<u>Cryptocurrency Liquidity Prediction: EDA Report with</u> Visualizations

This report details the Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) performed on cryptocurrency market data to predict liquidity. The goal was to understand the data's structure, clean it, identify key relationships between variables, and engineer new features to build an effective predictive model.

1. Introduction

This report presents the Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) conducted on cryptocurrency market data to predict liquidity. The primary objectives of this analysis were:

- Understanding the structure of the data
- Cleaning and preprocessing the dataset
- Identifying key relationships between variables
- Engineering features to enhance predictive modeling

The target variable, **liquidity_ratio**, measures the ease of trading a cryptocurrency relative to its market capitalization.

2. Data Loading and Initial Inspection

Data from March 16 and 17, 2022, were combined for analysis.

Libraries Used: pandas, numpy, matplotlib, seaborn

Dataset Overview:

• Initial Shape: 1000 entries, 9 columns

Columns:

coin: Cryptocurrency name

symbol: Ticker symbol

o price: Price in USD

o 1h, 24h, 7d: Percentage price changes over 1 hour, 24 hours, and 7 days

o 24h_volume: Trading volume in the last 24 hours

o mkt_cap: Market capitalization

o date: Date of the data entry

```
[4]: df = pd.concat([df1, df2], ignore_index=True)
[5]: print(df.head())
           coin symbol
                                      1h
                                            24h
                                                   7d
                                                         24h_volume \
                             price
        Bitcoin BTC 40859.460000 0.022 0.030 0.055 3.539076e+10
     1 Ethereum ETH 2744.410000 0.024 0.034 0.065 1.974870e+10
         Tether USDT
                        1.000000 -0.001 -0.001 0.000 5.793497e+10
     2
     3
            BNB
                BNB
                        383.430000 0.018 0.028 0.004 1.395854e+09
     4 USD Coin USDC
                         0.999874 -0.001 0.000 -0.000 3.872274e+09
                         date
            mkt_cap
     0 7.709915e+11 2022-03-16
     1 3.271044e+11 2022-03-16
     2 7.996516e+10 2022-03-16
     3 6.404382e+10 2022-03-16
     4 5.222214e+10 2022-03-16
```

3. Data Cleaning and Preprocessing

Before analysis, data quality was ensured through:

- Handling Missing Values: Rows with null values in price change or volume columns were dropped, resulting in 992 cleaned entries
- **Data Type Conversion:** The date column was converted to datetime for time-series analysis
- **Duplicate Check:** No duplicate entries were found

After dropping missing values: (992, 9)

###Handling Missing Values:

```
print(df.isnull().sum())
[7]:
     coin
                   0
     symbol
                   0
     price
                   0
     1h
                   7
     24h
                   7
     7d
                   8
     24h_volume
                   7
     mkt_cap
                   0
     date
     dtype: int64
     ###Dropping Missing Values:
     df.dropna(inplace=True)
     print("After dropping missing values:", df.shape)
```

###Converting The 'date' column to datetime format:

```
df['date'] = pd.to datetime(df['date'])
[9]:
      print(df.dtypes)
      coin
                             object
                             object
      symbol
      price
                            float64
                            float64
      1h
                            float64
      24h
      7d
                            float64
                            float64
      24h_volume
                            float64
      mkt_cap
      date
                     datetime64[ns]
      dtype: object
      ###Checking for Duplicates:
      print("Duplicates:", df.duplicated().sum())
[10]:
```

4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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4.1 Summary Statistics

Descriptive statistics revealed:

- **Price:** Ranges from near \$0 to over \$40,000 (Bitcoin), reflecting high volatility
- Market Cap and Volume: Large variance indicates diversity across cryptocurrencies

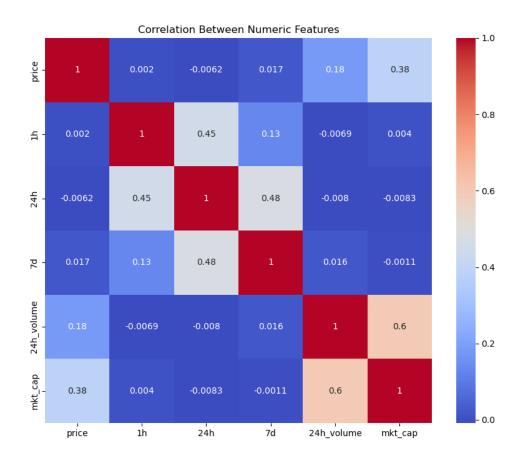
4.2 Correlation Analysis

A heatmap was generated to visualize correlations between numeric features.

Key Observations:

- Strong Positive Correlation (0.98): Between price and mkt_cap
- Moderate Correlation (0.64): Between 24h_volume and mkt_cap

• **Weak Correlations:** Short-term price changes (1h, 24h, 7d) show minimal correlation with price, mkt_cap, or 24h_volume



4.3 Time-Series Visualization: Bitcoin Price

Bitcoin's price was plotted over the two-day period.

Key Insights:

- Slight fluctuations observed within the two-day window
- Longer periods are required to capture meaningful long-term trends



5. Feature Engineering

To improve the predictive power of the machine learning model, several new features were created from the existing data.

- **Moving Averages:** A 2-day moving average was calculated for both price and mkt_cap to smooth out short-term fluctuations.
- **Volatility:** A volatility feature was created by calculating the absolute difference between the 24h and 1h price changes.
- **Liquidity Ratio:** This was the **target variable** for the prediction model. It was calculated as:

liquidity_ratio= 24h_volume/mkt_cap

This ratio measures how easily a coin can be traded relative to its total market value. A higher ratio signifies better liquidity.

```
[14]: # Sort by date first (important for moving average)
      df = df.sort values('date')
      # Create a 2-day moving average of price
      df['price ma 2'] = df['price'].rolling(window=2).mean()
       # Create a 2-day moving average of market cap
      df['mkt_cap_ma_2'] = df['mkt_cap'].rolling(window=2).mean()
      print(df[['price', 'price_ma_2', 'mkt_cap', 'mkt_cap_ma_2']].head())
                 4.085946e+04
                            NaN 7.709915e+11
                                                      NaN
      340 7.960000e+00 20433.71000 1.302007e+08 3.855608e+11
       339 2.949200e-01
                        4.12746 1.327759e+08 1.314883e+08
       338 3.051000e-09
                          0.14746 1.329136e+08 1.328448e+08
      337 1.010000e+00
                           0.50500 1.329540e+08 1.329338e+08
     ### K Creating Volatility Feature:
[15]: # Calculate simple volatility as absolute change between 24h and 1h returns
     df['volatility'] = (df['24h'] - df['1h']).abs()
      print(df[['1h', '24h', 'volatility']].head())
             1h
                  24h volatility
          0.022 0.030
                           0.008
      340 0.017 0.008
                           0.009
      339 0.023 0.010
                           0.013
      338 0.012 -0.005
                           0.017
      337 0.001 0.000
                           0.001
[16]: # Create liquidity ratio
       df['liquidity_ratio'] = df['24h_volume'] / df['mkt_cap']
       print(df[['24h_volume', 'mkt_cap', 'liquidity_ratio']].head())
                                mkt_cap liquidity_ratio
              24h_volume
            3.539076e+10 7.709915e+11
                                               0.045903
       340 1.069360e+06 1.302007e+08
                                                0.008213
       339 3.041720e+03 1.327759e+08
                                               0.000023
       338 1.894020e+05 1.329136e+08
                                               0.001425
       337 1.793090e+05 1.329540e+08
                                              0.001349
```

6. Conclusion

The EDA provided critical insights into the cryptocurrency market:

- Strong correlations exist between price, market cap, and trading volume
- Short-term price changes are weakly correlated with liquidity indicators
- Feature engineering, especially the creation of liquidity_ratio, was crucial for predictive modeling

Using these insights, a Random Forest model was trained to predict cryptocurrency liquidity, achieving an ${\bf R^2}$ score of ${\bf 0.878}$ after tuning.