CNN in Market Movement Prediction | Data Prep

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Application of CNNs in Market Direction Prediction

Summary

This project focuses on the application of deep neural networks, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), in the financial market. It involves the implementation of a Python code that utilizes historical data to predict the direction of price movement for a financial instrument. The code encompasses various stages such as data preprocessing, feature engineering, and visualization, all of which are crucial in training and optimizing the deep neural network models.

Import the necessary libraries

```
[1]: import pandas as pd import numpy as np
```

```
[2]: from pylab import mpl, plt
plt.style.use('seaborn-v0_8')
mpl.rcParams['font.family'] = 'serif'
%matplotlib inline
```

The Data

```
[3]: # Load the historical data and drop any row with missing values
url = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dayton-nyamai/MarketDLModels/main/data/
data.csv'

raw = pd.read_csv(url,index_col=0, parse_dates=True).dropna()
#raw.info()
```

Select the symbol and create a DataFrame

```
[4]: symbol = ['EUR=']
data = pd.DataFrame(raw[symbol])
```

Align dates and rename the column containing the price data to 'price'.

```
[5]: start_date = data.index.min()
  end_date = data.index.max()
  data = data.loc[start_date:end_date]
  data.rename(columns={'EUR=': 'price'}, inplace=True)
```

Calculate log returns and create direction column

```
[6]: data['returns'] = np.log(data['price'] / data['price'].shift(1))
  data.dropna(inplace=True)
  data['direction'] = np.where(data['returns'] > 0, 1, 0)
  data.round(4).head()
```

```
[6]: price returns direction
Date
2010-01-05 1.4368 -0.0030 0
2010-01-06 1.4412 0.0031 1
2010-01-07 1.4318 -0.0065 0
2010-01-08 1.4412 0.0065 1
2010-01-11 1.4513 0.0070 1
```

A histogram providing visual representation of the EUR log returns distribution

```
[7]: data['returns'].hist(bins=35, figsize=(10, 6));

# Add figure caption

plt.figtext(0.5, -0.01, 'Fig. 1.1 A histogram showing the distribution of EUR<sub>□</sub>

→log returns ', style='italic',ha='center')

# Show the plot

plt.show()
```

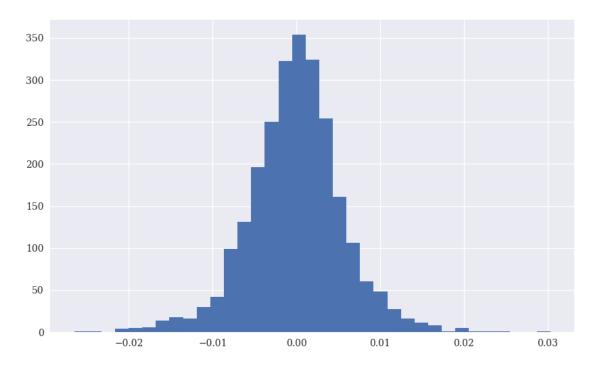


Fig. 1.1 A histogram showing the distribution of EUR log returns

Second, create the features data by lagging the log returns and visualize it in combination with the returns data. We can use various visualization techniques such as scatter plots or line plots to compare the lagged log returns with the returns data.

Create lagged columns

```
[8]: lags = 5

def create_lags(data):
    global cols
    cols = []
    for lag in range(1, lags + 1):
        col = 'lag_{}'.format(lag)
        data[col] = data['returns'].shift(lag)
        cols.append(col)
    create_lags(data)
    data.round(4).tail(4)
```

```
[8]:
                 price
                        returns
                                 direction
                                             lag_1
                                                     lag_2
                                                             lag_3
                                                                     lag_4
                                                                             lag_5
    Date
    2019-12-26 1.1096
                         0.0008
                                            0.0001
                                                    0.0007 -0.0038
                                                                    0.0008 -0.0034
    2019-12-27
                         0.0071
                                          1 0.0008
                                                    0.0001
                                                            0.0007 -0.0038 0.0008
                1.1175
    2019-12-30 1.1197
                         0.0020
                                          1 0.0071
                                                    0.0008
                                                            0.0001
                                                                    0.0007 -0.0038
                                          1 0.0020
                                                    0.0071 0.0008
                                                                   0.0001 0.0007
    2019-12-31 1.1210
                         0.0012
```

Scatter plot based on features and labels data

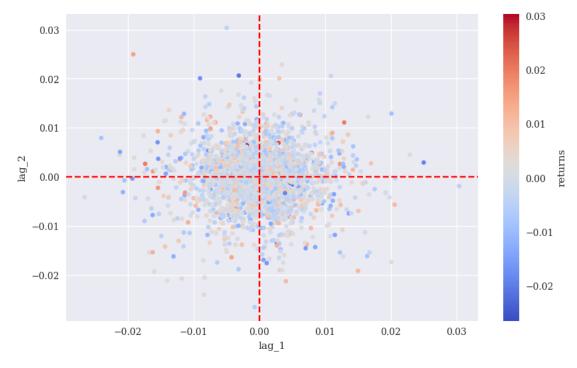


Fig. 1.2 A scatter plot based on features and labels data

With the dataset fully prepared, various deep learning techniques can be employed to forecast market movements based on the provided features. Additionally, these predictions can be utilized to rigorously backtest a trading strategy.