

algoseek_minute_data

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1 Processing Algoseek's Trade & Quote Minute Bar data

In this notebook, we load the high-quality NASDAQ100 minute-bar trade-and-quote data generously provided by [Algoseek](#) (available [here](#)) that we will use in [Chapter 12](#) to develop an intraday trading strategy.

1.1 Imports & Settings

```
[1]: import warnings

warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
[2]: % matplotlib inline

from pathlib import Path
from tqdm import tqdm

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

```
[3]: sns.set_style('whitegrid')
idx = pd.IndexSlice
```

1.2 Algoseek Trade & Quote Minute Bar Data

1.2.1 Data Dictionary

The Quote fields are based on changes to the NBBO ([National Best Bid Offer](#)) from the top-of-book price and size from each of the exchanges.

The enhanced Trade & Quote bar fields include the following fields: - **Field**: Name of Field. - **Q / T**: Field based on Quotes or Trades - **Type**: Field format - **No Value**: Value of field when there is no value or data. - Note: “Never” means field should always have a value EXCEPT for the first bar of the day. - **Description**: Description of the field.

id	Field	Q/TType	No	ValueDescription
			Value	
1	Date	YYYYMMDD	Never	Trade Date
2	Ticker	String	Never	Ticker Symbol
3	TimeBarStart	HHMM	Never	For minute bars: HHMM. For second bars: HHMMSS.
		HH-MMSS		Examples- One second bar 130302 is from time greater than 130301 to 130302.- One minute bar 1104 is from time greater than 1103 to 1104.
4	OpenBarTime	HHMMSSMMM	Never	Open Time of the Bar, for example one minute:11:03:00.000
5	OpenBidPrice	Number	Never	NBBO Bid Price as of bar Open
6	OpenBidSize	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchanges with OpenBidPrice
7	OpenAskPrice	Number	Never	NBBO Ask Price as of bar Open
8	OpenAskSize	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchange with OpenAskPrice
9	FirstTradeTime	HHMMSSMMM	Blank	Time of first Trade
10	FirstTradePrice	Number	Blank	Price of first Trade
11	FirstTradeSize	Number	Blank	Number of shares of first trade
12	HighBidTime	HHMMSSMMM	Never	Time of highest NBBO Bid Price
13	HighBidPrice	Number	Never	Highest NBBO Bid Price
14	HighBidSize	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchanges with HighBidPrice
15	AskPriceAtHighBidPrice	Number	Never	Ask Price at time of Highest Bid Price
16	AskSizeAtHighBidPrice	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchanges with AskPriceAtHighBidPrice
17	HighTradeTime	HHMMSSMMM	Blank	Time of Highest Trade
18	HighTradePrice	Number	Blank	Price of highest Trade
19	HighTradeSize	Number	Blank	Number of shares of highest trade
20	LowBidTime	HHMMSSMMM	Never	Time of lowest Bid
21	LowBidPrice	Number	Never	Lowest NBBO Bid price of bar.
22	LowBidSize	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchanges with LowBidPrice
23	AskPriceAtLowBidPrice	Number	Never	Ask Price at lowest Bid price
24	AskSizeAtLowBidPrice	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchanges with AskPriceAtLowBidPrice
25	LowTradeTime	HHMMSSMMM	Blank	Time of lowest Trade
26	LowTradePrice	Number	Blank	Price of lowest Trade
27	LowTradeSize	Number	Blank	Number of shares of lowest trade
28	CloseBarTime	HHMMSSMMM	Never	Close Time of the Bar, for example one minute: 11:03:59.999
29	CloseBidPrice	Number	Never	NBBO Bid Price at bar Close
30	CloseBidSize	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchange with CloseBidPrice
31	CloseAskPrice	Number	Never	NBBO Ask Price at bar Close
32	CloseAskSize	Number	Never	Total Size from all Exchange with CloseAskPrice
33	LastTradeTime	HHMMSSMMM	Blank	Time of last Trade
34	LastTradePrice	Number	Blank	Price of last Trade
35	LastTradeSize	Number	Blank	Number of shares of last trade
36	MinSpread	Number	Never	Minimum Bid-Ask spread size. This may be 0 if the market was crossed during the bar.If negative spread due to back quote, make it 0.
37	MaxSpread	Number	Never	Maximum Bid-Ask spread in bar

			No	
id	Field	Q/TType	Value	Description
38	CancelSize	Number	0	Total shares canceled. Default=blank
39	VolumeWeightedPrice	Number	Blank	Trade Volume weighted average price $\text{Sum}((\text{Trade1SharesPrice})+(\text{Trade2SharesPrice})+\dots)/\text{TotalShares}.$ Note: Blank if no trades.
40	NBBOQuoteCount	Number	0	Number of Bid and Ask NNBO quotes during bar period.
41	TradeAtBid	Number	0	Sum of trade volume that occurred at or below the bid (a trade reported/printed late can be below current bid).
42	TradeAtBidMid	Number	0	Sum of trade volume that occurred between the bid and the mid-point:(Trade Price > NBBO Bid) & (Trade Price < NBBO Mid)
43	TradeAtMid	Number	0	Sum of trade volume that occurred at mid.TradePrice = NBBO MidPoint
44	TradeAtMidAsk	Number	0	Sum of ask volume that occurred between the mid and ask:(Trade Price > NBBO Mid) & (Trade Price < NBBO Ask)
45	TradeAtAsk	Number	0	Sum of trade volume that occurred at or above the Ask.
46	TradeAtCrossed	Number	0	Sum of trade volume for bar when national best bid/offer is locked or crossed. Locked is Bid = Ask Crossed is Bid > Ask
47	Volume	Number	0	Total number of shares traded
48	TotalTrades	Number	0	Total number of trades
49	FinraVolume	Number	0	Number of shares traded that are reported by FINRA. Trades reported by FINRA are from broker-dealer internalization, dark pools, Over-The-Counter, etc. FINRA trades represent volume that is hidden or not public available to trade.
50	UptickVolume	Integer	0	Total number of shares traded with upticks during bar.An uptick = (trade price > last trade price)
51	DowntickVolume	Integer	0	Total number of shares traded with downticks during bar.A downtick = (trade price < last trade price)
52	RepeatUptickVolume	Integer	0	Total number of shares where trade price is the same (repeated) and last price change was up during bar. Repeat uptick = (trade price == last trade price) & (last tick direction == up)
53	RepeatDowntickVolume	Integer	0	Total number of shares where trade price is the same (repeated) and last price change was down during bar. Repeat downtick = (trade price == last trade price) & (last tick direction == down)
54	UnknownVolume	Integer	0	When the first trade of the day takes place, the tick direction is “unknown” as there is no previous Trade to compare it to.This field is the volume of the first trade after 4am and acts as an initiation value for the tick volume directions.In future this bar will be renamed to UnkownTickDirectionVolume .

1.2.2 Notes

Empty Fields

An empty field has no value and is “Blank” , for example FirstTradeTime and there are no trades during the bar period. The field Volume measuring total number of shares traded in bar will be 0 if there are no Trades (see No Value column above for each field).

No Bid/Ask/Trade OHLC

During a bar timeframe there may not be a change in the NBBO or an actual Trade. For example, there can be a bar with OHLC Bid/Ask but no Trade OHLC.

Single Event

For bars with only one trade, one NBBO bid or one NBBO ask then Open/High/Low/Close price,size andtime will be the same.

AskPriceAtHighBidPrice, AskSizeAtHighBidPrice, AskPriceAtLowBidPrice, AskSizeAtLowBidPrice Fields

To provide consistent Bid/Ask prices at a point in time while showing the low/high Bid/Ask for the bar, AlgoSeek uses the low/high Bid and the corresponding Ask at that price.

1.2.3 FAQ

Why are Trade Prices often inside the Bid Price to Ask Price range?

The Low/High Bid/Ask is the low and high NBBO price for the bar range. Very often a Trade may not occur at these prices as the price may only last a few seconds or executions are being crossed at mid-point due to hidden order types that execute at mid-point or as price improvement over current Bid/Ask.

How to get exchange tradable shares?

To get the exchange tradable volume in a bar subtract Volume from FinraVolume. - Volume is the total number of shares traded. - FinraVolume is the total number of shares traded that are reported as executions by FINRA.

When a trade is done that is off the listed exchanges, it must be reported to FINRA by the brokerage firm or dark pool. Examples include: - internal crosses by broker dealer - over-the-counter block trades, and - dark pool executions.

1.3 Data prep

We use the ‘Trade and Quote’ dataset - see [documentation](#) for details on the definition of the numerous fields.

```
[5]: tcols = ['openbartime',  
            'firsttradetime',  
            'highbidtime',  
            'highasktime',  
            'hightradetime',  
            'lowbidtime',
```

```
'lowasktime',  
'lowtradetime',  
'closebartime',  
'lasttradetime']
```

```
[6]: drop_cols = ['unknowntickvolume',  
                 'cancelsize',  
                 'tradeatcrossorlocked']
```

```
[7]: keep = ['firsttradeprice',  
            'hightradeprice',  
            'lowtradeprice',  
            'lasttradeprice',  
            'minspread',  
            'maxspread',  
            'volumeweightprice',  
            'nbboquotecount',  
            'tradeatbid',  
            'tradeatbidmid',  
            'tradeatmid',  
            'tradeatmidask',  
            'tradeatask',  
            'volume',  
            'totaltrades',  
            'finravolume',  
            'finravolumeweightprice',  
            'uptickvolume',  
            'downtickvolume',  
            'repeatuptickvolume',  
            'repeatdowntickvolume',  
            'tradetomidvolweight',  
            'tradetomidvolweightrelative']
```

We will shorten most of the field names to reduce typing:

```
[8]: columns = {'volumeweightprice': 'price',  
               'finravolume': 'fvolume',  
               'finravolumeweightprice': 'fprice',  
               'uptickvolume': 'up',  
               'downtickvolume': 'down',  
               'repeatuptickvolume': 'rup',  
               'repeatdowntickvolume': 'rdown',  
               'firsttradeprice': 'first',  
               'hightradeprice': 'high',  
               'lowtradeprice': 'low',  
               'lasttradeprice': 'last',  
               'nbboquotecount': 'nbbo',
```

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'totaltrades': 'ntrades',
'openbidprice': 'obprice',
'openbidsize': 'obsize',
'openaskprice': 'oaprice',
'openasksize': 'oasize',
'highbidprice': 'hbprice',
'highbidsize': 'hbsize',
'highaskprice': 'haprice',
'highasksize': 'hasize',
'lowbidprice': 'lbprice',
'lowbidsize': 'lbsize',
'lowaskprice': 'laprice',
'lowasksize': 'lasize',
'closebidprice': 'cbprice',
'closebidsize': 'cbsize',
'closeaskprice': 'caprice',
'closeasksize': 'casize',
'firsttradesize': 'firstsize',
'hightradesize': 'highsize',
'lowtradesize': 'lowsize',
'lasttradesize': 'lastsize',
'tradetomidvolweight': 'volweight',
'tradetomidvolweightrelative': 'volweightrel'}

```

The Algoseek minute-bar data comes in compressed csv files that contain the data for one symbol and day, organized in three directories for each year (2015-17). The function `extract_and_combine_data` reads the ~80K source files and combines them into a single hdf5 file for faster access.

The data is fairly large (>8GB), and if you run into memory constraints, please modify the code to process the data in smaller chunks. One options is to iterate over the three directories containing data for a single year only, and storing each year separately.

```
[4]: nasdaq_path = Path('../data/nasdaq100')
```

```
[14]: def extract_and_combine_data():
    path = nasdaq_path / '1min_taq'
    if not path.exists():
        path.mkdir(parents=True)

    data = []
    # ~80K files to process
    for f in tqdm(list(path.glob('*/*/*.csv.gz'))):
        data.append(pd.read_csv(f, parse_dates=[['Date', 'TimeBarStart']])
                     .rename(columns=str.lower)
                     .drop(tcols + drop_cols, axis=1)
                     .rename(columns=columns)
                     .set_index('date_timebarstart'))

```

```

        .sort_index()
        .between_time('9:30', '16:00')
        .set_index('ticker', append=True)
        .swaplevel()
        .rename(columns=lambda x: x.replace('tradeat', 'at'))
data = pd.concat(data).apply(pd.to_numeric, downcast='integer')
data.index.rename(['ticker', 'date_time'], inplace=True)
print(data.info(show_counts=True))
data.to_hdf(nasdaq_path / 'algoseek.h5', 'min_taq')

```

```
[15]: extract_and_combine_data()
```

```
80194it [20:55, 63.87it/s]
```

```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
MultiIndex: 31355463 entries, ('MSFT', Timestamp('2015-02-09 09:30:00')) to
('DISH', Timestamp('2016-10-11 16:00:00'))
Data columns (total 45 columns):
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   obprice                31355451 non-null  float64
1   obsize                 31355451 non-null  float64
2   oaprice                31355457 non-null  float64
3   oasize                 31355457 non-null  float64
4   first                  30955838 non-null  float64
5   firstsize              30955838 non-null  float64
6   hbprice                31355463 non-null  float64
7   hbsize                 31355463 non-null  int32
8   haprice                31355463 non-null  float64
9   hasize                 31355463 non-null  int32
10  high                   30955838 non-null  float64
11  highsize               30955838 non-null  float64
12  lbprice                31355463 non-null  float64
13  lbsize                 31355463 non-null  int32
14  laprice                31355463 non-null  float64
15  lasize                 31355463 non-null  int32
16  low                    30955838 non-null  float64
17  lowsize                30955838 non-null  float64
18  cbprice                31355463 non-null  float64
19  cbsize                 31355463 non-null  int32
20  caprice                31355463 non-null  float64
21  casize                 31355463 non-null  int32
22  last                   30955838 non-null  float64
23  lastsize               30955838 non-null  float64
24  minspread              31354810 non-null  float64
25  maxspread              31355327 non-null  float64
26  price                  30386944 non-null  float64
27  nbbo                   31355463 non-null  int32

```

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28  atbid          31355463 non-null  int32
29  atbidmid       31355463 non-null  int32
30  atmid          31355463 non-null  int32
31  atmidask       31355463 non-null  int32
32  atask          31355463 non-null  int32
33  volume         31355463 non-null  int32
34  ntrades        31355463 non-null  int16
35  fvolume        31355463 non-null  int32
36  fprice         29561289 non-null  float64
37  up             31355463 non-null  int32
38  down           31355463 non-null  int32
39  rup            31355463 non-null  int32
40  rdown          31355463 non-null  int32
41  volweight      30386944 non-null  float64
42  volweightrel   30386944 non-null  float64
43  timeweightbid  31355463 non-null  float64
44  timeweightask  31355463 non-null  float64
dtypes: float64(26), int16(1), int32(18)
memory usage: 8.4+ GB
None

```

```
[9]: df = pd.read_hdf(nasdaq_path / 'algoseek.h5', 'min_taq')
```

```
[10]: df.info(null_counts=True)
```

```

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7   hbsize           31355463 non-null  int32
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15  lasize           31355463 non-null  int32
16  low              30955838 non-null  float64

```



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17  lowsize      30955838 non-null float64
18  cbprice     31355463 non-null float64
19  cbsize      31355463 non-null int32
20  caprice     31355463 non-null float64
21  casize      31355463 non-null int32
22  last        30955838 non-null float64
23  lastsize    30955838 non-null float64
24  minspread   31354810 non-null float64
25  maxspread   31355327 non-null float64
26  price       30386944 non-null float64
27  nbbo        31355463 non-null int32
28  atbid       31355463 non-null int32
29  atbidmid    31355463 non-null int32
30  atmid       31355463 non-null int32
31  atmidask    31355463 non-null int32
32  atask       31355463 non-null int32
33  volume      31355463 non-null int32
34  ntrades     31355463 non-null int16
35  fvolume     31355463 non-null int32
36  fprice      29561289 non-null float64
37  up          31355463 non-null int32
38  down        31355463 non-null int32
39  rup         31355463 non-null int32
40  rdown       31355463 non-null int32
41  volweight    30386944 non-null float64
42  volweightrel 30386944 non-null float64
43  timeweightbid 31355463 non-null float64
44  timeweightask 31355463 non-null float64
dtypes: float64(26), int16(1), int32(18)
memory usage: 8.4+ GB

```

1.4 NASDAQ 100 Constituents

The dataset contains 142 stocks because there were multiple changes to index membership over the 2015-17 period:

```
[11]: len(df.index.unique('ticker'))
```

```
[11]: 142
```

The below heatmap highlights the frequent entry/exit points of various securities, which emphasizes the need for a survivorship-free dataset.

```
[53]: constituents = (df.groupby([df.index.get_level_values('date_time').date,
    ↪ 'ticker']))
        .size()
        .unstack('ticker')
        .notnull()
```


[]: