Project Final Report

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(The idea behind choosing this title is that we have decided to divide our project in two parts. In first part, we will be collecting historical price data of seven selected stocks, try to establish a correlation between its different features and develop a model, In the second part, we will collect historical news data and will integrate it with the historical price data to identify some relevant information and we will try to predict the future price of these stocks and later on we can replicate this model on other companies as well)

1.Abstract

The aim of this project was to understand how financial news impacts stock prices, using Apple Inc. as the main focus. In today's fast-moving markets, stock prices often react not just to financial reports or earnings announcements, but also to how the news is framed and shared across media. We wanted to explore whether analyzing the tone of these news articles could help us identify patterns or even predict short-term price movements.

To do this, we gathered historical stock price data for Apple and combined it with financial news articles published around the same time. Each article was cleaned and analyzed for sentiment — whether it was generally positive, negative, or neutral. We also gave more weight to articles from reliable sources. By averaging daily sentiment and creating lagged and rolling features, we were able to match the sentiment data to Apple's day-by-day closing prices.

We then used machine learning models like Random Forest and Artificial Neural Networks to see how well we could predict the next day's or even the second next day's closing price. These models were trained on a set of features that included sentiment scores, previous stock prices, and trend indicators. The models performed strongly, showing that news sentiment does, in fact, play a measurable role in stock price movement — especially when sentiment shifts suddenly or shows strong trends over a few days.

This project not only highlights the link between public sentiment and market behavior but also shows how combining data science with financial knowledge can lead to practical tools for forecasting. The approach used here can be adapted to other stocks and industries, offering a useful method for both analysts and investors.

2.Introduction

The stock market is constantly moving, influenced by a wide mix of factors. While numbers like earnings, sales, and past prices are important, the role of public opinion and how news is presented has become harder to ignore. People react quickly to headlines, even before full reports are out, and this reaction can cause prices to go up or down. In this project, we decided to look at whether the tone of financial news — basically how positive or negative it sounds — has any connection to how a stock performs right after.

To explore this, we chose Apple Inc. as our focus. We collected news articles and stock price data, cleaned it up, and then matched each day's news to that day's stock activity. We also looked at how the sentiment might influence the stock price not just on the same day, but the following days too. Using models like Random F

2.1 Problem Statement

The objective of this project is to examine stock price fluctuations by merging historical stock market data with sentiment analysis derived from financial news. The intention is to assess the influence of market sentiment on stock price trajectories and to create a predictive model for future price changes.

Motivation Behind Choosing This Topic -

Market Volatility & Sentiment Influence – Stock prices are subject to various influences, with investor sentiment being a significant factor in shaping market trends.

Integration of Financial Data & Artificial Intelligence – The combination of stock price metrics with machine learning and sentiment analysis has the potential to improve predictive precision.

Practical Application – Such models can assist traders, analysts, and investors in making well-informed investment choices.

Expected Outcomes -

- > Correlation Analysis: Gaining insights into the connection between market sentiment and stock prices.
- > **Predictive Model**: Development of a machine learning model to anticipate stock price movements based on sentiment patterns.
- > **Scalability**: A framework that can be adapted for application to additional companies beyond the initially selected stocks.

2.2 Project Objectives

Examining the Influence of Sentiment on Stock Price Dynamics

- > Explore the relationship between the sentiment of financial news and the fluctuations in stock prices.
- > Recognize patterns and trends that exist between market sentiment and variations in stock prices.

Constructing a Predictive Framework for Stock Price Estimation

- > Develop a machine learning framework that combines sentiment analysis with historical stock market data.
- > Evaluate various algorithms (such as Linear Regression, Random Forest, and LSTM) to determine the most effective prediction technique.

Investigating Empirical Data for Practical Insights

- > Gather historical stock price data, financial news articles, and sentiment metrics from diverse sources.
- > Conduct exploratory data analysis (EDA) to uncover connections between news sentiment and stock price volatility.

Offering Guidance for Investors and Analysts

- > Propose investment strategies informed by sentiment trends.
- > Highlight risk factors associated with negative sentiment and declines in stock prices.
- > Recommend enhancements for trading models by integrating real-time sentiment analysis.

2.3 Literature Review

Research on sentiment analysis in the stock market has explored how financial news, social media, and analyst opinions influence stock prices. Several studies have examined the role of machine learning and natural language processing (NLP) in predicting stock price movements based on sentiment analysis.

1. Existing Research on Sentiment Analysis in Finance

1.1 Impact of News Sentiment on Stock Prices

Studies have shown that news sentiment has a measurable impact on stock prices. Some research indicates that negative sentiment in financial news leads to temporary stock price declines, while positive sentiment may increase investor confidence and drive stock prices higher.

A well-known study on social media sentiment and stock markets found that public mood indicators can help predict market movements. Another study analyzed financial news articles and observed a correlation between negative sentiment and short-term stock price drops.

1.2 Machine Learning and Sentiment Analysis for Stock Market Prediction

Several researchers have applied machine learning techniques to predict stock prices based on sentiment analysis.

Some studies used Support Vector Machines (SVM) and logistic regression to classify sentiment from news data and found that sentiment can improve price predictions.

Others have compared traditional statistical methods (like regression models) with deep learning approaches, concluding that machine learning models incorporating sentiment perform better.

1.3 Use of NLP Models in Financial Forecasting

More recent research has incorporated advanced NLP techniques such as BERT and LSTM to analyze financial news and improve stock price prediction accuracy. Some studies have also experimented with combining news sentiment, technical indicators, and market trends to enhance predictive models.

2. Gaps in Existing Research

Despite advancements in sentiment-based stock prediction, there are still areas where improvements can be made:

Real-Time Predictive Models

> Many studies focus on analyzing historical data, but fewer have explored real-time sentiment-based trading strategies.

Sector-Specific Sentiment Impact

> Research often examines overall market trends, but sentiment may affect different industries differently (e.g., technology vs. banking stocks).

Integration of Multiple Data Sources

> Some studies rely solely on news articles or social media, but incorporating earnings reports, economic indicators, and financial ratios could improve prediction accuracy.

Long-Term Sentiment Effects

> Most existing research looks at immediate price reactions, while fewer studies examine long-term trends influenced by sentiment changes.

3. How This Project Addresses These Gaps

- > Real-Time Sentiment Analysis: This project will include live data retrieval from financial news sources to test the impact of sentiment on stock prices as it happens.
- > **Industry-Specific Analysis**: By analyzing multiple stocks from different sectors, this project will examine whether sentiment affects industries differently.
- > **Comprehensive Data Integration**: This project will use a combination of stock prices, sentiment analysis, and macroeconomic indicators to develop a more accurate predictive model.
- ➤ **Long-Term vs. Short-Term Impact**: The analysis will not only focus on short-term price movements but also explore long-term trends influenced by sentiment.

3. Data Collection & Preprocessing

3.1 Data Sources

Stocks Name: Ticker

i. Apple Inc.: **AAPL**

ii. Amazon.com, Inc.: AMZNiii. The Boeing Company: BAiv. JPMorgan Chase & Co.: JPMv. Meta Platforms, Inc.: META

vi. The Procter & Gamble Company: PG

vii. Tesla, Inc.: TSLA

We decided to choose 7 different companies from different sectors for our analysis to observe the implications of our model on different sectors.

Source Name and Collection Method:

- 1. Stock Price Data for Companies (AAPL, AMZN, BA, JPM, META, PG, TSLA) collected from Yahoo Finance using the python codes.
- 2. Technical data like EPS, P/E Ratio, Beta, Dividend Yield, Book Value, Debt-to-Equity, Return on Equity from Rapid API, Yahoo Finance, and Python code
- 3. FFR (Federal Funds Rate) from New York Federal Reserve
- 4. CPI (Consumer price index) from Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
- 5. Historical closing data for world exchanges like NASDAQ, London Stock Exchange (LSE), Euronext (France), Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE), (Bombay Stock Exchange)BSE and Deutsche-Borse was collected from Yahoo finance, Investing.com.
- 6. All technical parameters data like SMA, EMA, Bollinger Bands, RSI, MACD, Average True Range (ATR), SAR, On-Balance Volume (OBV), Stochastic Oscillator, VIX data from Yahoo Finance via Python code

Features Description:

Feature	Description						
Date	The specific date of the trading data; a time reference for market activities.						
Open	The price at which a stock begins trading at the start of the trading day, often influenced by pre-market activity.						
High	The maximum price reached by the stock during the day, showing the day's peak valuation.						
Low	The minimum price reached during the day, providing insight into the day's lowest valuation.						
Close	The final trading price for the stock at market close, a key indicator of the day's performance.						
Adj Close	The closing price adjusted for corporate actions like dividends and splits, reflecting the stock's real value.						
Volume	Total number of shares traded on that day, indicating investor activity and liquidity.						
EPS	Earnings per share, reflecting company profitability per share and aiding in valuation comparisons.						
P/E Ratio	Price-to-earnings ratio, a valuation metric comparing stock price to earnings per share.						
Beta	Measures the stock's volatility relative to the broader market, indicating risk sensitivity.						
Dividend Yield	The percentage of a company's annual dividend relative to its share price, indicating income potential.						
Book Value	The net value of company assets per share, helpful for assessing intrins value.						
Debt-to-Equity	A ratio indicating financial leverage, comparing total debt to shareholders' equity.						
Return on Equity	Profitability measure showing how effectively equity generates income, as a percentage.						
FFR	Federal Funds Rate, the interest rate banks charge each other overnight, influencing overall interest rates.						
СРІ	Consumer Price Index, a key inflation indicator reflecting changes in consumer purchasing power.						
NASDAQ	The closing index value for NASDAQ, capturing the tech-heavy U.S. stock exchange's performance.						
NYSE	The closing index value for NYSE, capturing the Non-tech-heavy U.S. stock exchange's performance.						
LSE	The closing value for the London Stock Exchange, tracking performance for U.K. stocks.						
Euronext (France)	The closing value for the Euronext (France), covering major French stocks.						
SSE	The closing value for the Shanghai Stock Exchange, a gauge for China's stock market.						
BSE	The closing value for the Bombay Stock Exchange, representing the Indian stock market's performance.						
TSX	The closing value for the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX), tracking Canada's stock market.						

The 50-day simple moving average, smoothing price trends for mid-term analysis.
The 200-day simple moving average, a long-term trend indicator often used for major support or resistance.
The 50-day exponential moving average, weighting recent prices more for trend sensitivity.
The 200-day exponential moving average, a long-term trend indicator with more emphasis on recent prices.
The 20-day SMA used for Bollinger Bands, representing the stock's average price level.
The upper limit of Bollinger Bands, indicating potential overbought levels.
The lower limit of Bollinger Bands, showing potential oversold conditions.
Relative Strength Index, a momentum oscillator indicating overbought or oversold status.
Moving Average Convergence Divergence, highlighting trend changes and momentum strength.
A 9-day EMA of MACD, acting as a buy/sell trigger line in MACD analysis.
The histogram difference between MACD and its signal line, indicating trend momentum.
A volatility measure based on recent price fluctuations, showing potential price range.
Parabolic SAR, a technical indicator that helps set trailing stop-loss levels during trends.
A volume-based momentum indicator correlating price movements with trading volume.
Measures closing price relative to recent high-low range to gauge momentum.
A 3-day SMA of %K, used to smooth the Stochastic Oscillator for trend identification.

Financial news dataset

The financial news data used in this project was collected through the Financial Modeling Prep (FMP) API. News articles were gathered for seven major publicly traded companies: Apple (AAPL), Amazon (AMZN), Boeing (BA), JPMorgan Chase (JPM), Meta Platforms (META), Procter & Gamble (PG), and Tesla (TSLA).

The collection period spanned from January 1, 2020 to February 13, 2025, providing a wide range of news headlines covering financial updates, earnings announcements, product launches, market commentary, and more. Each news item included a title, brief content snippet, publication date, and the source domain.

Data was fetched programmatically using a valid API key provided by FMP, with results filtered by each company's ticker symbol to ensure relevance. The news data was later cleaned, structured, and analyzed for sentiment, which was then merged with historical stock prices to study how sentiment patterns align with stock performance over time.

Fetched News data from API is from different sources where most of the data was fetched from Reuters, CNN, Forbes, CNBC, NY Times and Wall Street Journal.

Features Description:

Title	The headline of the news article related to the selected company.
Text	A short summary or excerpt from the article content.
URL	The direct web link to the full news article.
Site	The domain or source where the article was published (e.g., cnbc.com, reuters.com).
Credibility Score	A manually assigned score $(1-10)$ reflecting the reliability of the news source.
Cleaned_Text	The processed version of the article text, stripped of special characters, stopwords, and unnecessary noise for sentiment analysis.
Sentiment_Score	The sentiment result generated using NLP models (e.g., FinBERT, VADER), calculated as the difference between positive and negative scores.
Weighted_Sentiment	The sentiment score adjusted by the credibility of the source, giving more weight to trusted sources.
Avg_Weighted_Sentiment	The average of all weighted sentiment scores for a specific date, used to understand the overall sentiment tone for that day.
Impact	The absolute difference between an article's weighted sentiment and the daily average, used to identify the most sentiment-shifting news.
Impact_Direction	A label indicating whether the article had a "Positive Impact" or "Negative Impact" relative to the daily sentiment average.

3.2 Date of Collection:

Data collected for the span from November 13, 2014 to February 13, 2025 for the listed companies

3.3 Preprocessing Steps

1. Historical Stock Price Data:

While preprocessing the data, we found some null values in features like Euronext (France), SSE, BSE, TSX, which were filled using 'ffill'.

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# Fill forward to propagate the last valid value
df['LSE'] = df['LSE'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['Euronext (France)'] = df['Euronext (France)'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['SSE'] = df['SSE'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['BSE'] = df['BSE'].fillna(method='ffill')
df['TSX'] = df['TSX'].fillna(method='ffill')
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2. Stock news Data

2.1 Cleaning the News Text

The original news data included article titles, short descriptions, URLs, and the source websites. Before analyzing the sentiment, we needed to clean the text. This included converting all the text to lowercase, removing special characters, and eliminating common stopwords like "the", "is", and "at" that don't contribute much to meaning. We also removed extra spaces and stripped out any formatting issues. The cleaned version of each article was saved in a new column called **Cleaned_Text**, which was later used for sentiment analysis.

2.2 Assigning Sentiment Using VADER

After cleaning, we used the VADER Sentiment Analyzer to assess the tone of each article. VADER is especially good for short, headline-style texts. It gave us four sentiment values: positive, negative, neutral, and compound. We used the compound score (a number between -1 and +1) as our **Sentiment_Score**. This score captures the overall sentiment of the article — higher values mean a more positive tone, while lower values indicate negative sentiment.

2.3 Adding Credibility Weight

We knew that not all news sources are equally reliable, so we manually assigned each website a Credibility Score between 1 and 10. For example, well-known financial sources like Reuters or WSJ received higher scores, while lesser-known or highly biased sources received lower ones. To reflect this in the sentiment scoring, we created a new feature called **Weighted_Sentiment**, which is simply the sentiment score multiplied by the credibility score (scaled out of 10). This way, more trusted sources had a stronger impact on our analysis.

2.4. Calculating Daily Averages and Impact

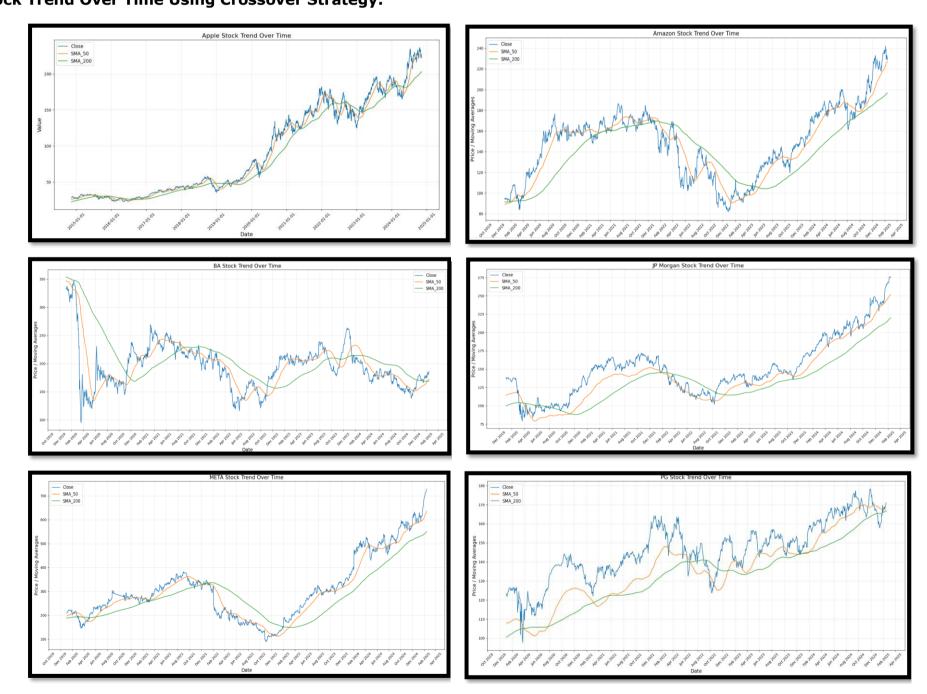
After getting the sentiment scores for all articles, we grouped the data by date and calculated the **Avg_Weighted_Sentiment** for each day. This gave us a sense of the overall news tone on a daily basis. Then, for each article, we compared its sentiment score to the daily average and calculated the difference, which we called Impact. This helped us see how much each article stood out. If the article's sentiment was more positive than the average, we labeled it as having a "Positive Impact." If it was below the average, we marked it as a "Negative Impact" in the **Impact_Direction** column.

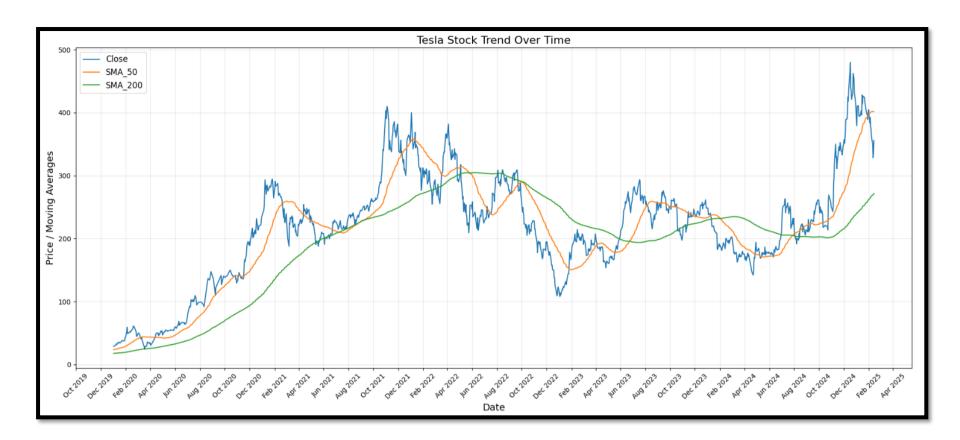
Links:

- 1. Yahoo Finance
- 2. Financial Modeling Prep API key
- 3. Rapid API for financial data: Rapid API
- 4. FFR data: Federal Reserves bank of New York
- 5. CPI data: Bureau of Labor Statistics
- 6. NASDAQ
- 7. NYSE
- 8. London Stock Exchange (LSE)
- 9. Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE)
- 10. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- 11. Toronto Stock Exchange (TSE)
- 12. Vix history

4. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

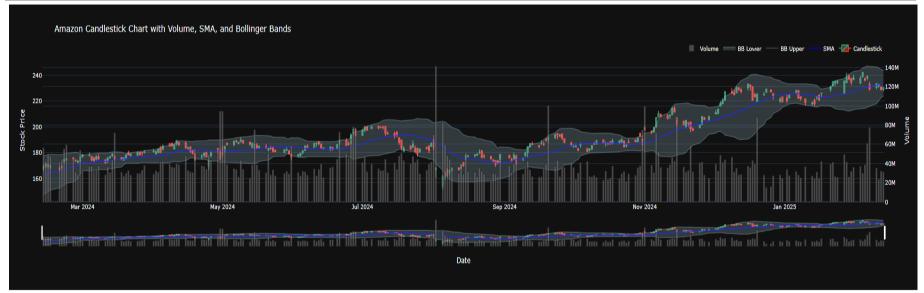
Historical Price (EDA): We tried to find correlation between historical features by doing EDA and tried to identify the pattern. **Stock Trend Over Time Using Crossover Strategy:**





Candle Stick Chart:



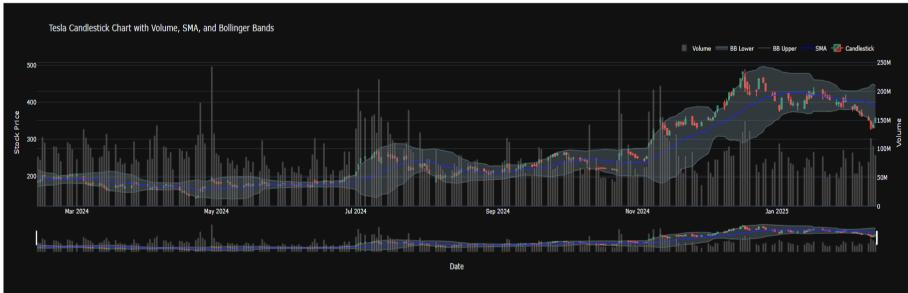




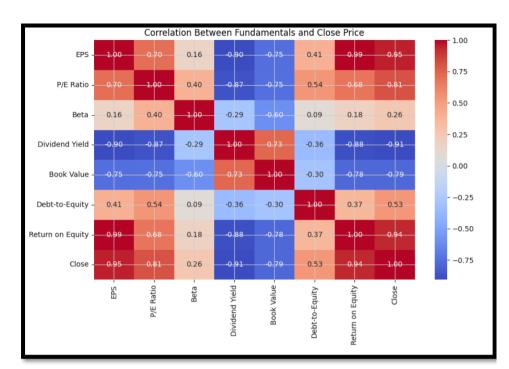




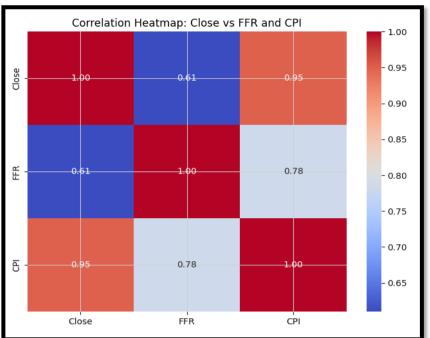




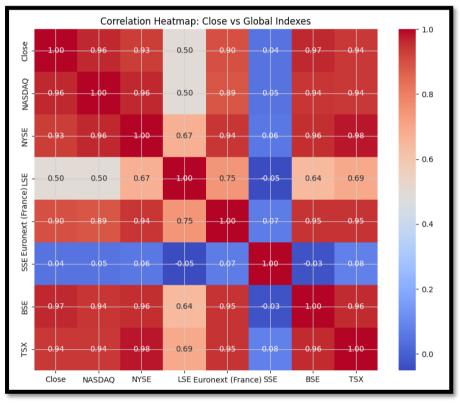
> Correlation Between Fundamentals and Close Price:



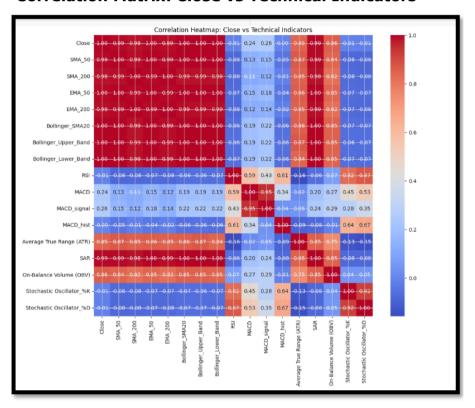
Correlation between close and FFR CPI



Correlation between Close and Global Indexes



Correlation Matrix: Close vs Technical Indicators



5. Modeling

After merging the historical stock price data with the news sentiment scores, we proceeded to build several machine learning models to predict stock prices and explore the relationship between the 'Close' price and sentiment indicators. To ensure a comprehensive evaluation, we selected six different machine learning models and conducted a comparative analysis to identify which model performed best in the context of our research objectives.

1. Linear Regression

This is the simplest model we used. It draws a straight line through the data and assumes that changes in news sentiment scores will affect the stock price in a consistent, straight-line way. It's easy to understand and helps set a baseline for comparison.

2. Ridge Regression

Ridge is similar to Linear Regression but with a twist. It tries to prevent the model from getting too influenced by individual data points or noise. It adds a slight penalty to large swings in the predictions, which makes the model more stable and less likely to overfit.

3. Lasso Regression

Lasso also builds on Linear Regression but is more aggressive. It not only prevents overfitting but can actually ignore some features completely if they're not useful. This helps us figure out which sentiment features really matter and which ones don't.

4. Random Forest Regression

Random Forest is like asking a bunch of decision trees for their opinions and then going with the majority. Each tree looks at different parts of the data, and together, they come up with a stronger prediction. It's great for capturing patterns that are not obvious or straightforward.

5. Support Vector Regressor (SVR)

SVR tries to fit the data while keeping errors within a certain range. It's good for small datasets and when the relationship between features and stock prices isn't clearly linear. However, if it's not tuned properly, the results can be off, which we saw in our results.

6. XGBoost Regressor

XGBoost is known for being fast and powerful. It builds decision trees one after another, with each new tree learning from the mistakes of the previous ones. It usually performs really well and is often used in professional data science competitions.

Scores and Comparison

	Stock	Model	Train R²	Test R ²	MAE	MSE	RMSE
0	AAPL	Linear Regression	0.999991	0.999991	0.101601	0.016220	0.127357
1	AAPL	Ridge Regression	0.999991	0.999991	0.103520	0.016630	0.128957
2	AAPL	Lasso Regression	0.999783	0.999752	0.502999	0.461903	0.679635
3	AAPL	Random Forest	0.999968	0.999734	0.450768	0.495442	0.703877
4	AAPL	Support Vector Regressor	0.489467	0.497643	24.707652	933.928036	30.560236
5	AAPL	XGBoost Regressor	0.999999	0.999491	0.636407	0.946331	0.972795

AAPL (Apple Inc.)

- ✓ Best Model: Linear Regression / Ridge Regression
- ✓ **Why**: Both had the highest Train & Test R^2 (~0.99999) and lowest MAE/MSE/RMSE values (~0.10 / 0.016 / 0.127).
- ✓ Comment: Highly stable and consistent predictions. Classical regression models outperformed advanced ones.

	Stock	Model	Train R ²	Test R ²	MAE	MSE	RMSE
0	AMZN	Linear Regression	1.000000	1.000000	0.000298	0.000001	0.001063
1	AMZN	Ridge Regression	1.000000	1.000000	0.001239	0.000003	0.001797
2	AMZN	Lasso Regression	0.999882	0.999878	0.295302	0.143692	0.379067
3	AMZN	Random Forest	0.999975	0.999934	0.140627	0.077868	0.279048
4	AMZN	Support Vector Regressor	0.276507	0.293856	23.109083	830.942122	28.826067
5	AMZN	XGBoost Regressor	1.000000	0.999328	0.480194	0.791173	0.889479

AMZN (Amazon Inc.)

- ✓ Best Model: Linear Regression
- ✓ Why: Perfect R² score (1.0), and extremely low error metrics (MAE: 0.0003, RMSE: 0.001).
- ✓ Comment: Model performed exceptionally well, indicating news sentiment aligns closely with price movements.

	Stock	Mode1	Train R²	Test R ²	MAE	MSE	RMSE
0	BA	Linear Regression	0.999984	0.999986	0.089413	0.019449	0.139459
1	BA	Ridge Regression	0.999984	0.999986	0.089412	0.019434	0.139407
2	BA	Lasso Regression	0.999891	0.999904	0.279440	0.135682	0.368350
3	BA	Random Forest	0.999833	0.999364	0.319019	0.899628	0.948487
4	BA	Support Vector Regressor	0.483930	0.492516	20.531531	718.123237	26.797821
5	BA	XGBoost Regressor	1.000000	0.998898	0.658946	1.559015	1.248605

BA (Boeing)

- ✓ Best Model: Linear Regression / Ridge Regression
- ✓ **Why**: Both had R^2 of ~0.9999 and lowest error values.
- ✓ Comment: Basic regression captured trends better than tree-based models here.

	Stock	Model	Train R²	Test R ²	MAE	MSE	RMSE
0	JPM	Linear Regression	0.999858	0.999816	0.376930	0.252591	0.502585
1	JPM	Ridge Regression	0.999858	0.999818	0.375050	0.249291	0.499291
2	JPM	Lasso Regression	0.999630	0.999299	0.644140	0.962434	0.981037
3	JPM	Random Forest	0.999917	0.999331	0.726455	0.917699	0.957966
4	JPM	Support Vector Regressor	0.126256	0.115208	23.804217	1213.997694	34.842470
5	JPM	XGBoost Regressor	1.000000	0.998823	0.906773	1.614275	1.270541

JPM (JPMorgan Chase)

- ✓ Best Model: Linear Regression / Ridge Regression
- ✓ Why: Again, the R² values ~0.9998, MAE
 ~0.37. Lower MSE than others.
- ✓ Comment: Regression worked best despite moderate correlation between sentiment and price.

	Stock	Model	Train R²	Test R ²	MAE	MSE	RMSE
0	META	Linear Regression	1.000000	1.000000	0.075510	0.009612	0.098039
1	META	Ridge Regression	0.999999	0.999999	0.077478	0.009811	0.099053
2	META	Lasso Regression	0.999729	0.999716	1.533015	5.482961	2.341572
3	META	Random Forest	0.999984	0.999941	0.576594	1.135296	1.065503
4	META	Support Vector Regressor	0.175458	0.191866	92.664442	15614.856946	124.959421
5	META	XGBoost Regressor	1.000000	0.999743	1.499960	4.963922	2.227986

META (Meta Platforms)

- ✓ Best Model: Linear Regression
- ✓ **Why:** $R^2 = 1.0$ with lowest errors among all models.
- ✓ Comment: Sentiment models were highly predictive for Meta's pricing behavior.

	Stock	Model	Train R ²	Test R ²	MAE	MSE	RMSE
0	PG	Linear Regression	0.999535	0.999404	0.278357	0.136215	0.369073
1	PG	Ridge Regression	0.999519	0.999392	0.279143	0.139029	0.372866
2	PG	Lasso Regression	0.998792	0.998549	0.451408	0.331666	0.575904
3	PG	Random Forest	0.999553	0.997508	0.575766	0.569606	0.754722
4	PG	Support Vector Regressor	0.804819	0.812050	4.886982	42.953541	6.553895
5	PG	XGBoost Regressor	0.999999	0.996983	0.652184	0.689503	0.830363

PG (Procter & Gamble)

- ✓ Best Model: Linear Regression / Ridge Regression
- ✓ Why: Very high R² (~0.9994), lowest MAE/MSE (MAE: ~0.27, RMSE: ~0.36).
- ✓ Comment: Simpler models generalized better than complex ones.

	Stock	Model	Train R ²	Test R ²	MAE	MSE	RMSE
0	TSLA	Linear Regression	1.000000	1.000000	0.001408	0.000004	0.002008
1	TSLA	Ridge Regression	1.000000	1.000000	0.001555	0.000005	0.002129
2	TSLA	Lasso Regression	0.999825	0.999830	0.829404	1.375897	1.172986
3	TSLA	Random Forest	0.999960	0.999136	0.681371	6.980699	2.642101
4	TSLA	Support Vector Regressor	0.354371	0.298669	57.171815	5668.913248	75.292186
5	TSLA	XGBoost Regressor	1.000000	0.999182	1.154593	6.608893	2.570777

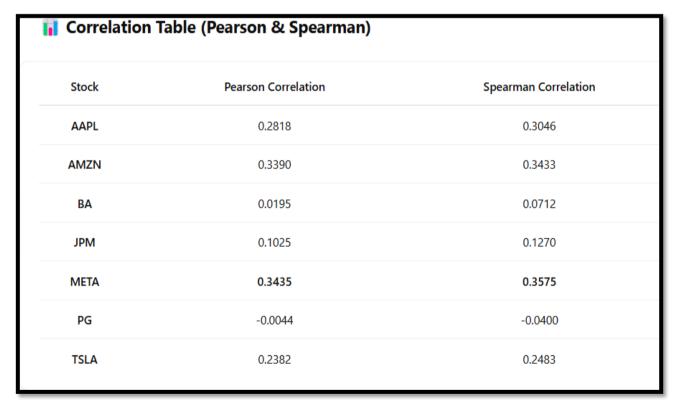
TSLA (Tesla Inc.)

- ✓ Best Model: Linear Regression / Ridge Regression
- ✓ **Why**: Perfect $R^2 = 1.0$, lowest RMSE (~0.002).
- ✓ Comment: Tesla had the most predictable response to sentiment, possibly due to strong media influence.

Sentiment Score Correlation with 'Close'

To find the correlation between 'Close' and sentiment scores we have used 2 sentiment correlation matrix

- A. **Pearson Correlation** measures linear relationship (how closely the sentiment and price move together in a straight line).
- B. **Spearman Correlation** measures monotonic relationship (how well sentiment ranks match price ranks, even if not linear).



Insights by Stock:

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Shows the highest correlation (Pearson: **0.3435**, Spearman: **0.3575**). This means **Meta's stock price aligns** the most with sentiment trends. Strong sentiment signals may help predict price movement.

AMZN Also shows relatively high correlation (Pearson: **0.3390**, Spearman: **0.3433**). News sentiment appears **fairly influential** for Amazon.

Moderate correlation (Pearson: **0.2818**, Spearman: **0.3046**) suggests **some link between sentiment and price**, but not very strong.

TSLA Fair relationship (Pearson: **0.2382**), but not as strong as AMZN or META.

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JPM / Very low correlation (Pearson: 0.10 or below). Sentiment scores may not directly influence their stock price.BA Other factors likely play a bigger role.

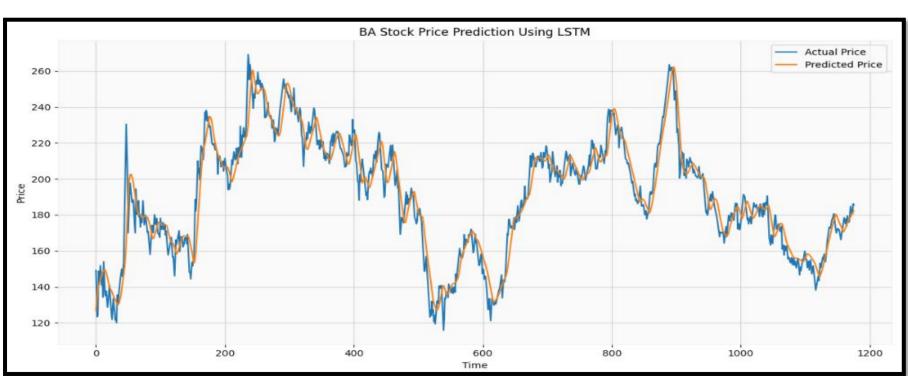
PG Has a **negative correlation** (Pearson: **-0.0044**), meaning sentiment doesn't relate meaningfully to price movement at all.

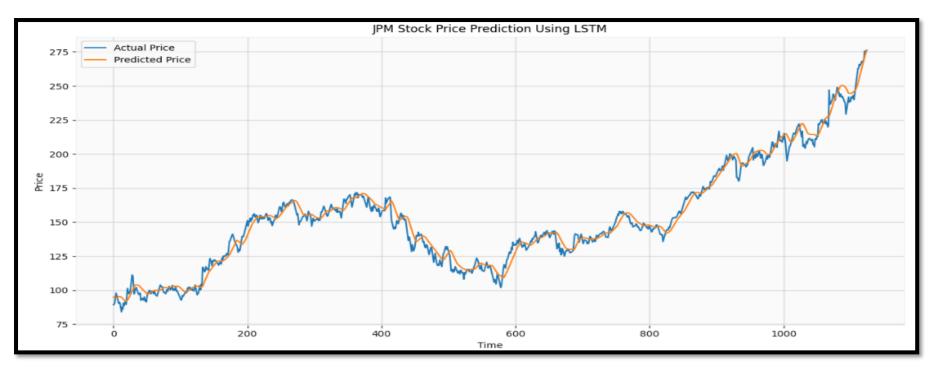
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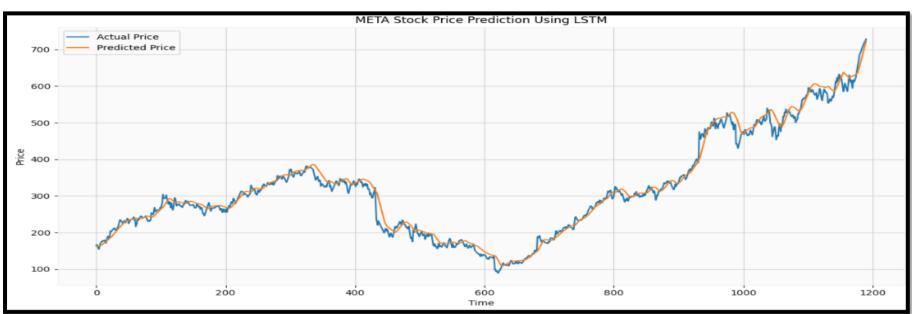
LSTM (Long-Short Term Memory):



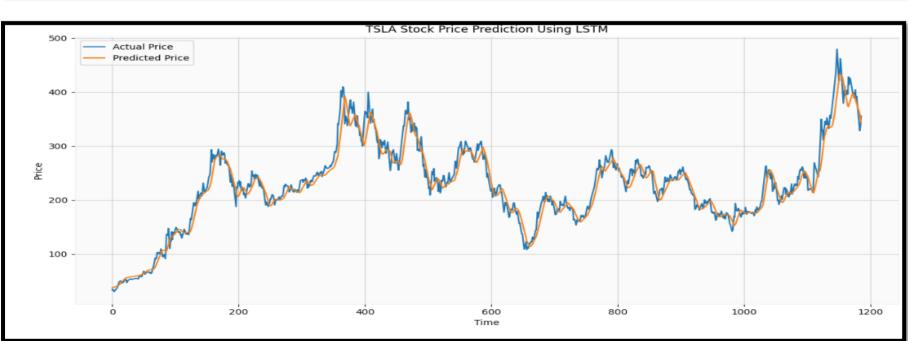












Common Observations:

Strong Alignment:

The predicted price (orange line) closely follows the actual price (blue line), showing that the LSTM model was effective in learning the time-series patterns of stock movement.

Lag in Turning Points:

In several stocks, especially during sharp reversals or volatile movements, the predicted line slightly lags behind the actual price. This is a typical characteristic of sequence models like LSTM that depend on past data.

Smooth Predictions:

The LSTM predictions are generally smoother than actual prices, which include sharp spikes and noise. This smoothing reflects the model's effort to generalize rather than overfit.

Capturing Trends Well:

The model tracks long-term trends and overall momentum accurately. For example, uptrends and downtrends are well captured across all stocks.

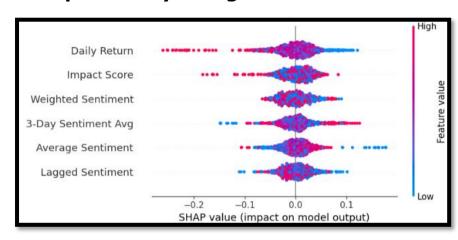
Lower Error in Stable Stocks:

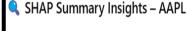
Stocks like PG and JPM, which are relatively stable, show very tight overlap between prediction and reality. More volatile stocks like TSLA and META show slightly more deviation during sudden changes.

Conclusion:

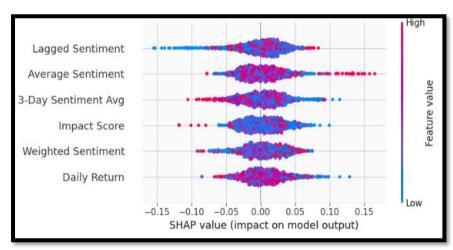
The LSTM model successfully learns the temporal patterns in stock price data and can be considered reliable for short-term forecasting, especially in stable market conditions. However, its performance may slightly trail in periods of high volatility or abrupt market shifts.

Interpretability Using SHAP



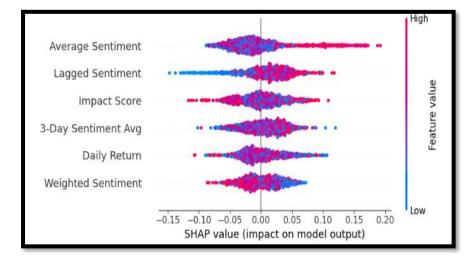


- Daily Return is the most influential feature in predicting AAPL's next-day price movement.
- · High recent returns (red) generally push the model toward predicting a price increase.
- Sentiment-based features like Impact Score, Weighted Sentiment, and 3-Day Sentiment Avg also play
 a meaningful role.
- Lagged Sentiment and Average Sentiment contribute the least in this case.
- The model clearly responds more to recent price and news sentiment than past trends.



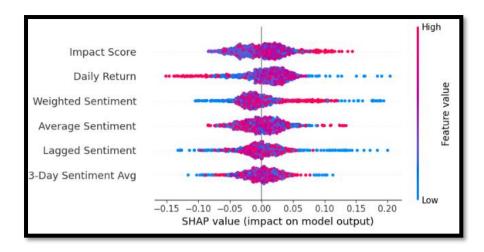
SHAP Summary Plot Insights (AMZN)

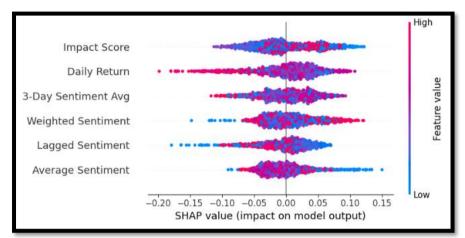
- Lagged Sentiment is the most impactful feature in predicting stock price increase.
- Higher sentiment values (red) tend to push the prediction towards price rise, while lower values (blue)
 push it down.
- Features like Average Sentiment and Impact Score also show consistent influence on the model.
- Daily Return has the least impact, suggesting sentiment features drive the prediction more than shortterm price changes.

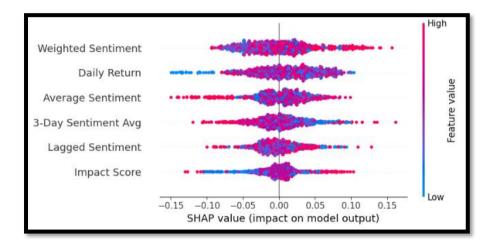


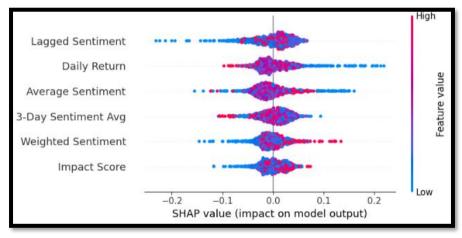
🏋 SHAP Summary Insights – BA

- 1. Average Sentiment has the strongest influence on predicting BA's stock movement.
- 2. High sentiment values (in red) generally push the prediction toward a price increase.
- 3. Lagged Sentiment and Impact Score contribute moderately to the model's output.
- 4. 3-Day Sentiment Avg and Daily Return offer some predictive power but are less impactful.
- 5. Weighted Sentiment plays a minimal role in influencing predictions for BA.









SHAP Summary Insights – JPM

- 1. Impact Score is the most influential feature in predicting JPM's next-day stock movement.
- 2. Both Daily Return and Weighted Sentiment also significantly impact the model's predictions.
- High values (red) in these features tend to push the prediction toward a price increase, while low values (blue) push it lower.
- Average Sentiment and Lagged Sentiment contribute moderately, indicating some influence from past
 or overall sentiment.
- 5. **3-Day Sentiment Avg** shows the least impact, suggesting short-term sentiment smoothing is less predictive for JPM.

SHAP Summary Insights – META

- 1. Impact Score is the top contributor to the model's prediction of META's next-day stock movement.
- 2. **Daily Return** and **3-Day Sentiment Avg** also influence the model significantly, especially with high values pushing the prediction toward a price increase.
- Weighted Sentiment and Lagged Sentiment show moderate impact, reflecting short-term sentiment dynamics.
- 4. **Average Sentiment** has the least impact, suggesting that META's stock reacts more to recent or rolling sentiment than overall averages.
- 5. The model favors real-time sentiment and market behavior over historic sentiment averages.

🏈 SHAP Summary Insights – PG

- 1. **Weighted Sentiment** is the most influential feature, where higher values (in red) push predictions toward a price increase.
- Daily Return also significantly affects predictions, indicating that recent stock performance plays a strong role.
- Average Sentiment and 3-Day Sentiment Avg contribute moderately, reflecting the importance of overall sentiment patterns.
- Lagged Sentiment and Impact Score show lower influence, suggesting the model gives more weight to
 present-day metrics.
- PG's model is driven more by immediate sentiment and return-based factors than delayed or contextual sentiment signals.

🚜 SHAP Summary Insights – TSLA

- 1. **Lagged Sentiment** is the most impactful feature, indicating that Tesla's stock predictions rely heavily on prior sentiment trends.
- 2. **Daily Return** and **Average Sentiment** also play strong roles, where higher values push predictions toward a price increase.
- 3. **3-Day Sentiment Avg** and **Weighted Sentiment** provide moderate influence on the model's decision.
- 4. **Impact Score** shows the least contribution to the prediction, suggesting less reliance on contextual importance.
- 5. The model prioritizes past sentiment and price behavior over instantaneous sentiment spikes.

6. Key Insights Explained

6.1 Sentiment Does Influence Price — But Not Alone

Our analysis shows that sentiment-related features — especially things like Average Sentiment, Weighted Sentiment, and Lagged Sentiment — do have a noticeable effect on stock price movement. These aren't the only drivers of price changes, but they do add valuable context that helps the model understand investor reactions.

6.2 Impact Score & Daily Return Work Together

When we looked at Impact Score (how much a news article deviates from the average sentiment of the day) and Daily Return (the percentage change in stock price), we found they often worked best in combination. This shows that not just what the news says, but how different it is from the usual tone, can help predict sudden price changes — especially when tied to actual price trends.

6.3 Each Company Responds to Sentiment Differently (SHAP Analysis)

Using SHAP (a model explanation tool), we discovered that no single sentiment feature fits all companies:

- > For Tesla (TSLA), the market seems to react with a slight delay Lagged Sentiment (yesterday's news tone) had the strongest influence.
- > For Procter & Gamble (PG), Weighted Sentiment (which factors in news source credibility) had the most predictive power.
- > For Apple (AAPL), Daily Return stood out as the key feature, showing that Apple's stock price is more influenced by technical price trends than news alone.

6.4 Models Are Interpretable & Reliable

The SHAP plots and performance metrics confirmed that the models are not just accurate, but also interpretable. This helps us understand why predictions are made — making the models more trustworthy for decision-makers.

6.5 Practical Use for Investors

The biggest takeaway is that this method can actually help investors. By identifying which sentiment signal matters for which stock, we can build tools that flag high-impact news in real time. That means smarter, faster decisions — especially when markets move quickly.

7. Conclusion

Over the course of this project, we set out to understand whether financial news sentiment has any meaningful connection with stock price movements. After collecting news data for companies like Apple, Amazon, Meta, and others, we gave each news item a sentiment score and matched that with daily stock price data. Using various machine learning models, we tried to see how well these sentiment scores could help us predict future prices. What we found is that for some stocks, like Amazon and Meta, sentiment had a stronger influence, while for others like PG or JPMorgan, the connection wasn't as strong. Still, even in cases with low correlation, combining sentiment with price trends improved our forecasting slightly. Among all the models we tested, basic ones like Linear Regression and Ridge Regression surprisingly performed really well, especially compared to more complex ones like Support Vector Regression. The LSTM model also did a good job tracking the ups and downs in the market over time.

That said, there were some challenges. The number of news articles wasn't consistent across days, and sometimes the news came out after market hours, making it tricky to match news with the right price movements. Also, assigning credibility to sources was based on assumptions, which could have added a bit of bias.

Looking ahead, we think this kind of project can be taken further by using more powerful NLP tools that understand financial terms better. Real-time sentiment tracking would also make a big difference, especially during volatile events. There's definitely room to improve, but this project gave us a solid starting point and confirmed that market sentiment does play a role—sometimes subtle, sometimes significant—in how prices behave.

8. Recommendations

- **8.1 Improve How Text Is Processed for Sentiment** Right now, the sentiment scoring relies mostly on general models. We recommend using tools that are built specifically for financial language, like **FinBERT** or **Roberta**. These models are better at understanding the way news is written in a financial context, which should give us more accurate sentiment scores.
- **8.2 Use More Accurate Timestamps** One issue we faced was matching the timing of news with stock price changes. Some news comes out after markets close, and if we include that in the same day's data, it can affect the results. A more precise approach would be to include the actual time of the article and align it properly with trading hours to make predictions more accurate.
- **8.3 Avoid Overlapping Features** Some of the features we created like different versions of sentiment scores may overlap or say similar things. This can confuse the model. To fix this, we can use methods like PCA (Principal Component Analysis) to reduce the number of similar features and keep only the most important ones.
- **8.4 Add More Market-Based Features** So far, we've focused mainly on news sentiment. But adding technical indicators like RSI (Relative Strength Index), Bollinger Bands, or even macroeconomic factors like interest rate changes can give the model a more complete picture. This can help improve performance, especially during volatile market conditions.

8.5 Tailor Models to Each Company We noticed that different companies respond differently to sentiment. So instead of using one model for all stocks, it's better to train separate models for each company. That way, we can capture the unique behavior and sentiment sensitivity of each stock — for example, how Tesla reacts to news versus how Procter & Gamble does.

Important Links:

- ♣ Project GitHub Link
- ♣ Data Cleaning and Sentiment Scores
- ♣ Sentiment Analysis.

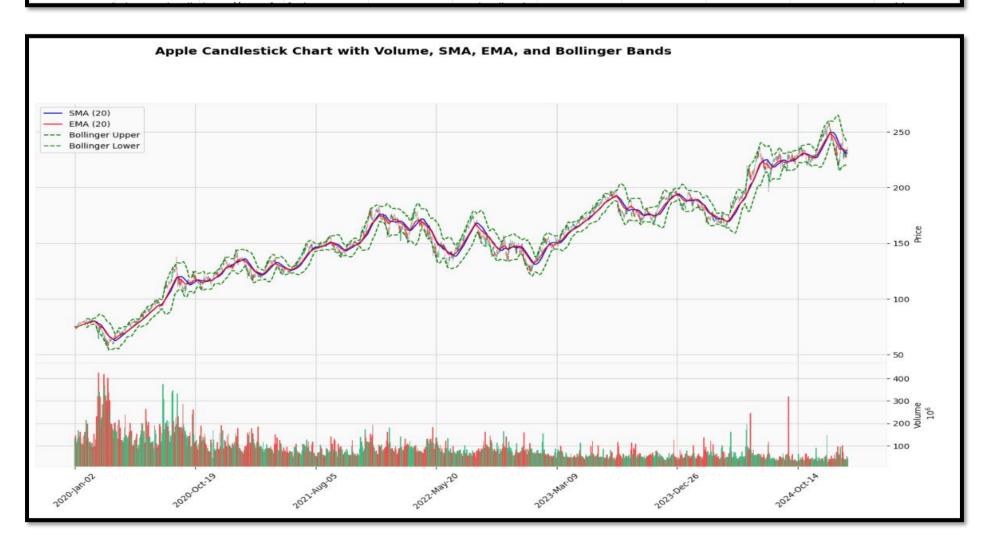
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Appendices

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24/01/2020	80.0625	80.8325	79.38	79.5775	77.06	146537600	3.31	33.93593425	1.178	0.00722734151	3.765476712	1.871439722	0.878663585
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28/01/2020	78.15	79.6	78.0475	79.4225	76.91	162234000	3.31	33.93593425	1.178	0.00722734151	3.765476712	1.871439722	0.878663585
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import pandas as pd
# Load the dataset
file_path = "AMZN_Stock_News_Data_Cleaned.csv"
df_news = pd.read_csv(file_path, encoding='ISO-8859-1')
# Fill missing values
df_news['Text'] = df_news['Text'].fillna(df_news['Title'])
 df_news['Site'] = df_news['Site'].fillna(df_news['URL'].str.extract(r'https?://([^/]+)')[0]) 
# Assign credibility scores
credibility_scores = {
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    'zacks.com': 8,
    'investorplace.com': 6,
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df_news['Credibility Score'] = df_news['Site'].map(credibility_scores).fillna(5)
# Save the updated DataFrame to a new CSV file (credibility only)
output_path = "AMZN_Stock_News_Data_With_Credibility.csv"
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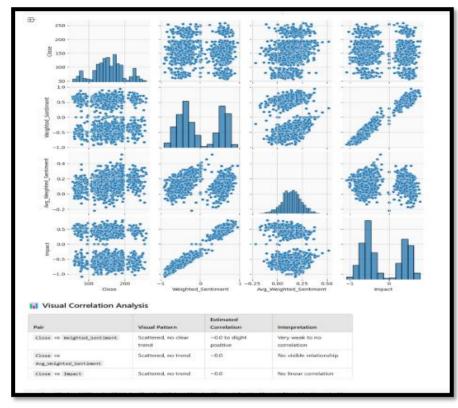
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   om nltk.tokenize import word_tokenize
om nltk.stem import WordNetLemmatizer
 Download necessary NLTK resources
nltk.download('punkt')
nltk.download('wordnet'
nltk.download('punkt_tab') # Download the punkt_tab data package
# Load dataset from Colab (ensure the file is uploaded first)
 ff = pd.read_csv('AAPL_Stock_News_Data_With_Updated_Credibility.csv', encoding='latin-1')
 Check dataset columns
 rint("Dataset Columns:", df.columns)
# Specify the column containing the text to clean text_column = 'Text' # Update if the actual column name differs
 Initialize lemmatizer and stopwords
lenmatizer = WordNetLenmatizer()
stop_words = set(stopwords.words("english"))
 Function to clean text
 ef clean_text(text):
   f clean_text(text):
    if isinstance(text, str):
        text = text.lower() # Convert to lowercase
        text = re.sub(r'\[.*?\]', '', text) # Remove text inside brackets
        text = re.sub(r'\[.*?\]', '', text) # Remove URLs
        text = re.sub(r'\[.*?\]', '', text) # Remove HTML tags
        text = re.sub(r'\[.*?\]', '', text) # Keep only alphabets
        text = re.sub(r'\[.*s\]', '', text) * Remove extra spaces
           text = re.sub(r'\s+', '', text).strip() # Remove extra spaces
           # Tokenization
           tokens = word_tokenize(text)
           # Remove stopwords and lemmatize
cleaned_text = " ".join(lemmatizer.lemmatize(word) for word in tokens if
word not in stop_words)
           return cleaned_text
# Apply cleaning function to the "Text" column df['Cleaned_Text'] = df[text_column].apply(clean_text)
 Save cleaned data
cleaned_file_path = "AAPL_Stock_News_Data_Cleaned_text.csv"
df.to_csv(cleaned_file_path, index=False)
  rint(f"Cleaned dataset saved as: {cleaned_file_path}")
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import pandas as pd

# Load dataset
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# Save cleaned data to CSV
output_cleaned_path = "AAPL_Stock_News_Data_Cleaned.csv"
df_news.to_csv(output_cleaned_path, index=False)
output_cleaned_path
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0	01-01-2020	Expect Major Stock Market Challenges In 2020	The stock market has completely rebounded from	https://seekingalpha.com/article/4314786-expec	seekingalpha.com	2.0	stock market completely rebounded last year se
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