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Project Title: Stock Market Trading Automation (Paper Trading)
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Project Summary:
This project automates stock trading simulations using Python and the Alpaca API in a
simulated **paper trading environment**.
It implements multiple trading strategies, evaluates profitability, and automates
daily execution using a cron job.

1. Objective:
- Fetch historical stock data for 10 selected stocks.
- Apply three trading strategies: SMA Crossover, Mean Reversion, and Volatility
Breakout.
- Simulate trades, including short selling, to calculate profit/loss.
- Identify the most profitable stock and strategy and save results to `results.json`.
- Automate execution at 9 AM ET (14:00 UTC) on weekdays via cron.

2. Key Features:
- **Data Fetching**: Retrieves and updates stock data using the Alpaca API, saving it
as CSV files.
- **Trading Strategies**:
    1. SMA Crossover: Uses short- and long-term averages to generate buy/sell signals.
    2. Mean Reversion: Identifies overbought/oversold conditions.
    3. Volatility Breakout: Trades based on significant price movements.
- **Simulation**: Simulated trades with tracked cash, positions, and profit in a risk-
free paper trading environment.
- **Automation**: A cron job ensures daily execution and fresh analysis.

3. Workflow:
- Stock data is updated daily at 9 AM ET.
- Trading strategies are applied, and results are saved in `results.json`:
    {
        "Best Strategy": "SMA Crossover",
        "Stock": "NFLX",
        "Profit": 130.02
    }
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import pandas as pd
from alpaca_trade_api.rest import REST, TimeFrame
import json

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# Credentials and Base URL
API_KEY = "*****"
API_SECRET = "*****"
BASE_URL = "https://paper-api.alpaca.markets"

# Initialize Alpaca API client
alpaca = REST(API_KEY, API_SECRET, BASE_URL)

# Relative path for data folder
data_folder = "Final Project- Stock Market Trading/data"

# Fetch stock data
def fetch_stock_data(symbol, start_date="2023-01-01", end_date="2023-12-31"):
    try:
        bars = alpaca.get_bars(symbol, TimeFrame.Day, start=start_date, end=end_date,
feed="iex").df
        bars = bars[["open", "high", "low", "close", "volume"]]
        file_path = f"{data_folder}/{symbol}.csv"
        bars.to_csv(file_path, mode="w", index=True) # Files will overwrite old ones
when updating stock data
        print(f>Data for {symbol} saved successfully in {file_path}.")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f>Error fetching data for {symbol}: {e}")

# Fetch data for 10 stocks
stocks = ["AAPL", "GOOGL", "AMZN", "MSFT", "TSLA", "META", "NFLX", "NVDA", "INTC",
"IBM"]
for stock in stocks:
    print(f>Fetching data for {stock}...")
    fetch_stock_data(stock)

def sma_crossover(data, short_window=10, long_window=50):
    data["SMA_Short"] = data["close"].rolling(window=short_window).mean()
    data["SMA_Long"] = data["close"].rolling(window=long_window).mean()
    data["Signal"] = 0
    data.loc[data["SMA_Short"] > data["SMA_Long"], "Signal"] = 1 # Buy signal
    data.loc[data["SMA_Short"] <= data["SMA_Long"], "Signal"] = -1 # Sell signal
    return data

def mean_reversion(data, threshold=2):
    data["Mean"] = data["close"].rolling(window=20).mean()
    data["StdDev"] = data["close"].rolling(window=20).std()
    data["Upper"] = data["Mean"] + (threshold * data["StdDev"])
    data["Lower"] = data["Mean"] - (threshold * data["StdDev"])
    data["Signal"] = 0
    data.loc[data["close"] > data["Upper"], "Signal"] = -1 # Sell signal
    data.loc[data["close"] < data["Lower"], "Signal"] = 1 # Buy signal

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    return data

def volatility_breakout(data, breakout_multiplier=1.5):
    data["Range"] = data["high"] - data["low"]
    data["Breakout"] = data["close"].shift(1) + (data["Range"].shift(1) *
breakout_multiplier)
    data["Signal"] = 0
    data.loc[data["close"] > data["Breakout"], "Signal"] = 1 # Buy signal
    data.loc[data["close"] <= data["Breakout"], "Signal"] = -1 # Sell signal
    return data

def simulate_trades(data):
    cash = 100000 # Initial cash balance (started with 10,000)
    positions = 0 # Number of shares owned
    profit = 0 # Total profit

    for i in range(1, len(data)):
        signal = data.iloc[i]["Signal"]
        price = data.iloc[i]["close"]

        if signal == 1: # Buy
            positions += 1
            cash -= price
            print(f"Bought at {price}")
        elif signal == -1 and positions > 0: # Sell
            positions -= 1
            cash += price
            profit += price - data.iloc[i-1]["close"]
            print(f"Sold at {price}, Profit: {profit}")

    print(f"Final Cash: {cash}, Total Profit: {profit}")
    return profit

def save_results(strategy_name, stock, profit):
    results = {
        "Best Strategy": strategy_name,
        "Stock": stock,
        "Profit": profit
    }
    with open("Final Project- Stock Market Trading/results.json", "w") as f:
        json.dump(results, f)
    print("Results saved to results.json")

def display_last_signal(data, stock):
    last_signal = data.iloc[-1]["Signal"]

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    if last_signal == 1:
        print(f"Last signal for {stock}: BUY")
    elif last_signal == -1:
        print(f"Last signal for {stock}: SELL")
    else:
        print(f"Last signal for {stock}: HOLD")

# Process all stocks
strategy_functions = {
    "SMA Crossover": sma_crossover,
    "Mean Reversion": mean_reversion,
    "Volatility Breakout": volatility_breakout
}

best_profit = float("-inf")
best_strategy = None
best_stock = None

for stock in stocks:
    print(f"Processing {stock}...")
    # Load stock data
    file_path = f"{data_folder}/{stock}.csv"
    data = pd.read_csv(file_path, index_col=0, parse_dates=True)

    # Apply strategies and simulate trades
    for strategy_name, strategy_function in strategy_functions.items():
        print(f"Applying {strategy_name} to {stock}...")
        strategy_data = strategy_function(data)
        profit = simulate_trades(strategy_data)

        # Track the most profitable strategy and stock
        if profit > best_profit:
            best_profit = profit
            best_strategy = strategy_name
            best_stock = stock

    # Display last signal
    display_last_signal(strategy_data, stock)

# Save the best results
save_results(best_strategy, best_stock, best_profit)

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