02 normalize tick data

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1 Analyze Order Book Data

1.1 Imports & Settings

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
    from pathlib import Path
    import numpy as np
    from collections import Counter
    from time import time
    from datetime import datetime, timedelta, time
    import seaborn as sns
    import matplotlib as mpl
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    from matplotlib.ticker import FuncFormatter
    from math import pi
    from bokeh.plotting import figure, show, output_file, output_notebook
    from scipy.stats import normaltest
```

```
[2]: %matplotlib inline
  pd.set_option('display.float_format', lambda x: '%.2f' % x)
  plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
```

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[3]: data_path = Path('data')
  itch_store = str(data_path / 'itch.h5')
  order_book_store = str(data_path / 'order_book.h5')
  stock = 'AAPL'
  date = '20190327'
  title = '{} | {}'.format(stock, pd.to_datetime(date).date())
```

1.2 Load system event data

```
[6]: with pd.HDFStore(itch_store) as store:
    sys_events = store['S'].set_index('event_code').drop_duplicates()
    sys_events.timestamp = sys_events.timestamp.add(pd.to_datetime(date)).dt.
    time
    market_open = sys_events.loc['Q', 'timestamp']
    market_close = sys_events.loc['M', 'timestamp']
```

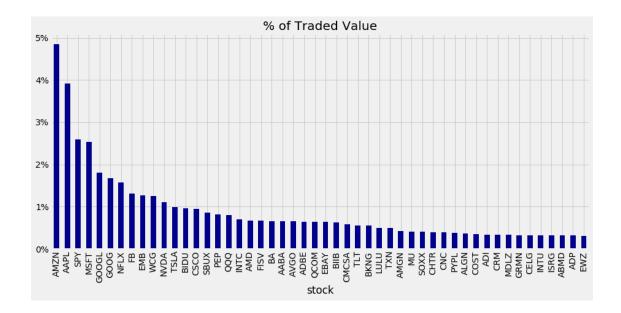
1.3 Trade Summary

We will combine the messages that refer to actual trades to learn about the volumes for each asset.

```
[7]: with pd.HDFStore(itch_store) as store:
    stocks = store['R']
stocks.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 8712 entries, 0 to 8711
Data columns (total 17 columns):
stock locate
                                  8712 non-null int64
tracking_number
                                  8712 non-null int64
timestamp
                                  8712 non-null timedelta64[ns]
stock
                                  8712 non-null object
                                  8712 non-null object
market_category
                                  8712 non-null object
financial_status_indicator
round_lot_size
                                  8712 non-null int64
                                  8712 non-null object
round_lots_only
issue_classification
                                  8712 non-null object
issue_sub_type
                                  8712 non-null object
                                  8712 non-null object
authenticity
short_sale_threshold_indicator
                                  8712 non-null object
                                  8712 non-null object
ipo flag
luld_reference_price_tier
                                  8712 non-null object
etp_flag
                                  8712 non-null object
etp_leverage_factor
                                  8712 non-null int64
inverse_indicator
                                  8712 non-null object
dtypes: int64(4), object(12), timedelta64[ns](1)
memory usage: 1.2+ MB
```

As expected, a small number of the over 8,500 equity securities traded on this day account for most trades



1.4 AAPL Trade Summary

```
[4]: with pd.HDFStore(order_book_store) as store:
    trades = store['{}/trades'.format(stock)]
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[7]: trades.price = trades.price.mul(1e-4)
    trades = trades[trades.cross == 0]
    trades = trades.between_time(market_open, market_close).drop('cross', axis=1)
    trades.info()
```

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

DatetimeIndex: 59233 entries, 2019-03-27 09:30:00.029662346 to 2019-03-27

15:59:59.940302031

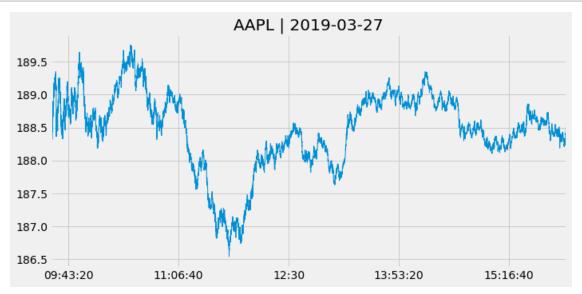
Data columns (total 2 columns): shares 59233 non-null int64 price 59233 non-null float64 dtypes: float64(1), int64(1)

memory usage: 1.4 MB

1.5 Tick Bars

The trade data is indexed by nanoseconds and is very noisy. The bid-ask bounce, for instance, causes the price to oscillate between the bid and ask prices when trade initiation alternates between buy and sell market orders. To improve the noise-signal ratio and improve the statistical properties, we need to resample and regularize the tick data by aggregating the trading activity.

We typically collect the open (first), low, high, and closing (last) price for the aggregated period, alongside the volume-weighted average price (VWAP), the number of shares traded, and the timestamp associated with the data.



1.5.1 Test for Normality of tick returns

```
[13]: normaltest(tick_bars.price.pct_change().dropna())
```

[13]: NormaltestResult(statistic=11417.148036373566, pvalue=0.0)

1.6 Regularizing Tick Data

1.6.1 Price-Volume Chart

We will use the price_volume function to compare the price-volume relation for various regularization methods.

```
[11]: def price_volume(df, price='vwap', vol='vol', suptitle=title):
    fig, axes = plt.subplots(nrows=2, sharex=True, figsize=(15,8))
    axes[0].plot(df.index, df[price])
    axes[1].bar(df.index, df[vol], width=1/(len(df.index)), color='r')

# formatting
xfmt = mpl.dates.DateFormatter('%H:%M')
axes[1].xaxis.set_major_locator(mpl.dates.HourLocator(interval=3))
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axes[1].xaxis.set_major_formatter(xfmt)
axes[1].get_xaxis().set_tick_params(which='major', pad=25)
axes[0].set_title('Price', fontsize=14)
axes[1].set_title('Volume', fontsize=14)
fig.autofmt_xdate()
fig.suptitle(suptitle)
fig.tight_layout()
plt.subplots_adjust(top=0.9)
```

1.6.2 Time Bars

Time bars involve trade aggregation by period.

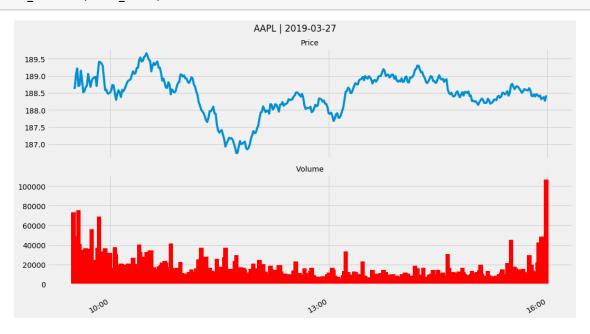
```
[9]: def get_bar_stats(agg_trades):
    vwap = agg_trades.apply(lambda x: np.average(x.price, weights=x.shares)).
    →to_frame('vwap')
    ohlc = agg_trades.price.ohlc()
    vol = agg_trades.shares.sum().to_frame('vol')
    txn = agg_trades.shares.size().to_frame('txn')
    return pd.concat([ohlc, vwap, vol, txn], axis=1)
```

We create time bars using the .resample() method with the desired period.

```
[15]: resampled = trades.resample('1Min')
   time_bars = get_bar_stats(resampled)
   normaltest(time_bars.vwap.pct_change().dropna())
```

[15]: NormaltestResult(statistic=24.646369641916355, pvalue=4.4474270458019155e-06)

[16]: price_volume(time_bars)



1.6.3 Bokeh Candlestick Chart

Alternative visualization using the bokeh library:

```
[20]: resampled = trades.resample('5Min') # 5 Min bars for better print
      df = get_bar_stats(resampled)
      increase = df.close > df.open
      decrease = df.open > df.close
      W = 2.5 * 60 * 1000 # 2.5 min in ms
      WIDGETS = "pan, wheel_zoom, box_zoom, reset, save"
      p = figure(x_axis_type='datetime', tools=WIDGETS, plot_width=1500, title =_u
      →"AAPL Candlestick")
      p.xaxis.major_label_orientation = pi/4
      p.grid.grid_line_alpha=0.4
      p.segment(df.index, df.high, df.index, df.low, color="black")
      p.vbar(df.index[increase], w, df.open[increase], df.close[increase],

→fill_color="#D5E1DD", line_color="black")
      p.vbar(df.index[decrease], w, df.open[decrease], df.close[decrease],

→fill_color="#F2583E", line_color="black")
      show(p)
```

1.6.4 Volume Bars

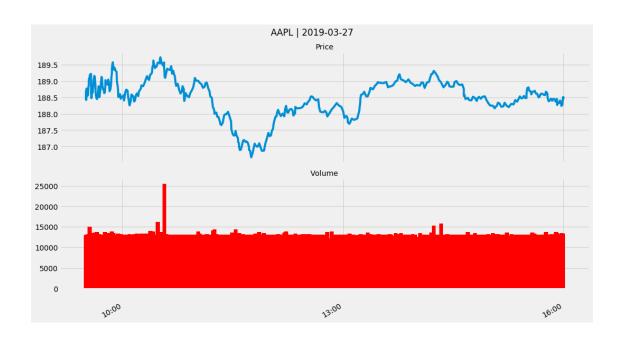
Time bars smooth some of the noise contained in the raw tick data but may fail to account for the fragmentation of orders. Execution-focused algorithmic trading may aim to match the volume weighted average price (VWAP) over a given period, and will divide a single order into multiple trades and place orders according to historical patterns. Time bars would treat the same order differently, even though no new information has arrived in the market.

Volume bars offer an alternative by aggregating trade data according to volume. We can accomplish this as follows:

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15:59:59.940302031
     Data columns (total 2 columns):
               59233 non-null int64
     shares
     price
               59233 non-null float64
     dtypes: float64(1), int64(1)
     memory usage: 1.4 MB
[19]: trades_per_min = trades.shares.sum()/(60*7.5) # min per trading day
      trades['cumul_vol'] = trades.shares.cumsum()
[20]: df = trades.reset_index()
      by_vol = df.groupby(df.cumul_vol.div(trades_per_min).round().astype(int))
      vol_bars = pd.concat([by_vol.timestamp.last().to_frame('timestamp'),_

    get_bar_stats(by_vol)], axis=1)
      vol_bars.head()
[20]:
                                                       high
                                                                             vwap \
                                    timestamp
                                                open
                                                               low close
     cumul_vol
      0
                2019-03-27 09:30:00.952259968 188.75 188.75 188.60 188.67 188.69
                2019-03-27 09:30:06.813279061 188.60 188.78 188.57 188.58 188.70
      1
      2
                2019-03-27 09:30:12.852328216 188.58 188.58 188.30 188.37 188.42
      3
                2019-03-27 09:30:30.588840948 188.33 188.89 188.32 188.82 188.77
      4
                2019-03-27 09:30:45.473718520 188.82 188.83 188.46 188.56 188.66
                   vol txn
      cumul_vol
      0
                  6526
                         71
      1
                 13022
                        141
      2
                 13088
                        161
      3
                 13143 173
      4
                 13051 148
[21]: price_volume(vol_bars.set_index('timestamp'))
```



[22]: normaltest(vol_bars.vwap.dropna())

[22]: NormaltestResult(statistic=44.144066960487535, pvalue=2.5955993405406944e-10)