

# analysis

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## 1 Private Market Stock Price Prediction - SpaceX Bid-Ask Spread

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Private market stock data is sparse (less frequent orders or transactions) and, therefore, prices are much harder to predict than normal stock price prediction. This provides an interesting problem in finance and machine learning modeling in general.

We have a CSV containing (fake) bid/ask order data for SpaceX. Orders are “indications of interest” from buyers and sellers in the market, NOT closed transactions. Here, our goal was to develop a simple model of bid/ask spread using the data provided, where spreads are modeled (e.g., linear regression, etc.) as a function of order characteristics and/or any public data you can find (e.g., from Yahoo Finance, etc.).

Some questions for reflection below...

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### 1.2.1 1) Modeling Decisions

- **Focused on Prediction (Not Causal Inference) + Feature Engineering**  
In reality, we wouldn't have access to `spread` data ahead of time, so I treated this as a forecasting problem, using `spread_7d` and `spread_7d_future` (shifted 1 period forward).
- **Rolling Spread Calculations**  
Constructed a rolling 7-day spread `spread_7d`, as well as volatility and entropy metrics. Repeated these for several short, medium, and long-term windows: 7, 14, 28, 56 days.
- **Book-Level Metrics -> Rolling Values**  
Imbalance, depth-weighted midprice, slope, last seen bid/ask, etc.
- **Macroeconomic Data -> Rolling Metrics**  
Stocks: [ARKX, VIX, XLI, SPY, TREASURY\_10Y]; Fed: [FED\_FUNDS\_RATE, CPI, UNEMP\_U3, UNEMP\_U6, M2].
- Aggregated orders at the daily level for OLS/XGBoost. Would aim to keep multiple orders for Mixed Effects, but this requires more work.

- **Data Imputation**

Various data imputation choices along the way. The biggest one was ultimately dropping records with too many NaN values. Forward-filled macro variables. (Would) set spread to 0 or median values on days with no bids/asks for SARIMAX. Other choices are documented in the notebook and code.

- **Chronological Train-Test Split**

Used a chronological split (final 20%) for out-of-sample evaluation, without leakage (including standardization *after* split).

- **Modeling Choices**

Started with OLS as a baseline, then added XGBoost. Scaffolding for Mixed Effects, SARIMAX, and Bayesian regression is all in place in the code.

- **Model Evaluation**

RMSE, MAE,  $R^2$ , MAPE, SMAPE, plus diagnostic plots (residuals, predictions vs. actuals, and various statistical tests for OLS via `statsmodels`).

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### 1.2.2 2) Areas for Continued Work - Model, Data, or Otherwise

- **Feature Selection**

Our simplified OLS model actually outperformed XGBoost. We need to hone in on feature selection to avoid confusing the model with noise (e.g., Lasso Regression, Random Effects models).

- **Outlining Business Goals + Separating Out Modeling Steps to Chain Together**

For example, we can chain or ensemble models: one on causal inference, one on volatility, one on anomaly prediction (to detect spikes/dips), etc. This would yield better results by solving isolated problems one at a time. We may even want to separately model `bid` and `ask` volume-weighted prices (e.g., if there are structural or persistent reasons why `bid` and `ask` prices differ) and calculate `spread` as the difference. There are many ways to break the problem down.

- **Further Modeling Spread Dynamics**

Recency is extremely important, but so are long-term trends. We should extend to `_90d` windows too.

- **Time Series, Bayesian Hierarchical, and Ensemble Models**

Given the autocorrelated nature of `spread_7d` with `spread_7d_future`, time-series would be a natural next step. I think SARIMAX will perform exceptionally well (though imputation will be a challenge). Bayesian modeling will also be interesting, given the sparsity of orders. Ensembling a well-defined causal inference model (e.g., Lasso Regression) with Prophet, GARCH, or VAR models would be interesting, especially focusing on `spread` alone. While LSTM/GRU models are fancy, classical ML generally still outperforms neural networks on tabular data (plenty of research supports this).

- **Feature Engineering**

Thoughts include:

- More fine-grained lags: Add more sophisticated lag structures (e.g., exponentially weighted lags).
  - Deeper liquidity metrics: E.g., book-level depth at 10%, 20%, 50% levels of the book (though there may not be enough data for this).
  - Macroeconomic regime indicators: E.g., dummies for bear/bull markets or recession/expansion.
  - Google search trends: Already pulled it, but it was being finicky. We could add more related search terms.
  - Private company news sentiment.
- **Hyperparameter Tuning + Cross-Validation**  
Tune the models for better fit. Clustered cross-validations according to different economic regimes.
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### 1.2.3 3) Additional datasets to which may be worthwhile to explore incorporating into the model

- **Urgency + Risk + Liquidity Data**  
Any data that helps predict either order urgency, risk aversion, or funding/liquidity constraints will likely improve spread modeling:
  - Macroeconomic events overlay: Fed announcements, CPI prints, IPO windows (this is probably *key*).
  - Order book depth snapshots: E.g., top 5 bids/asks, size per level.
  - Completed transaction data: E.g., actual trade prices, volumes.
  - Order types: E.g., firm vs. soft indications of interest.
  - Counterparty characteristics: E.g., institutional vs. retail, strategic buyer vs. liquidity trader.
- **Industry-Level Data + Proxy Other Companies in Same Category**  
If we're able to leverage data from *all private* market transactions, then we can get much more detailed **spread** dynamics:
  - Private market valuation trends: Series D/E/F pricing data via Crunchbase, LinkedIn, Layoffs.fyi, etc. This could provide estimates of not only funding but also hiring/firing trends.
  - Historical funding or secondary market liquidity data: On a general level.
  - Company events: Patent filings, quarterly reports, scheduled product launches (or misses).

## 1.3 Section 0 - Imports/Setup + Variable Definitions

```
[1]: # analysis.ipynb

# imports
# dev tools
import sys
import os
```

```

import datetime
import time
import re
from typing import Any, Dict, List, Literal, Union
import warnings

warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")

# setup path for src/ folder
sys.path.append("../src")
# print(sys.path)

# data
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import ydata_profiling

# plots
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from IPython.display import SVG
from graphviz import Source
from IPython.display import display
from IPython.display import Image

# models
from pmdarima import auto_arima
import pymc as pm
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
import statsmodels.api as sm
import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
from statsmodels.regression.mixed_linear_model import MixedLM
from statsmodels.tsa.statespace.sarimax import SARIMAX
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error, r2_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor, export_graphviz
from xgboost import XGBRegressor

# stats
from scipy import stats
import shap

# api
import pandas_datareader as pdr
from pytrends.request import TrendReq
import yfinance as yf

```

```

# final styling
plt.style.use("seaborn-v0_8")
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'retina'
%matplotlib inline

```

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

```

[2]: # imports - local libraries
from spread_predictor.constants import *
from spread_predictor.data_loader import (
    cleanData,
    load_raw_orders,
    fetch_yahoo_data,
    fetch_fred_data,
    fetch_google_trends,
)
from spread_predictor.features import (
    build_df_daily_calendar,
    build_df_exog,
    compute_df_book_static,
    compute_df_book_rolling,
    compute_df_spread_rolling,
    add_df_features_all,
    build_feature_matrix,
)
from spread_predictor.model import (
    train_test_split_ts,
    standardize_features,
    train_ols,
    train_mixed_effects,
    train_xgboost,
    train_sarimax,
    train_bayesian_regression,
    predict_bayesian_regression,
    evaluate_model,
    evaluate_sarimax,
    plot_bayesian_trace,
    plot_predictions,
    plot_residuals,
)

# check imports
# print(f'VARS_NUMERIC: {VARS_NUMERIC}')
# print(f'VARS_NUMERIC_AGG: {VARS_NUMERIC_AGG}')
print(f"VARS_CATEGORICAL: {VARS_CATEGORICAL}")
# print(f'VARS_CATEGORICAL_TS: {VARS_CATEGORICAL_TS}')

```

```
print(f"VARS_DUMMIES: {VARS_DUMMIES}")
print(f"VARS_DATES: {VARS_DATES}")
print(f"DIRECTORY: {DIRECTORY}")
os.getcwd()
```

```
VARS_CATEGORICAL: ['direction', 'structure']
VARS_DUMMIES: ['direction', 'structure']
VARS_DATES: ['date']
DIRECTORY: /Users/faransikandar/Documents/Git_Faran/Demos/stock-spread-model
```

```
[2]: '/Users/faransikandar/Documents/Git_Faran/Demos/stock-spread-model/notebooks'
```

## 1.4 Section 1 - Data ETL + EDA

### 1.4.1 Section 1A - Load Raw Data + Preview - SpaceX Orders

```
[3]: # step 1 - load your raw order book CSV
df_orders_raw = load_raw_orders(os.path.join(DATA_PATH,
    ↪DATA_FILENAME_SPACEX_ORDERS))

# preview order data
print(
    f"**Preview the Order Data:**\n\nRecords: {df_orders_raw.
    ↪shape[0]}\nVariables: {df_orders_raw.shape[1]}"
)
print(f"\nUnique Order Dates: {df_orders_raw['Date'].nunique()}")
print(f"\nOrder Count Bid/Ask: {df_orders_raw['direction'].value_counts()}")
print(f"\n**Data Types:**\n\n{df_orders_raw.dtypes}")
print(f"\n**Null Data:**\n\n{df_orders_raw.isnull().sum()}")
df_orders_raw.head()
```

```
**Preview the Order Data:**
```

```
Records: 1708
```

```
Variables: 7
```

```
Unique Order Dates: 789
```

```
Order Count Bid/Ask: direction
```

```
sell    926
```

```
buy     782
```

```
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

```
**Data Types:**
```

```
direction    object
```

```

Date            object
Price           float64
size            float64
structure       object
carry           object
managementFee   object
dtype: object

```

**\*\*Null Data:\*\***

```

direction       0
Date            0
Price           63
size            0
structure       0
carry           714
managementFee   745
dtype: int64

```

```

[3]:  direction      Date  Price      size      structure  carry  managementFee
0      sell  Aug 15, 2016  275.0   1560000.0      direct    NaN           NaN
1      sell  Aug 15, 2016  275.0   1040000.0      direct    NaN           NaN
2       buy  Nov 11, 2016  275.0  15000000.0  unspecified    NaN           NaN
3       buy   Jan 8, 2017  301.0  16500000.0  unspecified    NaN           NaN
4      sell   Jan 8, 2017  295.0   3584000.0      direct    NaN           NaN

```

#### 1.4.2 Section 1B - Clean Data - SpaceX Orders

```

[4]: # initialize clean_data_orders
clean_data_orders_obj = cleanData(df_orders_raw)
df_orders = clean_data_orders_obj.clean_df(
    col_date_key=COL_DATE_KEY,
    date_vars=VARS_DATES,
    pct_vars=VARS_PERCENT,
    cat_vars=VARS_CATEGORICAL,
    numeric_vars=VARS_NUMERIC,
    rename_vars=VARS_RENAME,
).df

print(
    f"**Preview the Order Data:**\n\nRecords: {df_orders.shape[0]}\nVariables:
↳{df_orders.shape[1]}"
)
print(f"\nUnique Order Dates: {df_orders_raw['Date'].nunique()}")
print(

```

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        f"\nCount Dates with 1+ Buy Orders: {df_orders[df_orders['direction'] ==
        ↪'buy'].groupby('date')['price'].max().reset_index().shape}"
    )
    print(
        f"\nCount Dates with 1+ Sell Orders: {df_orders[df_orders['direction'] ==
        ↪'sell'].groupby('date')['price'].max().reset_index().shape}"
    )
    print(f"\n**Data Types:**\n\n{df_orders.dtypes}")
    print(f"\n**Null Data:**\n\n{df_orders_raw.isnull().sum()}")
    print(f"\n**Data Description:**\n\n{df_orders.describe()}")
    df_orders.head()

```

**\*\*Preview the Order Data:\*\***

Records: 1708

Variables: 7

Unique Order Dates: 789

Count Dates with 1+ Buy Orders: (416, 2)

Count Dates with 1+ Sell Orders: (540, 2)

**\*\*Data Types:\*\***

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| direction      | category       |
| date           | datetime64[ns] |
| price          | float64        |
| size           | float64        |
| structure      | category       |
| carry          | float64        |
| management_fee | float64        |
| dtype:         | object         |

**\*\*Null Data:\*\***

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| direction     | 0     |
| Date          | 0     |
| Price         | 63    |
| size          | 0     |
| structure     | 0     |
| carry         | 714   |
| managementFee | 745   |
| dtype:        | int64 |

**\*\*Data Description:\*\***



|       | count                         | date        | price        | size       | carry \ |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|---------|
| count | 1708                          | 1645.000000 | 1.708000e+03 | 994.000000 |         |
| mean  | 2022-07-30 16:39:03.793910784 | 334.319179  | 1.998598e+07 | 0.088008   |         |
| min   | 2016-08-15 00:00:00           | 125.000000  | 4.337500e+02 | 0.000000   |         |
| 25%   | 2021-06-20 12:00:00           | 170.000000  | 2.000000e+06 | 0.000000   |         |
| 50%   | 2023-01-15 00:00:00           | 209.000000  | 6.916650e+06 | 0.100000   |         |
| 75%   | 2023-12-12 00:00:00           | 415.000000  | 2.000000e+07 | 0.200000   |         |
| max   | 2025-02-24 00:00:00           | 1365.000000 | 3.000000e+08 | 0.250000   |         |
| std   | NaN                           | 272.156652  | 3.394770e+07 | 0.087689   |         |

|       | management_fee |
|-------|----------------|
| count | 963.000000     |
| mean  | 0.005958       |
| min   | 0.000000       |
| 25%   | 0.000000       |
| 50%   | 0.000000       |
| 75%   | 0.010000       |
| max   | 0.060000       |
| std   | 0.009636       |

```
[4]: direction    date    price    size    structure    carry    management_fee
0      sell 2016-08-15  275.0    1560000.0      direct      NaN             NaN
1      sell 2016-08-15  275.0    1040000.0      direct      NaN             NaN
2      buy  2016-11-11  275.0   15000000.0  unspecified    NaN             NaN
13     sell 2017-01-08  205.0   34000000.0        spv        0.0             0.0
12     buy  2017-01-08  235.0    316800.0  unspecified    NaN             NaN
```

### 1.4.3 Section 1C - EDA - Visualize SpaceX Order Patterns - Price + Size Over Time

```
[5]: # normalize the size for better visualization
normalized_size = (
    df_orders["size"] / df_orders["size"].max()
) * 500 # Scale sizes to a smaller range

# plot setup
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 8))

# scatter plot with color by direction and size by order size
scatter = plt.scatter(
    df_orders["date"],
    df_orders["price"],
    c=df_orders["direction"].map({"buy": "blue", "sell": "red"}),
    s=normalized_size, # Use normalized size
    alpha=0.7, # Add transparency
    edgecolor="k",
    linewidth=0.5,
```

```

)

# add legend for direction and size scale
legend_elements = [
    plt.Line2D(
        [0],
        [0],
        marker="o",
        color="w",
        label="Buy",
        markerfacecolor="blue",
        markersize=10,
    ),
    plt.Line2D(
        [0],
        [0],
        marker="o",
        color="w",
        label="Sell",
        markerfacecolor="red",
        markersize=10,
    ),
    plt.Line2D(
        [0],
        [0],
        marker="o",
        color="w",
        label=f'Size: {int(df_orders["size"].min())}',
        markerfacecolor="gray",
        markersize=5,
    ),
    plt.Line2D(
        [0],
        [0],
        marker="o",
        color="w",
        label=f'Size: {int(df_orders["size"].quantile(0.25))}',
        markerfacecolor="gray",
        markersize=8,
    ),
    plt.Line2D(
        [0],
        [0],
        marker="o",
        color="w",
        label=f'Size: {int(df_orders["size"].median())}',
        markerfacecolor="gray",

```

```

        markersize=10,
    ),
    plt.Line2D(
        [0],
        [0],
        marker="o",
        color="w",
        label=f'Size: {int(df_orders["size"].quantile(0.75))}',
        markerfacecolor="gray",
        markersize=12,
    ),
    plt.Line2D(
        [0],
        [0],
        marker="o",
        color="w",
        label=f'Size: {int(df_orders["size"].max())}',
        markerfacecolor="gray",
        markersize=15,
    ),
]

plt.legend(
    handles=legend_elements,
    title="Legend",
    loc="upper left",
    fontsize=12,
    title_fontsize=14,
)

# labels and title
plt.title("Price vs Date with Direction and Order Size", fontsize=18,
        fontweight="bold")
plt.xlabel("Date", fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel("Price", fontsize=14)
plt.xticks(fontsize=12, rotation=45)
plt.yticks(fontsize=12)

# add grid for better readability
plt.grid(color="gray", linestyle="--", linewidth=0.5, alpha=0.7)

# show plot
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



```
[6]: # [lot setup
fig, ax1 = plt.subplots(figsize=(14, 8))

# plot price on the left y-axis
color = "tab:blue"
ax1.set_xlabel("Date", fontsize=14)
ax1.set_ylabel("Price", color=color, fontsize=14)
ax1.plot(df_orders["date"], df_orders["price"], color=color, label="Price",
        linewidth=2)

ax1.tick_params(axis="y", labelcolor=color)
ax1.tick_params(axis="x", labelsize=12, rotation=45)
ax1.grid(color="gray", linestyle="--", linewidth=0.5, alpha=0.7)

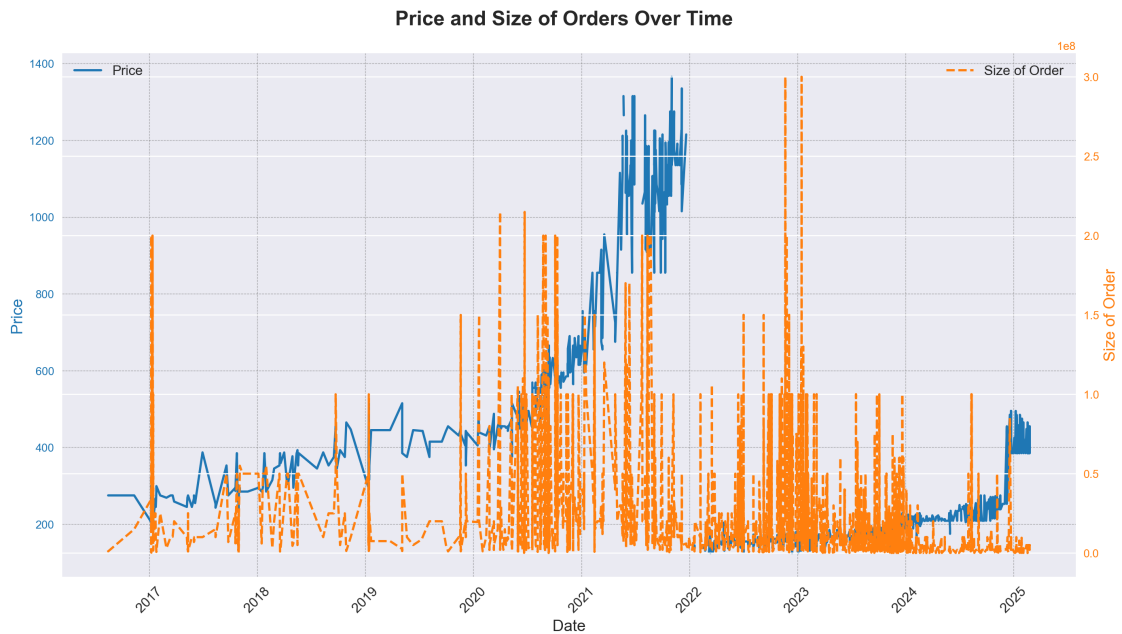
# create a second y-axis for size
ax2 = ax1.twinx()
color = "tab:orange"
ax2.set_ylabel("Size of Order", color=color, fontsize=14)
ax2.plot(
    df_orders["date"],
    df_orders["size"],
    color=color,
    label="Size of Order",
    linewidth=2,
    linestyle="--",
)
ax2.tick_params(axis="y", labelcolor=color)
```

```

# add title and legend
fig.suptitle("Price and Size of Orders Over Time", fontsize=18,
            fontweight="bold")
ax1.legend(loc="upper left", fontsize=12)
ax2.legend(loc="upper right", fontsize=12)

# adjust layout
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



## 1.5 Section 2 - Fetch External Variables - Yahoo! Finance + Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) + Google Search Trends

- `build_df_exog` - Fetches external variables from sources like Yahoo! Finance, FRED, and Google Search Trends
  - **Yahoo! Finance**
    - \* `spy` - S&P500
    - \* `vix` - volatility measure
    - \* `arkx` - ARK space + exploration innovation ETF
    - \* `xli` - industrial sector SPDR fund
    - \* `treasury_10y` - treasury note 10-year yield index
  - **FRED**
    - \* `fed_rate` - federal funds interbank exchange interest rate
    - \* `cpi` - consumer price index

- \* unemp\_u3 - unemployment rate, official - includes only people actively seeking work
- \* unemp\_u6 - unemployment rate, includes - includes marginally attached workers and those employed part-time for economic reasons
- \* m2 - M2 money supply - broad measure of the money supply that includes M1 (currency in circulation and checking accounts) plus savings deposits, money market accounts, and small time deposits (under \$100,000). It represents the total amount of money readily available for spending, along with assets that can be easily converted to cash
- **Google Trends**
  - \* SpaceX - excluded because of rate-limiting issues, for now

```
[7]: # step 2 - build a df_daily calendar
full_dates_idx, df_daily = build_df_daily_calendar(df_orders)

# step 3 - fetch exog vars
df_exog = build_df_exog(
    date_index=full_dates_idx,
    df_daily=df_daily,
    dict_yf_tickers=VARS_YF,
    dict_fred_series=VARS_FRED,
    list_gt_keywords=VARS_GOOGLE,
)
```

YF.download() has changed argument auto\_adjust default to True

[\*\*\*\*\*100%\*\*\*\*\*] 1 of 1 completed

1 Failed download:

['^VIX']: YFRateLimitError('Too Many Requests. Rate limited. Try after a while.')

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1 Failed download:

['SPY']: YFRateLimitError('Too Many Requests. Rate limited. Try after a while.')

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1 Failed download:

['ARKX']: YFRateLimitError('Too Many Requests. Rate limited. Try after a while.')

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1 Failed download:

['XLI']: YFRateLimitError('Too Many Requests. Rate limited. Try after a while.')

[\*\*\*\*\*100%\*\*\*\*\*] 1 of 1 completed

1 Failed download:

['^TNX']: YFRateLimitError('Too Many Requests. Rate limited. Try after a while.')

```
VARF_YF: {'vix': '^VIX', 'spy': 'SPY', 'arkx': 'ARKX', 'xli': 'XLI',
'treasury_10y': '^TNX'}
```

**\*\*Preview the Yahoo! Finance Data:\*\***

Records: 3116

Variables: 5

**\*\*Data Types:\*\***

```
vix          float64
spy          float64
arkx         float64
xli          float64
treasury_10y float64
dtype: object
```

**\*\*Null Data:\*\***

```
vix          3116
spy          3116
arkx         3116
xli          3116
treasury_10y 3116
dtype: int64
```

```
df_yf_head:      vix  spy  arkx  xli  treasury_10y
2016-08-15  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN      NaN
2016-08-16  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN      NaN
2016-08-17  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN      NaN
2016-08-18  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN      NaN
2016-08-19  NaN  NaN  NaN  NaN      NaN
```

```
VARF_FRED: {'fed_rate': 'FEDFUNDS', 'cpi': 'CPIAUCSL', 'unemp_u3': 'UNRATE',
'unemp_u6': 'U6RATE', 'm2': 'M2SL'}
```

**\*\*Preview the FRED Data:\*\***

Records: 3116

Variables: 5

**\*\*Data Types:\*\***

```
fed_rate      float64
cpi           float64
unemp_u3      float64
unemp_u6      float64
m2            float64
```

dtype: object

**\*\*Null Data:\*\***

```
fed_rate    3014
cpi          3014
unemp_u3     3014
unemp_u6     3014
m2           3014
dtype: int64
```

```
df_fred_head:          fed_rate  cpi  unemp_u3  unemp_u6  m2
2016-08-15      NaN  NaN      NaN      NaN  NaN
2016-08-16      NaN  NaN      NaN      NaN  NaN
2016-08-17      NaN  NaN      NaN      NaN  NaN
2016-08-18      NaN  NaN      NaN      NaN  NaN
2016-08-19      NaN  NaN      NaN      NaN  NaN
```

## 1.6 Section 3 - Feature Engineering

- **compute\_df\_book\_static** - Calculates book-level features for most recent bids / asks, including:
  - bid\_last\_price\_max
  - bid\_last\_size\_max
  - ask\_last\_price\_min
  - ask\_last\_size\_min
  - days\_since\_bid
  - days\_since\_ask
  - days\_ask\_minus\_bid (days between most recent ask and most recent bid)
- **compute\_df\_book\_rolling** - Calculates book-level rolling features over windows - e.g. max bid price over last n days (n=7 by default)
  - book\_imbalance\_7d
  - depth\_midprice\_7d
  - bid\_slope\_7d
  - ask\_slope\_7d
  - bid\_count\_7d
  - ask\_count\_7d
  - bid\_size\_total\_7d
  - ask\_size\_total\_7d
- **compute\_df\_spread\_rolling** - Calculates spread-related features over windows (n=7 by default)
  - bid\_max\_1d
  - ask\_min\_1d
  - bid\_max\_7d
  - ask\_min\_7d
  - spread\_7d
  - spread\_7d\_future (shift spread\_7d forward one period -> for y\_target)



- **add\_df\_features\_all** - Consolidates all features - for fxns with `_rolling` ability, include several windows - [7, 14, 28, 56] - included to get short, medium, and long-term dynamics. Also add:
  - `imbalance_ratio_7d_28d`
  - `imbalance_ratio_7d_56d`
  - `depth_midprice_ratio_7d_28d`
  - `depth_midprice_ratio_7d_56d`
  - `spread_volatility_7d`
  - `spread_entropy_7d`
- **build\_feature\_matrix** - Build final dataframes
  - Handles dummy variable calculation for categorical variabls
  - Imputations or dropping `isnan`, as necessary
  - Splitting into X and y

```
[8]: # compute spread + rolling features
# book features
df_last = compute_df_book_static(df_orders=df_orders)
```

df\_last shape: (3116, 9)

```
df_last dtypes:
bid_last_price_max      float64
bid_last_size_max       float64
ask_last_price_min      float64
ask_last_size_min       float64
bid_last_date           datetime64[ns]
ask_last_date           datetime64[ns]
days_since_bid         float64
days_since_ask         float64
days_ask_minus_bid     float64
dtype: object
```

```
df_last isna sum:
bid_last_price_max      88
bid_last_size_max       88
ask_last_price_min      0
ask_last_size_min       0
bid_last_date           88
ask_last_date           0
days_since_bid         88
days_since_ask         0
days_ask_minus_bid     88
dtype: int64
```

```
df_last head:
      bid_last_price_max  bid_last_size_max  ask_last_price_min  \
2016-08-15              NaN              NaN              275.0
2016-08-16              NaN              NaN              275.0
```

|            |     |     |       |
|------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 2016-08-17 | NaN | NaN | 275.0 |
| 2016-08-18 | NaN | NaN | 275.0 |
| 2016-08-19 | NaN | NaN | 275.0 |

|            | ask_last_size_min | bid_last_date | ask_last_date | days_since_bid \ |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 2016-08-15 | 1560000.0         | NaT           | 2016-08-15    | NaN              |
| 2016-08-16 | 1560000.0         | NaT           | 2016-08-15    | NaN              |
| 2016-08-17 | 1560000.0         | NaT           | 2016-08-15    | NaN              |
| 2016-08-18 | 1560000.0         | NaT           | 2016-08-15    | NaN              |
| 2016-08-19 | 1560000.0         | NaT           | 2016-08-15    | NaN              |

|            | days_since_ask | days_ask_minus_bid |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 2016-08-15 | 0.0            | NaN                |
| 2016-08-16 | 1.0            | NaN                |
| 2016-08-17 | 2.0            | NaN                |
| 2016-08-18 | 3.0            | NaN                |
| 2016-08-19 | 4.0            | NaN                |

We see upon plotting days between ask and bid `days_ask_minus_bid` that the values cluster around 0. But this provides **important intuition for what our y\_target should be**. `spread_7d` would capture about 1/2 the data, zooming out to `spread_14d` might capture 2/3.

## NOTE

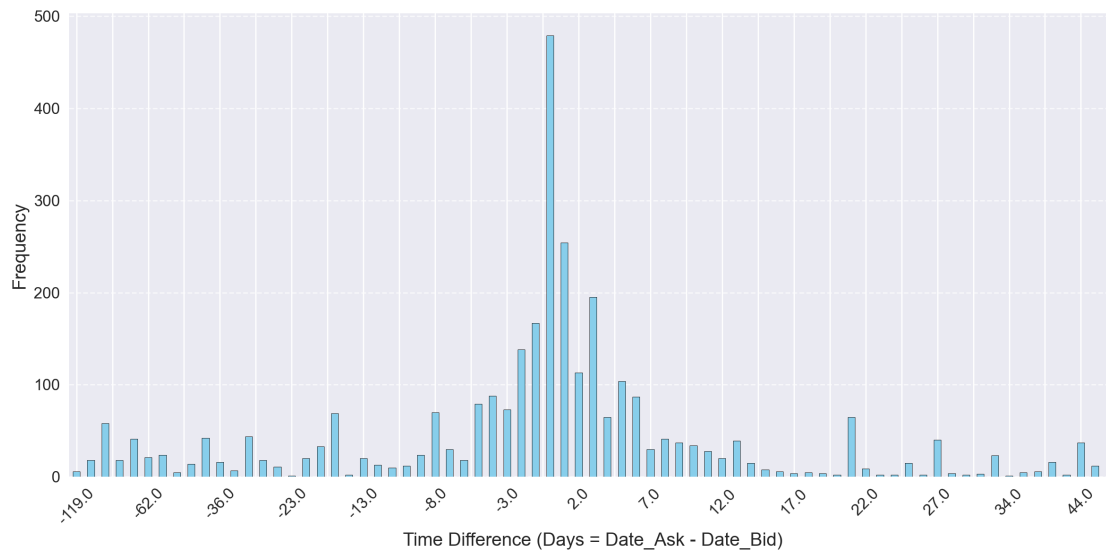
`days_ask_minus_bid >= 0` means the ask came on or after the bid - e.g. +3 Days = January 5 (Ask) - January 2 (Bid)

`days_ask_minus_bid < 0` implies the ask came before the bid - e.g. -3 Days = January 2 (Ask) - January 5 (Bid)

```
[9]: # plot for days since bid/ask
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
df_last["days_ask_minus_bid"].value_counts().sort_index().plot(
    kind="bar", color="skyblue", edgecolor="black"
)
plt.xlabel("Time Difference (Days = Date_Ask - Date_Bid)", fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel("Frequency", fontsize=14)
plt.xticks(fontsize=12, rotation=45)

# adjust x-axis tick frequency
plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_locator(plt.MaxNLocator(nbins=30)) # Show fewer ticks

plt.yticks(fontsize=12)
plt.grid(axis="y", linestyle="--", alpha=0.7)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



```
[10]: # book rolling features
df_book = compute_df_book_rolling(df_orders=df_orders, window_days=WINDOW_DAYS)
```

```
df_book shape: (3116, 8)
```

```
df_book dtypes:
```

```
book_imbalance_7d    float64
depth_midprice_7d    float64
slope_bid_7d         float64
slope_ask_7d         float64
bid_count_7d         int64
ask_count_7d         int64
bid_size_total_7d    float64
ask_size_total_7d    float64
dtype: object
```

```
df_book isna sum:
```

```
book_imbalance_7d    977
depth_midprice_7d    977
slope_bid_7d         2020
slope_ask_7d         1857
bid_count_7d         0
ask_count_7d         0
bid_size_total_7d    0
ask_size_total_7d    0
dtype: int64
```

```
[11]: # spread features
df_spread = compute_df_spread_rolling(df_orders=df_orders,
    ↪window_days=WINDOW_DAYS)
```

```
df_spread shape: (3116, 6)
```

```
df_spread dtypes:
bid_max_1d          float64
ask_min_1d          float64
bid_max_7d          float64
ask_min_7d          float64
spread_7d           float64
spread_7d_future    float64
dtype: object
```

```
df_spread isna sum:
bid_max_1d          2711
ask_min_1d          2588
bid_max_7d          1454
ask_min_7d          1370
spread_7d           1822
spread_7d_future    1822
dtype: int64
```

```
[12]: %%capture
# add in all features (inheriting from the above)
df_all = add_df_features_all(
    df_exog=df_exog, df_last=df_last, df_orders=df_orders,
    ↪list_windows=LIST_WINDOWS
)
```

```
[13]: # # df_all cols check
# print(len(df_all.columns))
# print(list(df_all.columns))
# # df_all nan check
# dict(df_all.isna().sum())
```

## 1.7 Section 4 - Pre-Modeling EDA

### 1.7.1 Section 4A - Spread\_7D - Y\_Target Feature, Derived from df\_all

We see there are a lot of gaps in `spread_7d`, but it is more frequent and helps smooth out the otherwise sparse order data. And we can see that perhaps it tends to a mean of 0 in absolute terms.

Depending on the task at hand, e.g. wanting to predict arbitrage opportunities - we may want to frame this as an anomaly prediction problem in the future.

```
[14]: # spread_7d plot
# Plot spread_7d
plt.figure(figsize=(14, 7))

# Plot the spread_7d column
df_all["spread_7d"].plot(color="blue", label="Spread_7D", linewidth=2)

# Add title and labels with improved formatting
plt.title("Spread Over Time (7-Day Rolling)", fontsize=18, fontweight="bold",
        ↳pad=20)
plt.xlabel("Date", fontsize=14, labelpad=10)
plt.ylabel("Spread_7D (Ask_Min - Bid_Max)", fontsize=14, labelpad=10)

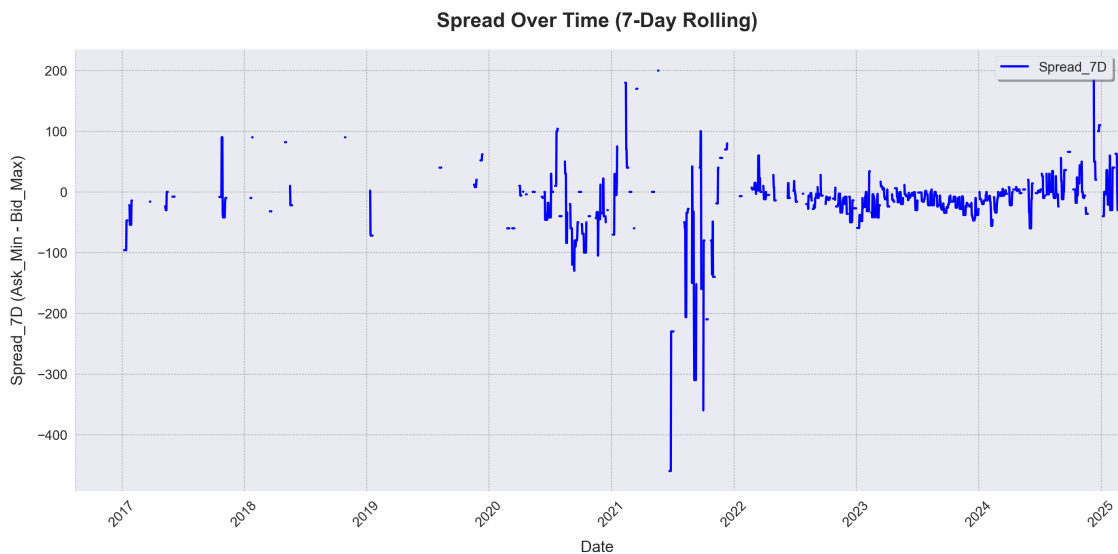
# Add legend with better placement
plt.legend(loc="upper right", fontsize=12, frameon=True, shadow=True)

# Improve x-axis readability
plt.xticks(fontsize=12, rotation=45)
plt.yticks(fontsize=12)

# Add grid for better readability
plt.grid(color="gray", linestyle="--", linewidth=0.5, alpha=0.7)

# Adjust layout for better spacing
plt.tight_layout()

# Show the plot
plt.show()
```



## 1.7.2 Section 4B - YData Profiling, Including Pearson Correlations

NOTE - Takes awhile to compute (~1 minutes) - only compute on final pass

Useful for general EDA / data inspection...

```
[15]: # profiling - df_all
profile_df_all = ydata_profiling.ProfileReport(
    df_all,
    title="Profile Report: All Data",
    minimal=True,
    correlations={
        "pearson": {"calculate": True},
        "spearman": {"calculate": False},
        "kendall": {"calculate": False},
        "phi_k": {"calculate": False},
        "cramers": {"calculate": False},
    },
)
profile_df_all.to_notebook_iframe()
```

Summarize dataset: 0%| | 0/5 [00:00<?, ?it/s]

100%| | 121/121 [00:00<00:00, 184.28it/s]

Generate report structure: 0%| | 0/1 [00:00<?, ?it/s]

Render HTML: 0%| | 0/1 [00:00<?, ?it/s]

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## 1.8 Section 5 - Modeling Decisions - Data Imputations, Splits, etc

### 1.8.1 Section 5A - X, y Creation

Using only numeric variables here. Categorical variables - `direction` and `structure` are being dropped b/c of (1) complexity of being able to model at order-level, (2) difficulty of being able to predict / have access to categorical variables before prediction time, i.e. t-1. E.g. Would be very difficult to predict `direction` ~ buy OR sell (this should really be a separate model anyway) or `structure` ~ direct, spv, forward, unspecified, etc - though, if we saw something like forward, that might be a strong signal.

```
[16]: %%capture
# build final feature matrix
X, y = build_feature_matrix(
    df_all=df_all,
    y_target=Y_TARGET,
    window_days=WINDOW_DAYS,
    list_windows=LIST_WINDOWS,
    vars_cat=VARS_CATEGORICAL,
```

```

model_order_level=MODEL_ORDER_LEVEL,
drop_days_with_invalid_spread=DROP_DAYS_WITH_INVALID_SPREAD,
imputation_method=SPREAD_IMPUTATION_METHOD,
)

```

```

[17]: # # check for col names and nans
      # print(X.shape)
      # print(X.columns)
      # dict(X.isna().sum())

```

```

[18]: # # Checking X for invalid values
      # # print(X.describe()) # Check for extremely large values
      # dict(np.isinf(X).sum()) # Check for infinity values

```

## 1.9 Section 6 - Modeling

The data is already truncated by date - i.e. not a full time series, since there are some days with invalid spread - and we've selected `DROP_DAYS_WITH_INVALID_SPREAD = True`.

Nonetheless, there are still some nans in the data - similarly, probably due to those gaps in activity. We'll have to either impute data or drop cols with null data. We'll drop rows with any nans for ease - these gaps mainly come from days without bids / asks.

**Data Modeling Strategy:** - We start with 1,708 original records in the order data - 3,116 unique dates from the start to the end of the order data - 1,294 records where `y_target = spread_7d_future` is not null - To be further filtered down based on nulls in the predictor variables - these are the top missing values: - 943 records where `bid_max_1d` is null - 886 records where `ask_min_1d` is null - 103 records where `spread_7d` is null - 111 records where `spread_entropy_7d` is null - 102 records where `spread_volatility_7d` is null

The other engineered features should stand in well for the missing `_1d` and `_7d` book-level data - so it's better we just drop those columns and leverage other features which retain some information - Final X, y winnows down to 1,127 records if we just drop the `_1d` features, as opposed to 1,167 records if we also drop the `_7d` features - the `_7d` features probably have a lot of predictive power, so let's keep those in, especially since it's not changing the sample population much - We can technically use many different dataset creation strategies for different types of models - but I'll keep it simple here, using the same dfs for both an OLS model and an XGBoost model ...time-series like SARIMAX would require preserving all original 3,116 days (or aggregating at week/monthly level) - and would require careful imputation choices.

### Data Modeling Summary:

Upon inspection, the outcomes below are not unexpected - **simplified models like OLS with some feature selection using 10 variables actually out-perform XGBoost with ~113 variables thrown at it**. We did a great job feature engineering to find the important features - but on out-of-sample predictions, the additional data is serving mostly as noise to confuse the model more.

**Promising next steps would include some deeper thought into feature selection (Lasso**

Regression, Random Effects models), modeling spread dynamics, time-series, and Bayesian modeling.

### 1.9.1 Section 6A - OLS Baseline - With Top 10 Features and With All Features - Model Training + Evaluation

```
[19]: # drop rows with most missingness, and drop rows with remaining nans
# NOTE - dropping 'spread_7d', 'spread_entropy_7d', 'spread_volatility_7d' as
# well -> ends with 1,167 rows
X_feat = X[
    [col for col in X.columns if col not in ["bid_max_1d", "ask_min_1d"]]
].dropna()
print(X_feat.shape)
# check for constants
print(X_feat.columns[X_feat.nunique() <= 1])
```

```
(0, 113)
Index(['vix', 'spy', 'arkx', 'xli', 'treasury_10y', 'fed_rate', 'cpi',
      'unemp_u3', 'unemp_u6', 'm2',
      ...,
      'depth_midprice_ratio_7d_28d', 'depth_midprice_ratio_7d_56d',
      'spread_volatility_7d', 'spread_entropy_7d', 'spread_volatility_14d',
      'spread_entropy_14d', 'spread_volatility_28d', 'spread_entropy_28d',
      'spread_volatility_56d', 'spread_entropy_56d'],
      dtype='object', length=113)
```

```
[20]: # clustermap to preview what features may be most important
sns.clustermap(X_feat.corr(), cmap="vlag")
```

```
-----
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[20], line 2
      1 # clustermap to preview what features may be most important
----> 2 sns.clustermap(X_feat.corr(), cmap= )

File ~/local/share/virtualenvs/Git_Faran-4Xo9a_cZ/lib/python3.12/site-packages
seaborn/matrix.py:1258, in clustermap(data, pivot_kws, method, metric,
z_score, standard_scale, figsize, cbar_kws, row_cluster, col_cluster,
row_linkage, col_linkage, row_colors, col_colors, mask, dendrogram_ratio,
colors_ratio, cbar_pos, tree_kws, **kwargs)
    1250     raise RuntimeError("clustermap requires scipy to be available")
    1252 plotter = ClusterGrid(data, pivot_kws=pivot_kws, figsize=figsize,
    1253                        row_colors=row_colors, col_colors=col_colors,
    1254                        z_score=z_score, standard_scale=standard_scale,
    1255                        mask=mask, dendrogram_ratio=dendrogram_ratio,
    1256                        colors_ratio=colors_ratio, cbar_pos=cbar_pos)
-> 1258 return plotter.plot(metric=metric, method=method,
```



```

1259         colorbar_kws=cbar_kws,
1260         row_cluster=row_cluster, col_cluster=col_cluster,
1261         row_linkage=row_linkage, col_linkage=col_linkage,
1262         tree_kws=tree_kws, **kwargs)

```

File ~/.local/share/virtualenvs/Git\_Faran-4Xo9a\_cZ/lib/python3.12/site-packages

```

↪seaborn/matrix.py:1129, in ClusterGrid.plot(self, metric, method,
↪colorbar_kws, row_cluster, col_cluster, row_linkage, col_linkage, tree_kws,
↪**kws)
1125     kws.pop("square")
1127     colorbar_kws = {} if colorbar_kws is None else colorbar_kws
-> 1129     self.plot_dendrograms(row_cluster, col_cluster, metric, method,
1130                             row_linkage=row_linkage, col_linkage=col_linkage,
1131                             tree_kws=tree_kws)
1132     try:
1133         xind = self.dendrogram_col.reordered_ind

```

File ~/.local/share/virtualenvs/Git\_Faran-4Xo9a\_cZ/lib/python3.12/site-packages

```

↪seaborn/matrix.py:974, in ClusterGrid.plot_dendrograms(self, row_cluster,
↪col_cluster, metric, method, row_linkage, col_linkage, tree_kws)
970     def plot_dendrograms(self, row_cluster, col_cluster, metric, method,
971                           row_linkage, col_linkage, tree_kws):
972         # Plot the row dendrogram
973         if row_cluster:
--> 974             self.dendrogram_row = dendrogram(
975
↪         self.data2d, metric=metric, method=method, label=False, axis=0,
976         ax=self.ax_row_dendrogram, rotate=True, linkage=row_linkage,
977         tree_kws=tree_kws
978     )
979     else:
980         self.ax_row_dendrogram.set_xticks([])

```

File ~/.local/share/virtualenvs/Git\_Faran-4Xo9a\_cZ/lib/python3.12/site-packages

```

↪seaborn/matrix.py:687, in dendrogram(data, linkage, axis, label, metric,
↪method, rotate, tree_kws, ax)
684     if _no_scipy:
685         raise RuntimeError("dendrogram requires scipy to be installed")
--> 687     plotter = _DendrogramPlotter(data, linkage=linkage, axis=axis,
688                                   metric=metric, method=method,
689                                   label=label, rotate=rotate)
690     if ax is None:
691         ax = plt.gca()

```

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```

↪seaborn/matrix.py:495, in _DendrogramPlotter.__init__(self, data, linkage,
↪metric, method, axis, label, rotate)
492     self.rotate = rotate
494     if linkage is None:

```

```

--> 495     self.linkage = self.calculated_linkage
      496 else:
      497     self.linkage = linkage

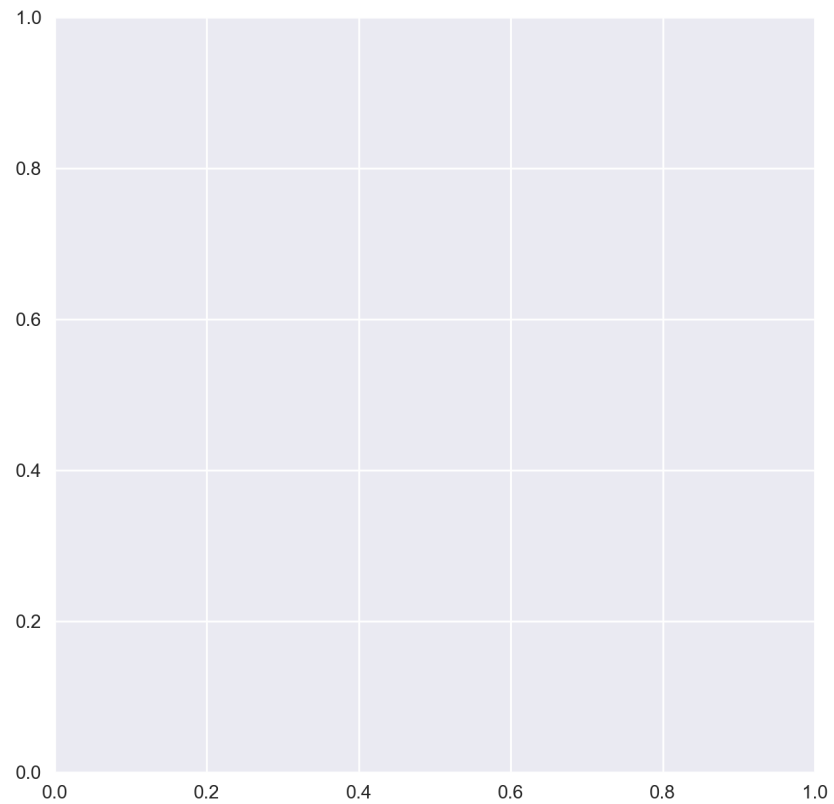
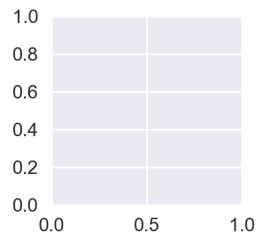
File ~/.local/share/virtualenvs/Git_Faran-4Xo9a_cZ/lib/python3.12/site-packages
↳seaborn/matrix.py:562, in _DendrogramPlotter.calculated_linkage(self)
      558         msg = ("Clustering large matrix with scipy. Installing "
      559                 "`fastcluster` may give better performance.")
      560         warnings.warn(msg)
--> 562 return self._calculate_linkage_scipy()

File ~/.local/share/virtualenvs/Git_Faran-4Xo9a_cZ/lib/python3.12/site-packages
↳seaborn/matrix.py:530, in _DendrogramPlotter._calculate_linkage_scipy(self)
      529 def _calculate_linkage_scipy(self):
--> 530     linkage = hierarchy.linkage(self.array, method=self.method,
      531                                 metric=self.metric)
      532     return linkage

File ~/.local/share/virtualenvs/Git_Faran-4Xo9a_cZ/lib/python3.12/site-packages
↳scipy/cluster/hierarchy.py:1030, in linkage(y, method, metric,
↳optimal_ordering)
      1027     raise ValueError("`y` must be 1 or 2 dimensional.")
      1029 if not xp.all(xp.isfinite(y)):
-> 1030     raise ValueError("The condensed distance matrix must contain only "
      1031                       "finite values.")
      1033 n = int(distance.num_obs_y(y))
      1034 method_code = _LINKAGE_METHODS[method]

ValueError: The condensed distance matrix must contain only finite values.

```



```
[ ]: # train-test split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split_ts(X_feat, y,
↳test_size=TEST_SIZE)

# standardize features
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = standardize_features(
    X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test
)

print(f"X_train shape: {X_train.shape}")
print(f"X_test shape: {X_test.shape}")
print(f"y_train shape: {y_train.shape}")
print(f"y_test shape: {y_test.shape}")
```

```

X_train, y_train indices are not aligned! Correcting..
Indices are now aligned!
X_test, y_test indices are not aligned! Correcting..
Indices are now aligned!
X_train shape: (767, 113)
X_test shape: (226, 113)
y_train shape: (767,)
y_test shape: (226,)

```

```

[ ]: %%capture
# check if any strong cross-correlations, which could indicate what the most
  ↳ important vars are + if there is multicollinearity
y_correlation = []
for col in X_train.columns:
    corr, pvalue = stats.pearsonr(X_train[col], y_train)
    y_correlation.append({"feature": col, "corr": corr, "pvalue": pvalue})
    print(f"Correlation for {col:<44} is {corr:>5.2f}, p-value = {pvalue:.4f}")

```

```

[ ]: # select only the most important features - eliminate multicollinear features,
  ↳ hopefully this way
X_train_feat_corr = pd.DataFrame.from_records(y_correlation).query("pvalue < 0.
  ↳ 001")

# filter down further
X_train_ols_cols_top = (
    X_train_feat_corr.sort_values(by="pvalue").iloc[:10]["feature"].to_list()
)
X_train_ols_top = X_train[X_train_ols_cols_top]
X_test_ols_top = X_test[X_train_ols_cols_top]

```

```

[ ]: # train_ols_top
fit_ols_top = train_ols(X_train_ols_top, y_train)

```

```

[ ]: # summarize results for train_ols_top
fit_ols_top.summary2()

```

```

[ ]:

```

Notes:

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

```

[ ]: # train_ols with all data
fit_ols = train_ols(X_train, y_train)

```

```

[ ]: # summarize results for train_ols
fit_ols.summary2()

```

```

[ ]:

```

Notes:

|                     |                  |                     |           |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Model:              | OLS              | Adj. R-squared:     | 0.841     |
| Dependent Variable: | y                | AIC:                | 776.8648  |
| Date:               | 2025-04-27 03:09 | BIC:                | 827.9322  |
| No. Observations:   | 767              | Log-Likelihood:     | -377.43   |
| Df Model:           | 10               | F-statistic:        | 407.0     |
| Df Residuals:       | 756              | Prob (F-statistic): | 2.17e-296 |
| R-squared:          | 0.843            | Scale:              | 0.15894   |

|                    | Coef.   | Std.Err. | t       | P>  t  | [0.025  | 0.975]  |
|--------------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| const              | -0.0000 | 0.0144   | -0.0000 | 1.0000 | -0.0283 | 0.0283  |
| spread_7d          | 0.7693  | 0.0336   | 22.8953 | 0.0000 | 0.7034  | 0.8353  |
| spread_14d         | 0.0562  | 0.0547   | 1.0277  | 0.3044 | -0.0511 | 0.1635  |
| spread_28d         | 0.1655  | 0.0656   | 2.5220  | 0.0119 | 0.0367  | 0.2942  |
| bid_max_7d         | -1.0905 | 0.3887   | -2.8057 | 0.0051 | -1.8535 | -0.3275 |
| bid_last_price_max | 0.4465  | 0.3292   | 1.3561  | 0.1755 | -0.1999 | 1.0928  |
| bid_max_14d        | 0.1263  | 0.4099   | 0.3082  | 0.7580 | -0.6783 | 0.9309  |
| spread_56d         | -0.0917 | 0.0791   | -1.1591 | 0.2468 | -0.2470 | 0.0636  |
| bid_max_28d        | 0.7998  | 0.4413   | 1.8123  | 0.0703 | -0.0665 | 1.6661  |
| bid_max_56d        | -0.2849 | 0.2232   | -1.2765 | 0.2022 | -0.7230 | 0.1532  |
| depth_midprice_14d | -0.0063 | 0.0688   | -0.0912 | 0.9274 | -0.1414 | 0.1289  |

|                |         |                   |           |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|
| Omnibus:       | 249.003 | Durbin-Watson:    | 1.832     |
| Prob(Omnibus): | 0.000   | Jarque-Bera (JB): | 34799.467 |
| Skew:          | 0.156   | Prob(JB):         | 0.000     |
| Kurtosis:      | 35.997  | Condition No.:    | 113       |

[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.

[2] The smallest eigenvalue is 2.82e-28. This might indicate that there are strong multicollinearity problems or that the design matrix is singular.

```
[ ]: # evaluate ols_top
y_pred_ols_top, dict_evals_ols_top = evaluate_model(
    fit_ols_top, X_test_ols_top, y_test, model_type="ols", trace=None
)
```

```
RMSE: 0.2817
MAE: 0.1554
R2: 0.6846
MAPE: 51.6561
SMAPE: 35.5874
```

```
[ ]: # evaluate ols
y_pred_ols, dict_evals_ols = evaluate_model(
    fit_ols, X_test, y_test, model_type="ols", trace=None
)
```

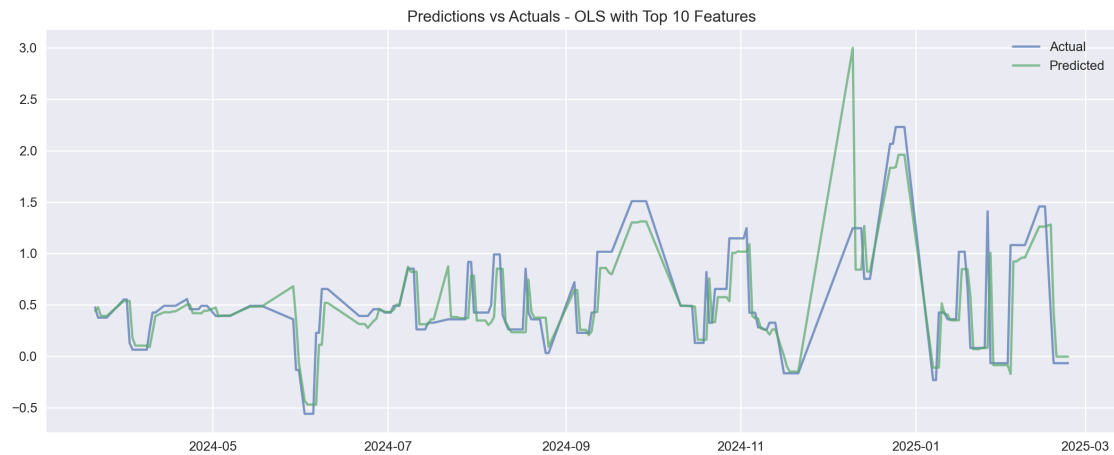
```
RMSE: 1.3796
MAE: 1.1199
R2: -6.5635
```

|                     |                  |                     |           |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Model:              | OLS              | Adj. R-squared:     | 0.853     |
| Dependent Variable: | y                | AIC:                | 808.5061  |
| Date:               | 2025-04-27 03:09 | BIC:                | 1314.5372 |
| No. Observations:   | 767              | Log-Likelihood:     | -295.25   |
| Df Model:           | 108              | F-statistic:        | 42.09     |
| Df Residuals:       | 658              | Prob (F-statistic): | 9.85e-234 |
| R-squared:          | 0.874            | Scale:              | 0.14739   |

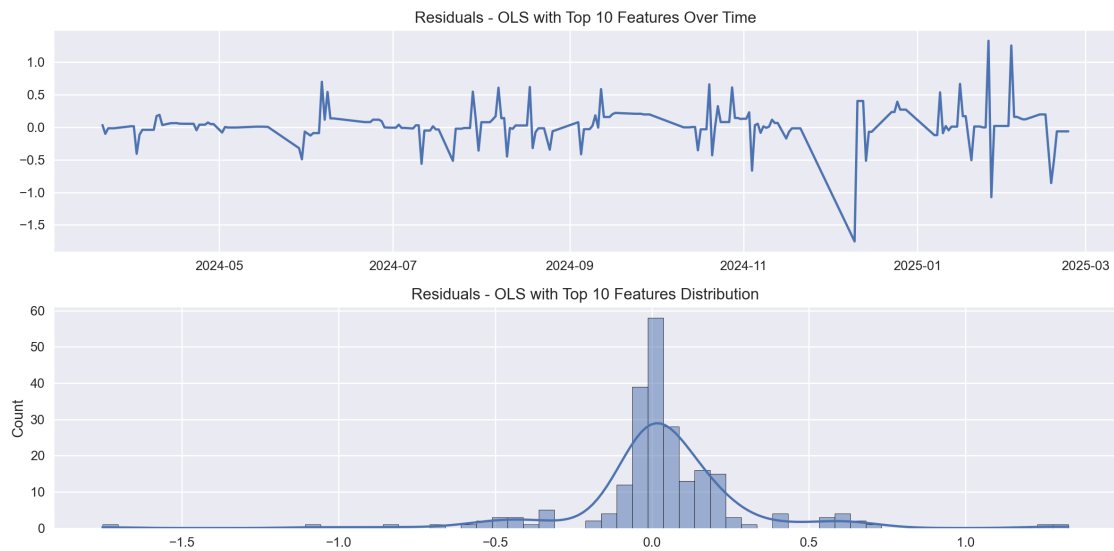
|                    | Coef.   | Std.Err. | t       | P>  t  | [0.025  | 0.975]  |
|--------------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| const              | 0.0000  | 0.0139   | 0.0000  | 1.0000 | -0.0272 | 0.0272  |
| vix                | 0.1498  | 0.1098   | 1.3637  | 0.1731 | -0.0659 | 0.3654  |
| spy                | 0.8887  | 0.6569   | 1.3529  | 0.1765 | -0.4011 | 2.1785  |
| arkx               | -0.8536 | 0.4061   | -2.1021 | 0.0359 | -1.6509 | -0.0562 |
| xli                | 0.1466  | 0.4724   | 0.3103  | 0.7564 | -0.7809 | 1.0741  |
| treasury_10y       | 0.0785  | 0.3419   | 0.2295  | 0.8186 | -0.5930 | 0.7499  |
| fed_rate           | -1.3335 | 0.9038   | -1.4754 | 0.1406 | -3.1081 | 0.4412  |
| cpi                | 2.8566  | 1.7237   | 1.6573  | 0.0979 | -0.5280 | 6.2412  |
| unemp_u3           | 0.5355  | 1.0579   | 0.5062  | 0.6129 | -1.5418 | 2.6128  |
| unemp_u6           | -0.6116 | 1.1334   | -0.5396 | 0.5897 | -2.8371 | 1.6140  |
| m2                 | -0.3652 | 1.4387   | -0.2539 | 0.7997 | -3.1903 | 2.4598  |
| bid_last_price_max | 1.0618  | 0.4217   | 2.5180  | 0.0120 | 0.2338  | 1.8898  |
| bid_last_size_max  | 0.0228  | 0.0230   | 0.9946  | 0.3203 | -0.0222 | 0.0679  |
| ask_last_price_min | -0.1105 | 0.1795   | -0.6154 | 0.5385 | -0.4629 | 0.2420  |
| ask_last_size_min  | 0.0488  | 0.0224   | 2.1751  | 0.0300 | 0.0047  | 0.0929  |
| days_since_bid     | 0.0030  | 0.0117   | 0.2583  | 0.7962 | -0.0199 | 0.0259  |
| days_since_ask     | 0.0116  | 0.0125   | 0.9308  | 0.3523 | -0.0129 | 0.0361  |
| days_ask_minus_bid | -0.0068 | 0.0092   | -0.7375 | 0.4611 | -0.0249 | 0.0113  |
| book_imbalance_7d  | 0.0516  | 0.0339   | 1.5200  | 0.1290 | -0.0151 | 0.1182  |
| depth_midprice_7d  | -0.1937 | 0.1451   | -1.3356 | 0.1822 | -0.4786 | 0.0911  |
| slope_bid_7d       | -0.1386 | 0.0290   | -4.7721 | 0.0000 | -0.1956 | -0.0816 |
| slope_ask_7d       | -0.0340 | 0.0200   | -1.6994 | 0.0897 | -0.0732 | 0.0053  |
| bid_count_7d       | -0.0131 | 0.0387   | -0.3394 | 0.7344 | -0.0891 | 0.0629  |
| ask_count_7d       | -0.0337 | 0.0481   | -0.7009 | 0.4836 | -0.1282 | 0.0608  |
| bid_size_total_7d  | -0.0373 | 0.0438   | -0.8524 | 0.3943 | -0.1233 | 0.0487  |
| ask_size_total_7d  | 0.0515  | 0.0579   | 0.8906  | 0.3735 | -0.0621 | 0.1651  |
| bid_max_7d         | -0.7576 | 0.2469   | -3.0690 | 0.0022 | -1.2423 | -0.2729 |
| ask_min_7d         | -0.6412 | 0.2576   | -2.4896 | 0.0130 | -1.1470 | -0.1355 |
| spread_7d          | 0.8021  | 0.0605   | 13.2551 | 0.0000 | 0.6833  | 0.9210  |
| book_imbalance_14d | -0.0179 | 0.0463   | -0.3855 | 0.7000 | -0.1088 | 0.0731  |
| depth_midprice_14d | 0.1133  | 0.1271   | 0.8913  | 0.3731 | -0.1363 | 0.3630  |
| slope_bid_14d      | 0.0083  | 0.0247   | 0.3341  | 0.7384 | -0.0403 | 0.0568  |
| slope_ask_14d      | 0.0106  | 0.0189   | 0.5627  | 0.5739 | -0.0265 | 0.0477  |
| bid_count_14d      | -0.0229 | 0.0529   | -0.4337 | 0.6646 | -0.1268 | 0.0809  |
| ask_count_14d      | 0.0233  | 0.0623   | 0.3748  | 0.7080 | -0.0989 | 0.1456  |
| bid_size_total_14d | -0.0094 | 0.0586   | -0.1608 | 0.8723 | -0.1244 | 0.1056  |
| ask_size_total_14d | -0.0117 | 0.0723   | -0.1613 | 0.8719 | -0.1536 | 0.1303  |
| bid_max_14d        | -0.4917 | 0.2761   | -1.7808 | 0.0754 | -1.0339 | 0.0505  |
| ask_min_14d        | -0.5295 | 0.3095   | -1.7109 | 0.0876 | -1.1372 | 0.0782  |
| spread_14d         | 0.1340  | 0.0745   | 1.7982  | 0.0726 | -0.0123 | 0.2804  |
| book_imbalance_28d | -0.0637 | 0.0657   | -0.9701 | 0.3323 | -0.1927 | 0.0653  |
| depth_midprice_28d | 0.2962  | 0.2791   | 1.0615  | 0.2888 | -0.2517 | 0.8442  |
| slope_bid_28d      | 0.1219  | 0.0380   | 3.2067  | 0.0014 | 0.0473  | 0.1965  |
| slope_ask_28d      | -0.0156 | 0.0375   | -0.4152 | 0.6781 | -0.0893 | 0.0581  |
| bid_count_28d      | -0.0737 | 0.0732   | -1.0064 | 0.3146 | -0.2174 | 0.0701  |

MAPE: 468.9406  
SMAPE: 177.6999

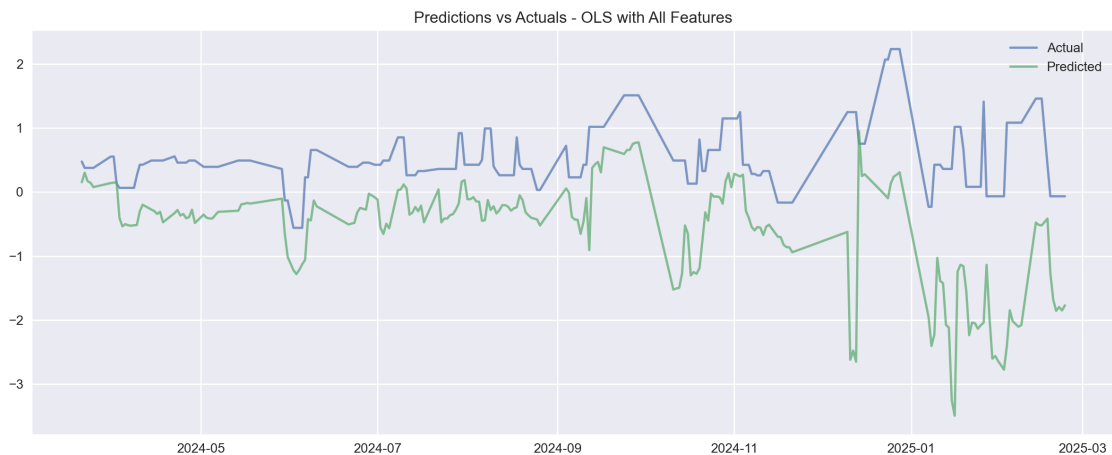
```
[ ]: # plot predictions - ols_top
plot_predictions(
    y_test, y_pred_ols_top, title="Predictions vs Actuals - OLS with Top 10_
    ↪Features"
)
```



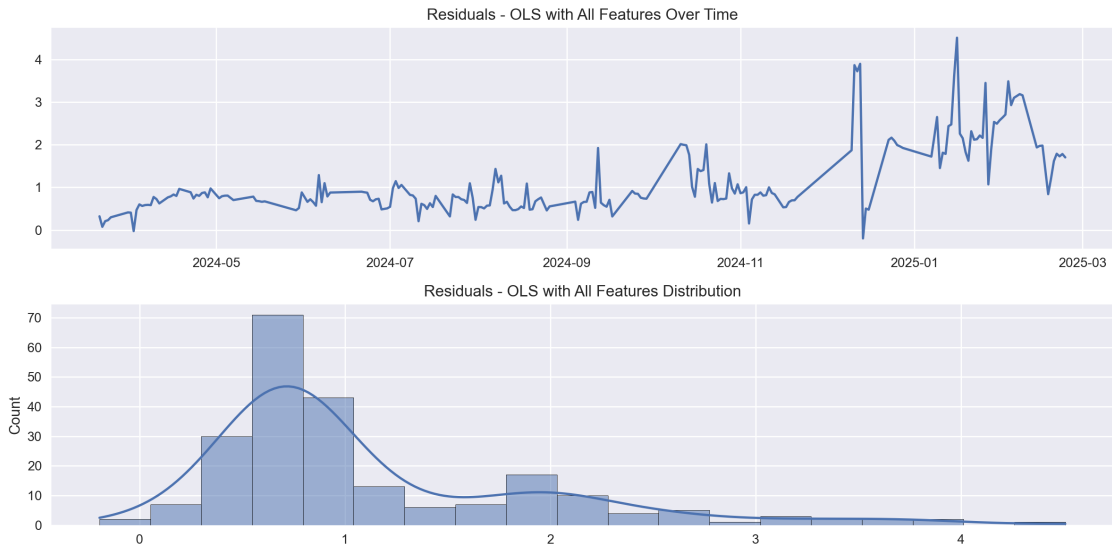
```
[ ]: # plot residuals - ols_top
plot_residuals(y_test, y_pred_ols_top, title="Residuals - OLS with Top 10_
    ↪Features")
```



```
[ ]: # plot predictions - ols
plot_predictions(
    y_test, y_pred_ols, title="Predictions vs Actuals - OLS with All Features"
)
```



```
[ ]: # plot residuals - ols_top
plot_residuals(y_test, y_pred_ols, title="Residuals - OLS with All Features")
```



## 1.9.2 Section 6B - XGBoost - Model Training + Evaluation

Using same feature selection as described above. Could theoretically throw all the data at it, including nan-values, but doing this to provide 1:1 comparison and for ease.



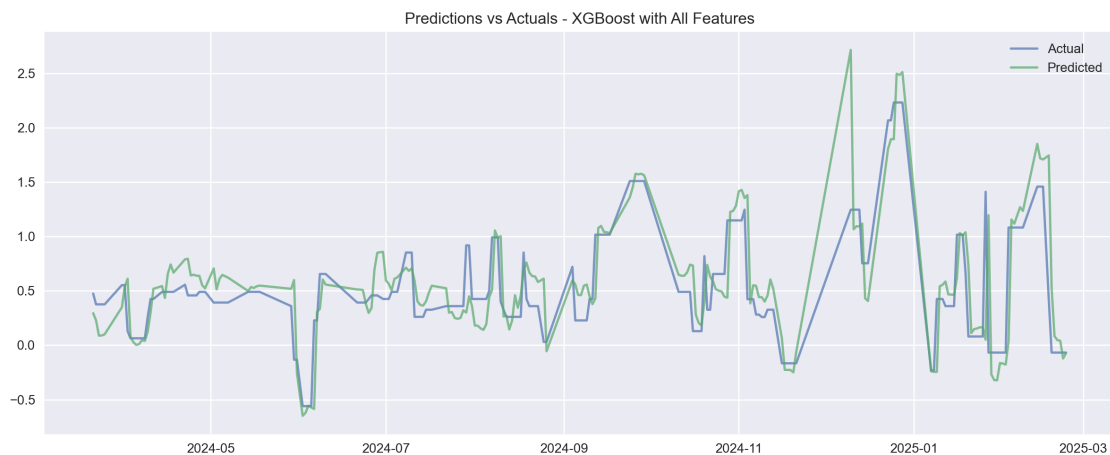
Though, I will use all the features and not select out for cross-correlations / multi-collinearity. Certainly, hyper-parameter tuning would help - but that will come later.

```
[ ]: # train xgboost
model_xgboost = train_xgboost(X_train, y_train)
```

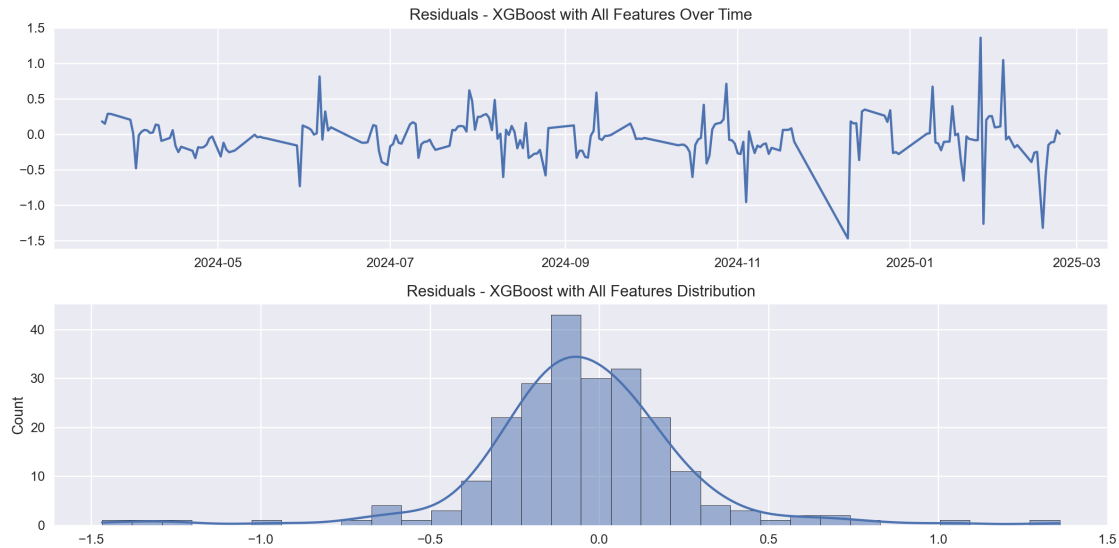
```
[ ]: # evaluate xgboost
y_pred_xgboost, dict_evals_xgboost = evaluate_model(
    model_xgboost, X_test, y_test, model_type="xgboost", trace=None
)
```

RMSE: 0.3086  
MAE: 0.2075  
R2: 0.6215  
MAPE: 81.9699  
SMAPE: 49.4075

```
[ ]: # plot predictions - xgboost
plot_predictions(
    y_test, y_pred_xgboost, title="Predictions vs Actuals - XGBoost with All_
    ↪Features"
)
```



```
[ ]: # plot residuals - xgboost
plot_residuals(y_test, y_pred_xgboost, title="Residuals - XGBoost with All_
    ↪Features")
```



## 1.10 Section 7 - Feature Importance

### 1.10.1 Section 7A - XGBoost SHAP

```
[ ]: # load JS visualization code to notebook
shap.initjs()

# explain the model's predictions using SHAP
# (same syntax works for XGBoost, LightGBM, CatBoost, scikit-learn and spark
  ↪models)
explainer = shap.TreeExplainer(model_xgboost)
shap_values = explainer.shap_values(
    X_train
) # have to convert sparse matrix back to df for SHAP's indexing to work
```

<IPython.core.display.HTML object>

```
[ ]: shap_values.shape
```

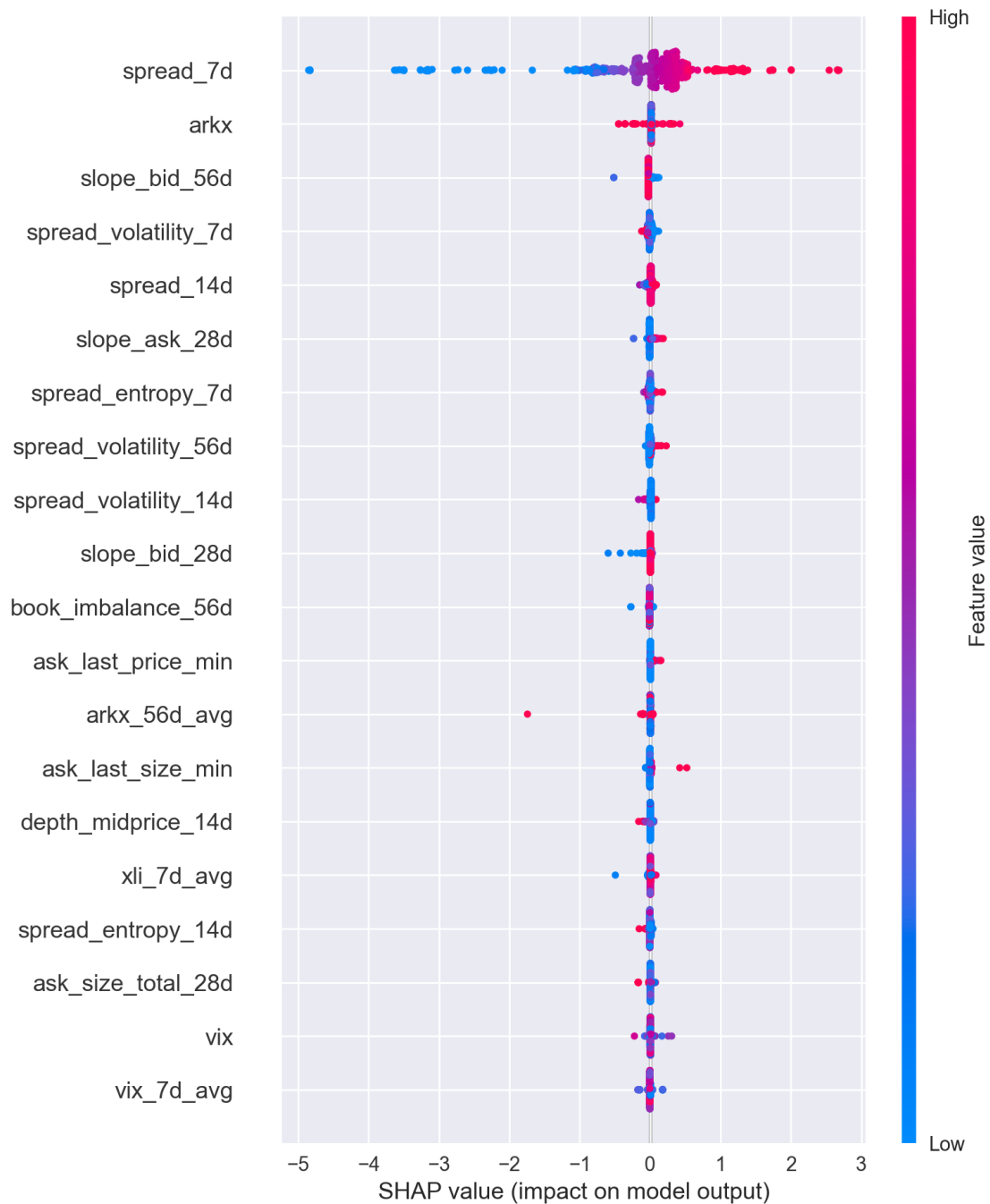
```
[ ]: (767, 113)
```

```
[ ]: # visualize the first prediction's explanation (use matplotlib=True to avoid
  ↪Javascript)
# shape of shap_values and features should be the same
shap.force_plot(
    base_value=explainer.expected_value,
    shap_values=shap_values[0],
```

```
features=X_train.iloc[0, :],  
)
```

```
[ ]: <shap.plots._force.AdditiveForceVisualizer at 0x1451e0b60>
```

```
[ ]: # To get an overview of which features are most important for a model we can  
    →plot the SHAP values of every feature for every sample. The plot  
    # below sorts features by the sum of SHAP value magnitudes over all samples,  
    →and uses SHAP values to show the distribution of the impacts each  
    # feature has on the model output. The color represents the feature value (red  
    →high, blue low).  
  
    # summarize the effects of all the features  
plt.title("SHAP Feature Importance - XGBoost Model (Train Data)")  
shap.summary_plot(shap_values, X_train)
```



### 1.10.2 Section 7B - Decision Tree Regressor for Visualization of Feature Importance / Decision Boundaries

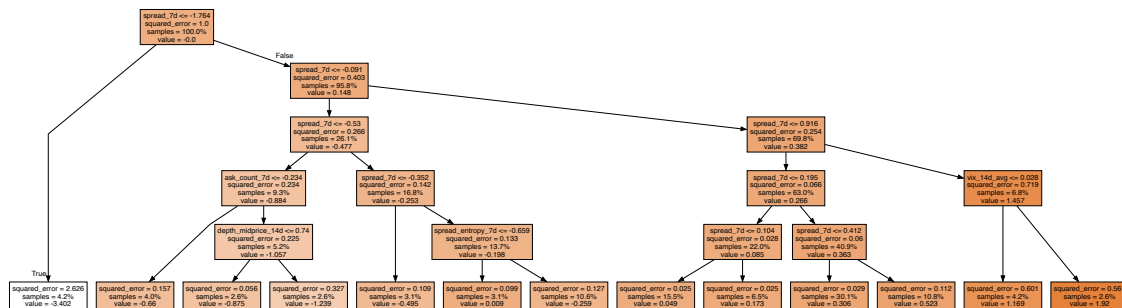
Finally, we further diagnose our problem by visualizing a single decision tree regressor. This is more so for visualization/our human understanding. The decision tree will split the data at various nodes based on whether a given data point is likely to fall into a given data threshold.

We can see how important a lagged value like `spread_7d` plays in model predictions, where `y_target = spread_7d_future`. The model is essentially just concerned with `spread_7d` dynamics. However, it's helpful to note that entirely exogenous variables like `vix_14d_avg` also play a helpful role in modeling.

```
[ ]: # decision tree classifier
# perhaps just fit this on SMOTE x_train and y_train to illustrate difference w/
# baseline
dt = DecisionTreeRegressor(max_depth=5, min_samples_leaf=20,
# min_samples_split=20)
dt.fit(X_train, y_train)

# for notebook
graph = Source(
    export_graphviz(
        dt,
        feature_names=X_train.columns,
        class_names=["paid", "not_paid"],
        proportion=True,
        leaves_parallel=True,
        filled=True,
        out_file=None,
    )
)

display(SVG(graph.pipe(format="svg")))
```



[ ]: