

# Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Financial Environments - Introduction

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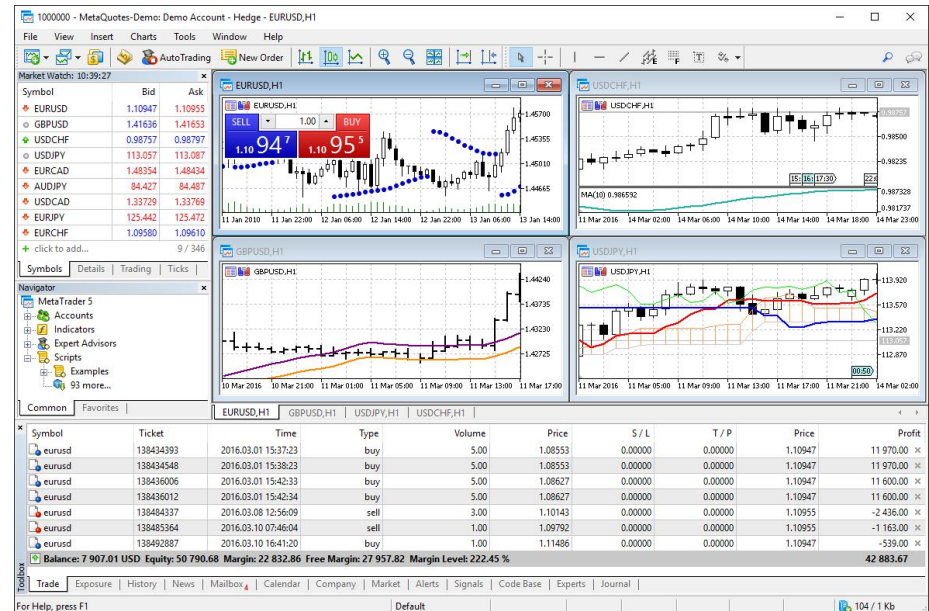
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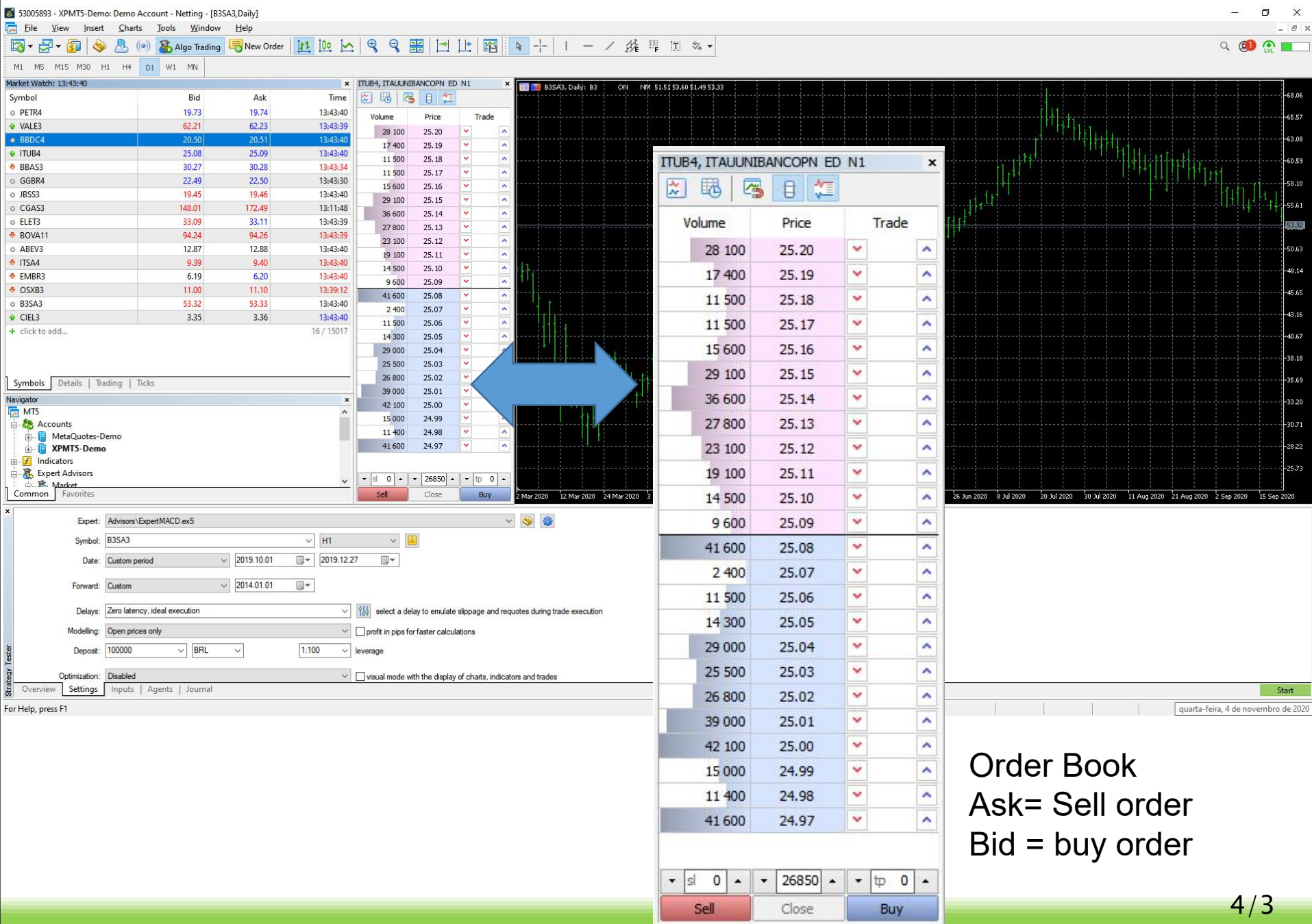
# Raio X da B3

- Criada em meados 1890, teve várias denominações e em 1967 recebeu o nome de Bolsa de Valores de São Paulo (Bovespa). Em 2017, adotou a denominação atual B3
- Em 2020, a B3 tinha em torno de 330 empresas listadas com valor de mercado em 3,6 trilhões de reais (699 US\$ bilhões).
- O número de investidores era de aproximadamente 2,85 milhões, sendo 30 mil institucionais e 2,82 milhões de pessoas físicas, em julho de 2020
  - Data: 31/jul/2020.
  - Fonte: [http://www.b3.com.br/pt\\_br/market-data-e-indices/servicos-de-dados/market-data/consultas/mercado-a-vista/valor-de-mercado-das-empresas-listadas/bolsa-de-valores/](http://www.b3.com.br/pt_br/market-data-e-indices/servicos-de-dados/market-data/consultas/mercado-a-vista/valor-de-mercado-das-empresas-listadas/bolsa-de-valores/)

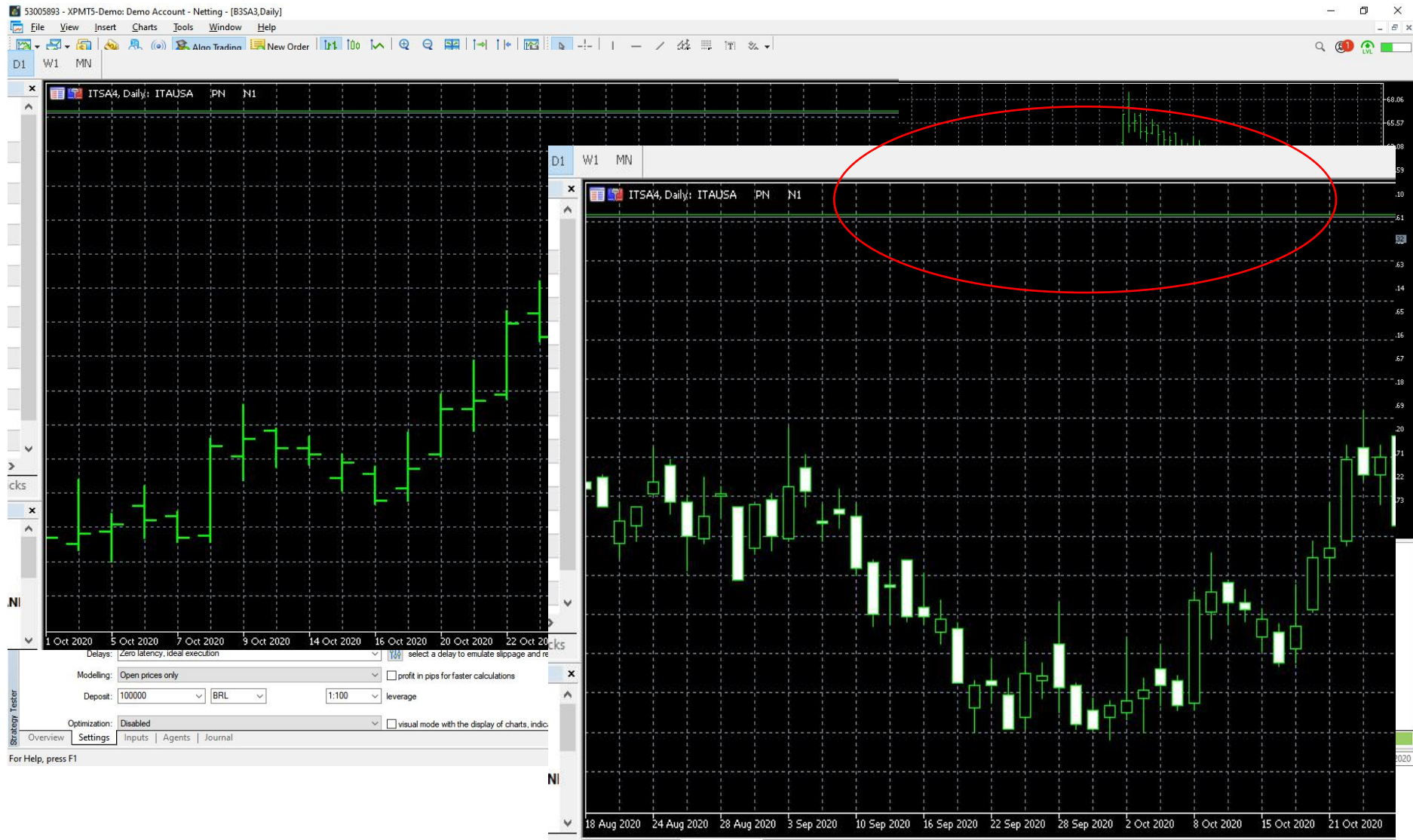
# Metatrader

- MetaTrader 5 é uma plataforma gratuita multimercado para trading, análise técnica, uso de sistemas automáticos de negociação (robôs de negociação) da empresa MetaQuotes Software Corp.
- O MetaTrader 5 permite negociar nos mercados de câmbio (Forex), ações e futuros, através de interface gráfica ou através de API e também ativos na B3
- O MT5 e sua API são escritos na linguagem [proprietária] de programação MQL5, que é similar a linguagem C++
- URL: <https://www.metatrader5.com/>





# Bars (open, high,low,close)





# Package mt5b3

- Package mt5b3 provides access to the B3 market to python programs through Metatrader and some Brazilian brokers (XP, Clear corretora, and others...)
- It allows access to price data (open, close, high, low) and book data (bid, ask)
- It also allows order placement!!
- Primary information source:  
<https://github.com/paulo-al-castro/mt5b3/>
  - Notebooks, examples and tutorials

# Package mt5b3

- In order to install the package mt5b3, you need to install package MetaTrader5 as well. You may use pip:

```
> pip install MetaTrader5
```

```
> pip install mt5b3
```

- or within python environment

```
>> import sys
```

```
>> # python MetaTrader5
```

```
>> !{sys.executable} -m pip install Metatrader5
```

```
>> #mt5b3
```

```
>> !{sys.executable} -m pip install mt5b3
```

# Connecting and getting account information

- `import mt5b3 as b3`
- `if not b3.connect():`  
    `print("Error on connection", b3.last_error())`  
    `exit()`

`b3.path # Metatrader program file path`

`b3.dataPath # Metatrader path to data folder`

`b3.commonDataPath # Metatrader common data path`



# Getting info about the account

```
acc=b3.accountInfo() # it returns account's information
acc.login # Account id
acc.balance # Account balance in the deposit currency
acc.equity # Account equity in the deposit currency
acc.margin #Account margin used in the deposit currency
acc.margin_free # Free margin of an account in the deposit
currency
acc.assets # The current assets of an account
acc.name #Client name
acc.server # Trade server name
acc.currency # Account currency, BRL for Brazilian Real
```

# Getting Bars (a.k.a quotes, rates)

```
>>df=b3.getBars('PETR4',10) # it returns the last 10 days
```

```
>>df
```

	time	open	high	low	close	tick_volume	spread	real_volume
0	2020-08-05	17.99	18.89	17.91	18.52	54553	1	52845000
1	2020-08-06	18.55	18.62	17.92	18.06	35795	1	14643400
2	2020-08-07	17.84	18.17	17.27	17.61	35280	1	17218800
3	2020-08-10	17.70	18.32	17.64	18.26	30707	1	15233800
4	2020-08-11	18.46	18.55	18.02	18.15	26154	1	10598000
5	2020-08-12	18.21	18.59	17.75	18.11	29531	1	14836800
6	2020-08-13	18.13	18.37	17.75	17.86	21333	1	9629200
7	2020-08-14	17.85	17.99	17.59	17.99	21537	1	7838400
8	2020-08-17	17.99	18.49	17.75	18.02	34427	1	13390200
9	2020-08-18	18.40	19.70	18.19	19.51	46881	0	32077600

```
# bar=< time  open  high  low close tick_volume  spread  real_volume >
```

# Getting Bars (a.k.a quotes, rates)

# getting bars in a given period

from datetime import datetime

df=b3.getBars('PETR4',datetime(2020,1,1),datetime(2020,3,31))

# getting intraday (per minute) bars in a specific day

bars=b3.getIntradayBars("ITUB4",datetime(2020,8,17))

# or a period

df=b3.getBars('PETR4',datetime(2020,1,1),datetime(2020,2,1),b3.INTRADAY)

last=b3.getLastPrice(bars)

open=b3.getOpenPrice(bars)

max=b3.getMaxPrice(bars)

min=b3.getMinPrice(bars)

# Getting info about position

`b3.getPosition()` # return the current value of assets (not include balance or margin)

`b3.getPosition( symbol_id)` # return the current position in a given asset (symbol\_id)

- Example:

```
pos=b3.getPosition('ITUB3')
```

```
pos['volume'] # position volume
```

```
pos['open'] # position open price
```

```
pos['time'] #position open time
```

```
pos['symbol'] # position symbol id
```

```
pos['price'] #current price of the asset
```

```
b3.getPosition(group='PETR*') # returns a list of positions that are part of the group
```

# Creating and sending orders

- Buying !!

```
b=b3.buyOrder(symbol_id,v  
olume, price, sl, tp ))
```

```
if b3.checkOrder(b):  
    if b3.send(b): #buying  
        print('order sent to B3')  
    else:  
        print('Error :  
,b3.getLastError()')  
else:  
    print('Error :  
,b3.getLastError()')
```

## Buying !!

```
s=b3.sellOrder(symbol_id,  
price, sl, tp, volume)  
if b3.checkOrder(s):  
    if b3.send(s): #selling  
        print('order sent to B3')  
    else:  
        print('Error :  
,b3.getLastError()')  
else:  
    print('Error :  
,b3.getLastError()')
```

# More functions about creating orders

- `b3.buyOrder(symbol_id,volume)` # buy order at the current price
- `b3.sellOrder(symbol_id,volume)` # sell order at the current price
- `b3.order(symbol_id, buyOrder,price, sl, tp, volume)` # buy order, if argument `buyOrder` is `True`, or sell order if it is `False`

# Managing orders

`b3.numOrders()` #returns the number of active orders

`b3.getOrders()` # returns a dataframe with all active orders

`order_id | buy_sell | volume | price | sl | tp |`

if `b3.cancelOrder(order_id):`

`print('order ',order_id, 'cancelled')`

else:

`print('Error when cancelling order',order_id,`  
    `b3.getLastError())`



# Building mt5b3 robots

- There are two alternative approaches for building mt5b3 robots: direct control and control inversion,
  - Direct control: you can build them using the provided API and using any architecture and keep the coding under direct control ,
  - Control inversion: you use the provided code skeleton that reduces the required effort to build trading robots. You just have to include some functions in order to make your strategy to work. It is a control inversion framework.

# Direct control mt5b3 robots

- In order to build a robot from scratch using mt5b3, you will need some like the following code, which is a very simple trading robot based on RSI (Índice de Força Relativa)::

```
import mt5b3 as b3
import pandas as pd
import time
```

```
if b3.connect()==False:
    print('Error when trying to
connect to B3')
    exit()
else:
    run('PETR4') # trade asset PETR4
```

```
def run(asset):
    while b3.isMarketOpen():
        print("getting information")
        bars=b3.getBars(asset,14)
        curr_shares=b3.getShares(asset)
        # number of shares that you can buy
        free_shares=b3.getAfforShares(asset)
        rsi=b3.tech.rsi(bars)
        print("deliberating")
        if rsi>=70 and free_shares>0:
            order=b3.buyOrder(asset,free_shares)
        elif rsi<70 and curr_shares>0:
            order=b3.sellOrder(asset,curr_shares)
        print("sending order")
        # check and send (it is sent only if check is ok!)
        if order!=None:
            if b3.checkOrder(order) and b3.sendOrder(order):
                print('order sent to B3')
            else:
                print('Error : ',b3.getLastError())
        else:
            print("No order at the moment for asset=",asset )
        time.sleep(1) # waits one second
```

# Multiple asset Robot – 2

- Multiple asset Robot (Example), single strategy for multiple assets, where the resources are equally shared among the assets

```
import mt5b3 as b3
import pandas as pd
import time
```

```
if b3.connect()==False:
    print('Error when trying to connect to B3')
    exit()
else:
    assets=['PETR4', 'VALE3', 'ITUB4','B3SA3'] #
    runMultiAsset('PETR4') # trade asset PETR4
```

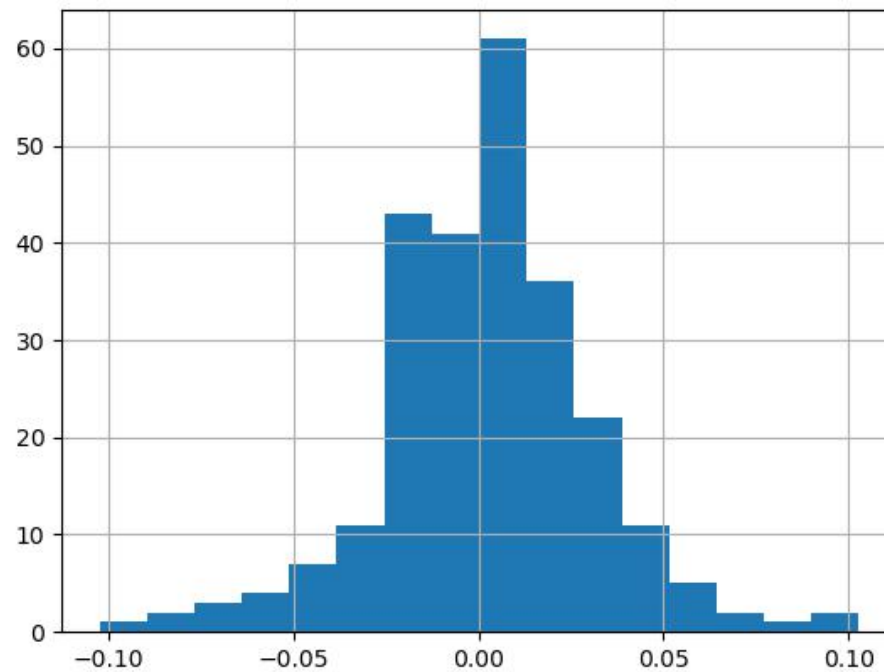
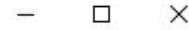
```
def runMultiasset(assets):
    while b3.isMarketOpen():
        for asset in assets:
            #get information
            bars=b3.getBars(asset,14)
            curr_shares=b3.getShares(asset)
            money=b3.accountInfo().margin_free/len(assets)
            # number of shares that you can buy
            free_shares=b3.getAfforShares(asset,money)
            rsi=b3.tech.rsi(bars)
            #deliberate
            if rsi>=70 and free_shares>0:
                order=b3.buyOrder(asset,free_shares)
            elif rsi<70 and curr_shares>0:
                order=b3.sellOrder(asset,curr_shares)
            else:
                order=None
            #send order
            # check and send (it is sent only if check is ok!)
            if order!=None:
                if b3.checkOrder(order) and b3.sendOrder(order):
                    print('order sent to B3')
                else:
                    print('Error : ',b3.getLastError())
            else:
                print("No order at the moment for asset=",asset)
            time.sleep(1)
```

# Financial Data processing

```
import mt5b3 as b3
from datetime import datetime
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
b3.connect()
bars=b3.getBars('ggbr4',252)
x=b3.getReturns(bars) # gets daily returns serie,
                      #given bars
plt.hist(x,bins=16) # creates a histogram graph
plt.grid()
plt.show()
```

# Return histogram

Figure 1



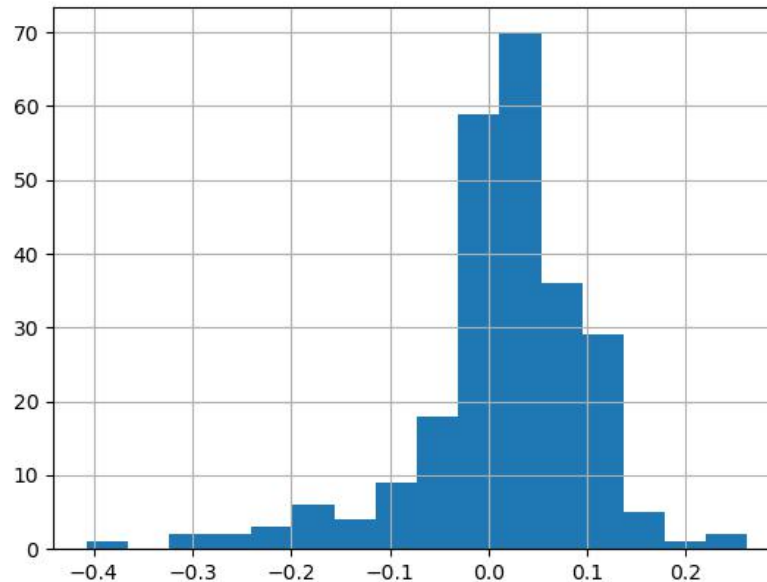
# Weekly returns

- With a small change we can see the histogram of weekly returns

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```
x=b3.calcReturns(bars,offset=5)
```

...



# Inversion of control robots

- You may use an alternative method to build your robots, that may reduce your workload. It is called inverse control robots. You receive the most common information required by robots and returns your orders
- Let's see the multiasset strategy presented before in a inverse control implementation



# Trader

- Inversion of control Traders have to implement just one function:
  - **trade**: It is called at each moment, with dbars. It should return the list of orders to be executed or None if there is no order at the moment
- Your trader may also implement two other functions if required:
  - **setup**: It is called once when the operation starts. It receives dbars ('mem' bars from each asset) . See the operation setup, for more information
  - **ending**: It is called once when the scheduled operation reaches its end time.
- It may also implement a constructor function

# Example of Very dummy trader!

```
import numpy.random as rand
import mt5b3 as b3
class DummyTrader:
    def __init__(self):
        pass
    def setup(self,dbars):
        print('just getting started!')
    def trade(self,dbars):
        orders=[]
        for asset in assets:
            if rand.randint(2)==1:
                order=b3.buyOrder(asset,100)
            else:
                order=b3.sellOrder(asset,100)
            orders.append(order)
        return orders
    def ending(self,dbars):
        print('Ending stuff')
```

# Multiple asset Robot – (Inversion of control robot Example)

- Multiple asset Robot (Example), single strategy for multiple assets, implement as inversed control

```
import mt5b3 as b3
import pandas as pd
import time
```

```
if b3.connect()==False:
    print('Error when trying to connect to B3')
    exit()
else:
    assets=['PETR4', 'VALE3', 'ITUB4','B3SA3']
    runMultiAsset('PETR4') # trade asset PETR4
```

```
class MyTrader(b3.Trader):
    def trade(self,bts,dbars):
        assets=dbars.keys()
        orders=[]
        for asset in assets:
            curr_shares=bts['shares_'+asset]
            money=bts['capital']/len(assets)
            free_shares=b3.backtest.getAfforShares( \
                asset,money,dbars)
            rsi=b3.tech.rsi(dbars[asset])
            if rsi>=70 and free_shares>0:
                order=b3.buyOrder(asset,free_shares)
            elif rsi<70 and curr_shares>0:
                order=b3.sellOrder(asset,curr_shares)
            else:
                order=None
            if order!=None:
                if b3.backtest.checkOrder(order,bts,dbars[asset]):
                    orders.append(order)
            else:
                print('Error : ',b3.getLastError())
        return orders
```

# Multiple asset Robot – (Direct Control)

- Multiple asset Robot (Example), single strategy for multiple assets, where the resources are equally shared among the assets

```
import mt5b3 as b3
import pandas as pd
import time
```

```
if b3.connect()==False:
    print('Error when trying to connect to B3')
    exit()
else:
    assets=['PETR4', 'VALE3', 'ITUB4','B3SA3'] #
    runMultiAsset('PETR4') # trade asset PETR4
```

```
def runMultiasset(assets):
    while b3.isMarketOpen():
        for asset in assets:
            #get information
            bars=b3.getBars(asset,14)
            curr_shares=b3.getShares(asset)
            money=b3.accountInfo().margin_free/len(assets)
            # number of shares that you can buy
            free_shares=b3.getAfforShares(asset,money)
            rsi=b3.tech.rsi(bars)
            #deliberate
            if rsi>=70 and free_shares>0:
                order=b3.buyOrder(asset,free_shares)
            elif rsi<70 and curr_shares>0:
                order=b3.sellOrder(asset,curr_shares)
            else:
                order=None
            #send order
            # check and send (it is sent only if check is ok!)
            if order!=None:
                if b3.checkOrder(order) and b3.sendOrder(order):
                    print('order sent to B3')
                else:
                    print('Error : ',b3.getLastError())
            else:
                print("No order at the moment for asset=",asset)
            time.sleep(1)
```

# Backtesting

- Backtesting is a kind of evaluation for trading robots: A trading robot executes with historical price series , and its performance is computed.
- In fact, there are many (thousands in some some electronic platforms) robots that [allegedly] are able to be profitable in real markets. Those claims are almost always based on backtest results, and very often they are wrong.
  - many initiatives in Financial Artificial Intelligence misuse mathematical (and machine learning) tools to describe actual observations. Their models are overfit and fail when implemented.
  - The first step to avoid these mistakes is perform meaningful backtest

# Backtesting

- O tempo em um backtesting é discretizado, de acordo com as cotações utilizadas para defini-lo e o módulo bloqueia acesso a informações a frente do tempo de simulação
- Para testar, uma estratégia basta criar uma subclasse de Trader e implementar os métodos:
  - `getNewInfo`
  - `trade`
- Um trader solicita informações atuais (através de `getBars`, por exemplo) em `getNewInfo`, envio de ordens nesta etapa não possíveis
- O tempo de simulação avança e no método `'trade'` ele pode deliberar e enviar ordens se desejar

# Multiasset Strategy (Trader class)

```
class MyTrader(b3.Trader):
    def trade(self,bts,dbars):
        assets=dbars.keys()
        orders=[]
        for asset in assets:
            curr_shares=bts['shares_'+asset]
            money=bts['capital']/len(assets)
            free_shares=b3.backtest.getAfforShares( \
                asset,money,dbars)
            rsi=b3.tech.rsi(dbars[asset])
            if rsi>=70 and free_shares>0:
                order=b3.buyOrder(asset,free_shares)
            elif rsi<70 and curr_shares>0:
                order=b3.sellOrder(asset,curr_shares)
            else:
                order=None
            if order!=None:
                if b3.backtest.checkOrder(order,bts,dbars[asset]):
                    orders.append(order)
            else:
                print('Error : ',b3.getLastError())
        return orders
```



# Backtesting

```
import mt5b3 as b3
import pandas as pd
b3.connect()
# sets options
prestart=b3.date(2018,12,10)
start=b3.date(2019,1,10)
end=b3.date(2019,2,27)
capital=100000
results_file='data_equity_file.csv'
verbose=False # Use True if you want debug information for your Trader
#sets the backtest setup
period=b3.DAILY # it may be b3.INTRADAY (one minute interval)
bts=b3.backtest.set(assets,prestart,start,end,period,capital,results_file,verbose)

# creates instance of your trader
trader=MyTrader()
#executes the backtest for the trader and returns a pandas dataframe with the results, which are also save on
data_file
df= b3.backtest.run(trader,bts)
# evaluates the bactest results
b3.backtest.evaluate(df)
```

# Evaluating Backtesting results

- The method `backtest.run` creates a data file with the name given in the backtest setup (bts)
- This will give you a report about the trader performance
- We need to note that it is hard to perform meaningful evaluations using backtest. There are many pitfalls to avoid and it may be easier to get trading robots with great performance in backtest, but that perform really badly in real operations.
- More about that in mt5b3 backtest evaluation chapter.
- For a deeper discussion, we suggest:
  - Is it a great Autonomous Trading Strategy or you are just fooling yourself Bernardini, M. and Castro, P.A.L
- In order to analyze the trader's backtest, you may use :

```
b3.backtest.evaluateFile(fileName) #fileName is the name of file generated by the backtest  
or  
b3.backtest.evaluate(df) # df is the dataframe returned by b3.backtest.run
```

# Example of Backtest Report

----- Backtest Report -----

Total Return (%)=-3.21 in 33 business days

Annualized Return (%)=-22.06

Std Deviation of returns =0.0117

Sharpe Ratio=-0.0790

Annualized Sharpe Ratio=-1.2546

Probability that Annual Return is greater than 0.0%=45.45%

Probability that Annual Return is greater than 10.0%=42.42%

Probability that Annual Return is greater than 20.0%=36.36%

----- End of Report -----

- As you may see in the numbers, it is an example of Backtest Trader report showing a **bad** performance

# Deploying Autonomous Traders

- In order, to execute an Autonomous Traders in real (or simulated) account all you need to do is command its executing using `b3.operations.run`
- Basically, the same code used for backtesting is going to be used in real or simulated execution
- In order to do that, you need an account in a broker to B3 stock exchange. For instance:
  - XP Inc., Rico corretora, Clear and others

# Deploying Trader to operate in (real or simulated) Broker Accounts

#account data

login=None #'your account Number!'

password=None # 'Guess what is it..'

# if login and password are not defined (i.e. None), it will use the default account defined in Metatrader

#trading data

assets=['PETR4','VALE3','ITUB4']

endTime=b3.operations.sessionEnd()

# it will run to the end of session!

capital=100000

data\_file='data\_equity\_file.csv'

verbose=True

timeFrame=b3.INTRADAY

delay=1 # seconds to wait between trade calls

waitForOpen=True

mem=10

# number of bars to take into account

# define operation setup (ops)

ops=b3.operations.set(assets,capital,endTime,mem,timeFrame,\n data\_file,verbose,delay,waitForOpen)

#Connect to B3

b3.connect(login,password)

# creates instance of your trader

trader=MultiAssetTrader()

#executes the trader, according setup

b3.operations.run(trader,ops)

# Next: Artificial Intelligence based Trading Robots

machine learning, probabilistic reasoning, search based  
trading robots