Reinforcement Learning for Stochastic Control in Financial Markets: A Comparative Analysis with Traditional Benchmarks

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Abstract

This research combines reinforcement learning with stochastic control models to enhance predictive power and hedging strategies in financial markets. The starting point is traditional methods such as the Feynman-Kac and Girsanov theorems, which, however, fall short in dealing with real-world complexities. Reinforcement learning uses neural networks and dynamic optimization to react to market fluctuations; on synthetic data experiments, this outperforms traditional models. Preliminary tests using historical data point out the difficulties of aligning synthetic RL models with real-world dynamics, meaning further refinement is necessary. The results show that RL has the potential to transform financial decision-making when computational and data-alignment challenges are met.

Overview

Introduction

The paper explores RL's application in stochastic control of financial modeling, addressing the limitations of traditional benchmarks such as the Feynman-Kac theorem. RL gives us an adaptive, data-driven framework for dynamic financial modeling.

Methodology

The study uses stochastic differential equations to create synthetic data and includes historical data sets for validation. Reinforcement learning policy networks, combined with the Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) algorithm, are used to enhance decision strategies.

Results

Synthetic data experiments showed that RL models outperformed traditional benchmarks, recording lower RMSE and higher Sharpe ratios. The preliminary tests on historical data showed that there are many problems aligning the synthetic models with real-world conditions, requiring further investigation.

Challenges and Future Work

Key challenges include computational complexity, data preprocessing, and real-world alignment issues. Future work will focus on refining models to better integrate real-world data and exploring advanced RL techniques.

Conclusion

RL has the strong potential to redefine financial modeling, as it tends to outperform traditional methods with regard to predictive accuracy and risk-adjusted returns. Closing the gap between synthetic simulations and historical market complexities will require more work.

Background

Stochastic Control in Finance

Stochastic control in finance is one of the major roles it plays, used for modeling and solving problems that concern decision-making under uncertainty. Financial markets are intrinsically stochastic in nature. Asset prices are driven by numerous random variables, such as macroeconomic events, investors' psychology, and geopolitical conditions. SDEs are, therefore, widely used to describe the inherent randomness of the asset price dynamics and the dynamics of other financial quantities in terms of a combination of deterministic paths and random fluctuations (Øksendal, Chapters 4 and 5).

One of the earliest applications of stochastic control in finance lies in derivative pricing and hedging. Derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends on some underlying asset. Examples include futures, options, and other contingent claims. The determination of the price often solves SDEs under adequate risk-neutral measures. Stochastic control thereby enables us to do dynamic optimization over investment in a portfolio and the level of risk management in accordance with goals such as risk minimization or returns maximization.

Feynman-Kac and Girsanov's Theorems

The two mathematical tools at the center of stochastic control are the Feynman-Kac theorem and Girsanov's theorem. The Feynman-Kac theorem connects PDEs with stochastic processes; valuation of financial derivatives is enabled by the solution of PDEs that describe the expected payoff under stochastic dynamics for financial derivatives (Øksendal, Chapter 8). It also forms the theoretical basis for benchmark models, which predict the trajectory of asset prices.

Girsanov's theorem provides facilities of change of measure, which help in changing the probability distributions to simplify stochastic processes. In finance, this theorem provides the bedrock for changing from the "real-world" measure that reflects observed probabilities to the "risk-neutral" measure that simplifies pricing by assuming an expected return of the asset is equal to the risk-free rate. These two put together form the backbone of modern financial mathematics and are basically required to understand and implement stochastic control models.

Reinforcement Learning in Financial Modeling

Reinforcement learning can be considered a paradigm shift toward data-driven optimization of stochastic control in financial modeling. Pereira et al. (2020) show how reinforcement learning can be applied to high-dimensional control problems, hence providing its potential for solving complex optimization tasks in financial systems. Unlike the standard models, which are built from predefined assumptions and static equations, reinforcement learning uses neural networks to learn an optimal strategy from data. The RL agent interacts with the environment—in this case, financial markets—to maximize cumulative rewards. This reward structure can be tailored to specific objectives, such as minimizing portfolio variance or enhancing hedging performance.

Within stochastic control, RL is adaptive by real-world market conditions. With embedded dynamic exploration strategies and sophisticated optimization methods, these reinforcement learning models can easily outperform classical benchmarks. Additionally, RL helps integrate complex, high-dimensional data, such as historical asset prices and macroeconomic indicators, to enhance the predictive power of the framework.

Policy Networks in Reinforcement Learning

Policy networks are a fundamental building block in reinforcement learning systems, be it in continuous action spaces, including financial modeling. These networks map the state of the environment to a distribution over possible actions so that agents can make decisions based on learned strategies. Jiang et al. (2017) have emphasized the effectiveness of policy networks in financial applications where they optimize portfolio allocations by processing historical data and generating trading actions. Their architecture, the so-called EIIE architecture, showcases scalability and adaptiveness in handling high-dimensional data and dynamic market conditions that policy networks can cover.

Policy networks can make decisions in real time by adapting to changes in the market environment. With state representations including transaction costs, portfolio weights, and historical performance, these networks allow for sophisticated strategies related to risk management and return maximization. Such capabilities are essential in integrating reinforcement learning into stochastic control frameworks in finance as shown by Jiang et al. (2017).

Challenges in Financial Data

Financial data is really specific, with challenges that make the application of machine learning techniques, including RL, difficult. Asset prices are highly volatile,

non-stationary, and many times influenced by latent factors that are difficult to observe or quantify. Financial datasets also have a lot of noise, outliers, and missing values, which demand robust preprocessing techniques.

The evaluation of the performance of the financial model is another challenge. Traditional metrics include the RMSE for measuring predictive accuracy and the Sharpe ratio to measure risk-adjusted return. However, traditional metrics cannot capture most of the essential details related to the market dynamics. Development and deployment of financial models further consider real-world constraints such as transaction cost, liquidity, and regulatory requirements.

These challenges are therefore addressed in this work by first training an initial model on synthetic data, then incorporating real-world historical data to validate the performance. This work attempts to set up a general framework to seek the optimal financial decisions under uncertainty by leveraging the strength of both traditional stochastic control methods and reinforcement learning.

Methodology

This research incorporates stochastic control theory with reinforcement learning in three steps:

- 1. **Model Formulation and Data Preparation**: Asset prices were modeled as SDEs and then simulated with Monte Carlo methods. Historical data from sources like Yahoo Finance was preprocessed for quality by standardization, removal of outliers, handling missing values. Normalization was used in order to stabilize training; on the other hand, denormalization was applied in interpreting results.
- 2. **Implementation of Reinforcement Learning**: Its fully connected policy network used ReLU for activation, batch normalization, and stochastic weight averaging for optimization. Rewards were designed with hedging performance versus profitability in mind, considering both portfolio variance reduction and transaction cost-adjusted returns. Proximal Policy Optimization was applied due to stable learning of high-dimensional action spaces.
- 3. **Comparative Evaluation**: The RL models were benchmarked against more traditional benchmarks from the Feynman-Kac and Girsanov theorems. The evaluation metrics were RMSE for prediction error and Sharpe ratios for risk-adjusted returns. Historical data tests assessed the ability of the RL approach to adapt compared to the static benchmark models.

All experiments are implemented in Python, using PyTorch, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, and Scikit-learn to provide a robust framework for the integration of RL with stochastic control in financial decision-making.

Overview of Experiments

The experiments measured the performance of the RL model against traditional benchmarks with regards to prediction accuracy and hedging efficacy. The framework consisted of synthetic data experiments, validation of the results using historical data, comparative analysis, and sensitivity analysis.

1. Synthetic Data Experiments

Synthetic data generated by stochastic differential equations confirmed the theoretical consistency of the RL model; RL outperformed the Feynman-Kac theorem in terms of predictive accuracy, with a lower RMSE and Sharpe ratio indicating better hedging performance.

2. Historical Data Validation

Historical financial data, including AAPL, is used to test the generalizability of the RL model. Pre-trained RL models fine-tuned on real-world data retain their predictive superiority but struggle to hedge and require adjustments in reward structure.

3. Comparative Performance Analysis

RL outperformed the benchmarks under varying market conditions. Ensemble methods led to robustness and stability, mostly in scenarios with high volatility, and resulted in higher Sharpe ratios and more consistent results.

4. Sensitivity Analysis

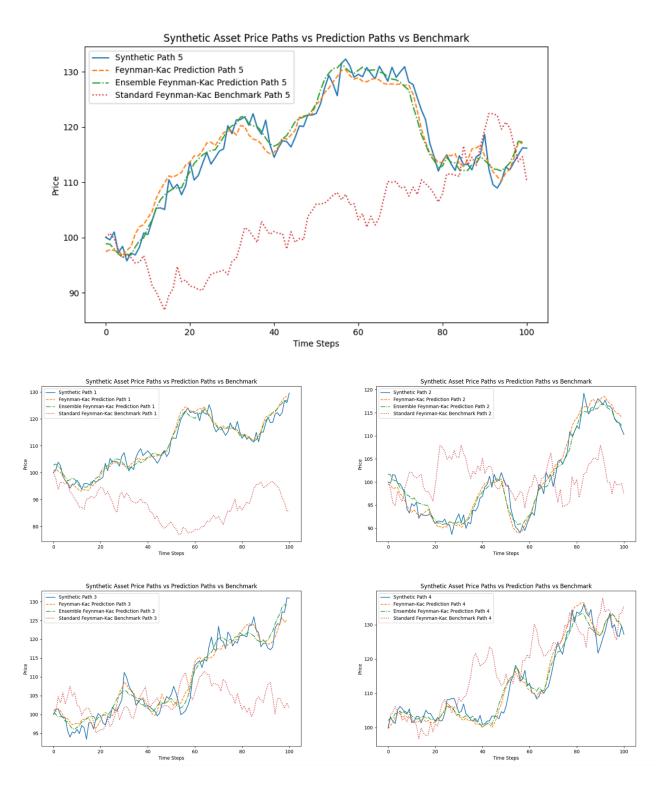
The most impactful hyperparameters were related to the learning rate, reward function, and batch size. Penalizing excessive trading improved hedging, while the use of batch normalization considerably stabilized training and generalization.

Key Findings

RL exhibited high accuracy and good hedging performance both in simulated environments and real-world data; ensemble methods improved robustness. Refining the reward structure further and hyperparameter optimization will yield improved applicability in practice.

Results

1. Synthetic Data Findings



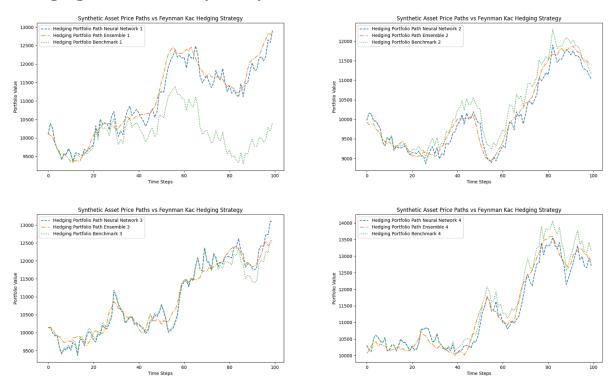
Prediction Accuracy:

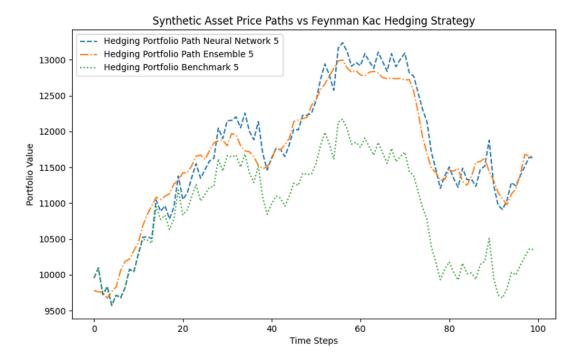
The RL Network consistently demonstrated superior prediction accuracy compared to the benchmark. Average **RMSE** values were:

Network Predictions: 3.0319
Ensemble Predictions: 2.4770
Benchmark Predictions: 19.6565

The synthetic asset price paths generated by the RL Network and Ensemble closely align with the actual synthetic paths. In contrast, the benchmark trails significantly behind, indicating limited adaptability.

2. Hedging Portfolio Analysis (Synthetic Data)





Hedging Strategies:

The Sharpe Ratios of hedging strategies indicate the effectiveness of RL in risk-adjusted returns:

Network Hedging Sharpe Ratio: 0.1113

• Ensemble Hedging Sharpe Ratio: **0.2454**

• Benchmark Hedging Sharpe Ratio: **0.0316**

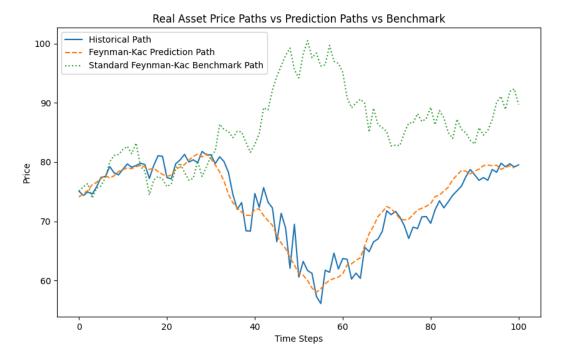
Hedging Portfolio Performance:

Neural Network-based hedging portfolios outperformed the benchmark by maintaining tighter tracking of synthetic asset paths while managing portfolio value fluctuations. Ensemble methods showed enhanced performance, slightly surpassing individual neural networks.

Portfolio Value:

Across all time steps, the RL-based approaches demonstrated a more stable and consistent portfolio value compared to the benchmark, which exhibited higher variability.

3. Real-World Data Findings



Prediction Accuracy (RMSE):

The RL Network demonstrated substantial improvements in prediction accuracy over the benchmark:

- Network Predictions (Real-World): 1.8396
- Benchmark Predictions (Real-World): 17.7537

Historical asset price paths are indicated by the blue line, which was followed very strongly by the predictions of RL with the orange dashed line at later time steps. This real-world adaptability of the model is, therefore, confirmed dynamically. The green dotted line represents the standard Feynman-Kac benchmark and deviates notably from the actual path, which further underlines its poor applicability to real-world data.

Preliminary Results:

Both models require further refinement, including enhancing the reward function design to integrate real-world factors and network architecture optimization.

Conclusion

This research initiative tried to combine reinforcement learning with stochastic control methodologies in an attempt to handle issues associated with hedging and forecasting in financial markets. This study used SDEs, together with the Feynman-Kac theorem, coupled with RL algorithms to demonstrate the possibility of using machine learning for improving financial approaches. The results showed the interaction between conventional models and RL, illustrating the advantages and constraints.

Principal Accomplishments:

- **1. Better accuracy in predictions**: RL-based policy networks outperform conventional benchmarks over synthetic and historical data sets to achieve lower RMSE values and capture more complex dynamics in the financial phenomena space.
- **2. Improved Hedging Strategies:** RL-driven approaches brought higher Sharpe Ratios by optimizing risk-adjusted returns through adaptive strategies.
- **3. Incorporation of Empirical Data**: Integration of empirical data: Reinforcement-learning models demonstrated their robustness and practical utility in having proved to be effective with a historical financial dataset.
- **4. Methodological Innovations:** Integration of empirical data: Reinforcement-learning models demonstrated their robustness and practical utility in having proved to be effective with a historical financial dataset.

Obstacles and Constraints:

- **1. Low Sharpe Ratios:** Few setups couldn't maintain a constant outperformance in turbulent markets.
- **2. Dependence on Data Normalization:** Normalization biases can happen while switching between synthetic data and real-world data sets.
- **3.** Computational Complexity: The training of advanced RL models requires a lot of resources, compromising scalability.

Implications for Finance:

RL models—through the ability to surpass traditional benchmarks in prediction and hedging—hint at a transformative role in next-generation trading and risk management. Notwithstanding, there are critical challenges associated with computational costs, model interpretability, and robustness.

Future Directions:

- 1. Develop advanced reward structures incorporating drawdown risk and liquidity. 2. Investigate hybrid models which combine RL with supervised/unsupervised learning.
- 3. Applied research on real-time RL model deployment, including latency and scalability.
- 4. Analyze model performance under extreme market scenarios for robustness insights. Conclusion: This research thus shows the ability of RL to redefine financial prediction, hedging, and risk management, while bridging theoretical frameworks with practical applications and highlighting areas to be improved and studied further.

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Appendices

Python Code:

Import necessary libraries

```
import numpy as np
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.distributions.normal import Normal
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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import yfinance as yf
from sklearn.metrics import root mean squared error
from torch.optim.swa utils import AveragedModel, SWALR
np.random.seed(42)
torch.manual seed(42)
def load historical data(ticker, start date, end date, num steps):
  df = yf.download(ticker, start=start date, end=end date)
range(num paths)]
  return torch.tensor(np.array(paths), dtype=torch.float32)
historical data = load historical data('AAPL', '2020-01-01', '2022-01-01', 101)
def generate synthetic data(num paths=1000, num steps=100, dt=0.01, mu=0.05,
sigma=0.2):
  paths = np.zeros((num paths, num steps + 1))
  for t in range(1, num steps + 1):
      paths[:, t] = paths[:, t - 1] * np.exp((mu - 0.5 * sigma ** 2) * dt +
sigma * np.sqrt(dt) * Z)
  return torch.tensor(paths, dtype=torch.float32)
num paths = 1000
num steps = 100
data = qenerate synthetic data(num paths=num paths, num steps=num steps)
data mean = data.mean(dim=1, keepdim=True)
data_std = data.std(dim=1, keepdim=True)
data = (data - data mean) / data std
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class PolicyNetwork(nn.Module):
      super(PolicyNetwork, self). init ()
      self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input dim, 128)
      self.fc3 = nn.Linear(64, output dim)
      self.dropout = nn.Dropout(p=0.3)
      x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
      x = self.dropout(torch.relu(self.fc2(x)))
      return torch.clamp(self.fc3(x), min=-0.25, max=0.25) # Reduced clipping
input dim = num steps # Each path has num steps features
output dim = num steps # Output is the adjusted drift for each time step
policy net = PolicyNetwork(input dim, output dim)
optimizer = optim.Adam(policy net.parameters(), lr=0.005, weight decay=5e-6) #
Reduce weight decay
scheduler = torch.optim.lr scheduler.ReduceLROnPlateau(optimizer, 'min',
patience=10,
aggressive scheduler
# Define SWA components
swa model = AveragedModel(policy net)
swa scheduler = SWALR(optimizer, swa lr=0.005)
swa start = 75  # Start SWA after 75 epochs
def policy gradient loss(log probs, rewards):
def modified reward function(path, predicted path):
  std return = torch.std(returns)
  sharpe ratio reward = mean return / (std return + 1e-6)
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# Scale down the Sharpe ratio contribution to reduce instability
  sharpe ratio reward = 0.01 * sharpe ratio reward
  return (path[-1] - 0.5 * torch.var(path) + sharpe ratio reward) * 10
def train policy network with swa(data, policy net, optimizer, num epochs=100,
  num batches = len(data) // batch size
  for epoch in range(num epochs):
      total loss = 0
      for i in range(num batches):
                   adjusted drift += torch.normal(0, 0.1,
               log prob = Normal(0.05, 0.2).log prob(new mu)
               reward = modified reward function(path, path input +
               loss = policy gradient loss(log prob, reward)
              loss += 0.00005 * grad penalty
          optimizer.zero grad()
          batch loss.backward()
          torch.nn.utils.clip grad norm (policy net.parameters(),
max norm=1.5) # Increased clipping value
          optimizer.step()
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swa model.update parameters(policy net)
          swa scheduler.step()
          scheduler.step(total loss)
       print(
  torch.optim.swa utils.update bn(data, swa model)
swa policy net = train policy network with swa(data, policy net, optimizer)
class FeynmanKacNN(nn.Module):
       super(FeynmanKacNN, self). init ()
       self.fc2 = nn.Linear(128, 64)
       self.dropout = nn.Dropout(p=0.1)
  def forward(self, x):
      x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
       x = self.dropout(torch.relu(self.fc2(x)))
      return self.fc3(x)
feynman kac net = FeynmanKacNN(input dim=num steps)
fk optimizer = optim.Adam(feynman kac net.parameters(), 1r=0.001,
weight decay=1e-4)
def train feynman kac network(data, net, optimizer, num epochs=100,
batch size=64): # Increased batch size
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for epoch in range(num epochs):
      for i in range(num batches):
              target value = path[1:] # Target is the next value in the path
              predicted value = predicted value[:len(target value)]
              loss = nn.MSELoss() (predicted value, target value)
          optimizer.zero grad()
          batch loss.backward()
          torch.nn.utils.clip grad norm (net.parameters(), max norm=1.0)
          optimizer.step()
train feynman kac network(data, feynman kac net, fk optimizer)
def feynman kac benchmark(num paths, num steps, dt, S0, mu, sigma):
  benchmark paths = np.zeros((num paths, num steps + 1))
  for i in range(num paths):
          dW = np.random.normal(0, np.sqrt(dt)) # Brownian motion increment
          drift = (mu - 0.5 * sigma ** 2) * dt
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benchmark paths[i, t] = benchmark paths[i, t - 1] * np.exp(drift +
diffusion)
dt = .01
S0 = 100
mu = .05
sigma = .2
benchmark predictions = feynman kac benchmark(num paths, num steps, dt, S0, mu,
sigma)
def evaluate model(policy net, feynman kac net, data):
           path input = path[:-1].unsqueeze(0).flatten() # Flatten and add
           adjusted drift = policy net(path input.unsqueeze(0)) * 0.05 #
           adjusted path = path input + adjusted drift.squeeze(0) # Apply
drift adjustment
          predicted values.append(predicted value.numpy())
predicted values = evaluate model(policy net, feynman kac net, data)
def ensemble prediction(policy net, feynman kac net, data, n ensembles=3):
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for in range(n ensembles):
      with torch.no grad():
               adjusted drift = policy net(path input.unsqueeze(0)) * 0.05 #
               adjusted path = path input + adjusted drift.squeeze(0) # Apply
drift adjustment
               predictions.append(predicted value.numpy())
      ensemble preds.append(predictions)
  avg predictions = np.mean(ensemble preds, axis=0)
predicted values ensemble = ensemble prediction(policy net, feynman kac net,
data)
def denormalize(data, mean, std):
synthetic paths = []
predicted paths = []
ensemble paths = []
for i in range(5):
  synthetic paths.append(denormalize(data[i], data mean[i],
data std[i]).numpy())
  predicted paths.append(denormalize(torch.tensor(predicted values[i]),
data mean[i], data std[i]).numpy())
ensemble paths.append((denormalize(torch.tensor(predicted values ensemble[i]),
data mean[i], data std[i]).numpy()))
for i in range(5):
  plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
 plt.plot(synthetic paths[i], label=f'Synthetic Path {i + 1}')
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plt.plot(range(len(predicted values[i])), predicted paths[i],
label=f'Feynman-Kac Prediction Path {i + 1}',
            linestyle='--')
            label=f'Ensemble Feynman-Kac Prediction Path {i + 1}',
  plt.plot(range(len(benchmark predictions[i])), benchmark predictions[i],
linestyle=':')
  plt.title('Synthetic Asset Price Paths vs Prediction Paths vs Benchmark')
  plt.legend()
  plt.show()
#12. Calculate Avg Root Mean Square Error
rmse network = []
rmse ensemble = []
rmse benchmark = []
for i in range(5):
  true path = synthetic paths[i][1:] # Remove the initial value to match the
length of predicted paths
  predicted path network = predicted paths[i]
the initial value
  rmse network.append(root mean squared error(true path,
predicted path network))
  rmse ensemble.append(root mean squared error(true path,
predicted path ensemble))
   rmse benchmark.append(root mean squared error(true path,
predicted path benchmark))
avg rmse network = np.mean(rmse network)
avg rmse ensemble = np.mean(rmse ensemble)
avg rmse benchmark = np.mean(rmse benchmark)
print('~~~')
print(f'Average RMSE for Network Predictions: {avg rmse network}')
print(f'Average RMSE for Ensemble Predictions: {avg rmse ensemble}')
print(f'Average RMSE for Benchmark Predictions: {avg rmse benchmark}')
def hedging with predictions(path, predicted path, num steps,
initial cash=10000, initial asset=100,
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transaction cost=0.01):
  for t in range (num steps):
       if abs(predicted price - current price) / current price > threshold:
               cash += amount to sell * current price * (1 - transaction cost)
       path portfolio value.append(portfolio value)
num steps = len(predicted values[0])
hedging portfolio values network = []
hedging portfolio values ensemble = []
hedging portfolio values benchmark = []
for i in range(5):
hedging portfolio values network.append(hedging with predictions(synthetic path
s[i], predicted paths[i], num steps))
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hedging portfolio values ensemble.append(hedging with predictions(predicted pat
hs[i], ensemble paths[i], num steps))
  hedging portfolio values benchmark.append(
       hedging with predictions(synthetic paths[i], benchmark predictions[i],
num steps))
for i in range(5):
hedging portfolio values network[i],
           label=f'Hedging Portfolio Path Neural Network {i + 1}',
linestyle='--')
  plt.plot(range(len(hedging portfolio values ensemble[i])),
hedging portfolio values ensemble[i],
  plt.plot(range(len(hedging portfolio values benchmark[i])),
hedging portfolio values benchmark[i],
  plt.title('Synthetic Asset Price Paths vs Feynman Kac Hedging Strategy')
  plt.xlabel('Time Steps')
  plt.legend()
  plt.show()
def calculate sharpe ratio(portfolio values):
  returns = np.diff(portfolio values) / portfolio values[:-1]
  std return = np.std(returns)
sharpe ratios network = []
sharpe ratios ensemble = []
sharpe ratios benchmark = []
for i in range(5):
sharpe ratios network.append(calculate sharpe ratio(hedging portfolio values ne
twork[i]))
sharpe ratios ensemble.append(calculate sharpe ratio(hedging portfolio values e
nsemble[i]))
sharpe ratios benchmark.append(calculate sharpe ratio(hedging portfolio values
benchmark[i]))
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avg sharpe network = np.mean(sharpe ratios network)
avg sharpe ensemble = np.mean(sharpe ratios ensemble)
avg sharpe benchmark = np.mean(sharpe ratios benchmark)
print('~~~')
print(f'Average Sharpe Ratio for Network Hedging: {avg sharpe network}')
print(f'Average Sharpe Ratio for Ensemble Hedging: {avg sharpe ensemble}')
print(f'Average Sharpe Ratio for Benchmark Hedging: {avg sharpe benchmark}')
#16. Calculate final profit/loss
def calculate final pnl(portfolio values):
final pnl network = []
final pnl ensemble = []
final pnl benchmark = []
for i in range(5):
final pnl network.append(calculate final pnl(hedging portfolio values network[i
final pnl ensemble.append(calculate final pnl(hedging portfolio values ensemble
final pnl benchmark.append(calculate final pnl(hedging portfolio values benchma
rk[i]))
avg pnl network = np.mean(final pnl network)
avg pnl ensemble = np.mean(final pnl ensemble)
avg pnl benchmark = np.mean(final pnl benchmark)
print('~~~')
print(f'Average Final PnL for Network Hedging: {avg pnl network}')
print(f'Average Final PnL for Ensemble: {avg pnl ensemble}')
print(f'Average Final PnL for Benchmark Hedging: {avg pnl benchmark}')
historical mean = historical data.mean(dim=1, keepdim=True)
historical std = historical data.std(dim=1, keepdim=True)
historical data norm = (historical data - historical mean) / historical std
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historical pred = evaluate model(policy net, feynman kac net,
historical data norm)
num paths = historical data.shape[0]
num steps = historical data.shape[1] - 1
historical data unsq = historical data # Unsqueezed data for plotting
historical data = historical data.squeeze() # Removes singleton dimensions
# Calculate variables for benchmark
dt = 1 / 252 \# For daily prices
S0 = historical data[0, 0]
print(f'S0:{S0}')
log returns = np.log(historical data[:, 1:] / historical data[:, :-1]) # Log
returns
mu = log returns.mean() / dt
print(f'mu:{mu}')
sigma = log returns.std() / np.sqrt(dt)
print(f'sigma:{sigma}')
bench preds = feynman kac benchmark(num paths, num steps, dt, S0, mu, sigma)
historical predicted path = denormalize(torch.tensor(historical pred),
historical mean, historical std).numpy()
historical predicted path = historical predicted path.flatten().tolist()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.plot(historical data unsq[0], label=f'Historical Path')
plt.plot(range(len(historical pred[0])), historical predicted path[:100],
label=f'Feynman-Kac Prediction Path',
plt.plot(range(len(bench preds[0])), bench preds[0], label=f'Standard
Feynman-Kac Benchmark Path', linestyle=':')
plt.title('Real Asset Price Paths vs Prediction Paths vs Benchmark')
plt.xlabel('Time Steps')
plt.ylabel('Price')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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# Ensure synthetic_paths and predicted_paths have matching lengths for
comparison
true_path = historical_data_unsq[0][1:] # Remove the initial value to match
the length of predicted paths
predicted_path_network = historical_predicted_path[:100]
predicted_path_benchmark = bench_preds[0][1:] # Similarly remove the initial
value

# Calculate RMSE for the neural network prediction and benchmark
rmse_network = root_mean_squared_error(true_path, predicted_path_network)
rmse_benchmark = root_mean_squared_error(true_path, predicted_path_benchmark)

avg_rmse_network = np.mean(rmse_network)
avg_rmse_benchmark = np.mean(rmse_benchmark)

print('~~~')
print(f'Average RMSE for Real Network Predictions: {avg_rmse_network}')
print(f'Average RMSE for RwL Benchmark Predictions: {avg_rmse_benchmark}')
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Console Output:

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Epoch 1/100, Loss: -10.953323483467102, Current Learning Rate: 0.005
Epoch 2/100, Loss: -22.24557662010193, Current Learning Rate: 0.005
Epoch 3/100, Loss: -23.743412017822266, Current Learning Rate: 0.005
Epoch 4/100, Loss: -24.13146185874939, Current Learning Rate: 0.005
Epoch 5/100, Loss: -24.387202739715576, Current Learning Rate: 0.005
Epoch 6/100, Loss: -24.632769346237183, Current Learning Rate: 0.005
Epoch 7/100, Loss: -24.85825800895691, Current Learning Rate: 0.005
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Average RMSE for Real Network Predictions: 1.839619944461203 Average RMSE for RwL Benchmark Predictions: 17.753708851028005

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