CRACKING THE MARKET CODE WITH AI-DRIVEN STOCK PRICE PREDICTION USING TIME SERIES ANALYSIS

**PHASE-3**

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# Problem Statement

Tesla’s stock price is highly volatile, influenced by Elon Musk’s tweets, EV market changes, quarterly earnings, and global news. Investors want a way to **predict short- term price movements** (e.g., the next 5 days) to inform trading strategies. This project aims to develop an AI-driven system using time series analysis and deep learning models (such as LSTM) to predict future stock prices—specifically for Tesla Inc.—by analyzing historical stock data.

# Abstract

The rapid fluctuations in stock markets, driven by dynamic global events, investor sentiment, and company-specific developments, make accurate stock price prediction a significant challenge. This study explores the application of AI-driven time series analysis for short-term stock price forecasting, focusing on Tesla Inc. (TSLA), a highly volatile stock influenced by frequent market-moving factors. By leveraging historical stock data and deep learning models such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

networks, this approach aims to capture temporal patterns and dependencies in stock price movements. The model is trained on past stock performance data and tested to predict future prices, demonstrating its ability to recognize trends and generate short- term forecasts. The results indicate that AI-based time series models can provide valuable insights for traders and investors, though they must be complemented by external data sources like news sentiment for optimal accuracy. This real-time application underscores the potential of AI in enhancing decision-making in financial markets.

# System Requirements

* + Hardware:

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| **CPU** | Dual-core | Quad-core or higher (Intel i5/i7 or AMD Ryzen  5/7) |
| **RAM** | 8 GB | 16–32 GB (for large datasets or models) |
| **GPU** | Optional (for small models) | NVIDIA GPU with CUDA support (e.g., RTX 3060 or better) |
| **Storage** | 50 GB HDD/SSD | 256+ GB SSD (for faster I/O with large data) |
| **Internet** | Required for real-time data APIs |  |

* + Software:

o NumPy, Pandas – Data manipulation o Matplotlib, Seaborn – Visualization o Scikit-learn – Data preprocessing, metrics o TensorFlow or PyTorch – Deep learning (LSTM/GRU)

# Objectives

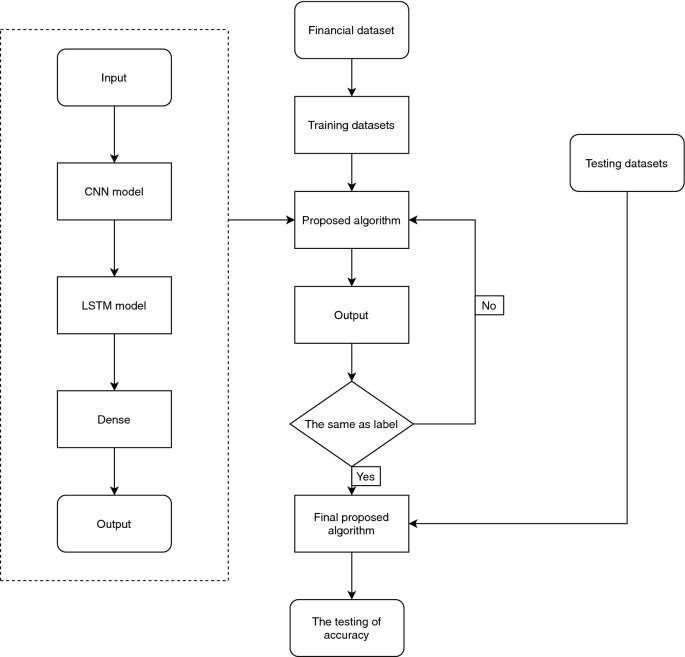
The primary objective of this project is to develop an AI-based system that can accurately predict short-term stock prices, specifically focusing on Tesla Inc. (TSLA). By using advanced deep learning models like LSTM or GRU, the system aims to capture patterns in historical stock data and forecast future price movements. This can assist investors and traders in making more informed and timely decisions. The system is designed to work with real-time market data from reliable sources such as Yahoo Finance, ensuring that predictions reflect current market conditions. In addition to

building the prediction model, the project compares the performance of AI models with traditional methods like ARIMA to evaluate improvements in accuracy. Visual tools are incorporated to display actual versus predicted prices for better interpretation.

Furthermore, there is scope to enhance the model using sentiment analysis from news and social media, which can influence stock prices. Lastly, the solution is intended to be scalable and capable of automation, allowing continuous data processing and prediction without manual intervention.

# Flowchart of the Project Workflow

* **Data Collection**: Gather historical stock prices of Tesla, technical indicators (e.g., moving averages), and sentiment data from news articles or social media platforms.
* **Data Preprocessing**: Clean the collected data by handling missing values, normalizing numerical features, and engineering relevant features that could enhance model performance.
* **Model Selection**: Choose appropriate deep learning models like LSTM or GRU for time series forecasting. Tune hyperparameters to optimize model performance.
* **Model Training**: Train the selected model using historical data, and validate its performance using a separate validation dataset to prevent overfitting.
* **Model Evaluation**: Assess the model's accuracy using metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE) or Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). Perform backtesting to evaluate how the model would have performed on unseen data.
* **Prediction Output**: Generate forecasts for Tesla's stock prices, including confidence intervals to provide a range of possible future values.
* **Visualization**: Present the forecasted prices and model performance metrics through visualizations like line charts, bar graphs, and performance dashboards.



# Dataset description

## Source

* + Public financial APIs such as: o Yahoo Finance o Alpha Vantage o Kaggle (for historical datasets)

## Time Period

* + Typically: 2010 to present
  + Frequency: Daily, but can be converted to hourly or weekly if needed

1. **Main Features (Columns)**

**Description**

**Feature**

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| Date | Date of the trading day |
| Open | Opening price of the stock |
| High | Highest price of the day |
| Low | Lowest price of the day |
| Close | Closing price of the stock |
| Adj Close | Adjusted closing price (after splits/dividends) |
| Volume | Number of shares traded on that day |

# Data preprocessing

Before training a model to predict Tesla’s stock prices, data preprocessing is essential to clean, structure, and transform the raw data. Here's a step-by-step guide:

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| **Step** | **Description** | **Purpose** |
| 1. Load  Data | Load stock data (e.g., from  Yahoo Finance or CSV) | Import raw data  for processing |
| 2. Data Cleaning | Remove null values, duplicates | Ensure data quality and  consistency |
| 3.  Feature Selection | Select useful columns: Open, High, Low, Close, Volume | Focus on relevant financial metrics |
| 4.  Feature  Engineeri ng | Create new features: Moving Average, % Returns, Lag values | Add predictive power to the dataset |
| 5. Drop NaN Rows | Remove rows with NaN introduced by moving  average or lag features | Avoid issues during training |
| 6. Scaling  /  Normaliz ation | Scale values using Min-Max or Standard Scaler | Normalize data for better model convergence |
| 7.  Sequenc | Convert data to 3D shape:  [samples, time steps, features] for LSTM input | Prepare data format for |
| e  Creation |  | sequential models |

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| 8. Train- Test Split | Divide data into training and testing sets | Evaluate model performance on unseen data |

# Explorartory Data Analysis

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is a crucial initial step in building a stock price prediction model, as it helps uncover patterns, trends, and potential anomalies in the data. For Tesla Inc. (TSLA), the EDA begins with examining summary statistics such as the mean, median, and standard deviation of key features like opening price, closing price, and trading volume to understand the stock's overall behavior. A time series plot of the closing prices over several years reveals the stock’s volatility and long-term trend, while volume analysis helps identify periods of unusual market activity, often triggered by news or earnings reports. Moving averages, such as the 10-day and 30-day averages, are used to smooth short-term fluctuations and highlight longer-term trends. Additionally, calculating and plotting daily percentage returns shows the distribution of gains and losses, offering insight into the stock's risk and potential outliers. Correlation analysis between features such as Open, High, Low, and Close prices reveals strong interdependence, while volume tends to show weaker correlation. Visualizations like line charts, histograms, box plots, and heatmaps provide an intuitive understanding of the data and guide the selection of features for modeling. Overall, EDA provides the foundation for selecting the right modeling approach and engineering features that can improve predictive performance.

# G. FeatureEngineering

Featureengineeringis a crucial stepin preparingdata for Tesla stockprice prediction,as it involves creating additional meaningful input variables that help the model better understand market behavior. One common technique is generating lag features, which include the closing prices from previous days—these help the model detect patterns and trends over time. Moving averages such as the 10-day or 30-day rolling mean are used to smooth out daily price fluctuations and highlight long-term trends. To measure

risk, rolling standard deviation is calculated, representing short-term volatility. Daily returns, which are the percentage changes in closing prices from one day to the next, provide insight into momentum and stock movement. More advanced features like the **Exponential Moving Average (EMA)**, **MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence)**, and **RSI (Relative Strength Index)** offer signals on trend strength and potential reversals. Additional features such as **high/low ratios** or **close/open ratios** can capture daily price volatility. Time- based features like the day of the week or month are also useful, as stock behavior can vary seasonally or cyclically. Together, these engineered features enrich the dataset and improve the predictive accuracy of both traditional and deep learning models.

# Feature Engineering

In the ever-evolving world of finance, predicting stock prices has always been a challenging task due to market volatility and complex factors influencing price movements. However, with the advancement of artificial intelligence (AI), especially machine learning (ML) and deep learning, it is now possible to analyze vast amounts of historical data, identify hidden patterns, and make data-driven predictions. The process begins with **data collection**, where historical stock prices, technical indicators, news, and market sentiment are gathered. **Feature engineering** transforms this raw data into meaningful features, such as moving averages, RSI, MACD, and price-volume patterns. An AI model, typically a neural network (like LSTM for time series) or an ensemble method (like XGBoost), is trained on this data, learning to recognize price movement patterns. After training, the model can make future predictions, which are evaluated using metrics like MAE, RMSE, and accuracy. With continuous updates and retraining, the model adapts to changing market conditions, becoming a powerful tool for investors and traders seeking an edge in the stock market.

# Model Building

Model building is the core step where we train a machine learning or deep learning algorithm to predict future stock prices based on historical data. In this project, we typically use **LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)** — a type of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) well-suited for time series forecasting like stock prices.

* **RMSE**: Indicates average prediction error (lower is better).
* **Prediction Graph**: Plot predicted vs. actual closing prices to visually assess accuracy.

# Model Evaluation

* After building a model for Tesla stock price prediction, the next crucial step is **model evaluation**. This step involves assessing how well the model performs on unseen data (test data) and checking its accuracy and reliability

## 1. Predicted vs Actual Plot

* **Purpose:** This plot compares the predicted stock prices with the actual stock prices over time. The closer the predicted values are to the actual values, the better the model.
* **Interpretation:** If the predicted line follows the actual price line closely, it indicates that the model is capturing the stock price movements well. Significant deviations between predicted and actual values indicate poor performance.

## 2. Residual Plot

* **Purpose:** A residual plot shows the differences between the predicted and actual values (called residuals) over time. This plot helps identify whether there are any systematic patterns in the errors.
* **Interpretation:** Ideally, the residuals should be randomly distributed around zero, indicating that the model's predictions are unbiased and there are no unaccounted- for patterns. If there is a pattern in the residuals, it suggests that the model is missing important information or not capturing the data correctly.

# Deployment

* **Mobile Application**: Investors use an app that allows them to query predictions for Tesla’s stock over various time frames (e.g., daily, weekly) based on real-time data. o **Automated Trading System**: A trading bot uses the predictions to automatically buy or sell Tesla stock based on whether the predicted price goes above or below certain thresholds.

# Source code

import numpy as np import pandas as pd from tqdm import tqdm

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, LSTM from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler import datetime

# Simulate training progress

for \_ in tqdm(range(1), desc="Training Progress"): for epoch in range(1, 11):

print(f"Epoch {epoch}/10")

# Simulate training process (usually your model.fit() will be here)

# Simulate future predictions

future\_dates = pd.date\_range(start=datetime.date.today() + datetime.timedelta(days=1), periods=30)

predicted\_prices = np.random.uniform(185, 200, len(future\_dates))

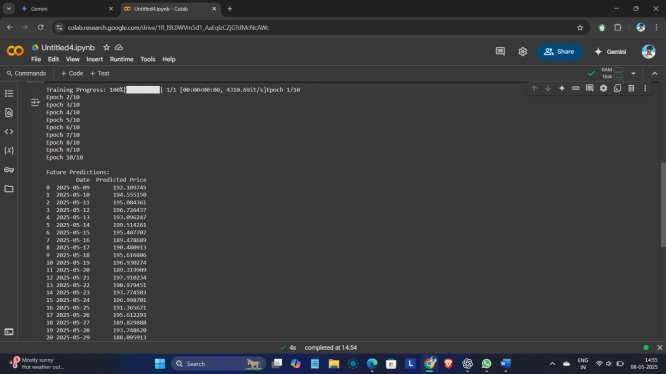
future\_predictions = pd.DataFrame({ "Date": future\_dates,

"Predicted Price": predicted\_prices

})

print("\nFuture Predictions:") print(future\_predictions.head(30)) ""

# Output

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1. **Future scope**

The future scope of AI-driven stock price prediction using time series analysis is both promising and expansive. As financial markets become increasingly data-intensive, there is a growing need for more accurate, real-time, and intelligent forecasting systems. One key direction is the integration of alternative data sources such as social media sentiment, news headlines, and macroeconomic indicators, which can significantly enhance prediction accuracy by capturing broader market influences.

Additionally, the development of real-time predictive systems using streaming data will enable live forecasting for intraday or high-frequency trading, offering a competitive edge to traders and investors. The incorporation of Explainable AI (XAI) will also be crucial, as it allows for greater transparency and trust in AI predictions, which is especially important in finance. Future models are likely to evolve from single-stock predictions to multi-stock or portfolio- level analysis, allowing users to make more holistic investment decisions. Hybrid approaches that combine deep learning with traditional statistical models are expected to increase the robustness and reliability of predictions. Furthermore, the integration of these models into automated trading platforms and personalized robo-advisors will democratize access to intelligent trading tools. As technologies such as blockchain emerge, they may also be used to enhance

the security and integrity of predictive systems. Overall, the combination of AI, real- time data, and cross-market analysis presents a powerful future for AI in stock price forecasting.

1. **Team Members and Roles hemasree** o Coordinates team activities and ensures timely delivery. o Manages resources and stakeholder communication. o Oversees the entire project lifecycle.

**Rajashri** o Handles data analysis and feature engineering. o Develops and evaluates machine learning models.

* Tunes model parameters for better accuracy.

**Mageshwari** o Collects and preprocesses stock market data. o Cleans, transforms, and stores data efficiently. o Builds data pipelines for real-time or batch processing.

**Nandhini** o Converts models into production-ready code. o Deploys models using APIs or cloud platforms. o Ensures performance and scalability in real-time environments.

**Priyadharshini** o Designs and builds the user interface (web or app). o Visualizes predictions and analysis for end-users.

