

Algotrading: Developing algorithms in Quantconnect and Submitting Alpha

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OVERVIEW

To design and develop an intelligent systematic trading system leveraging the fundamentals of investing and algo trading.

SKILLS: Python, Understanding of libraries and Quantconnect

Phase 1: Foundation (2 weeks)

A :Fundamentals of Python

The project will be developed in python and hence the first part will be to understand python.

Getting familiarized with how to use notebooks or any python IDE for:

- Loading data
- Cleaning data
- Using Libraries, numpy and pandas and Yahoo Finance
- Creating Indicators (Technical, Fundamental) by libraries and raw python
- Visualising data

We will use google colab

Documentation of steps

Deliverable: A python script which inputs a dataframe and outputs all the important financial parameters like BASS and other indicators

B: Fundamentals of Quantconnect

Quantconnect is a very vast tool for developing trading algorithms. First phase is to complete all the bootcamps within quantconnect to get familiar with syntax and functions of QC

- Understanding of Quant Connects Alpha stream

Deliverable:Successfully completed all the bootcamps

Phase 2: Strategy Development (4 weeks)

A Develop multiple strategies for decision making using, technical or fundamental analysis

- Momentum
- Mean reversion
- Adding indicators
- Confirmations from multiple indicators

B. Selecting the robust strategies

C. Optimizing strategies for higher returns

D. Documentation on researches, findings and what the strategy is doing

Deliverable: A strategy that qualifies for Quant Connects Alpha criteria. Fintech Lab has 2 premium licenses so only two best algos will be nominated.

Alpha streams analysis:

- ☐ Backtest of at least 5 years.
- ☐ Backtest's start date cannot be earlier than 7 years ago
- ☐ Backtest ended at most 7 days ago.
- ☐ Use of the Alpha Streams Brokerage Model.
- ☐ Strategy is profitable.
- ☐ Not using external data sources.
- ☐ PSR greater than 80%.
- ☐ Low correlation with other submissions.
- ☐ Quick drawdown recovery.
- ☐ Backtest has more than 100 insights.

Phase 3: Other strategies (4 weeks)

If you can't find alpha in the previous strategies, more optimization can be required. If you achieved the alpha, it will be good to discover other strategies, only if you are familiar with or have a huge interest.

- Time Series
- Statistical Regression
- Machine Learning

Otherwise, work on optimisation of previous strategies by:

- Combining strategies
- Assign weights to strategies
- Diversification in Assets (Forex, Crypto, Derivatives)

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Phase 4 : Long Term portfolio strategy (4 weeks)

Creating a risk managed Portfolio with IDMR framework:

- Entry on BASS and other ratios
- Exit criteria
- Apply diversification and MPT
- Rebalance

Deliverable: A strategy that rebalances every week / month and beats the market (DJI)

Documentation on researches, findings and what the strategy is doing

Phase 5 : Final Report preparation and presentation (1 week)

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Buy and Hold / Forex

In this lesson we will implement a buy and hold strategy on FOREX assets - exploring how to request FOREX data, set your brokerage models, leverage and placing your first FOREX trades.

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using data

You have completed 2 out of 5 tasks of this lesson

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