

02_lobster_itch_data

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1 Tick Data from LOBSTER

LOBSTER (Limit Order Book System - The Efficient Reconstructor) is an [online](#) limit order book data tool to provide easy-to-use, high-quality limit order book data.

Since 2013 LOBSTER acts as a data provider for the academic community, giving access to reconstructed limit order book data for the entire universe of NASDAQ traded stocks.

More recently, it has started to make the data available on a commercial basis.

1.1 Imports

```
[7]: from pathlib import Path
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
from itertools import chain
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
%matplotlib inline
```

1.2 Load Orderbook Data

We will illustrate the functionality using a free sample.

Obtain data here: <https://lobsterdata.com/info/DataSamples.php>; [this](#) is the link to the 10-level file

The code assumes the file has been extracted into a `data` subfolder of the current directory.

```
[2]: list(chain(*(['Ask Price {0}', 'Ask Size {0}', 'Bid Price {0}', 'Bid Size {0}'].
    ↪format(i)).split(',') for i in range(10))))
```

```
[2]: ['Ask Price 0',
      'Ask Size 0',
      'Bid Price 0',
      'Bid Size 0',
      'Ask Price 1',
      'Ask Size 1',
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'Bid Price 1',
'Bid Size 1',
'Ask Price 2',
'Ask Size 2',
'Bid Price 2',
'Bid Size 2',
'Ask Price 3',
'Ask Size 3',
'Bid Price 3',
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'Bid Price 6',
'Bid Size 6',
'Ask Price 7',
'Ask Size 7',
'Bid Price 7',
'Bid Size 7',
'Ask Price 8',
'Ask Size 8',
'Bid Price 8',
'Bid Size 8',
'Ask Price 9',
'Ask Size 9',
'Bid Price 9',
'Bid Size 9']

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[4]: price = list(chain(*(['Ask Price {0}', 'Bid Price {0}'].format(i)).split(',') for i
    ↪ in range(10))))
size = list(chain(*(['Ask Size {0}', 'Bid Size {0}'].format(i)).split(',') for i in
    ↪ range(10))))
cols = list(chain(*zip(price, size)))

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[8]: path = Path('data')
order_data = 'AMZN_2012-06-21_34200000_57600000_orderbook_10.csv'
orders = pd.read_csv(path / order_data, header=None, names=cols)

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[9]: orders.info()

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 269748 entries, 0 to 269747
Data columns (total 40 columns):
Ask Price 0      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 0       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 0      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 0       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 1      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 1       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 1      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 1       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 2      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 2       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 2      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 2       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 3      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 3       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 3      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 3       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 4      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 4       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 4      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 4       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 5      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 5       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 5      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 5       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 6      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 6       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 6      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 6       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 7      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 7       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 7      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 7       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 8      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 8       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 8      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 8       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 9      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 9       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 9      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 9       269748 non-null int64
dtypes: int64(40)
memory usage: 82.3 MB

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[9]: orders.head()
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[9]:      Ask Price 0  Ask Size 0  Bid Price 0  Bid Size 0  Ask Price 1  Ask Size 1  \
0      2239500      100      2231800      100      2239900      100
1      2239500      100      2238100      21      2239900      100
2      2239500      100      2238100      21      2239600      20
3      2239500      100      2238100      21      2239600      20
4      2239500      100      2238100      21      2239600      20

      Bid Price 1  Bid Size 1  Ask Price 2  Ask Size 2  ...  Bid Price 7  \
0      2230700      200      2240000      220      ...      2202500
1      2231800      100      2240000      220      ...      2204000
2      2231800      100      2239900      100      ...      2204000
3      2237500      100      2239900      100      ...      2213000
4      2237500      100      2239900      100      ...      2213000

      Bid Size 7  Ask Price 8  Ask Size 8  Bid Price 8  Bid Size 8  Ask Price 9  \
0      5000      2294300      100      2202000      100      2298000
1      100      2294300      100      2202500      5000      2298000
2      100      2267700      100      2202500      5000      2294300
3      4000      2267700      100      2204000      100      2294300
4      4000      2267700      100      2204000      100      2294300

      Ask Size 9  Bid Price 9  Bid Size 9
0      100      2189700      100
1      100      2202000      100
2      100      2202000      100
3      100      2202500      5000
4      100      2202500      5000

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[5 rows x 40 columns]

1.2.1 Message Data

Message Type Codes:

- 1: Submission of a new limit order
- 2: Cancellation (Partial deletion of a limit order)
- 3: Deletion (Total deletion of a limit order)
- 4: Execution of a visible limit order
- 5: Execution of a hidden limit order
- 7: Trading halt indicator
(Detailed information below)

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[10]: types = {1: 'submission',
              2: 'cancellation',
              3: 'deletion',
              4: 'execution_visible',
              5: 'execution_hidden',

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7: 'trading_halt'}
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[11]: trading_date = '2012-06-21'
      levels = 10
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[12]: message_data = 'AMZN_{}_34200000_57600000_message_{}.csv'.format(trading_date,
      ↪levels)
      messages = pd.read_csv(path / message_data, header=None, names=['time', 'type',
      ↪'order_id', 'size', 'price', 'direction'])
      messages.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 269748 entries, 0 to 269747
Data columns (total 6 columns):
time          269748 non-null float64
type          269748 non-null int64
order_id      269748 non-null int64
size          269748 non-null int64
price         269748 non-null int64
direction     269748 non-null int64
dtypes: float64(1), int64(5)
memory usage: 12.3 MB
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```
[13]: messages.head()
```

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[13]:
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	time	type	order_id	size	price	direction
0	34200.017460	5	0	1	2238200	-1
1	34200.189608	1	11885113	21	2238100	1
2	34200.189608	1	3911376	20	2239600	-1
3	34200.189608	1	11534792	100	2237500	1
4	34200.189608	1	1365373	13	2240000	-1

```
[14]: messages.type.map(types).value_counts()
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[14]: submission          131954
      deletion           123458
      execution_visible    8974
      cancellation        2917
      execution_hidden     2445
      Name: type, dtype: int64
```

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[15]: messages.time = pd.to_timedelta(messages.time, unit='s')
      messages['trading_date'] = pd.to_datetime(trading_date)
      messages.time = messages.trading_date.add(messages.time)
      messages.drop('trading_date', axis=1, inplace=True)
      messages.head()
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[15]:
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		time	type	order_id	size	price	direction
0	2012-06-21 09:30:00.017459617		5	0	1	2238200	-1
1	2012-06-21 09:30:00.189607670		1	11885113	21	2238100	1
2	2012-06-21 09:30:00.189607670		1	3911376	20	2239600	-1
3	2012-06-21 09:30:00.189607670		1	11534792	100	2237500	1
4	2012-06-21 09:30:00.189607670		1	1365373	13	2240000	-1

```
[16]: data = pd.concat([messages, orders], axis=1)
data.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 269748 entries, 0 to 269747
Data columns (total 46 columns):
time                269748 non-null datetime64[ns]
type                269748 non-null int64
order_id            269748 non-null int64
size                269748 non-null int64
price               269748 non-null int64
direction           269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 0         269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 0           269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 0          269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 0           269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 1          269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 1           269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 1          269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 1           269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 2          269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 2           269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 2          269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 2           269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 3          269748 non-null int64
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Bid Price 3          269748 non-null int64
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Ask Price 4          269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 4           269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 4          269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 4           269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 5          269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 5           269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 5          269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 5           269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 6          269748 non-null int64
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Bid Price 6          269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 6           269748 non-null int64
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Ask Price 7      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 7       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 7      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 7       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 8      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 8       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 8      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 8       269748 non-null int64
Ask Price 9      269748 non-null int64
Ask Size 9       269748 non-null int64
Bid Price 9      269748 non-null int64
Bid Size 9       269748 non-null int64
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), int64(45)
memory usage: 94.7 MB

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[17]: ex = data[data.type.isin([4, 5])]
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[18]: ex.head()
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[18]:
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		time	type	order_id	size	price	direction	\
0	2012-06-21 09:30:00.017459617	5	0	1	2238200	-1		
32	2012-06-21 09:30:00.190226476	4	11885113	21	2238100	1		
33	2012-06-21 09:30:00.190226476	4	11534792	26	2237500	1		
37	2012-06-21 09:30:00.372779672	5	0	100	2238400	-1		
38	2012-06-21 09:30:00.375671205	5	0	100	2238400	-1		

	Ask Price 0	Ask Size 0	Bid Price 0	Bid Size 0	...	Bid Price 7	\
0	2239500	100	2231800	100	...	2202500	
32	2239500	100	2237500	100	...	2230400	
33	2239500	100	2237500	74	...	2230400	
37	2239500	100	2237500	74	...	2226200	
38	2239500	100	2237500	74	...	2226200	

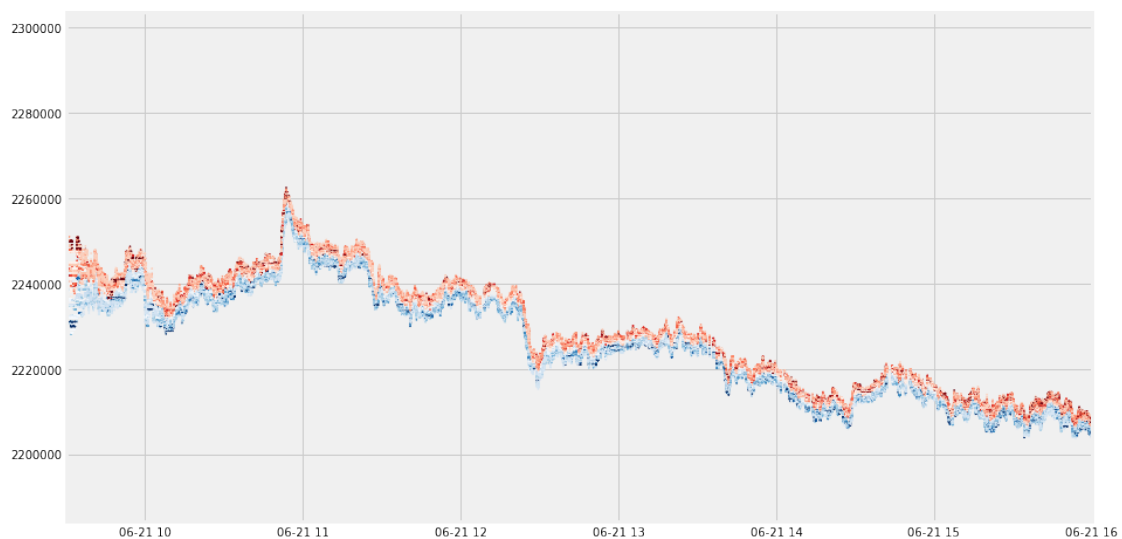
	Bid Size 7	Ask Price 8	Ask Size 8	Bid Price 8	Bid Size 8	Ask Price 9	\
0	5000	2294300	100	2202000	100	2298000	
32	100	2244900	100	2230000	10	2245000	
33	100	2244900	100	2230000	10	2245000	
37	100	2244900	100	2213000	4000	2245000	
38	100	2244900	100	2213000	4000	2245000	

	Ask Size 9	Bid Price 9	Bid Size 9
0	100	2189700	100
32	5	2226200	100
33	5	2226200	100
37	5	2204000	100
38	5	2204000	100

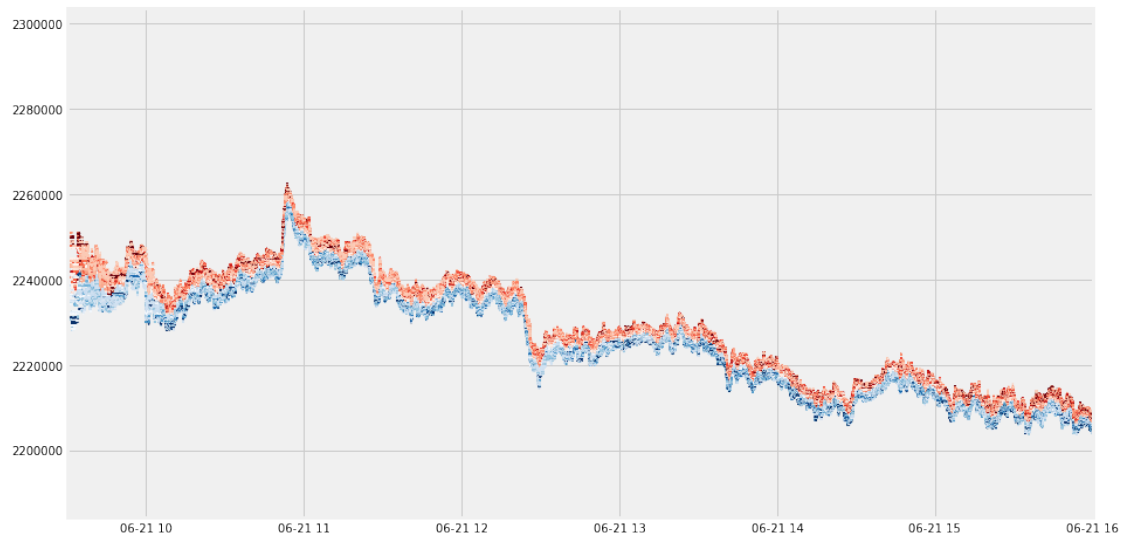
[5 rows x 46 columns]

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[19]: cmaps = {'Bid': 'Blues', 'Ask': 'Reds'}
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```
[20]: fig, ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(14, 8))
time = ex['time'].dt.to_pydatetime()
for i in range(10):
    for t in ['Bid', 'Ask']:
        y, c = ex['{} Price {}'.format(t, i)], ex['{} Size {}'.format(t, i)]
        ax.scatter(x=time, y=y, c=c, cmap=cmeps[t], s=1, vmin=1, vmax=c.
        ↳quantile(.95))
ax.set_xlim(datetime(2012, 6, 21, 9, 30), datetime(2012, 6, 21, 16, 0));
```



```
[21]: fig, ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(14, 8))
time = data['time'].dt.to_pydatetime()
for i in range(10):
    for t in ['Bid', 'Ask']:
        y, c = data['{} Price {}'.format(t, i)], data['{} Size {}'.format(t, i)]
        ax.scatter(x=time, y=y, c=c, cmap=cmeps[t], s=1, vmin=1, vmax=c.
        ↳quantile(.95))
ax.set_xlim(datetime(2012, 6, 21, 9, 30), datetime(2012, 6, 21, 16, 0));
```

[]: