

1D CNN of time series data

In 1D CNN slides a small window called a Kernel across a sequence looks for patterns.

This 1D CNN tries to detect patterns like small rises, small drops, sudden spikes, double-top/double-bottom, local trend direction.

Now we use the kernels & filters.

1D, 2D, 3D CNN.

1D conv has 1 direction (time axis) to calculate convolutions.

- why a 1D convolutional NN processes a time-series such as past stock prices, it does not simply look entire series as a whole instead it "breaks" the series into small windows and pass these windows through a sequence of operations - convolution, activation, pooling, flatten, and dense layers this pipeline transforms raw price values into rich abstract representations that the model can use to understand trends.

The Journey of the data begins at the convolution step where small learnable filters slide over the stock price sequence. If we consider a price seq [100.5, 101.2, 102.1, 101.8, 100.9, ...] Each filter moves across this sequence a few points at a time. A filter of size 3 would look at three consecutive closing price at once, calculating a weighted combination of them using its internal weights and bias. This simple operation is powerful because it allows a filter to specialize in detecting specific shapes. Each filter learns different pattern because during training, backpropagation adjusts its weights to capture whatever pattern helps reduce prediction error and time filters organize themselves into a intelligent set of pattern detector one may say they

After this step the time series is no longer just a list of numbers but has become a set of feature maps, each representing how strongly a particular pattern appears at different parts of the price history.

Immediately after convolution comes the activation stage, which injects non-linearity into the model. Without activation functions the CNN would behave like simple linear model incapable of capturing complex relationships in the stock movement. The most common act ReLU, in the context of stock data this has a useful interpretation. A filter might compute something slightly negative when the pattern isn't present and "Strangely true" when it detects a similar shape to the one it's

its learned. ReLU enforces this behavior by letting strong signal pass forward while suppressing the weak (or) irrelevant ones. This separation of signal from noise is crucial because stock prices fluctuate constantly and the model must learn to focus only on meaningful patterns rather than being distracted.

Once activated, the feature maps are still too large and contain redundant information that is where pooling plays its role. Pooling compresses the feature map by taking either the maximum value in every small region or the average value. Max Pooling is particularly important for stock prediction because it preserves the strongest patterns detected in each region, ignoring fine-scale fluctuations that do not matter. As pooling reduces the length of the seq, makes learning faster, controls overfitting, helps CNN focus on larger, more stable structures in the data rather than noise.

After pooling the feature maps are still two-dimensional structures with time along one axis and filters along the other side. But dense layers that makes final predictions require a one-dimensional vector. This transformation is done by the flatten operation. flattening takes each filtered feature map from every filter and lays them out end-to-end into single long feature vector with multiple filters.

with multiple filters each have gone convolution and pooling this flatten vector represents a very rich description of the input seq. every number in this vector represents something how strongly this filter detected this pattern in this region

Input Seq (30 steps)

1. Step convolution (1D Kernel)

- ⇒ Multiple filters slide across the time dimension
- ⇒ Each filter learns a pattern
- ⇒ output is feature maps

2. Activation (ReLU)

- ⇒ Negative values removed (noise reduction)
- ⇒ Strong patterns highlighted

3. Pooling (Max Pool)

- ⇒ Reduce the feature map length
- ⇒ Keeps strongest pattern response
- ⇒ Loses exact time position.

4. Flatten

- ⇒ Converts all pooled feature maps to one long vector
- ⇒ this vector represents learned patterns.

5. Dense layers

- ⇒ Combine all detected patterns
- ⇒ Learn relationships between patterns and future values and produce the final prediction

6 Loss Calculation.

→ Compare predicted vs actual

⇒ Compute error.

7. Backpropagation

⇒ Error flow backward

⇒ Dense layer weights are updated

⇒ Gradients flow to CNN filters.

⇒ filter kernels adjusts to learn better patterns.

8. Updated CNN filters.

⇒ Strong patterns get stronger

⇒ Weak patterns get removed

⇒ filters become specialized

Important points

1. Convolution:

1. filters slide across time.

2. each filter has a kernel

each filter produces one feature map

Dense Layer:

⇒ interprets patterns learned by CNN

- can have multiple layers

⇒ final layers have

Regression →

Classification → Softmax