

Predicting Stock Prices Using Forecasting Feature Analysis

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1. Introduction

Everyone knows how the stock is volatile and nonlinear. The stock price and its trend change due to the various external factors such as global politics and economy and a company's financial performance. But there are a number of methods and systems to predict the future stock prices by using lots of data. Microsoft excel makes it very easy for us to build the stock prediction. In this report I used the various Data Analytics methods and techniques like "Time Series Forecasting" and "Monte Carlo Simulation". Apart from these traditional approaches, I compare the stock monthly performance of any combination of them as well by using regression methods.

The objectives of the analysis using the historical stock prices are as follows,

1. To find the future values of the stock price using various variables from the dataset, validate the data tuning the hyper parameters, select the best model and evaluate the model performance.
2. Identify the price range of a stock in a particular month.
3. Predict stock performance over other stocks to invest and gain the good returns in the future.

2. Datasets

2.1 Dataset Description

For this case study, I am using Tesla, Ford, GM, Volkswagen historical stock price data from 31-01-2019 to 30-09-2021. The dataset contains 7 columns and 690 records.

1. Column 1 – Date

This column represents the date of stock price. This will help us identify the closing price of the stock on any particular day.

2. Column 2 – High

This column represents the highest price at which a stock traded during the course of a particular trading day.

3. Column 3 – Low

This column represents the lowest price at which a stock traded during the course of a particular trading day.

4. Column 4 – Open

This column represents the opening price of a stock i.e., the first transaction of a business day. It can help us to analyse the volatility of the stock.

5. Column 5 – Close

This column represents the closing price of a stock i.e., the last transaction of a business day.

6. Column 6 – Volume

This column represents the number of shares that have been traded in the security exchange for that particular day.

7. Column 7 – Adjacent Close

This column represents the adjacent closing price of the stock i.e., a stock's closing price to reflect that stock's value after accounting for any corporate actions.

2.2 Data Cleaning

For regression method, I deleted the open price, close price, volumes, High and Low and stored the remaining content in a separate excel sheet to find out the one stock price monthly performance with the other three stocks.

3. Data Analysis

3.1 Introduction to Time Series Forecasting

Most of the time in our lives we work and deal with time series data almost every day. In our daily life, we often make decisions about certain things based on our past observations and experiences.

Let's take an example, if the stock price of a specific company has been increasing consistently over the last 7 days, we can assume that the price will rise tomorrow too. Or if it has been raining every day for the past week, we can guess that it would rain today as well, and hence it's a good idea to carry a rain coat or umbrella.

The above examples tell us that recent past could give us a good idea about the future events. This is the main idea behind time series forecasting.

In a time series, each individual point is dependent on the previous value. Thus, we can use past values and estimate the values in the future. The "time" component is crucial here.

3.2 A Quick Look at the Different Time Series Components

To understand the exponential smoothing models and how they forecast future values, we must be aware of the different time series components. The time series has the following three components:

1. Trend Component

The trend labels the general tendency of the data which could be increasing or decreasing or stable. For instance, at the time of covid-19 outbreak, we observed a decreasing trend for stock prices.

The trend often represents the long-term movement of the series.

2. Seasonal Component

The next significant component is the seasonal component of the time series. For example, there could be a higher sale in clothing items and sweets around New Year's or Christmas every year. Likewise, there could be an increase in bus or train bookings around the holiday season(s). And this pattern could be observed throughout the year.

To some extent it's difficult to find the seasonality in the first series. But the seasonality of the second series is evident. We can have a particular pattern repeating every year, every week or every month which shows that we have a yearly, weekly or monthly seasonality for the second series.

3. Residual Component

Let's say we recognize the trend and seasonal component from a time series and remove these two. What remains after removing these two is the residual component. It does not have any pattern or trend. As the name suggests, the residual component is irregular.

Now that we got to know about the different components of a time series, let's find out how exponential smoothing algorithms use these to make predictions.

Exponential smoothing algorithms are popularly used for forecasting univariate time series. There are three types of exponential smoothing algorithms:

- Simple exponential smoothing
- Double exponential smoothing
- Triple exponential smoothing

3.2.1 Simple Exponential Smoothing

We found out that the data points in a time series will always depend on each other. Hence, we can use historical data to make forecasts for the future value.

The simple exponential smoothing model ponders the historical values and assigns weights to these values. We need to remember that weights are always higher for recent observations.

Look at the mathematical equations:

$$X_t = \alpha Y_t + \alpha(1-\alpha) Y_{t-1} + \alpha(1-\alpha)^2 Y_{t-2} + \alpha(1-\alpha)^3 Y_{t-3} + \dots$$

Where,

- ➔ Y_t represents the historical values
- ➔ X_t is the forecast
- ➔ alpha α is the smoothing parameter

The alpha (α) value lies between 0 - 1. Alpha is a hyperparameter and we can choose the alpha value based upon the historical records we have. The table below will help us understand how changing the alpha value affects the forecasts:

Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha
7.2842803	0.4	7.2842803	0.2	7.2842803	0.9
7.2842803		7.2842803		7.2842803	
7.24002142		7.26215086		7.184697819	
7.324113483		7.299771004		7.423696203	
7.452021954		7.368593735		7.621865813	

A greater number of historical values are considered for the forecast if we choose a lower alpha value. If we choose the alpha at a higher value, such as 0.8 or 0.9, very few observations are taken into consideration. I have chosen **alpha (α) value as 0.2** as I have more historical data.

Now, if we use the same equation for the second forecast, it will be:

$$X_t = \alpha Y_{t+1} + (1-\alpha) [X_{t-1}]$$

Likewise, we can write this equation for the other forecasts to predict the values. We have to understand that each new term has an additional (1-alpha).

Look at the below image how we implemented the formula in the excel sheet.

$=($J$2*G10+(1-$J$2)*I10)$							
D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
Open	Close	Volume	Adj Close	Actual Close	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	
7.53000021	7.900000095	47494400	7.2842803		7.2842803	0.2	
7.96999979	7.78000021	39172400	7.173633099		7.2842803		
7.909999847	8.079999924	43039800	7.450251579		7.26215086		
8.109999657	8.289999962	40729400	7.643884659		7.299771004		
8.420000076	8.369999886	45644000	7.71764946		7.368593735		
8.449999809	8.720000267	48404900	8.040370941		7.43840488		
8.710000038	8.670000076	39490400	7.994268417		7.558798092		
8.770000458	8.819999695	41559900	8.132575989		7.645892157		
8.800000191	8.989999771	44833800	8.289326668		7.743228923		
9.020000458	8.840000153	65311700	8.151017189		7.852448472		
8.680000305	8.289999962	73869900	7.643884659		7.912162216		

Below Image shows the forecast result. The Grey line is forecast and remaining blue and orange lines are trained and validation values.



If we observe that we have a flat line at the end that's because simple exponential smoothing considers only historical data and trends are not included to forecast the values. This can be resolved using double exponential smoothing.

3.2.2 Double Exponential Smoothing

The double exponential smoothing (DES) algorithm works as same like as simple exponential smoothing. It is also using historical values for making the predictions and assign weights in an exponentially increasing manner (higher weight to recent observations as same like Simple Exponential Smoothing). Moreover, double exponential smoothing also considers the "**trend**" of the series.

$$\text{Forecast (DES)} = \text{Level} + \text{Trend}$$

'Level' is calculated by the weighted average of the historical data, this is the same method that we followed for simple exponential smoothing.

Mathematical equation,

$$L_{t+1} = \alpha L_t + (1-\alpha) [L'_t]$$

In DES we have another component that is the trend. The "Trend" is calculated as below:

$$T_{t+1} = \beta (L_{t+1} - L_t) + (1-\beta) T_t$$

The beta here is a smoothing parameter for the trend component. The simple exponential smoothing alpha (α) is the smoothing parameter. The trend at any given time is calculated to be the difference between the level terms (L_t). In order to consider the weighted sum of past trend values, we use $(1-\beta) T_t$ where T_t is the trend calculated for the previous time step.

So that the final forecast will be $X_t = L_t + T_t$. Let's look at the images below on how we use these equations in Excel!

G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Adj Close	Actual Close	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Double Exp Smoothing	Level	Trend	Beta
7.2842803		7.2842803	0.2	8.4842803	7.2842803	1.2	0.0
7.173633099		7.2842803		9.409044388	8.22215086	1.186893528	
7.450251579		7.26215086		10.18459143	9.017285826	1.1673056	
7.643884659		7.299771004		10.8183486	9.676450073	1.141898532	
7.71764946		7.368593735		11.30910032	10.19820878	1.110891541	
8.040370941		7.43840488		11.73355869	10.65535444	1.078204247	
7.994268417		7.558798092		12.02651198	10.98570063	1.040811344	
8.132575989		7.645892157		12.24959677	11.24772478	1.001871984	
8.289326668		7.743228923		12.41981203	11.45754275	0.962269283	
8.151017189		7.852448472		12.4856344	11.56605306	0.919581335	
7.643884659		7.912162216		12.38844829	11.51728445	0.871163838	
7.708428383		7.858506704		12.27680794	11.45244431	0.824363639	
7.911282539		7.82849104		12.18441125	11.40370286	0.780708385	
7.837516785		7.84504934		12.0522718	11.31503236	0.73723944	
7.689987659		7.843542829		11.87343157	11.17981497	0.693616599	

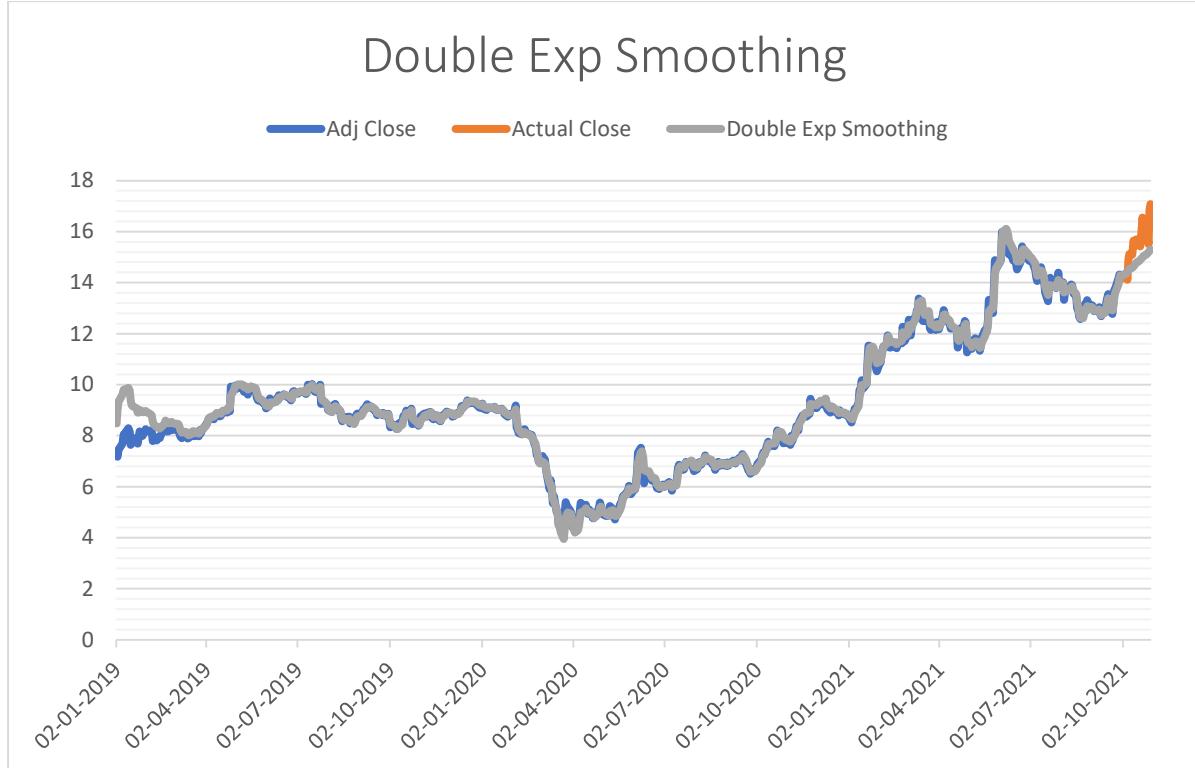
fx $=\$N\$2*(L8-L7)+(1-\$N\$2)*M7$

G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Adj Close	Actual Close	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Double Exp Smoothing	Level	Trend	Beta
7.2842803		7.2842803	0.2	8.4842803	7.2842803	1.2	0.05
7.173633099		7.2842803		9.409044388	8.22215086	1.186893528	
7.450251579		7.26215086		10.18459143	9.017285826	1.1673056	
7.643884659		7.299771004		10.8183486	9.676450073	1.141898532	
7.71764946		7.368593735		11.30910032	10.19820878	1.110891541	
8.040370941		7.43840488		11.73355869	10.65535444	1.078204247	
7.994268417		7.558798092		12.02651198	10.98570063	1.040811344	
8.132575989		7.645892157		12.24959677	11.24772478	1.001871984	
8.289326668		7.743228923		12.41981203	11.45754275	0.962269283	
8.151017189		7.852448472		12.4856344	11.56605306	0.919581335	
7.643884659		7.912162216		12.38844829	11.51728445	0.871163838	
7.708428383		7.858506704		12.27680794	11.45244431	0.824363639	
7.911282539		7.82849104		12.18441125	11.40370286	0.780708385	
7.837516785		7.84504934		12.0522718	11.31503236	0.73723944	
7.689987659		7.843542829		11.87343157	11.17981497	0.693616599	
7.929722786		7.812831795		11.73886932	11.08468981	0.654179511	
8.169458389		7.836209993		11.64347254	11.02498713	0.618485401	
7.985046864		7.902859672		11.49368855	10.9117874	0.581901145	
8.077253342		7.919297111		11.3581383	10.81040151	0.547736793	

=L8+M8

I	J	K	L	M	N
Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Double Exp Smoothing	Level	Trend	Beta
7.2842803	0.2	8.4842803	7.2842803	1.2	0.05
7.2842803		9.409044388	8.22215086	1.186893528	
7.26215086		10.18459143	9.017285826	1.1673056	
7.299771004		10.8183486	9.676450073	1.141898532	
7.368593735		11.30910032	10.19820878	1.110891541	
7.43840488		11.73355869	10.65535444	1.078204247	
7.558798092		12.02651198	10.98570063	1.040811344	
7.645892157		12.24959677	11.24772478	1.001871984	
7.743228923		12.41981203	11.45754275	0.962269283	
7.852448472		12.4856344	11.56605306	0.919581335	
7.912162216		12.38844829	11.51728445	0.871163838	
7.858506704		12.27680794	11.45244431	0.824363639	
7.82849104		12.18441125	11.40370286	0.780708385	
7.84504934		12.0522718	11.31503236	0.73723944	
7.843542829		11.87343157	11.17981497	0.693616599	

If we observe here, we have an increasing line. This is because DES considers the trend and historical data to make the forecasts. This can be adjusted by using Triple Exponential Smoothing or Holt Winters.



3.2.3 Triple Exponential Smoothing

Triple Exponential Smoothing is also known as “**Holt Winter’s Algorithm**”. Takes the seasonal component of the time series into consideration along with the Level and Trend.

Using TES, we can predict the final forecast in a multiplicative form.

$$\text{I.e., } X_{t+1} = (\text{Level} + \text{Trend}) \times \text{Seasonality}$$

Equation of levels can be found with the seasonality adjusted observations (Y_t / S_{t-m}), along with the previous level and trend values.

$$L_t = \alpha(Y_t / S_{t-m}) + (1-\alpha)[L_{t-1} + T_{t-1}]$$

The equation of trends is similar to the double exponential smoothing model. Here's the equation:

$$T_{t+1} = \beta(L_{t+1} - L_t) + (1-\beta)T_t$$

Finally, we have a seasonal component. This is the seasonal value at the particular time step t and the seasonal value at the t-m step. Here is how we can calculate the final value:

$$S_t = \gamma (Y_t / L_t) + (1-\gamma) S_{t-m}$$

Let's have a look at how we implement these formulas in excel.

G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
Adj Close	Actual Close	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Double Exp Smoothing	Level	Trend	Beta	Seasonal	Holt Winters	Gamma	Level - Lt	Trend - Tt
31.89335632		31.89335632	0.5	33.09335632	31.89	1.2	0.06	0.988166		0.9		
30.57553101		31.89335632		32.95890891	31.83	1.124		0.947335				
31.59945488		31.23444366		33.36286351	32.28	1.084		0.97906				
32.57597733		31.41694927		34.02949545	32.97	1.06		1.009316				
33.00261307		31.9964633		34.54532282	33.52	1.029		1.022535				
33.35340118		32.49953818		34.94287292	33.95	0.994		1.033403				
32.92676163		32.92646968		34.86784485	33.93	0.933		1.020185				
35.24956131		32.92661566		36.00318215	35.06	0.944		1.880717	35.55684233	17.83585	1.070151	
35.70463181		34.08808848		36.78942953	35.85	0.936		1.323644	39.61856021	28.29777	1.633657	
35.60034943		34.89636014		37.09473964	36.19	0.9		1.098989	38.43512184	33.1466	1.826567	
35.71411514		35.24835479		37.26285881	36.4	0.858		1.023594	37.89111023	35.17882	1.838907	
36.27347946		35.48123496		37.59691918	36.77	0.829		1.003044	38.15429357	36.2459	1.792597	
36.60531616		35.87735721		37.90011962	37.1	0.799		0.997242	38.33837336	36.7303	1.714105	
36.1692009		36.24133669		37.78173465	37.03	0.747		0.98073	37.83006853	36.949	1.624381	
35.71411514		36.20526879		37.4329707	36.75	0.685		1.214856	36.22503766	28.7815	1.036868	
35.7279		35.95969197		37.45323861	36.81	0.647		1.260952	37.24572673	28.5755	0.962296	
75473		36.06918238		37.66632902	37.04	0.623		1.174907	38.19871275	31.43592	1.076184	
10043		36.35146855		37.65145022	37.06	0.587		1.080782	38.08336413	34.06737	1.169499	
57996		36.40728449		37.61338447	37.06	0.551		1.025003	37.92778794	35.79938	1.20325	
39047		36.43993223		37.87166704	37.34	0.535		1.001957	38.36576599	37.08276	1.208058	
32237		36.75016135		37.94129493	37.43	0.508		0.976235	38.26530239	38.00586	1.19096	
47949		36.87209186		37.82709297	37.35	0.473		1.050385	37.4498196	34.73044	0.922977	

G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
Adj Close	Actual Close	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Double Exp Smoothing	Level	Trend	Beta	Seasonal	Holt Winters	Gamma	Level - Lt	Trend - Tt
35632		31.89335632	0.5	33.09335632	31.89	1.2	0.06	0.988166		0.9		
53101		31.89335632		32.95890891	31.83	1.124		0.947335				
45488		31.23444366		33.36286351	32.28	1.084		0.97906				
97733		31.41694927		34.02949545	32.97	1.06		1.009316				
51307		31.9964633		34.54532282	33.52	1.029		1.022535				
40118		32.49953818		34.94287292	33.95	0.994		1.033403				
76163		32.92646968		34.86784485	33.93	0.933		1.020185				
56131		32.92661566		36.00318215	35.06	0.944		1.880717	35.55684233	17.83585	1.070151	
53181		34.08808848		36.78942953	35.85	0.936		1.323644	39.61856021	28.29777	1.633657	
34943		34.89636014		37.09473964	36.19	0.9		1.098989	38.43512184	33.1466	1.826567	
11514		35.24835479		37.26285881	36.4	0.858		1.023594	37.89111023	35.17882	1.838907	
47946		35.48123496		37.59691918	36.77	0.829		1.003044	38.15429357	36.2459	1.792597	
31616		35.87735721		37.90011962	37.1	0.799		0.997242	38.33837336	36.7303	1.714105	
92009		36.24133669		37.78173465	37.03	0.747		0.98073	37.83006853	36.949	1.624381	
11514		36.20526879		37.4329707	36.75	0.685		1.214856	36.22503766	28.7815	1.036868	
57279		35.95969197		37.45323861	36.81	0.647		1.260952	37.24572673	28.5755	0.962296	
75473		36.06918238		37.66632902	37.04	0.623		1.174907	38.19871275	31.43592	1.076184	
10043		36.35146855		37.65145022	37.06	0.587		1.080782	38.08336413	34.06737	1.169499	
57996		36.40728449		37.61338447	37.06	0.551		1.025003	37.92778794	35.79938	1.20325	
39047		36.43993223		37.87166704	37.34	0.535		1.001957	38.36576599	37.08276	1.208058	
32237		36.75016135		37.94129493	37.43	0.508		0.976235	38.26530239	38.00586	1.19096	
47949		36.87209186		37.82709297	37.35	0.473		1.050385	37.4498196	34.73044	0.922977	

In TES, along with the Level and Trend we have to find the seasonal value using the below formula.

	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
	Actual Close	Simple Exp Smoothing	Alpha	Double Exp Smoothing	Level	Trend	Beta	Seasonal	Holt Winters	Gamma	Level - Lt Trend
i2		31.89335632	0.5	33.09335632	31.89	1.2	0.06	0.988166		0.9	
i1		31.89335632		32.95890891	31.83	1.124		0.947335			
i8		31.23444366		33.36286351	32.28	1.084		0.97906			
i3		31.41694927		34.02949545	32.97	1.06		1.009316			
i7		31.9964633		34.54532282	33.52	1.029		1.022535			
.8		32.49953818		34.94287292	33.95	0.994		1.033403			
i3		32.92646968		34.86784485	33.93	0.933		1.020185			
i1		32.92661566		36.00318215	35.06	0.944	1.880717	35.55684233		17.83585	
i1		34.08808848		36.78942953	35.85	0.936	1.323644	39.61856021		28.29777	
i3		34.89636014		37.09473964	36.19	0.9	1.098989	38.43512184		33.1466	
.4		35.24835479		37.26285881	36.4	0.858	1.023594	37.89111023		35.17882	
i6		35.48123496		37.59691918	36.77	0.829	1.003044	38.15429357		36.2459	
.6		35.87735721		37.90011962	37.1	0.799	0.997242	38.33837336		36.7303	
i9		36.24133669		37.78173465	37.03	0.747	0.98073	37.83006853		36.949	
.4		36.20526879		37.4329707	36.75	0.685	1.214856	36.22503766		28.7815	
'9		35.95969197		37.45323861	36.81	0.647	1.260952	37.24572673		28.5755	
'3		36.06918238		37.66632902	37.04	0.623	1.174907	38.19871275		31.43592	
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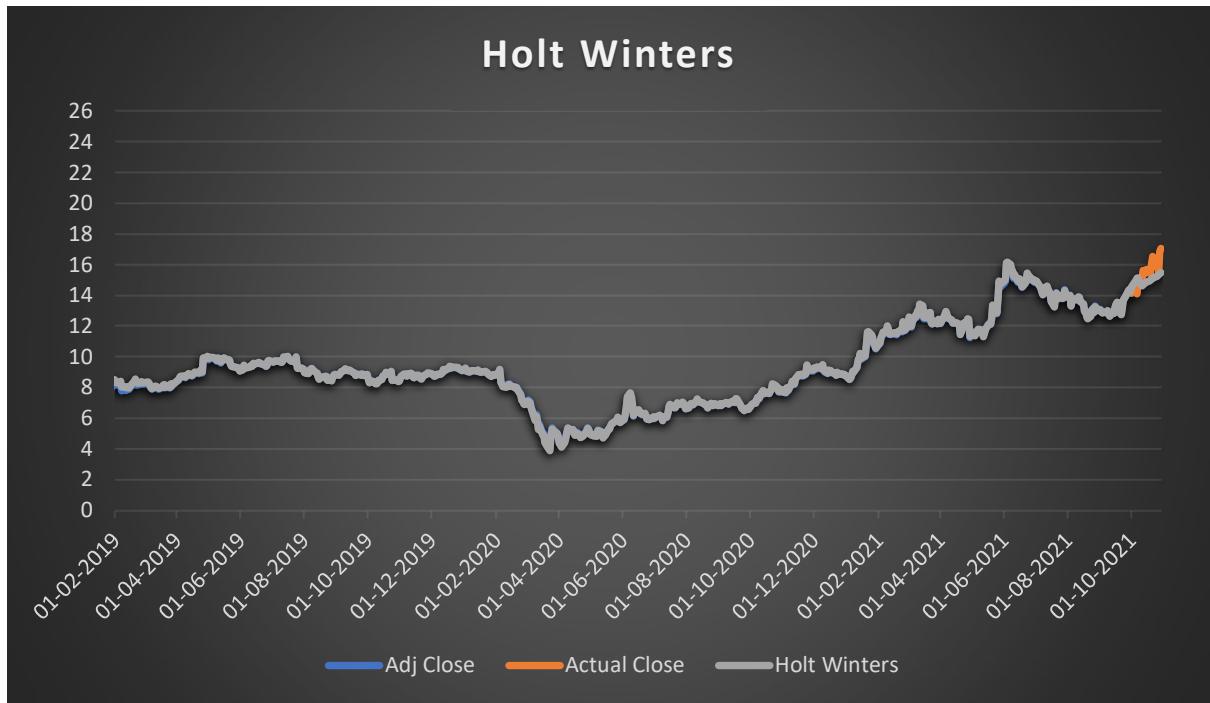
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39335632		31.89335632	0.5	33.09335632	31.89	1.2	0.06	0.988166		0.9			
57553101		31.89335632		32.95890891	31.83	1.124		0.947335					
59945488		31.23444366		33.36286351	32.28	1.084		0.97906					
57597733		31.41694927		34.02949545	32.97	1.06		1.009316					
30261307		31.9964633		34.54532282	33.52	1.029		1.022535					
35340118		32.49953818		34.94287292	33.95	0.994		1.033403					
32676163		32.92646968		34.86784485	33.93	0.933		1.020185					
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70463181		34.08808848		36.78942953	35.85	0.936	1.323644	39.61856021		28.29777	1.6336		
50034943		34.89636014		37.09473964	36.19	0.9	1.098989	38.43512184		33.1466	1.8265		
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.1692009		36.24133669		37.78173465	37.03	0.747	0.98073	37.83006853		36.949	1.6243		
71411514		36.20526879		37.4329707	36.75	0.685	1.214856	36.22503766		28.7815	1.0368		
L7867279		35.95969197		37.45323861	36.81	0.647	1.260952	37.24572673		28.5755	0.9622		
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36039047		36.43993223		37.87166704	37.34	0.535	1.001957	38.36576599		37.08276	1.2080		
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76647949		36.87209186		37.82709297	37.35	0.473	1.050385	37.4498196		34.73044	0.9229		

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Monte Carlo Simulation

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Plot that shows the Actual values and forecasts. From the plot, we can see that the forecasted values fit the tested data more than the other two algorithms.



3.3 Monte Carlo Simulation

In the previous model we conducted stock price prediction through time series forecasting, so for the second method I am interested in using a Monte Carlo Simulation to analyse the risk and decision making. Before making any decision, everyone will do risk analysis. Since we constantly faced a lot of ambiguity. Monte Carlo Simulation takes random possible outcomes and probabilities that can occur for any action. It calculates the possible outcomes over and over with a set of random numbers.

In this method I am studying on the possible outcome of the stock prices.

To do the Monte Carlo Simulation, we need to find out the Historical Volatility. To calculate the (μ) we simply average the closing price of the present and yesterday's values with log function LN.

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \ln(P(t) / P(t-1))$$

Look at the below image how we entered in a excel,

Excel formula bar: =LN(B3/B2)

B	C	D	E	F
Adj Close	Actual Close			Historical Volatility (μ)
7.2842803				
7.173633099				-0.015306408
7.450251579				0.037835566
7.643884659				0.025658136
7.71764946				0.009603906
8.040370941				0.040965375
7.994268417				-0.005750382
8.132575989				0.017152886
8.289326668				0.01909102
8.151017189				-0.016826016
7.643884659				-0.064236791
7.708428383				0.008408388
7.911282539				0.025975585
7.837516785				-0.009367863
7.689987659				-0.019002869
7.929722786				0.030698899
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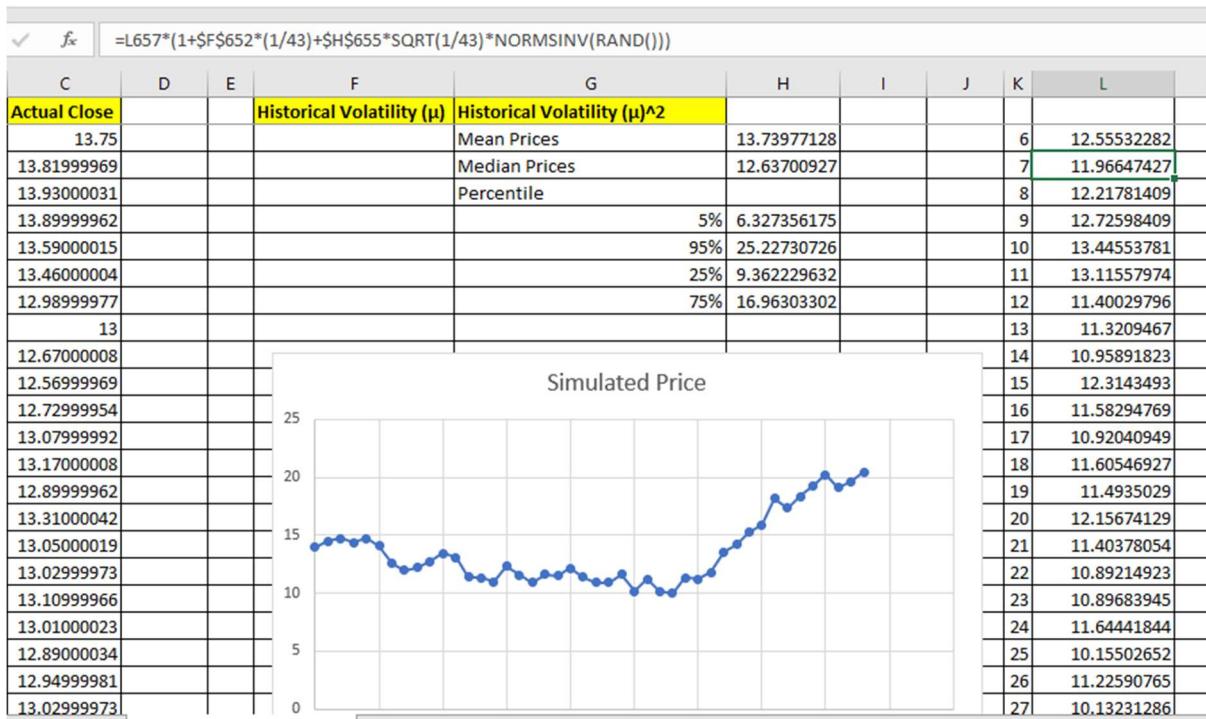
I found the historical volatility and need to find out the “Daily Variance”, “Annualized Variance” and Standard Deviation. To compute all these, I need to find out the $\text{SQRT}(\mu)$ and average (μ) will give us the required Daily Variance.

For Annualized Variance we need to figure out the trading days that a stock market typically has, according to the past data a stock market can have the 250-254 trading days, so I have taken 252 trading days for our calculation.

By doing the SQRT of Annualized Variance we can get the Standard Deviation value.

Now that we have the trend of past daily results and the standard deviation (Volatility), we can now use the above values and can find the simulated stock prices by applying the below formula.

$$= L2 * (1 + \$F\$2 * (43) + \$H\$2 * \text{SQRT}(1/43) * \text{NORMSINV}(\text{RAND}()))$$



As I am going to predict the next 43 days of the stock prices, therefore $dt = 1/43$. My starting point will be the last closing price.

As I simulated the possible stock prices from the above equation, now I want to find out the range of the stock price that can be a closing price. For that I'm going to collect the data for the 43rd day outcomes and I will start calculating the statistics for what the price will look like in 43 days now since the outcomes.

I'm referencing the ending price of the 43rd day and to simulate 1000 possible outcomes. I used the data table feature to find the 1000 outcomes. Now, I can use this data and find the statistics.

Statistics to find out

Mean Price

Median Price

Percentile

5%

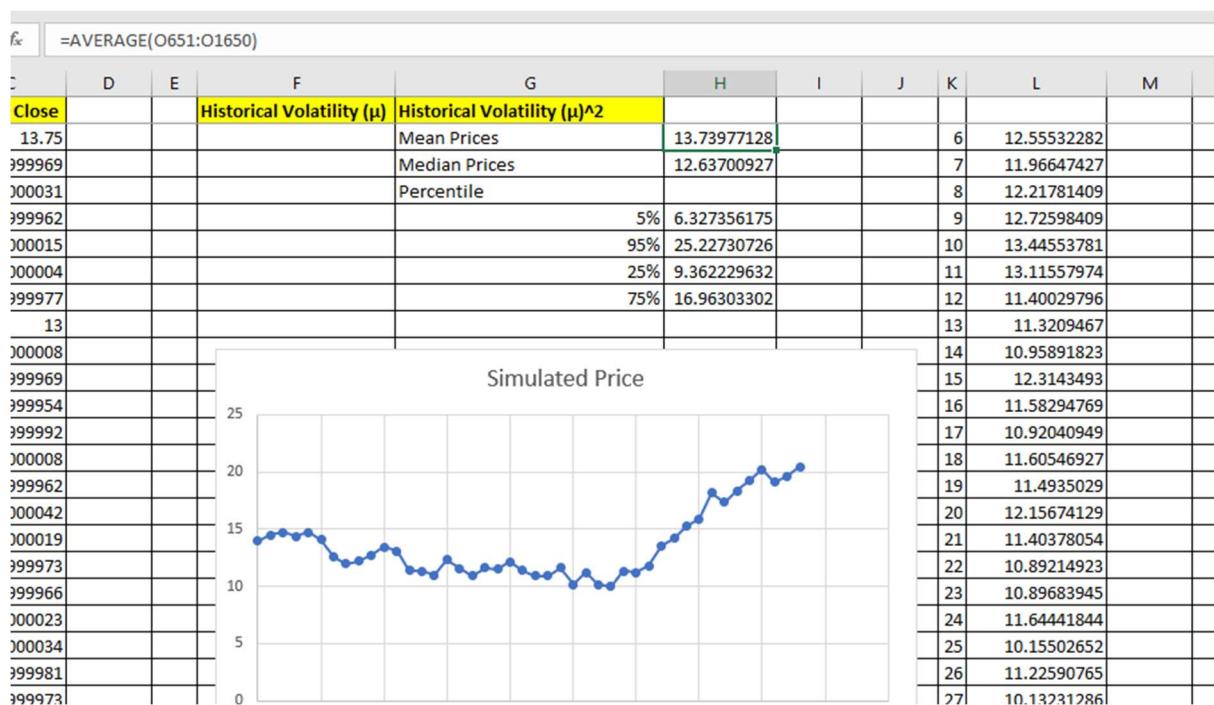
25%

75%

95%

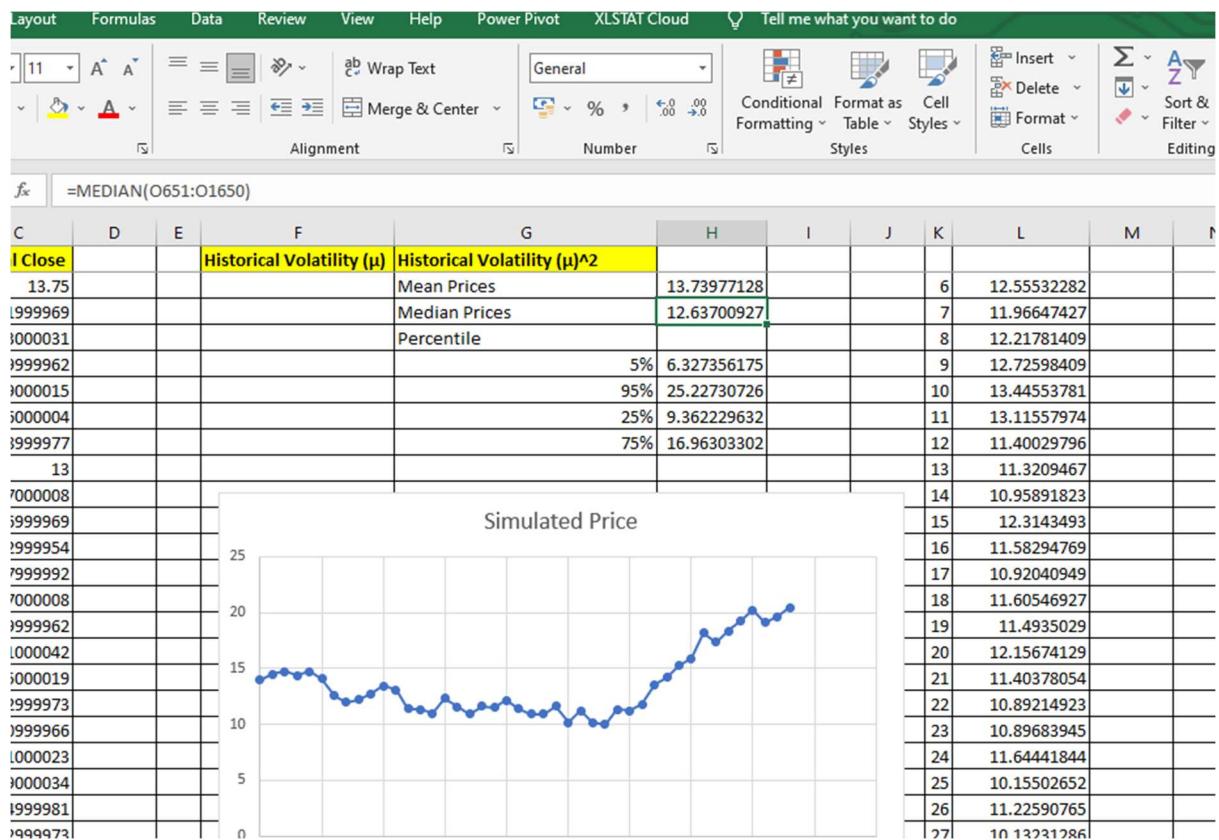
Mean Price can be found by doing an average of 1000 possible outcomes.

=Average (H1:H1000)



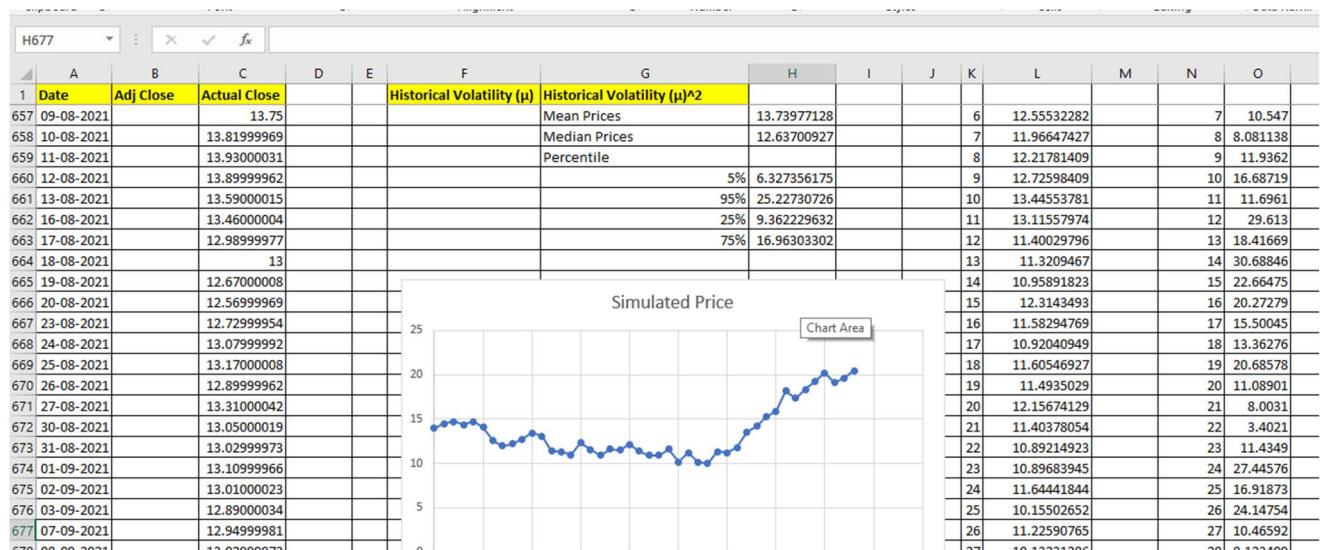
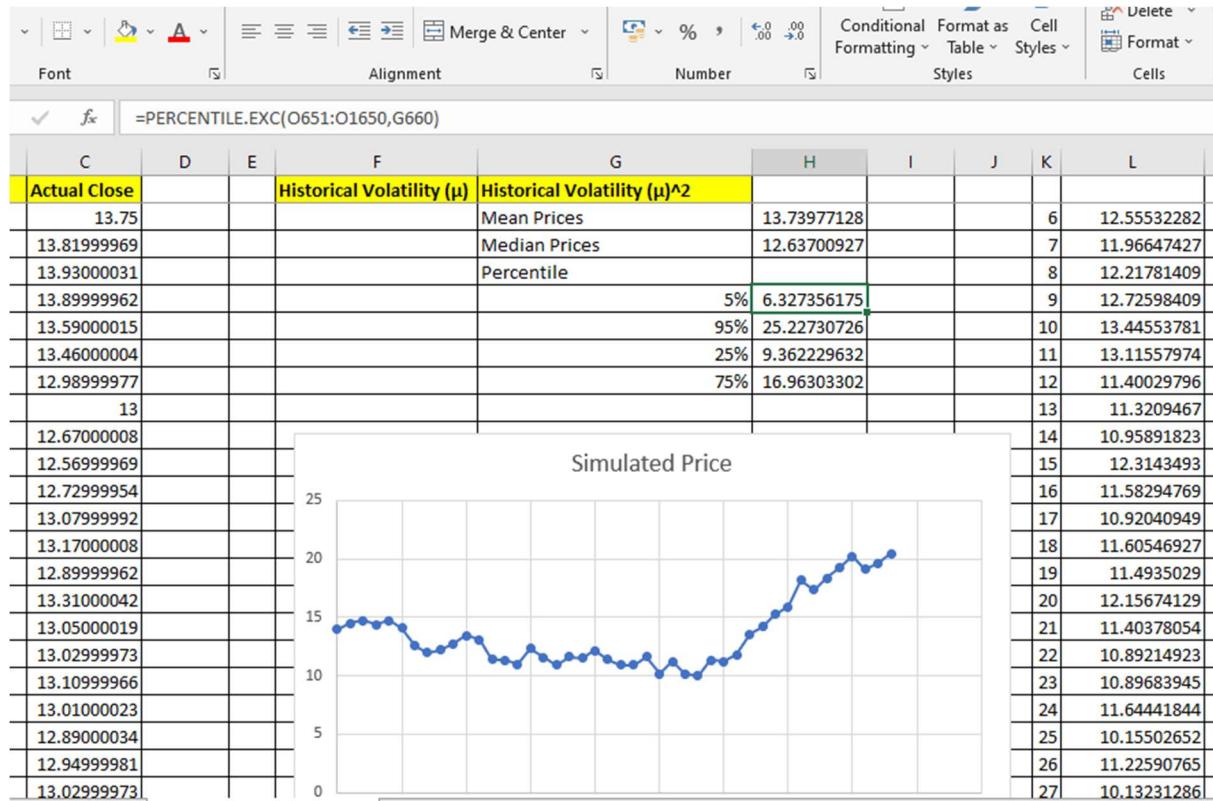
Median Price can be calculated by

=Median (H1:H1000)



Percentile can be calculated by

=Percentile.EXC (H1:H1000,5%)

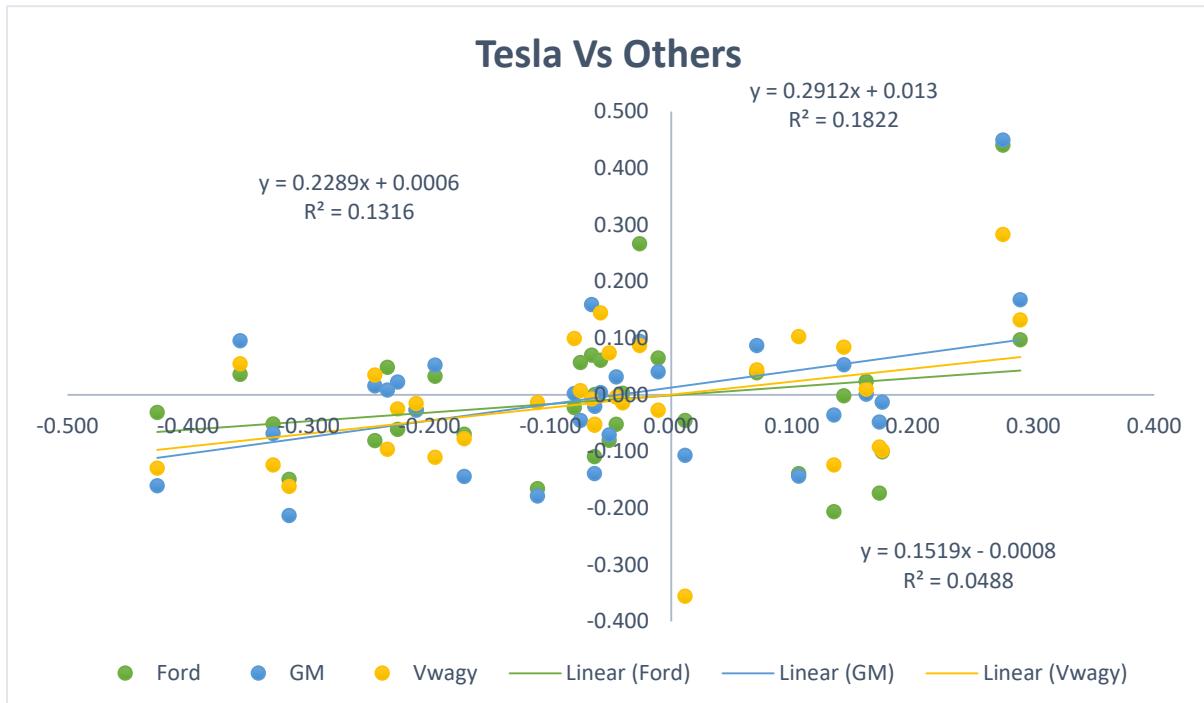


From the plot, we can say that in the next 43 days 95% we'll see the price can be higher than 6.32 and at the same time 95% the price can be less than the 25.22.

4. Linear Regression

In this model, I calculated the monthly returns of each stock, to calculate the performance of the stock price of Tesla. From the plot, we can see that the tesla stock price performance with the other competitor stocks. Later, I picked the Ford stock price to calculate its performance with the other competitor stocks and so on.

I compute the monthly returns of each stock. I used the scatter plot to plot the “Tesla Stock” monthly returns against the other 3 stocks and repeated the process for the other 3 stocks.



In the above plot, we can see that the trendline, this trendline or regression line gives us the information on how tesla varies with other stocks. Regression line is sloping upward so it tells us that as Tesla returns increase along with the other stocks. If we observe carefully, there is huge variation in returns and that tells us the stock price varies for several other reasons and that can be found out by the equation presented there.

$$[y=0.2912x + 0.013]$$

$$R^2 = 0.1822]$$

The equation here Y represents the Tesla returns and x represents the other stock returns. For instance, 1% increase in GM returns, which is a 0.3042 increase in Tesla's price.

5. Conclusion

The historical data from the year 31-10-2019 to 30-09-2021 were taken into account for analysis. The time forecasting series methodology is trained on the level, trend and seasonality of the stock price and predicts the future stock prices on the test datasets. In the next model I used the Monte Carlo Simulation to simulate that uncertainty the affects the stock price and then I calculated a representative value given those possible values of the underlying inputs.

In the last model linear regression, I used the monthly returns of one company's stock with the other 3 competitor's stock price to predict the price trend and correlation between them.

In conclusion, I only used historical data to predict the price, and we can't create a loop for further values since we do not use the predicted values as our data or features.

5.1 Remarks for future analysis

For future analysis, if we have the data related to the financial news like company quarter results, on diverse political and economic factors, change of leadership, investor sentiment, and many other factors could help us in formulating a better model. Along with the data, advanced data models like vector mechanism, naive Bayes regression and deep learning. We can improve the accuracy of stock price predictions by collecting the huge amount of time series data and analyze that with the related to news articles, using deep learning models.

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