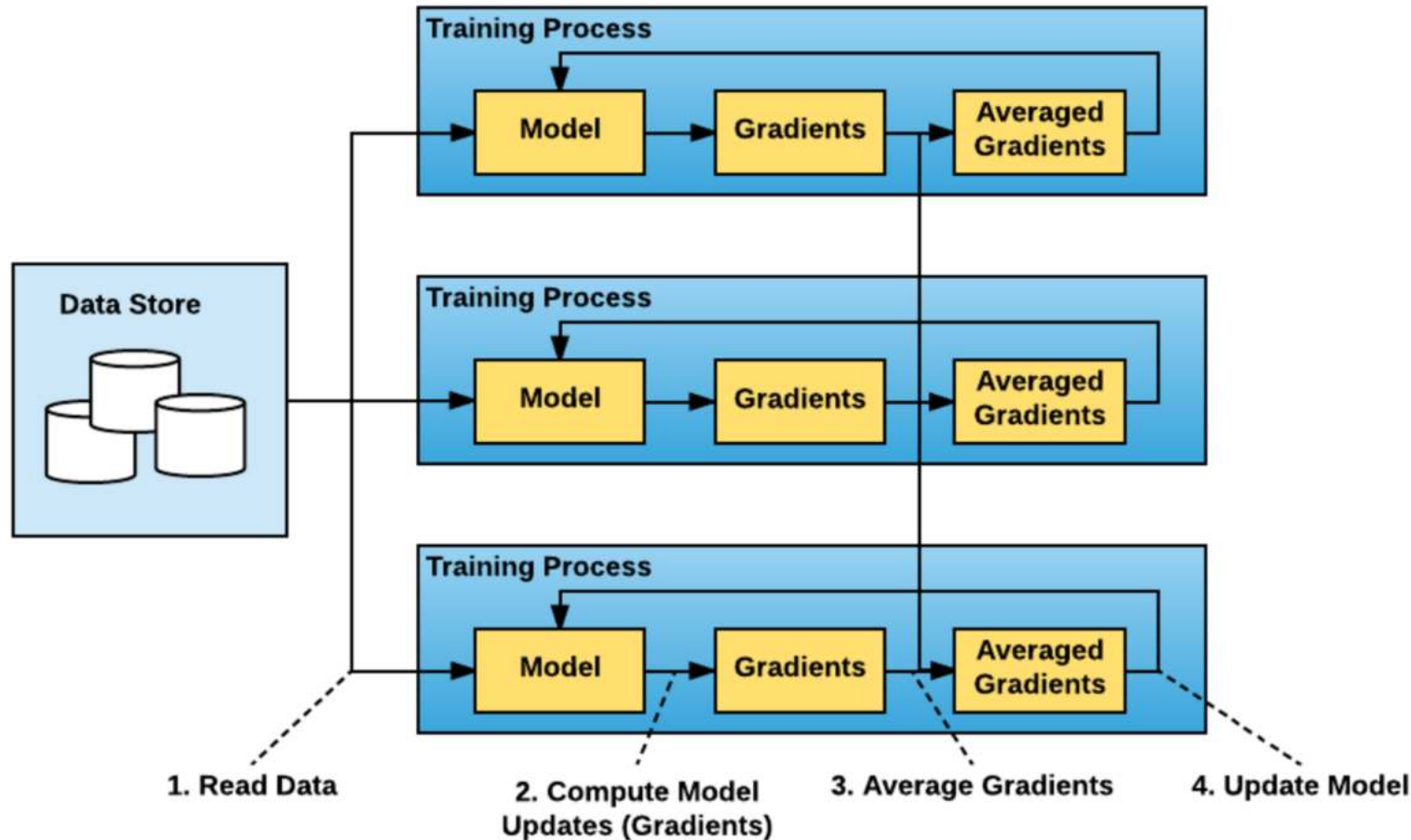


Figure 1: Data Parallel Distributed Training Paradigm  
exchange **all the gradients** after trained with data

# Distributed Training by Horovod

**Data Parallelism:**  
Scale single-GPU training to  
**many GPUs or/and machines**

# Distributed Training by Horovod

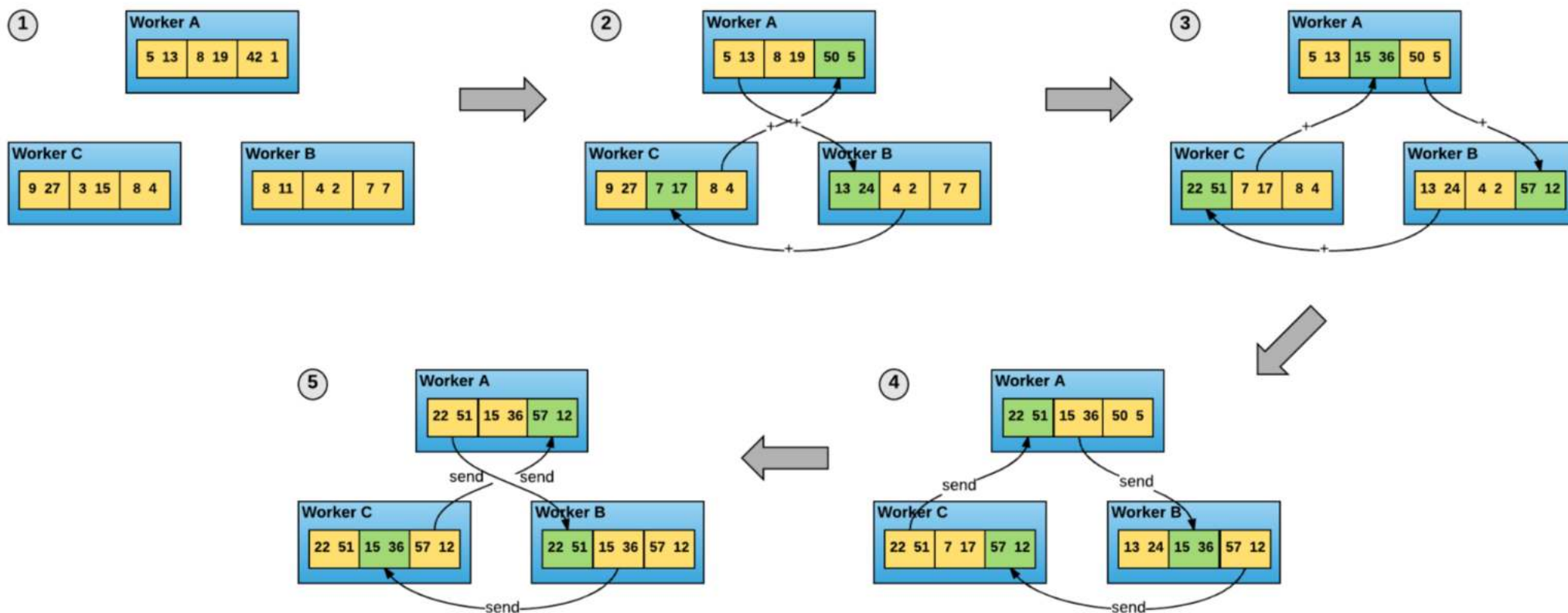


Figure 1: The ring-allreduce algorithm → **exchange a part of the gradients** during training

## Horovod Distributed Training

## Two-layer LSTM

## Three-layer MLP

```
82 start = time.time()
83 # Horovod: initialize Horovod.
84 hvd.init()
85
86 # LSTM Model
87 model = Sequential()
88 model.add(LSTM(128, dropout=0.05, input_shape=(5 * 7, 3), return_sequences=True))
89 model.add(LSTM(64, dropout=0.05))
90 model.add(Dense(3, activation='sigmoid'))
91
92 # Horovod: adjust learning rate based on number of GPUs.
93 scaled_lr = 0.001 * hvd.size()
94 opt = tf.optimizers.Adam(scaled_lr)
95 opt = hvd.DistributedOptimizer(opt, backward_passes_per_step=1, average_aggregated_gradients=True)
96
97 # uses hvd.DistributedOptimizer() to compute gradients.
98 model.compile(loss='mean_squared_error', optimizer=opt, metrics=['mean_absolute_error', 'mean_squared_error', tf.keras.metrics.RootMeanSquaredError()],
99               experimental_run_tf_function=False)
100
101 callbacks = [
102     hvd.callbacks.BroadcastGlobalVariablesCallback(0),
103     hvd.callbacks.MetricAverageCallback(),
104     hvd.callbacks.LearningRateWarmupCallback(initial_lr=scaled_lr, warmup_epochs=3, verbose=1)
105 ]
106
107 # Horovod: save checkpoints only on worker 0 to prevent other workers from corrupting them.
108 if hvd.rank() == 0:
109     callbackEs = tf.keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(monitor="val_loss", patience=10, verbose=1, restore_best_weights=True)
110     callbackTb = tf.keras.callbacks.TensorBoard()
111     callbacks.append(tf.keras.callbacks.ModelCheckpoint('./checkpoint-{epoch}.h5'))
112
113 verbose = 1 if hvd.rank() == 0 else 0
114
115 # Train the model.
116 model.fit(x_train, y_train, shuffle=True, steps_per_epoch=500 // hvd.size(), validation_data=(x_val, y_val), callbacks=[callbacks, callbackTb, callbackEs],
117           epochs=50, verbose=verbose)
118
119 end = time.time()
120 print('Used training time: %f' % (end - start))
```

```
# MLP Model
model = Sequential()
model.add(Flatten(input_shape=(5 * 7, 3)))
model.add(Dense(128, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.1))
model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.1))
model.add(Dense(3, activation='sigmoid'))
```

Early Stopping  
Save Metrics to Tensorboard  
and save trained model

Contributions:

**ML & DL Model building** is achieved by **POON Bing Chun**.

**Paper survey and price movement prediction** are finished by **TSO Yiu Chuen**.

**Part of Data pre-processing by Spark in Horovod and Horovod distributed training** are performed by **LI Ka Faat and me**.

Reference:

[https://github.com/verybighub/CS5488\\_Pproject/blob/main/Model%20Logs%20and%20Results/With\\_Horovod.py](https://github.com/verybighub/CS5488_Pproject/blob/main/Model%20Logs%20and%20Results/With_Horovod.py)



## Experimental Results (Stellar Currency)

21483 Training, 1193 Validation, 1194 Testing

Method	MAE	MSE	RMSE	Training Time (s)
LSTM w/o Horovod	0.009817	0.000137	0.011701	822.40
LSTM with Horovod (CPU)	0.012009	0.000265	0.016287	779.77 (-42.63)
MLP w/o Horovod	0.015290 (+0.005473)	0.000321 (+0.000184)	0.017924 (+0.0062223)	40.02
MLP with Horovod (CPU)	0.018781 (+0.006772)	0.000454 (+0.000189)	0.021310 (+0.005023)	25.62 (-14.4)

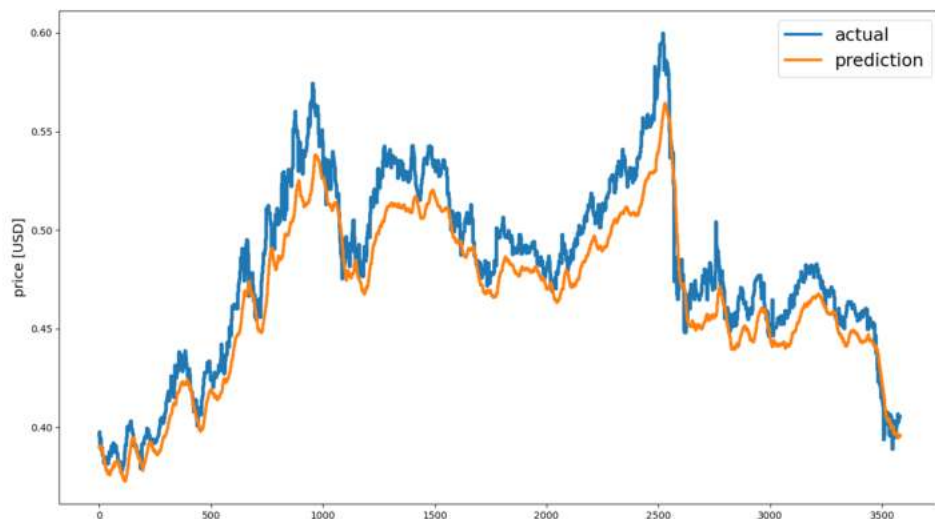


Figure 1: MLP without Horovod

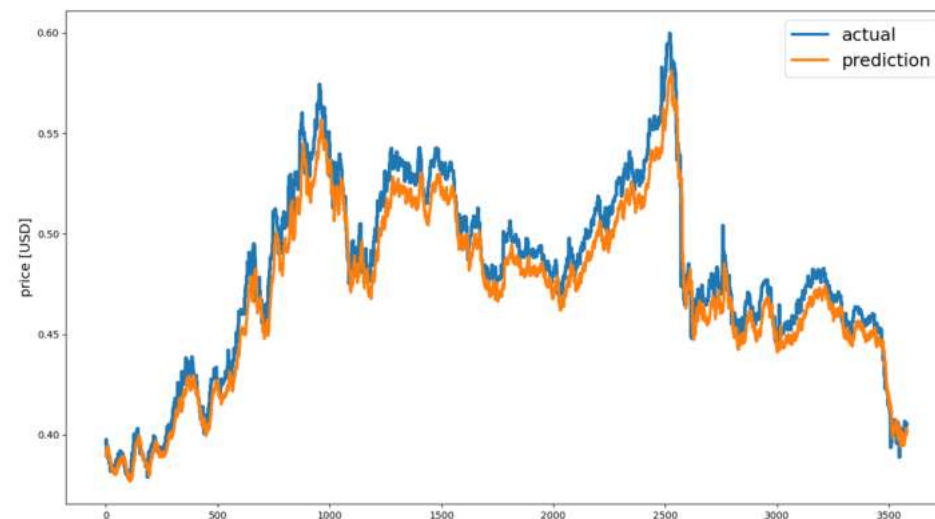


Figure 2: LSTM without Horovod



Figure 3: MLP with Horovod

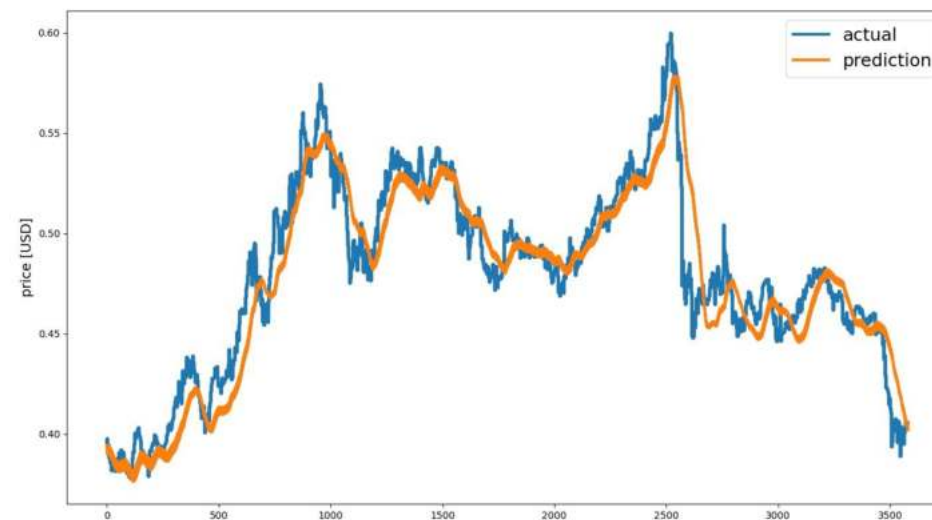


Figure 4: LSTM Model with Horovod

# Future Work

**Horovd On Spark  
(Improved Horovod Performance)**

→ Train Model on Spark Clusters

→ Directly Train Model  
with PySpark DataFrames

→ Ease of Use

# Future Work

- Combine the Prediction with Social Media
- Collect data from social media, e.g. Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- Sentimental analysis
- Model: Transformer
- Based on public's review on cryptocurrency





# Conclusions

- ✓ Based on the **sliding window approach**, the **LSTM model** can effectively predict the price of crypto-currency with **superior performances** compared with MLP and other ML models.
  - ✓ The time of **data pre-processing by Spark** can be as half as that by Pandas.
  - ✓ **DL modes with Horovod support** can efficiently reduce training time.
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Thanks a lot and any question?