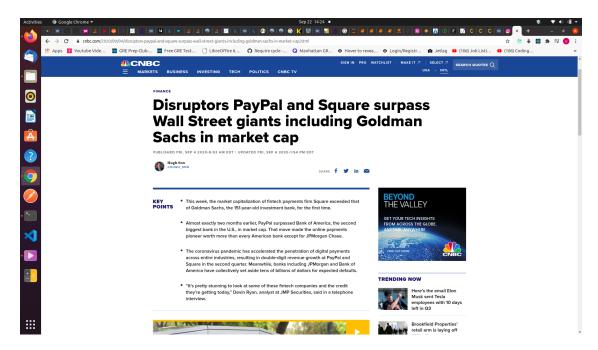
Stock Market Analysis

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1 STOCK ANALYSIS ON SQUARE, PAYPAL, AND GOLD-MAN SACHS



On the 4th of September, 2020, CNBC published an article on the rise of fintech disruptors - PayPal and Square surpassed Bank of America and Goldman Sachs respectively.

Here is the link to the article by CNBC - https://www.cnbc.com/2020/09/04/disruptors-paypal-and-square-surpass-wall-street-giants-including-goldman-sachs-in-market-cap.html.

This is brief analysis of the stocks of Paypal, Square, and Goldman Sachs from January 2016 - September 2020.

Data is gotten from yahoo finance api

1.0.1 Libraries/Dependencies used

```
[2]: import pandas_datareader.data as web import datetime import matplotlib.pyplot as plt %matplotlib inline
```

```
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_style("dark")
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from pandas.plotting import scatter_matrix
from mpl_finance import candlestick_ohlc
from matplotlib.dates import DateFormatter, date2num, WeekdayLocator,
DayLocator, MONDAY
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
warnings.simplefilter('ignore')
```

1.0.2 Load the data from yahoo api

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[3]: start = datetime.datetime(2016, 1, 1)
  end = datetime.datetime(2020, 9, 22)

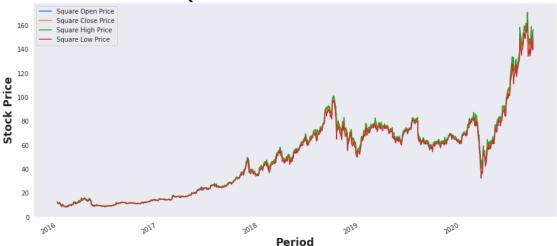
[4]: square = web.DataReader("SQ", 'yahoo', start, end)
  goldman = web.DataReader("GS", 'yahoo', start, end)
  paypal = web.DataReader("PYPL", 'yahoo', start, end)
```

1.0.3 Explore the trend of each company's stock price over time

```
[5]: # First five rows of the data for square square.head()
```

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[5]:
                               Open Close
                                            Volume Adj Close
                High
                         Low
    Date
    2016-01-04 12.90 12.050 12.75 12.16 2751500
                                                       12.16
    2016-01-05 12.34 11.500 12.20 11.51
                                           2352800
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    2016-01-06 11.64 11.015 11.50 11.52 1850600
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    2016-01-07 11.37 11.000 11.13 11.16 1636000
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    2016-01-08 11.54 11.200 11.25 11.31
                                            587300
                                                       11.31
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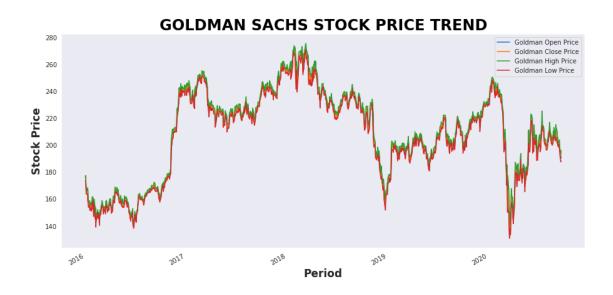




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[7]: # First five rows of the data for Goldman Sachs
goldman.head()
```

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[7]:
                                                                   Volume \
                      High
                                   Low
                                              Open
                                                         Close
    Date
    2016-01-04 177.190002
                            173.759995
                                        175.789993
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    2016-01-05 177.500000
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    2016-01-08 168.419998
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                                       166.750000 163.940002
                                                               4929800.0
                 Adj Close
    Date
    2016-01-04
                163.456665
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    2016-01-06
                156.720551
    2016-01-07
                151.903793
    2016-01-08 151.276291
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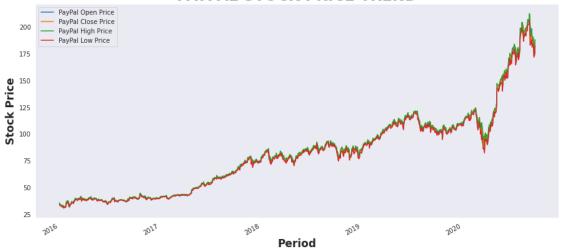
```
[8]: goldman['Open'].plot(label = 'Goldman Open Price', figsize=(15, 7))
    goldman['Close'].plot(label = 'Goldman Close Price')
    goldman['High'].plot(label = 'Goldman High Price')
    goldman['Low'].plot(label = 'Goldman Low Price')
    plt.legend()
    plt.title('GOLDMAN SACHS STOCK PRICE TREND', fontsize = 24, fontweight = 'bold', color = 'black')
    plt.xlabel('Period', fontsize = '17', fontweight = 'bold')
    plt.ylabel('Stock Price', fontsize = '17', fontweight = 'bold')
    plt.show()
```



```
[9]: # First five rows of the data for Paypal paypal.head()
```

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[9]:
                                          Open
                    High
                                Low
                                                   Close
                                                            Volume
                                                                    Adj Close
    Date
    2016-01-04
                35.560001
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PAYPAL STOCK PRICE TREND



TREND OF STOCK PRICES OF SQUARE, GOLDMAN SACHS AND PAYPAL

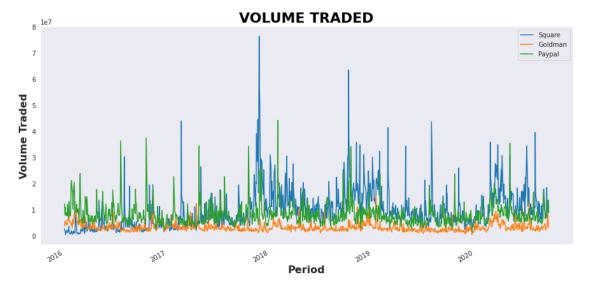


In the current year, 2020, we can see a common trend in the stock prices for the 3 companies. During the beginning of the year, all 3 stock prices dipped and later rose, with PayPal stock price rising to match Goldman Sachs stock price.

1.0.4 Explore the volume traded of each company's stock price over time

```
[12]: square['Volume'].plot(label='Square', figsize=(15, 7))
goldman["Volume"].plot(label='Goldman')
paypal['Volume'].plot(label='Paypal')
plt.xlabel('Period', fontsize = '16', fontweight = 'bold')
plt.ylabel("Volume Traded", fontsize = '16', fontweight = 'bold')
plt.title("VOLUME TRADED", fontsize = 22, fontweight = 'bold',color = 'black')

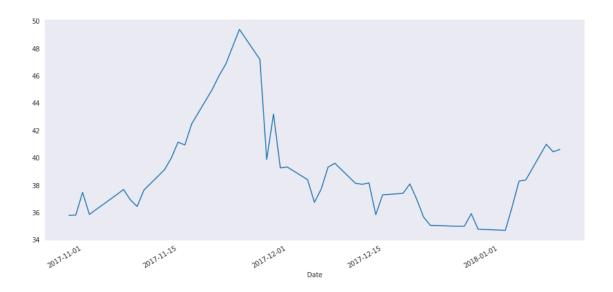
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



Explore the reason Square had very high volume traded between 2017 - 2018

```
Check for the exact date this happened
```

```
[13]:
      square.iloc[[square['Volume'].argmax()]]
[13]:
                       High
                                   Low
                                              Open Close
                                                             Volume
                                                                     Adj Close
      Date
      2017-11-27 47.400002
                             40.369999
                                        47.209999
                                                    41.02 76437500
                                                                         41.02
[14]: square.iloc[460: 510]['Open'].plot(figsize=(15, 7))
      plt.show()
```



Following an article by CNBC on the 3rd Nov 2017. Analysts and Traders were betting big that Square will pop on earnings, hence, the reason for the positive large volume traded.

Link to article below:

https://www.cnbc.com/2017/11/03/traders-are-betting-big-on-valeant-and-square-before-earnings-next-week.html

1.0.5 Explore which company is more valuable via each company's stock price * volume

Calculation is to explore total money traded for the duration for vizualization purposes. This does not represent market capitalization for each company

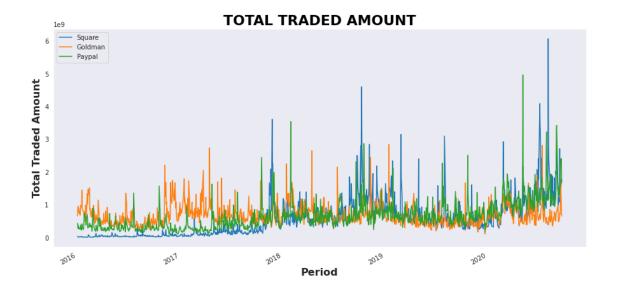
```
[15]: square['Total Traded'] = square['Open'] * square['Volume']
goldman['Total Traded'] = goldman['Open'] * goldman['Volume']
paypal['Total Traded'] = paypal['Open'] * paypal['Volume']
```

[16]: square.head()

[16]:		High	Low	Open	Close	Volume	Adj Close	Total Traded
	Date							
	2016-01-04	12.90	12.050	12.75	12.16	2751500	12.16	3.508162e+07
	2016-01-05	12.34	11.500	12.20	11.51	2352800	11.51	2.870416e+07
	2016-01-06	11.64	11.015	11.50	11.52	1850600	11.52	2.128190e+07
	2016-01-07	11.37	11.000	11.13	11.16	1636000	11.16	1.820868e+07
	2016-01-08	11.54	11.200	11.25	11.31	587300	11.31	6.607125e+06

```
[17]: goldman.head()
```

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[17]:
                       High
                                               Open
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                                                                    Volume \
                                    Low
     Date
      2016-01-04 177.190002
                                                     177.139999
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                             173.759995
                                         175.789993
      2016-01-05 177.500000
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      2016-01-07
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      2016-01-08 168.419998
                             163.630005
                                         166.750000
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                                                                 4929800.0
                  Adj Close
                             Total Traded
      Date
      2016-01-04
                 163.456665
                             6.584214e+08
      2016-01-05
                 160.642242
                             7.990120e+08
      2016-01-06
                 156.720551
                             9.489546e+08
      2016-01-07
                  151.903793
                             9.480023e+08
      2016-01-08 151.276291
                             8.220442e+08
[18]:
     paypal.head()
[18]:
                      High
                                            Open
                                                      Close
                                                               Volume
                                                                       Adj Close \
                                  Low
      Date
                                                                       34.750000
      2016-01-04
                 35.560001
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      2016-01-08 33.880001 32.630001
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                 Total Traded
     Date
      2016-01-04 4.316669e+08
      2016-01-05 3.927449e+08
      2016-01-06 2.844718e+08
      2016-01-07 3.660125e+08
      2016-01-08 2.626208e+08
[19]: square['Total Traded'].plot(label="Square", figsize=(15, 7))
      goldman['Total Traded'].plot(label="Goldman")
      paypal['Total Traded'].plot(label="Paypal")
      plt.xlabel('Period', fontsize = '16', fontweight = 'bold')
      plt.ylabel("Total Traded Amount", fontsize = '16', fontweight = 'bold')
      plt.title("TOTAL TRADED AMOUNT", fontsize = 22, fontweight = 'bold',color = 1
      →'black')
      plt.legend()
      plt.show()
```



Explore the reason Square had very high total traded amount in 2020

```
Check for the exact date this happened
[20]: square["Total Traded"].argmax()
[20]: 1155
[21]:
      square.iloc[[square['Total Traded'].argmax()]]
[21]:
                         High
                                      Low
                                                  Open
                                                              Close
                                                                       Volume
      Date
      2020-08-05
                                            153.160004
                                                        146.550003
                   158.429993
                               146.199997
                                                                     39629700
                   Adj Close
                               Total Traded
      Date
      2020-08-05
                   146.550003
                               6.069685e+09
```

 $\label{link to article:https://www.fool.com/investing/2020/08/12/up-120-in-2020-is-it-too-late-to-buy-square-stock/$

Excerpts from article: Square (NYSE:SQ) stock recently soared to an all-time high after its second-quarter numbers soundly beat analysts' estimates. The fintech company's revenue surged 64% annually (70% after excluding the divestment of Caviar) to USD 1.92 billion, clearing the consensus forecast by USD 790 million. Its adjusted EBITDA dipped 7% to USD 97.9 million, but earnings of USD 0.18 per share still beat expectations by USD 0.23.

1.0.6 Scatter Matrix to check for linear correlation between Sqaure, PayPal, and Goldman Sachs stock prices

```
[22]: payment_comp = pd.concat([square['Open'], goldman['Open'], paypal['Open']],
        \rightarrowaxis = 1)
       payment_comp.columns = ['Square Open', 'Goldman Sachs Open', 'Paypal Open']
       #sns.pairplot(payment_comp)
       sns.pairplot(payment_comp, diag_kind = 'kde',
                       size = 3)
       plt.show()
              160
              140
              120
              100
               80
               60
               40
               20
              280
              260
              240
            Goldman Sachs Open
              220
              200
              180
              160
              140
              200
              175
              150
              125
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                          Square Open
                                                    Goldman Sachs Open
                                                                                    Paypal Open
```

From the above scatter matrix, we can say that there is a linear correlation between Square and

PayPal and less correlation between Goldman Sachs and the other companies.

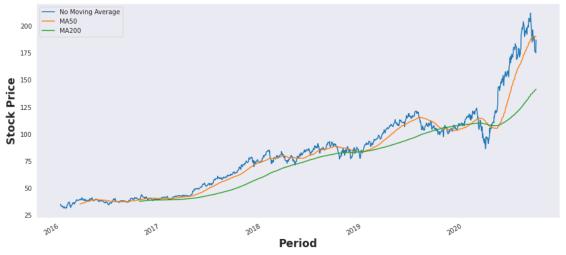
This may be attributed to the fact that Goldman Sachs is a traditional bank and Sqaure and PayPal are non-traditional fintech organisation who employ the use of the latest technology for their business operations

1.0.7 Explore PayPal Stock Prices

Moving averages are a simple and common type of smoothing used in time series analysis and time series forecasting. Calculating a moving average involves creating a new series where the values are comprised of the average of raw observations in the original time series

```
[24]: paypal['Open'].plot(label="No Moving Average", figsize=(15,7))
    paypal['MA50'] = paypal['Open'].rolling(50).mean()
    paypal['MA50'].plot(label="MA50")
    paypal['MA200'] = paypal['Open'].rolling(200).mean()
    paypal['MA200'].plot(label="MA200")
    plt.title('PAYPAL STOCK PRICE - MOVING AVERAGES', fontsize = 24, fontweight = 'bold', color = 'black')
    plt.xlabel('Period', fontsize = '17', fontweight = 'bold')
    plt.ylabel('Stock Price', fontsize = '17', fontweight = 'bold')
    plt.legend()
    plt.show()
```

PAYPAL STOCK PRICE - MOVING AVERAGES

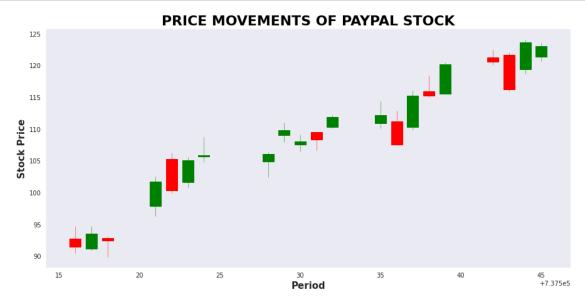


Candle stick visualization of price movements

```
[25]: paypal_reset = paypal.loc['2020-04': '2020-04'].reset_index()

paypal_reset['date_ax'] = paypal_reset['Date'].apply(lambda date:

date2num(date))
```



1.0.8 Daily Percentage Change of Square, PayPal, and Goldman Sachs for analysing volatility of stock price

$$r_t = \frac{p_t}{p_{t-1}} - 1$$

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2016-01-06 11.64
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     2016-01-07 11.37
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                                                                  1.820868e+07
     2016-01-08 11.54 11.200
                                11.25
                                      11.31
                                               587300
                                                           11.31 6.607125e+06
                  Returns
     Date
     2016-01-04
                      NaN
     2016-01-05 -0.053454
     2016-01-06 0.000869
     2016-01-07 -0.031250
     2016-01-08 0.013441
[27]: |goldman['Returns'] = (goldman['Close']/goldman['Close'].shift(1)) - 1
     goldman.head()
[27]:
                       High
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                                                          Close
                                                                    Volume \
                                    Low
     Date
     2016-01-04 177.190002
                             173.759995
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     2016-01-08 168.419998
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                             Total Traded
                                            Returns
     Date
     2016-01-04
                 163.456665
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     2016-01-06 156.720551
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     2016-01-07
                 151.903793
                             9.480023e+08 -0.030735
     2016-01-08 151.276291 8.220442e+08 -0.004131
[28]: paypal['Returns'] = (paypal['Close']/paypal['Close'].shift(1)) - 1
     paypal.head()
[28]:
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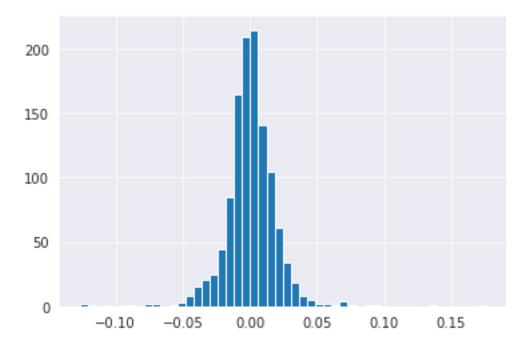
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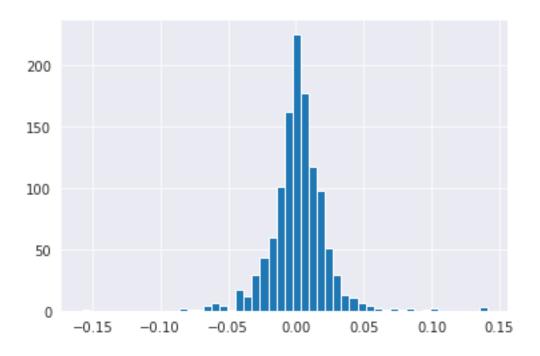
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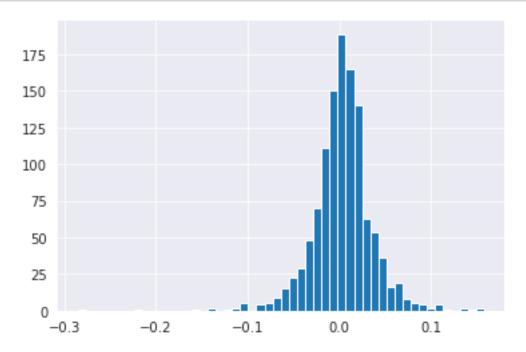
[29]: goldman['Returns'].hist(bins=50) plt.show()



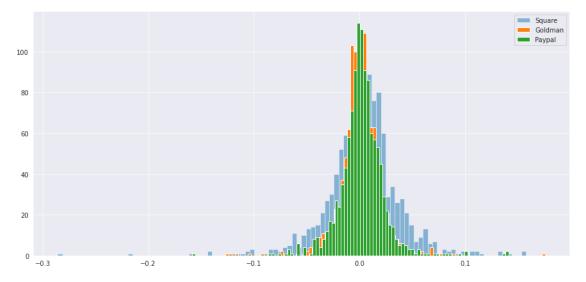
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[30]: paypal['Returns'].hist(bins=50)
plt.show()
```



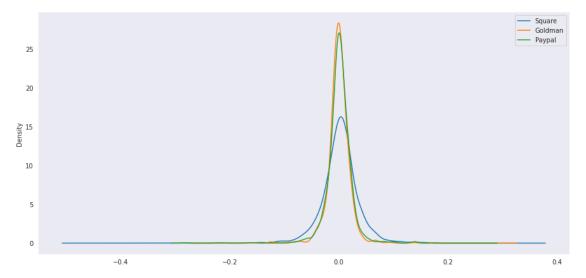
[31]: square['Returns'].hist(bins=50) plt.show()



```
[32]: square['Returns'].hist(bins=100, label='Square', alpha=0.5, figsize=(15,7))
  goldman['Returns'].hist(bins=100, label='Goldman')
  paypal['Returns'].hist(bins=100, label="Paypal")
  plt.legend()
  plt.show()
```

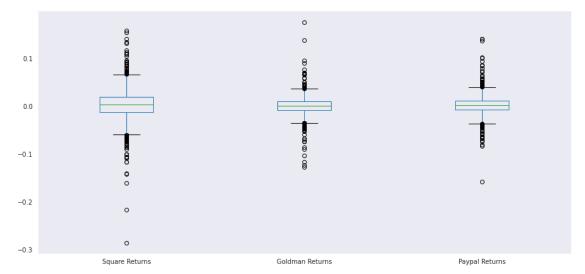


```
[33]: square['Returns'].plot(kind='kde', label='Square', figsize=(15,7))
goldman['Returns'].plot(kind='kde', label='Goldman')
paypal['Returns'].plot(kind='kde', label='Paypal')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



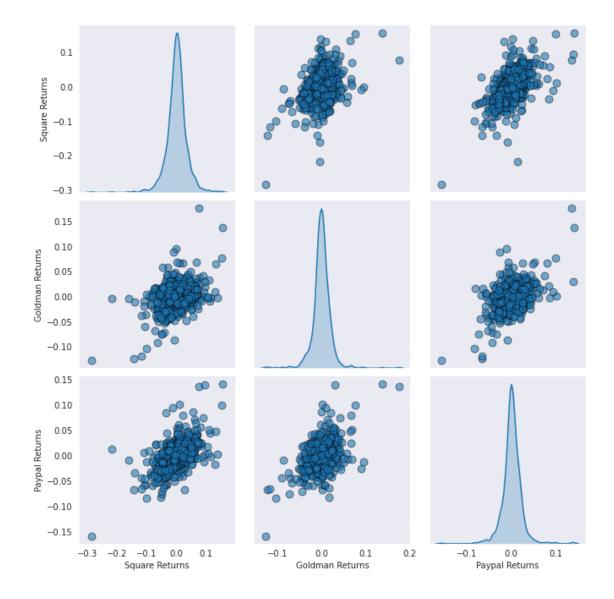
The KDE curve of Square is fatter/wider than that of Goldman Sachs and PayPal meaning that Square's stock is most volatile amongst the three.

We can also say that the KDE curve of PayPal and Goldman Sachs are very close to each other



From the above box plot, We can also say that the daily percentage change/return for Square is more spread out than that of Goldman Sachs and PayPal. Square is more volatile than Goldman Sachs and PayPal

1.0.9 Scatter Matrix to check for linear correlation between Sqaure, PayPal, and Goldman Sachs stock daily return



From the above scatter matrix, we can say that there is a little correlation between Square, Goldman Sachs, and PayPal volatility/stability

1.0.10 Cumulative Return

$$i_t = (1 + r_t)i_{t-1} = (1 + \frac{p_t}{p_{t-1}} - 1)i_{t-1} = \frac{p_t}{p_{t-1}} \ i_{t-1}$$

[37]: square.head()

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                                                                  1.820868e+07
                                                           11.31 6.607125e+06
     2016-01-08 11.54 11.200
                                11.25 11.31
                                               587300
                           Cumulative Return
                  Returns
     Date
     2016-01-04
                      {\tt NaN}
                                         NaN
     2016-01-05 -0.053454
                                    0.946546
     2016-01-06 0.000869
                                    0.947368
     2016-01-07 -0.031250
                                    0.917763
     2016-01-08 0.013441
                                    0.930099
     goldman['Cumulative Return'] = (1 + goldman['Returns']).cumprod()
[38]:
[39]:
     goldman.head()
[39]:
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                       High
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                                               Open
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     2016-01-06 156.720551
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     2016-01-07 151.903793
                             9.480023e+08 -0.030735
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     2016-01-08 151.276291 8.220442e+08 -0.004131
                                                              0.925483
     paypal['Cumulative Return'] = (1 + paypal['Returns']).cumprod()
「40]:
[41]:
     paypal.head()
[41]:
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2016-01-04 4.316669e+08
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2016-01-08 2.626208e+08
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[42]: square['Cumulative Return'].plot(label="Square", figsize=(15, 7))
goldman['Cumulative Return'].plot(label="Goldman")
paypal['Cumulative Return'].plot(label="Paypal")
plt.xlabel('Period', fontsize = '16', fontweight = 'bold')
plt.ylabel('USD', fontsize = '16', fontweight = 'bold')
plt.title("CUMULATIVE RETURN VS TIME", fontsize = 22, fontweight = 'bold',color

→= 'black')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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Which Stock showed the highest return for a 1 USD investment before 01-01-2016 to 22-09-2020? Answer - Square

Then, followed by PayPal, with Goldman Sachs having the lowest return.