



Deep Learning Applications on SP500 Financial 10-K Reports

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Problem Overview





Project Overview

- Various studies have shown importance of natural language processing of published reports (10-K and 10-Q) and its informativeness.^[1-3]
- **Goal:** Apply deep learning methods on **10k risk sections** and relate it to fundamental target variable (**PE Ratio**).

Table (1.1) Risk Section of 10k Statements, Oracle Corp, CIK: 0001341439

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Risk Factors We operate in rapidly changing economic and technological environments that present numerous risks, many of which are driven by factors that we cannot control or predict. The following discussion, as well as our "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" discussion in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (Item 7), highlights some of these risks. The risks described below are not exhaustive and you should carefully consider these risks and uncertainties before investing in our securities. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected how we and our customers are operating our respective businesses, and the duration and extent to which this will impact our future results of operations and our overall financial performance remains uncertain. A novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) was first identified in late calendar year 2019 and subsequently declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020. The long-term impacts, if any, of the global COVID-19 pandemic on our business are currently unknown. We are conducting business as usual with modifications to employee travel, employee work locations, and cancellation of certain marketing events, among other modifications. We will continue to actively monitor the situation and may take further actions that alter our business operations as may be required by federal, state or local authorities or that we determine are in the best interests of our employees, customers, partners, suppliers and stockholders. It is not clear what the potential long-term effects of any such alterations or modifications may have on our business, including the effects on our customers and prospects. We have observed other companies, including customers and partners, taking precautionary and preemptive actions to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Such companies may take further actions that alter their normal business operations if there are future spikes of COVID-19 infections resulting in additional government mandated shutdowns. The conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have adversely affected our customers' willingness to purchase our products and delayed prospective customers' purchasing decisions.



Data Description & Preprocessing

Data Preprocessing

- Step 1:** Construct TF_IDF Scores for each document across time.
- Step 2:** Calculate Cosine Similarity Score YoY for each SP500 company^[2].

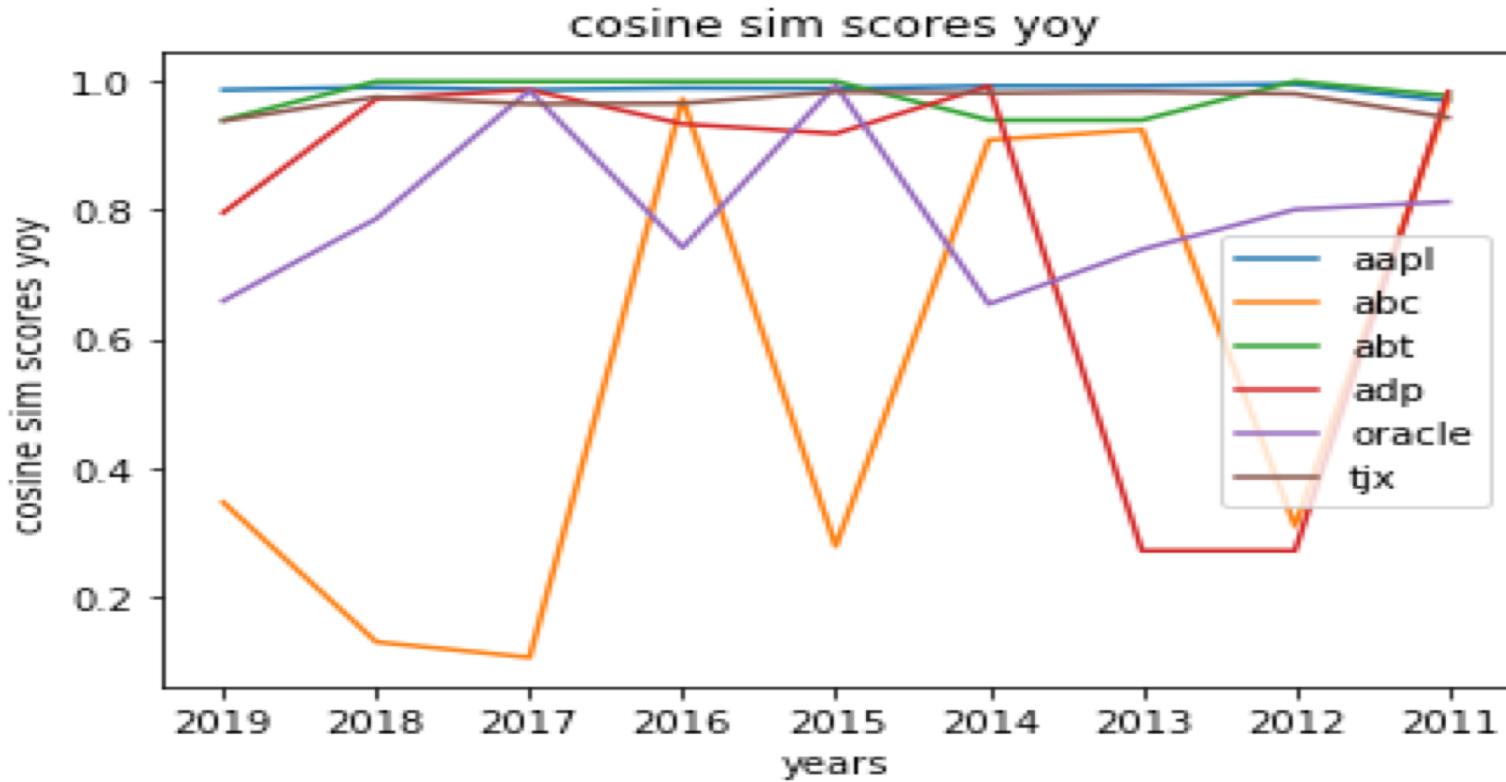
Samples

	AAPL	ABC	ABT	ADI	ADM	ADP	ADSK	APD	AVP	AZO	BAC	BBY	BDX	BEN	BFA	
Timestep	2019	0.987	0.346	0.940	0.796	0.659	0.704	0.950	0.142	0.854	0.923	0.712	0.955	0.927	0.927	0.775
	2018	0.991	0.129	1.000	0.973	0.787	0.879	0.883	0.310	0.987	0.965	0.857	0.970	0.920	0.958	0.740
	2017	0.987	0.105	1.000	0.987	0.986	0.896	0.952	0.058	0.979	0.988	0.818	0.964	0.883	0.987	0.176
	2016	0.990	0.973	1.000	0.934	0.742	0.922	0.975	0.174	0.942	0.951	0.778	0.973	0.941	0.989	0.820
	2015	0.989	0.278	1.000	0.919	0.994	0.847	0.971	0.938	0.833	0.972	0.841	0.903	0.944	0.990	0.884
	2014	0.993	0.909	0.940	0.993	0.654	0.917	0.978	0.938	0.903	0.915	0.786	0.957	0.961	0.985	0.860
	2013	0.993	0.925	0.940	0.271	0.739	0.887	0.972	0.980	0.936	0.957	0.861	0.956	0.942	0.963	0.882
	2012	0.996	0.309	1.000	0.271	0.801	0.883	0.960	0.980	1.000	0.968	0.846	0.863	0.968	0.973	0.871
	2011	0.970	0.973	0.978	0.984	0.813	0.857	0.981	0.980	0.890	0.896	0.778	0.937	0.971	0.975	0.727
	est_pe_nxt_yr	28.800	11.000	24.600	22.700	13.900	27.500	54.300	25.500	25.500	13.800	13.800	13.500	17.800	8.300	8.300

Target

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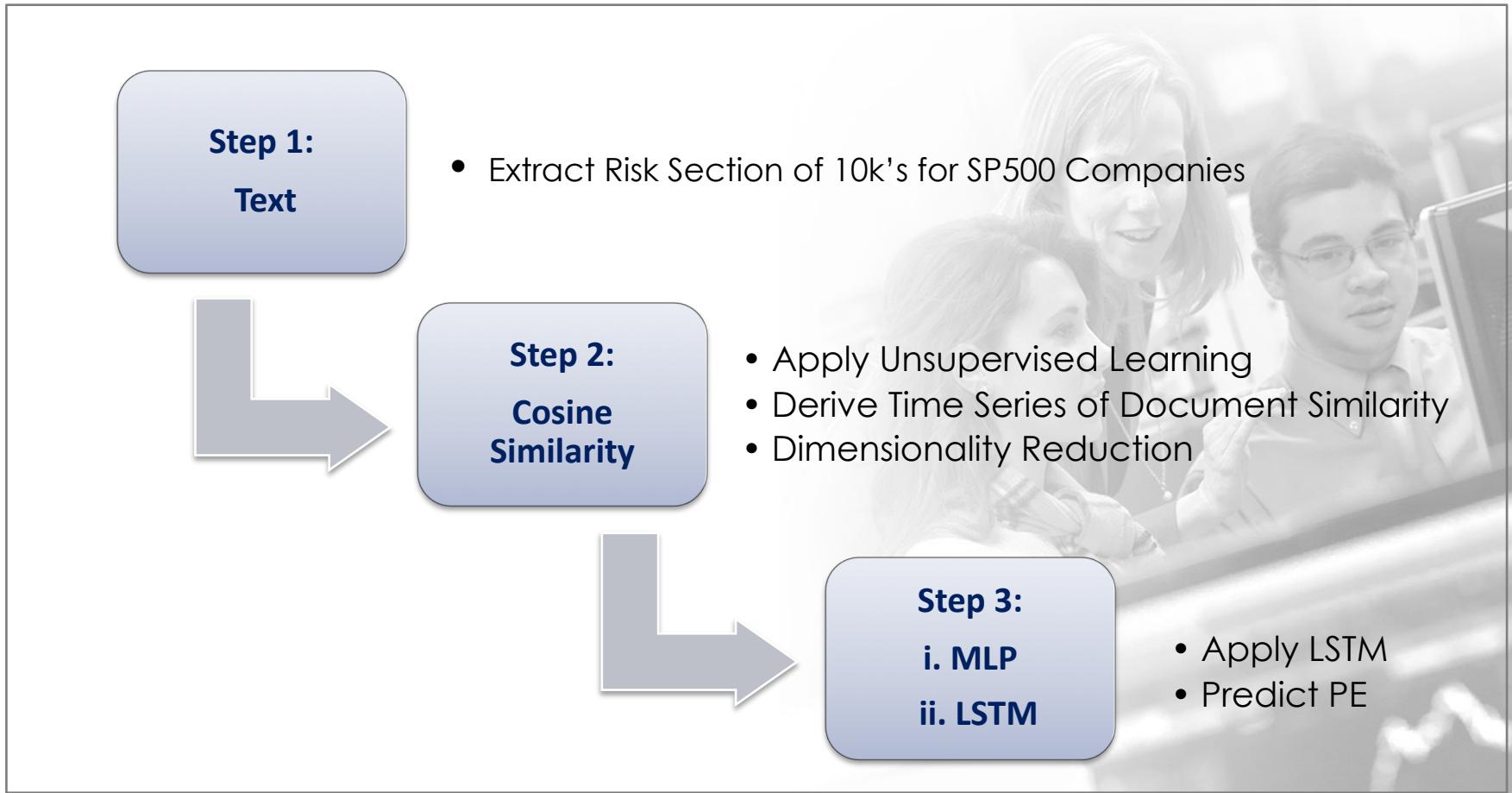


Methods & Results



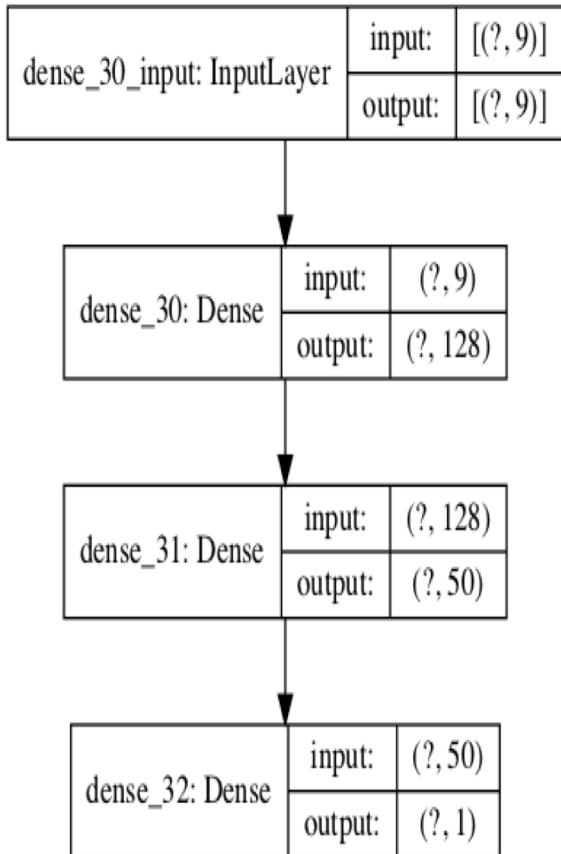
Methods & Results

- Deep Learning Business Application Design

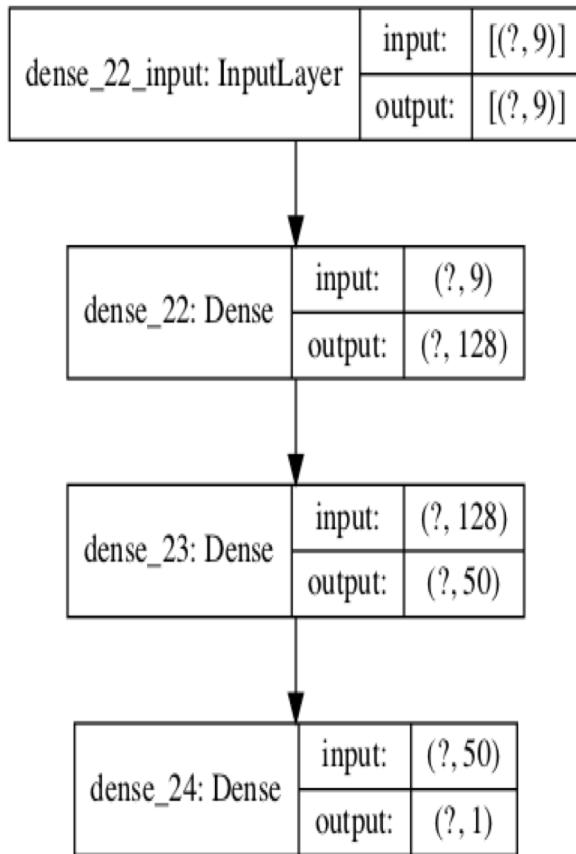


Method 1: Multilayer Perceptron Architecture

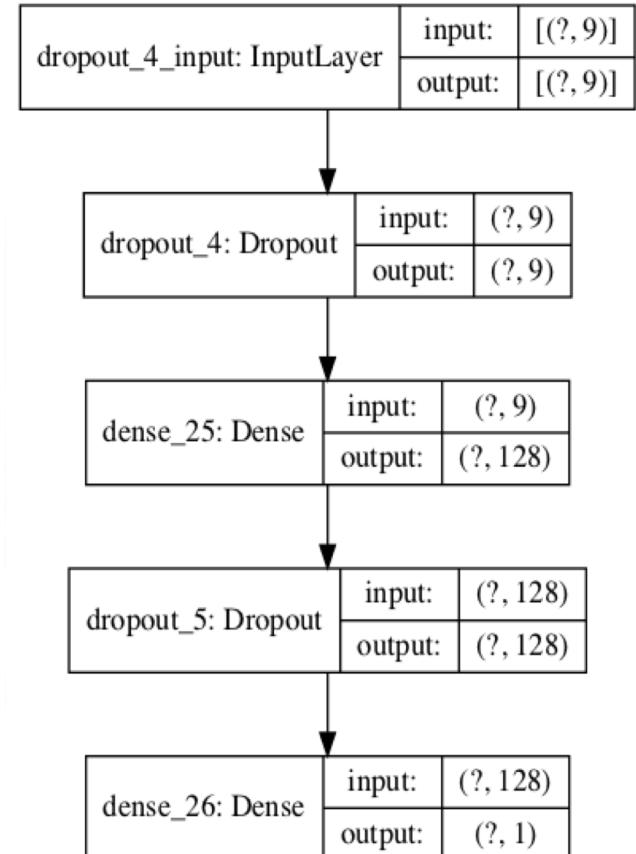
Model A



Model B: Model A + L2

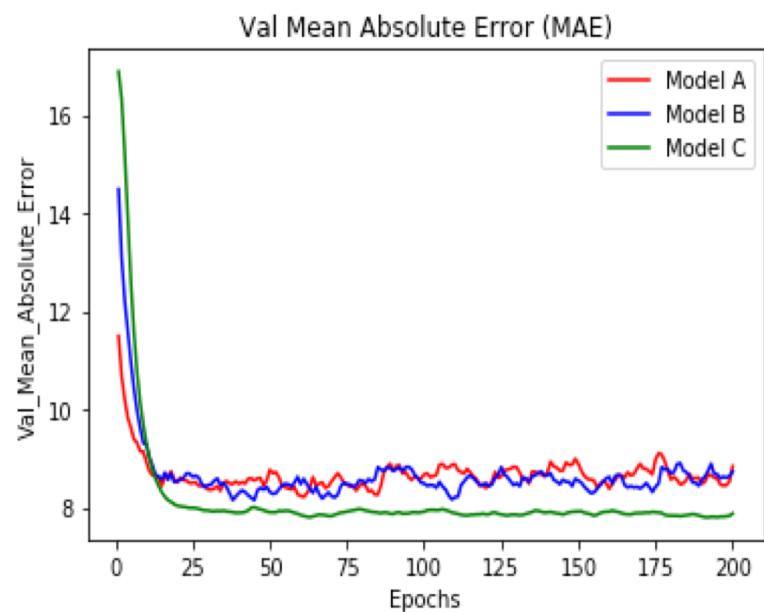
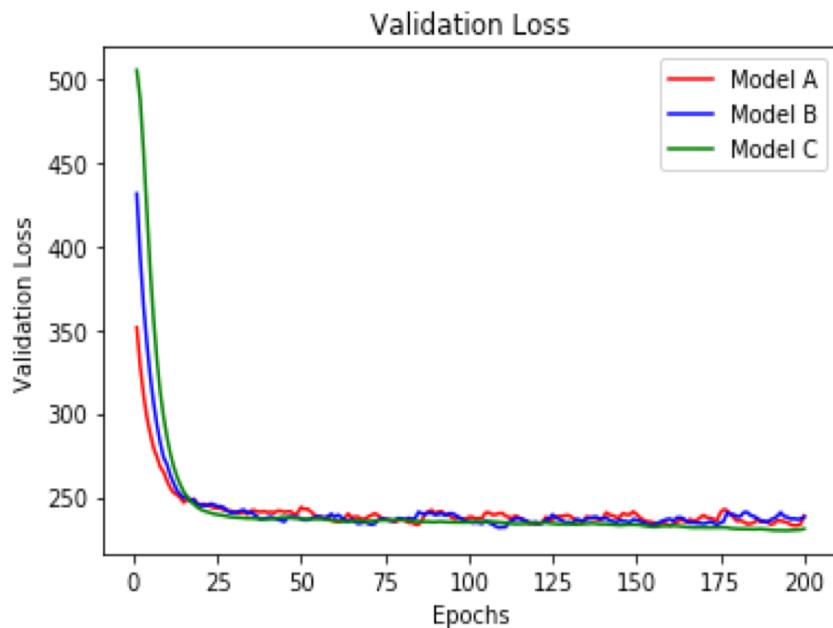


Model C, Dropout



Method 1: Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)

Model	MSE Test	MAE ^[1]	Architecture: Layers, Nodes, Activation, O.Activation, L1/2
Model A	257	12.3	2,128,50, Rectified Linear Unit (RELU) ,Regression (None),None
Model B	242	11.3	2,128, 50, Rectified Linear Unit (RELU) ,Regression (None), L2 ($\lambda=0.001$)
Model C	230	10.8	1,128, Rectified Linear Unit (RELU), Regression (None), Dropout (0.5)

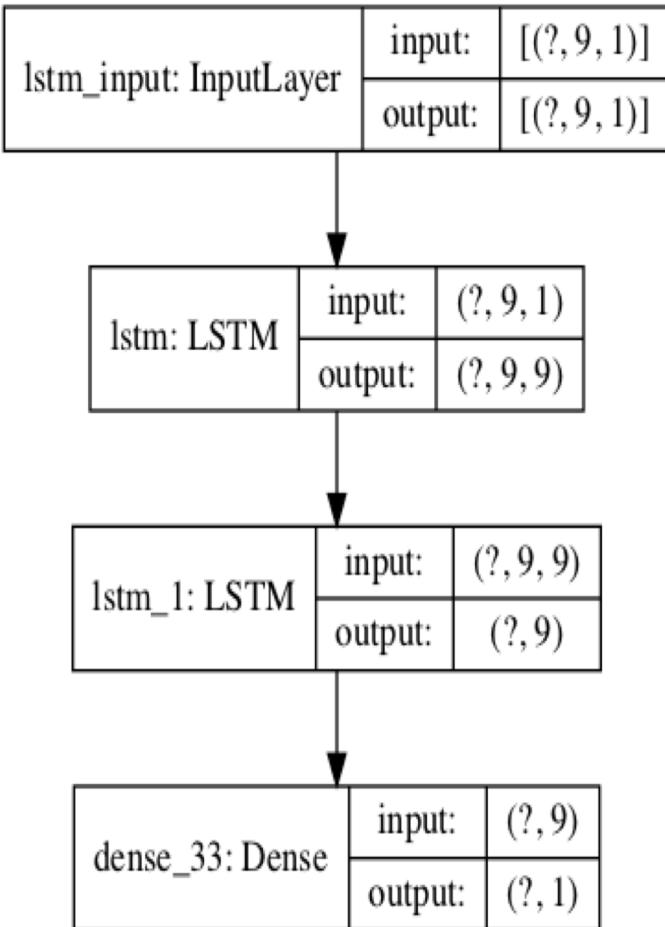


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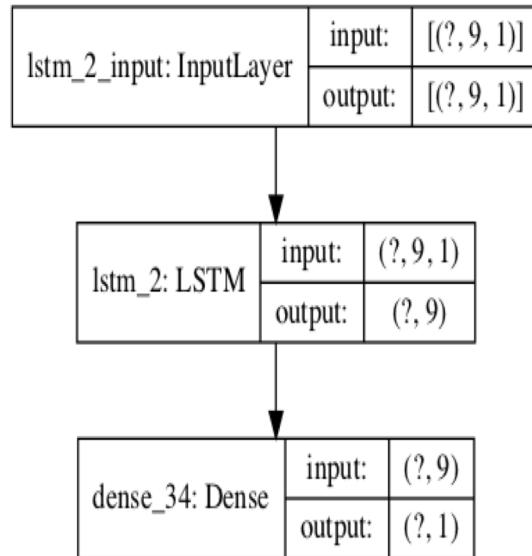
[1] MAE= Mean Absolute Error , Loss Function = MSE, Mean Squared Error

Method 2: Long Short Term Memory Architecture

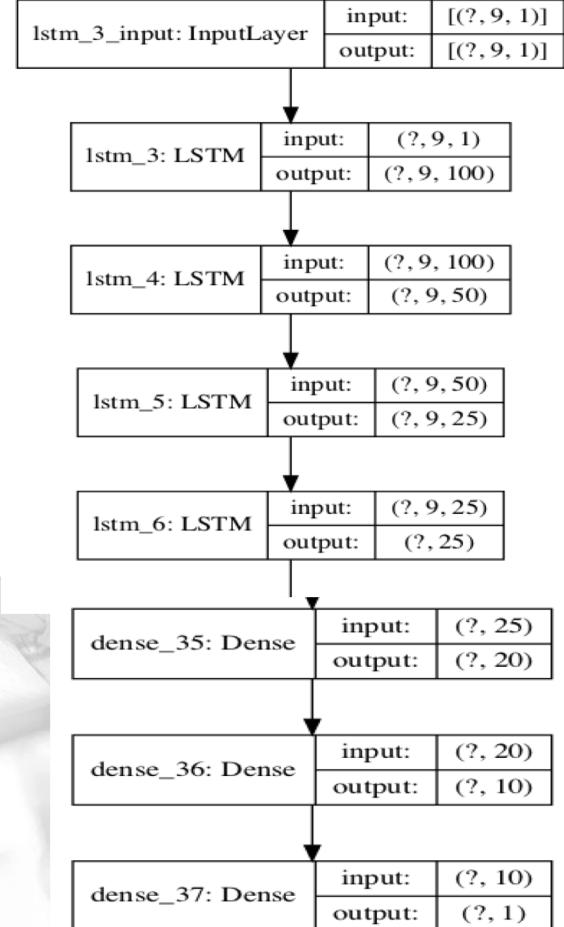
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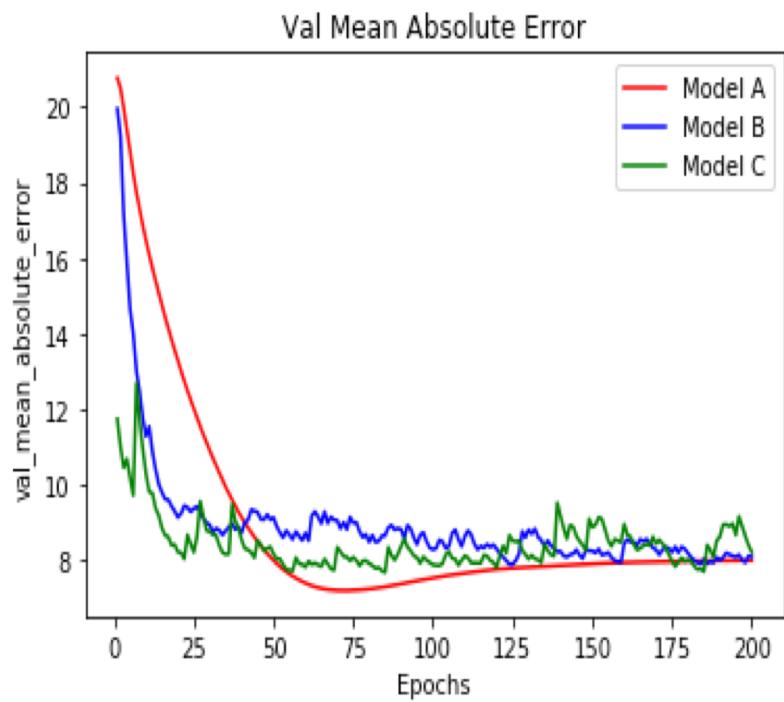
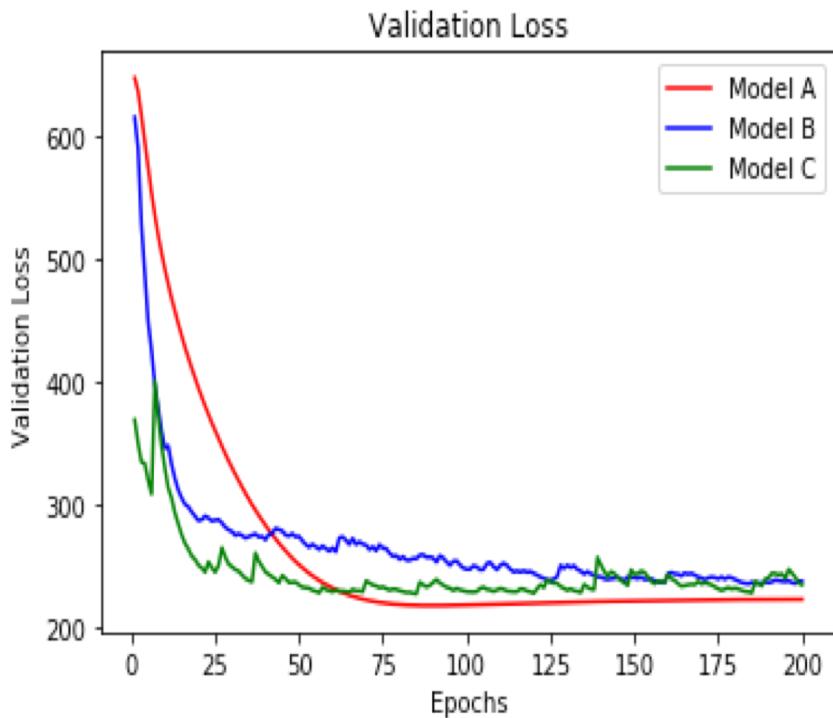


Model C



Method 2: Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)

Model	MSE Test	MAE ^[1] Test	Architecture: Layers, Timesteps, Nodes, Activation, O.Activation, L1/2
Model A	238	7.5	2,9,9 Rectified Linear Unit (RELU) ,Regression (None), Dropout (0.5)
Model B	256	11.2	1,9, 9, Rectified Linear Unit (RELU) ,Regression (None), None
Model C	255	10.8	4, 100,150,25,25, Rectified Linear Unit (RELU), Regression (None), None



[1] Metric= MAE, Mean Absolute Error , Loss Function = MSE, Mean Squared Error



Insights & Analysis



Insights & Conclusions

- Both models are able to **converge with LSTM outperforming MLP** slightly and intuitively this makes sense given “**temporal**” relationships.
- MSE (loss function) and MAE (metric) are still **relatively high** and can be further improved with more data or model experiments.
- Simpler “**shallow**” learners models tend to do better than “**deep**” learners” for MLP structure but this might be function of tensor size.
- Simple **LSTM stacked structure** (2 hidden layers) delivers the best results.
- **Regularization tends to improve results for both MLP and LSTM** model with ideal fit around 65 epochs and dropout applied for LSTM and 45-50 epoch for MLP with dropout applied as well.



Challenges & Future Work

- Models would more likely improve if one includes **more data** outside of SP500 (large cap, small cap etc..) which would result in **sparse matrix**.
- **Refinement of target variable** by extracting common market factors.
- Experiment with **multiple timesteps and features** in LSTM by stacking multiple time steps along with rolling target (sequence of shape $[t1,t2,t3 | \text{target at } t+4]$) is alternative model to explore.
- Model architectures such as **Seq2Seq model** where encoder would represent LSTM model in this project and decoder would be current stock variables while decoder target variable p/e ratio at $t+1$ (output).

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