

Stock movement as a Markov Process using Machine Learning predictor



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Trading Strategy



Just buy low and sell high, simple!

How?

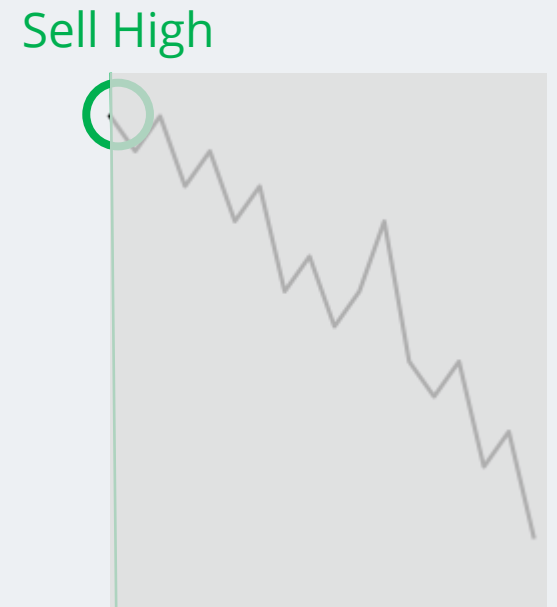
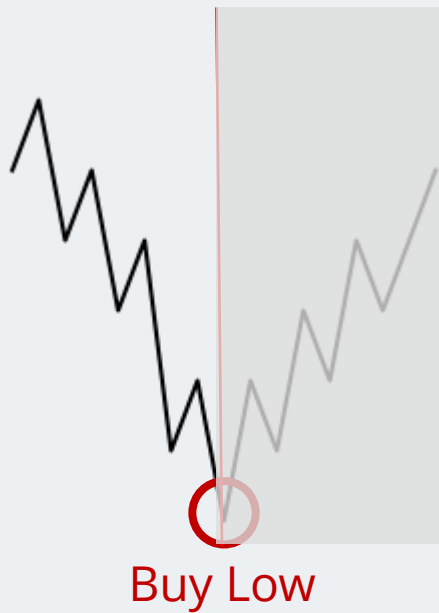


Trading Strategy



Just buy low and sell high, simple!

Then, how to predict the future?

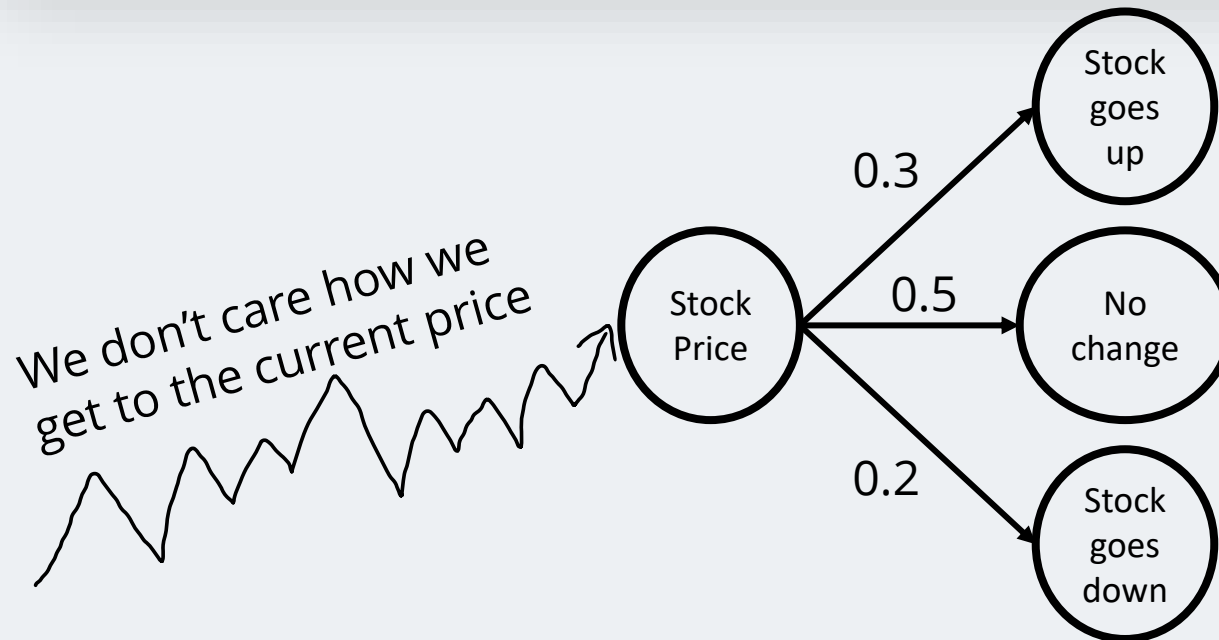


Stock Movement as a Markov Process

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What is a Markov process?

Given the historical states of a random system X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t , the probability of moving to the next state depends only the current state, i.e., $P(X_{t+1} = x | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t) = P(X_{t+1} = x | X_t)$



Stock Movement as a Markov Process



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Stock Movement as a Markov process

We consider the daily return of the stock: $r_t = \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1$.

Classify each r_t as

- High Increase (HI): $r_t > Q_{inc}(75\%)$
- Moderate Increase (MI): $Q_{inc}(50\%) \leq r_t < Q_{inc}(75\%)$
- Slight Increase (SI): $Q_{inc}(25\%) \leq r_t < Q_{inc}(50\%)$
- Neutral (Ne): $Q_{dec}(25\%) \leq r_t < Q_{inc}(25\%)$
- Slight Decrease (SD): $Q_{dec}(25\%) \leq r_t < Q_{dec}(25\%)$
- Moderate Decrease (MD): $Q_{dec}(25\%) \leq r_t < Q_{dec}(25\%)$
- High Decrease (HD): $r_t < Q_{dec}(25\%)$

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Stock Movement as a Markov process

We define a hyperparameter: *lookback* – The number of prior prices to consider
forward – The number of future days to predict

The sequence of prices can be encoded as a tuple based on the daily return
Example: (HI, SD Ne, HD, MI)

Now, we can use the historical prices to estimate the probability distribution of the next price state

$$P(X_{t+1} = (x_{t+1}, x_{t+2}, \dots, x_{t+forward}) \mid X_t = (x_{t-lookback+1}, x_{t-lookback+2}, \dots, x_t))$$

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How can we approximate this probability with the sample stock data?

$$P(X_{t+1} = (x_{t+1}, x_{t+2}, \dots, x_{t+forward}) \mid X_t = (x_{t-lookback+1}, x_{t-lookback+2}, \dots, x_t))$$

Previous approach was to use a table to count the frequency of every possible combination of price movements



Memory complexity: $O(7^{lookback})$
Impractical to scale the algorithm beyond 7 *lookbacks*

How to improve memory efficiency for longer sequences?

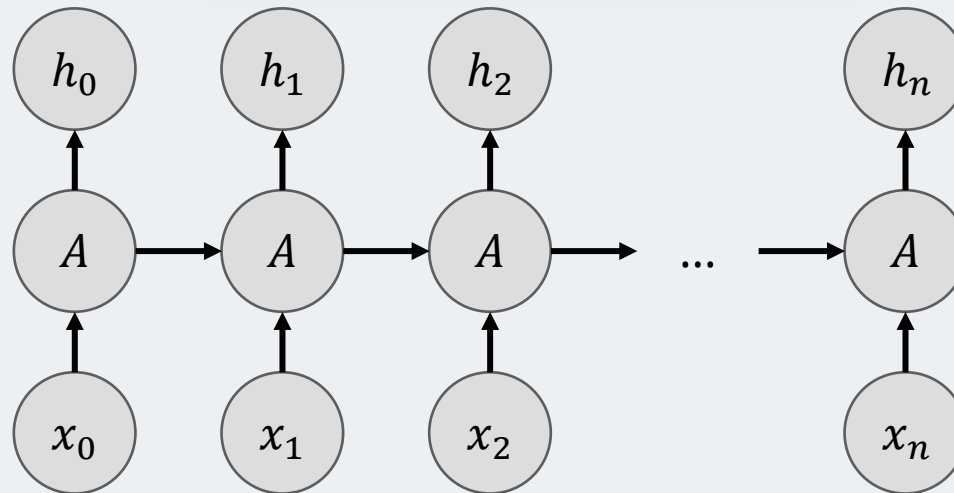
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ML-based predictor

Recurrent Neural Network

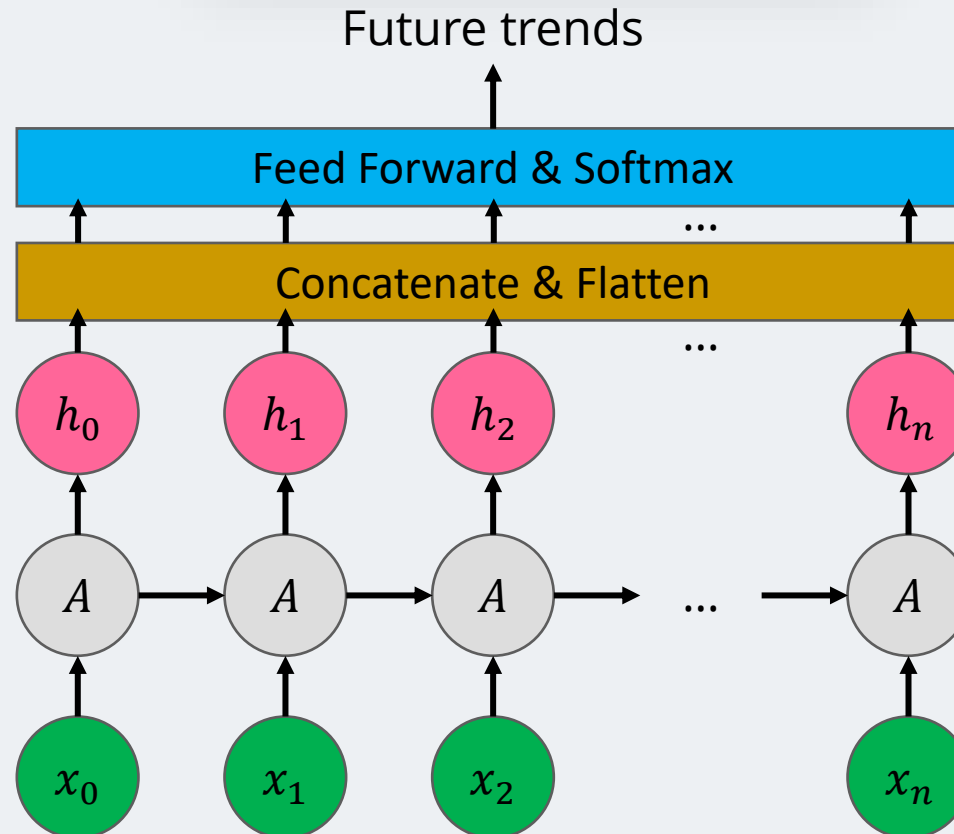


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ML-based predictor

Model Architecture



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Use prediction in the strategy

$$P[X_{t+1} = (x_{t+1}, x_{t+2}, \dots, x_{t+forward}) \mid X_t = (x_{t-lookback+1}, x_{t-lookback+2}, \dots, x_t)]$$

The prediction of future trend is the price state with the highest probability

$$\hat{X}_{t+1} = \operatorname{argmax}_x (P[X_{t+1} = x \mid X_t = (x_{t-lookback+1}, x_{t-lookback+2}, \dots, x_t)])$$



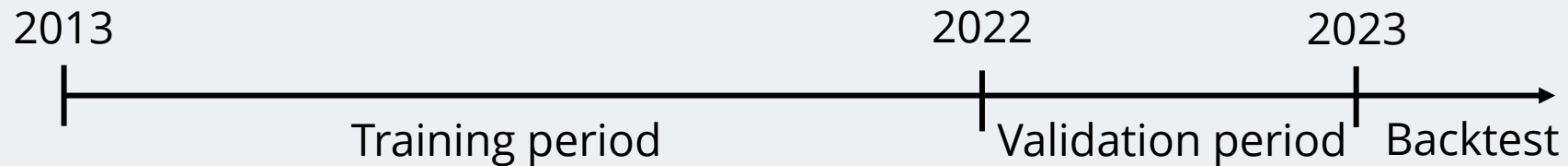
Experiment



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Experimental setup

The historical price of stocks in S&P500 were collected
Total number of obtained stocks: 496



The stocks' prices are categorized into 7 categories

Each data point is then one-hot encoded

Experiment

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Model hyperparameters

```
self.model = SimpleLSTM(  
    lookback=lookback,  
    hidden_size=16,  
)
```

```
ml_strategy.train(  
    epochs=100,  
    lr=1e-2,  
    batch_size=128,  
)
```

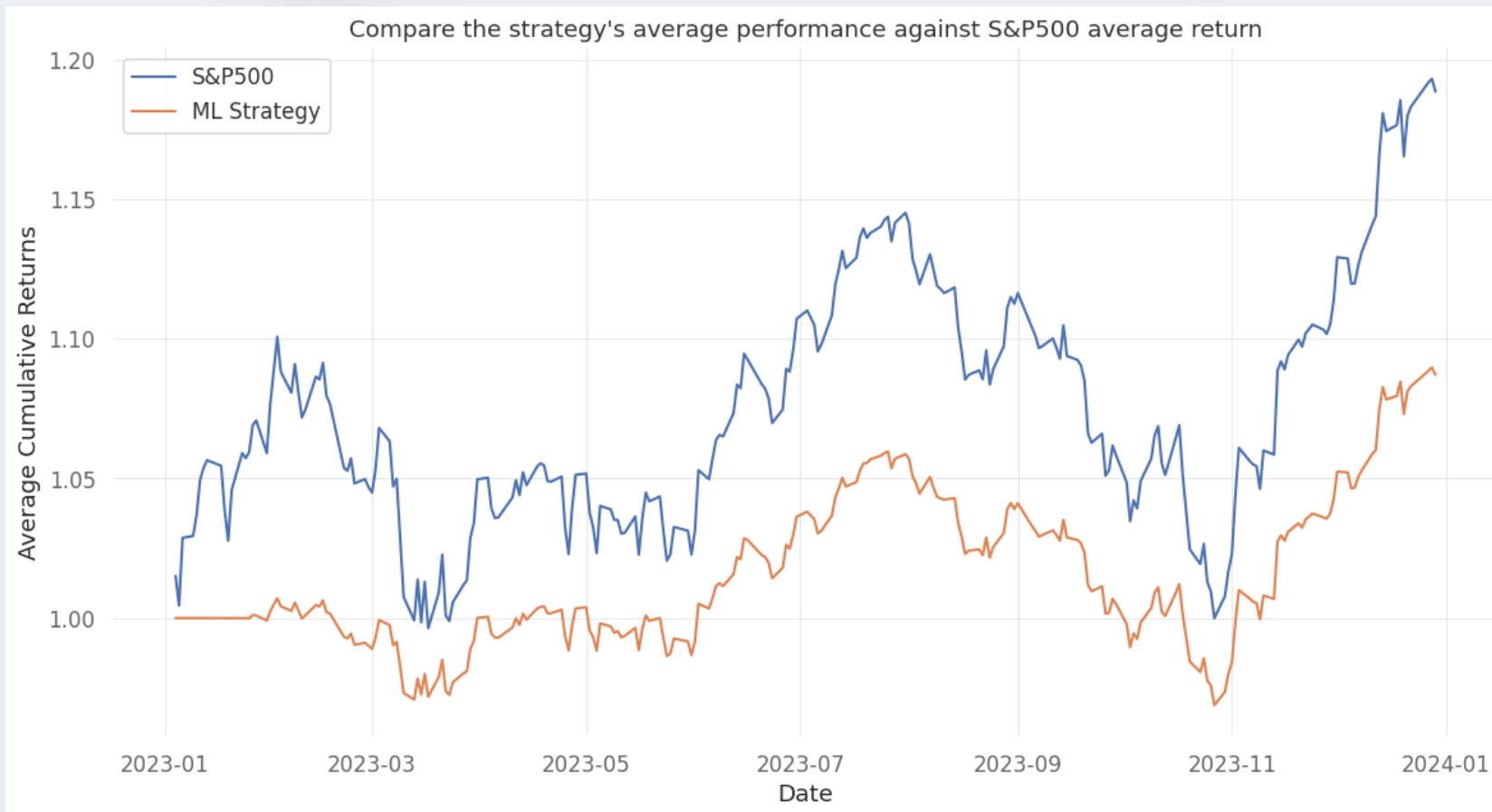
$$Loss(y, \hat{y}) = - \sum_{x \in \{\text{up, side, down}\}} y_i \log(\hat{y}_i)$$

The model's parameters are optimized by *AdamW optimizer*

Experiment

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Experimental results



S&P500 Performance

Monthly Expected Return: 0.010

Monthly Volatility: 0.045

Sharpe ratio: 0.222

Strategy Performance

Monthly Expected Return: 0.006

Monthly Volatility: 0.027

Sharpe ratio: 0.241

Can it beat the market?

The strategy beats **277** stocks
→ **Yes, but only 56% of the time**

The strategy generates higher
returns than 216 stocks
→ **Actually beat the market
43.55% of the time**

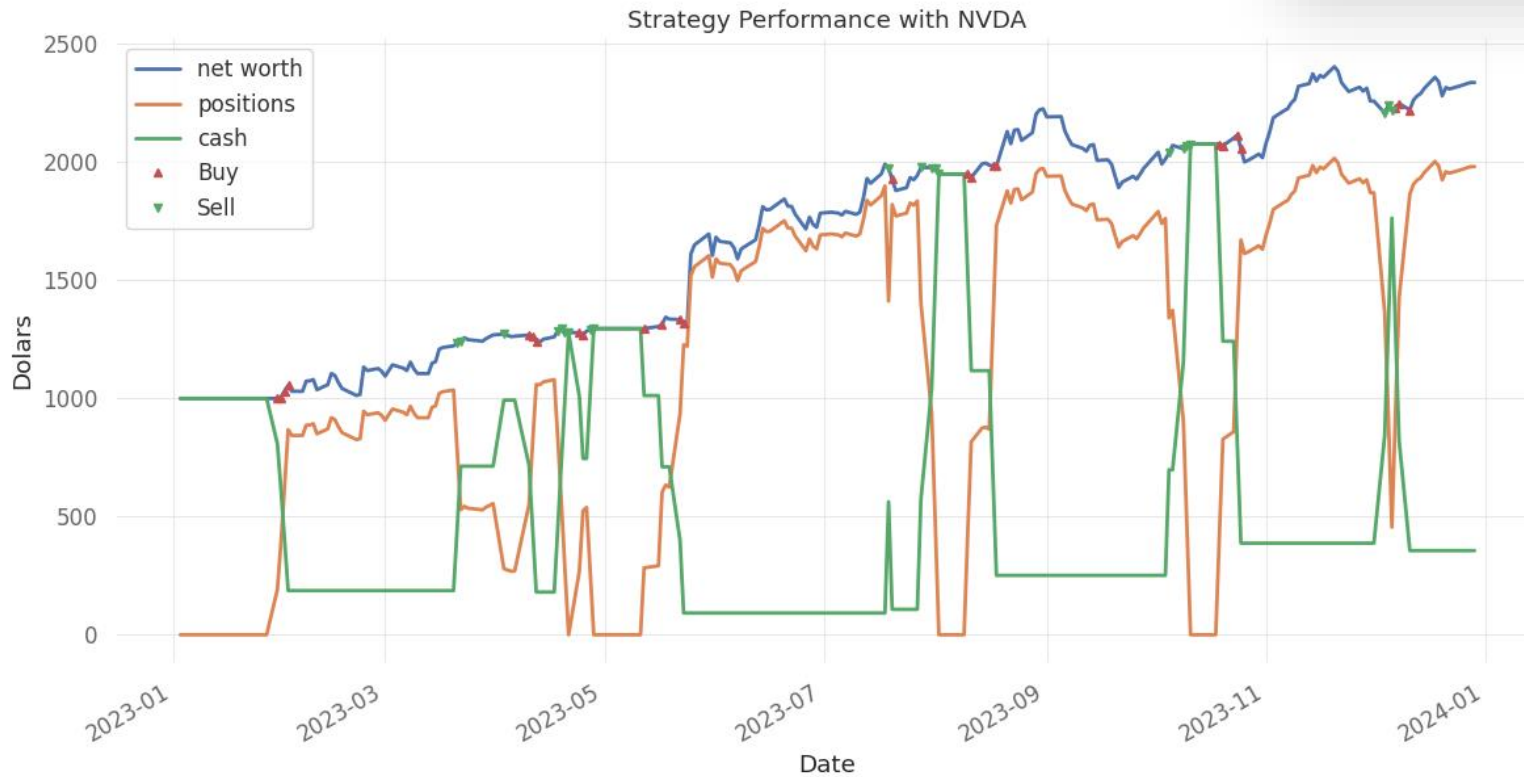
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Case study - NVDA

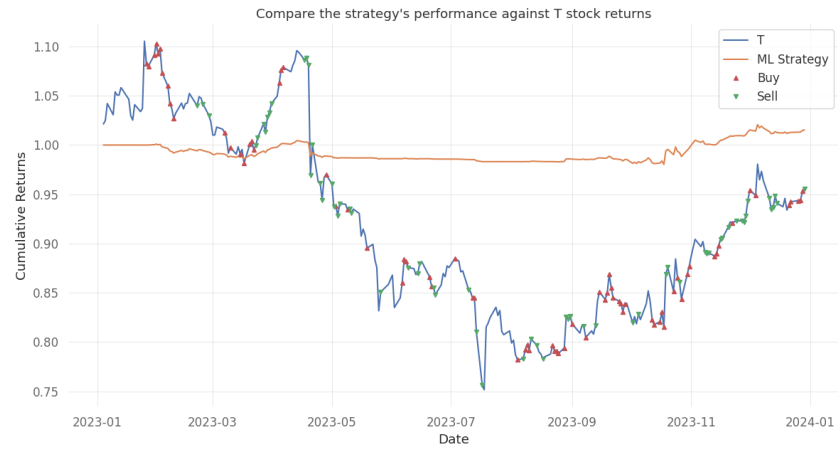
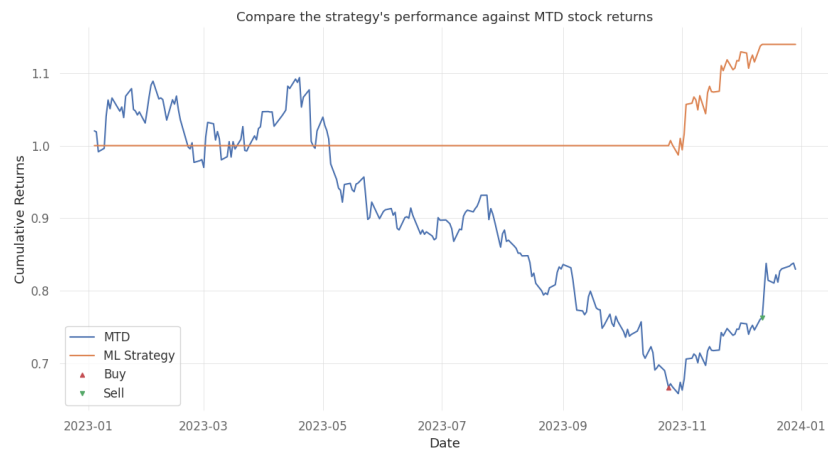
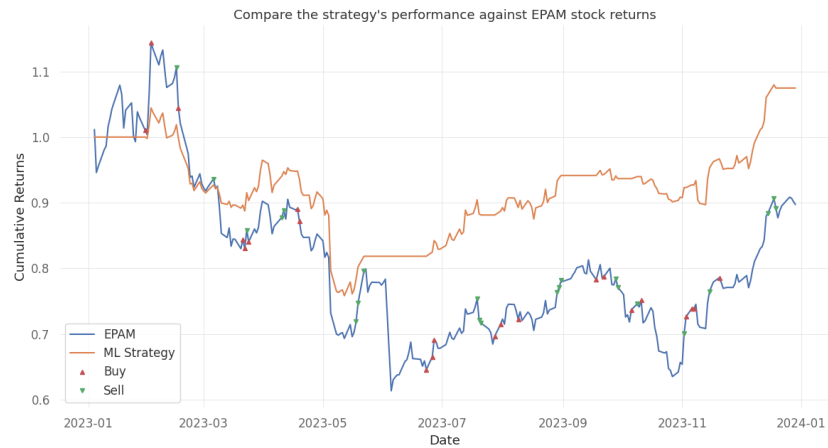
Monthly Expected Return: 0.082
Monthly Volatility: 0.094
Sharpe ratio: 0.874



Experiment

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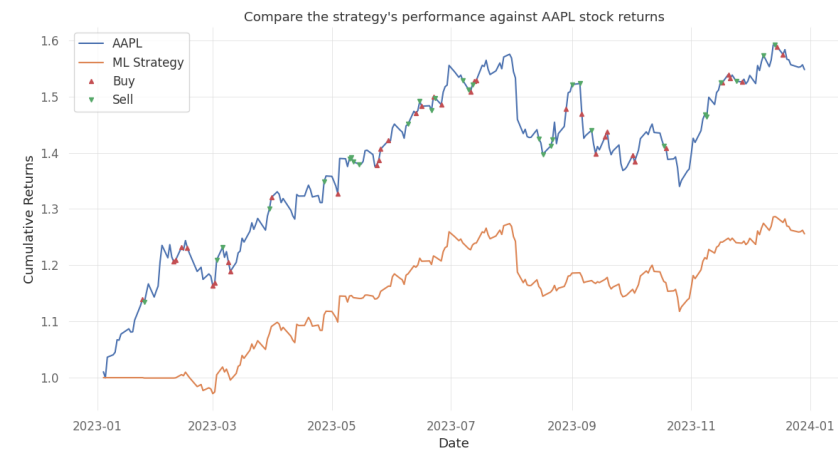
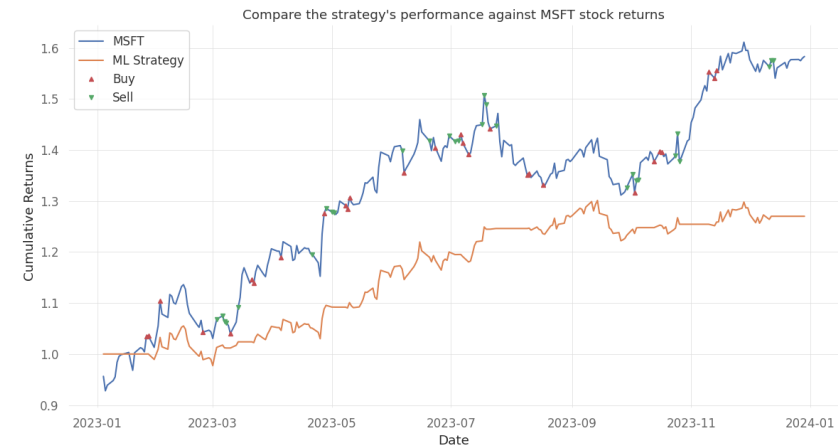
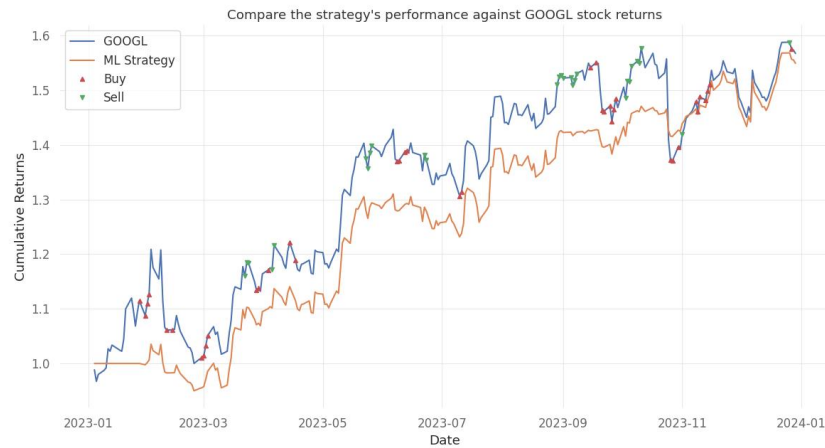
Case study – Bearish Markets



Experiment

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Case study – Bullish Markets



Deploying on Interactive Brokers

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Implementation Details

```
def main(client_id: int, duration: str, freq: int, ticker: str) -> None:
    """
    Main function to train and deploy the models
    """
    print(f"Connecting to IB {client_id + 1}...")
    ib = IB()
    ib.connect('127.0.0.1', 7497, clientId=client_id + 1)
    print(f"Connected to IB {client_id + 1}!")
    train_model(ib, duration, freq, ticker)
    deploy_model(ib, duration, freq, ticker)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("=" * 30, " Deploying models ", "=" * 30)

    duration = "1 M"
    freq = 3
    fns = [main for _ in range(len(TICKERS))]
    fns_arg = [(idx, duration, freq, ticker) for idx, ticker in enumerate(TICKERS)]
    run_parallel(fns, fns_arg)

    print("=" * 30, "Finish the deployment", "=" * 30)
```

Create separate process for each stock

Deploying on Interactive Brokers

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Implementation Details

```
class MLStrategy(MarkovStrategy):
    def deploy(self,
                while True:
                    now = datetime.datetime.now()
                    bars = ib.reqHistoricalData(stock,
                                                endDateTime = '',
                                                durationStr = '1 D',
                                                barSizeSetting = f"{freq} mins",
                                                whatToShow = 'MIDPOINT',
                                                useRTH = True,
                                                formatDate = 2)
                    financial_data = util.df(bars)

                    price = financial_data["close"]
                    daily_return = price.pct_change()
                    daily_return.iloc[0] = 1

                    states = self.define_states(daily_return)

                    cur_state = np.array(list(map(lambda x: STATE_TO_NUM[x], states[-self.lookback:])))
                    cur_state = torch.tensor(one_hot(cur_state - STATE_TO_NUM["High Decrease"], len(STATE_TO_NUM)),
                                              dtype=torch.float32).unsqueeze(0)
                    signal_pred = self.model(cur_state).argmax(dim=1).item() - 1

                    prices.append(price.iloc[-1])
```

Get the real time data and let the model predict the movement

Deploying on Interactive Brokers

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Implementation Details

```
if cur_cash - num_share_per_trade * price.iloc[-1] >= -limit_borrow and \
signal_pred == 1 and \
np.abs(price.iloc[-1] - last_trade) > commission:
    position += num_share_per_trade
    cur_cash -= num_share_per_trade * price.iloc[-1]
    cur_cash -= commission
    signal = 1
    last_trade = price.iloc[-1]
    print(f"{now} Buy", file=f)
    order = MarketOrder("Buy", num_share_per_trade)
    ib.placeOrder(stock, order)

elif position - num_share_per_trade >= -limit_num_shorts and \
signal_pred == -1 and \
np.abs(price.iloc[-1] - last_trade) > commission:
    position -= num_share_per_trade
    cur_cash += num_share_per_trade * price.iloc[-1]
    cur_cash -= commission
    signal = -1
    last_trade = price.iloc[-1]
    print(f"{now} Sell", file=f)
    order = MarketOrder("Sell", num_share_per_trade)
    ib.placeOrder(stock, order)
else:
    signal = 0
    print(f"{now} No position", file=f)

# Saving the actions
signals.append(signal)
cash.append(cur_cash)
positions.append(position)
```

Submit market orders according to the model's prediction

Deploying on Interactive Brokers

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Current Portfolio

P&L		+ PROFILE	+ IMPACT	Margin		+ ACCOUNT
DAILY	-21	Unrealized	-57.6	Net Liquidity	1.0M	Excess Liq
Since prior Close	0.00%	Realized		Maintenance	1.5K SMA	1.0M
						897.7K
DLY P&L	FIN INSTRUMENT	POSITION	MKT VAL	AVG PX	LAST	CHANGE
2	AMD	3	503	167.89♦	167.50	+0.75
2	MSFT	4	1,661	418.39♦	415.19	+0.52
1	PYPL	1	63	63.694♦	63.02	+0.51
1	AAPL	1	192	192.59♦	192.48	+1.19
1	INTC	1	31	30.654♦	30.84	+0.65
0	GOOG	2	348	175.19♦	173.80	+0.24
0	META	1	467	468.38♦	466.86	-0.19
-7	BTC CRYPTO PAXOS	0.00999908	676	68321.2...	67606.75	+41.75
-1	BABA	1	78	80.699♦	78.23	-1.40
-4	TSLA	3	533	179.204♦	177.50	-1.29
-6	AMZN	2	353	180.31♦	176.27	-3.05
-10	COST	2	1,621	818.47♦	810.51	-4.83
	USD CASH		1,039,582			

Current Performance is not great

Might be due to trading in high frequency

Commission Fees

Different frequencies between training and deploying

Deploying on Interactive Brokers

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Orders History

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SIMULATED TRADING											
DU8906529											
Show trades for: Last 7 Days											
Trades	Summary										
+/-	Account	Action	Quantity	Fin Instrument	Price	Currency	Exch.	Time	Order Ref.	Submitter	Commission
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Thank you

