

Time-series Analysis on Cryptocurrency Pricing and its relationship with Economic Factors in a post-COVID world.

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Abstract—This project delves into the dynamics of cryptocurrency markets, particularly focusing on Bitcoin (BTC) and its relationships with other cryptocurrencies, as well as external factors such as search popularity and traditional financial indices after the pandemic (2021-2023). Using time-series analysis techniques, I explore the correlations and time-lags between BTC and selected cryptocurrencies (ETH, SOL, LTC, USDT), as well as BTC's relationship with Google search trends, the S&P500 index, gold prices, and the EUR-USD exchange rate. Positive monotonic relationships between BTC and most cryptocurrencies were observed, with negligible time lags on the scale of days. Additionally, I observe a positive correlation between BTC prices and search popularity, as well as with the S&P500 index, indicating potential influences from broader economic trends. However, no significant relationships were found between BTC and gold prices or the EUR-USD exchange rate.

I. INTRODUCTION

As cryptocurrency continues to grow in popularity, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, where people have realised the importance of investing and have looked into cryptocurrency as a viable investment [Corbet et al., 2018]. In this project, I will explore the correlation between the values between 2021-2023 of some of the top cryptocurrencies - BTC (Bitcoin), ETH (Ethereum), USDT (Tether USD), and SOL (Solana) based on their market caps¹ (the total market value of a cryptocurrency's circulating supply.). BTC is the most popular cryptocurrency on the market, with a market cap of 1.2 trillion USD (May 2024). It was introduced in [Nakamoto, 2008] as a way to send digital payments via peer-to-peer (P2P) method without passing through a middle-man (e.g., a bank or broker) to prevent "double-spending" - having to pay additional costs on top of the transaction². Since then, many other cryptocurrencies have entered the market. As of April 2024, there are over **2.4 million** cryptocurrencies on the market, with an average of 5,300 launched daily³.

Among them, some notable cryptocurrencies are ETH, USDT, LTC and DOGE. Each of these coins (a term used interchangeably with cryptocurrency) have their unique properties. Ethereum uses a proof-of-stake consensus

model⁴, which is different from the proof-of-work model used by Bitcoin. USDT is a "stablecoin" that is pegged to the value of the US dollar, making it less volatile than other cryptocurrencies. These properties and features of each cryptocurrency can impact their use cases and potential for adoption in various industries.

Numerous studies have investigated the properties of such cryptocurrencies - the seasonality⁵ [Kaiser, 2019], hedging ability [Chan et al., 2019], multifractality⁶ [Takaishi, 2018], interdependence between [Qureshi et al., 2020] and even the environmental impact [Wendl et al., 2023, Mohsin, 2021, Corbet and Yarovaya, 2020] of cryptocurrencies. On the other hand, [Georgoula et al., 2015] studied how Twitter, Wikipedia search queries, hash rates, USD/EUR⁷ exchange rate, number of coins in circulation, S&P500 index (state of the global economy) affected the price of Bitcoin.

One way that financial data can be analysed is via time-series analysis. This method has been used to analyse the stock market - [Cao and Tsay, 1992, Naik, 2013, Parray et al., 2020], as well as cryptocurrencies - [Georgoula et al., 2015, Catania and Grassi, 2017, Hagemann, 2018, Maleki et al., 2023, Vaz de Melo Mendes and Fluminense Carneiro, 2020, Toyoda et al., 2018]. With an appropriate time scale, some observations between cryptocurrency pairs, crypto-stock pairings, crypto-query (search query) pairings can be done.⁸

In this project, the questions that I will explore and answer in the following sections are:

- 1) Is there any correlation between the time series of cryptocurrency pairings? To what degree are they correlated?
- 2) Is there any observable lag between them?

⁴<https://ethereum.org/en/developers/docs/consensus-mechanisms/>

⁵The tendency for the cryptocurrency/asset to perform better in certain times compared to others - this can be on the time scale of days, weeks, months, half-years or years. Source: <https://corporatefinanceinstitute.com/resources/valuation/seasonality/>. Apart from finance, there have been studies in psychology analysing the seasonality of schizophrenia patient admissions [Yao et al., 2023].

⁶The property of complex systems where irregular patterns or structures exhibit varying degrees of complexity across different scales, extending the concept of fractals to multiple scales of organization - e.g. seeing a pattern that changes in how detailed or messy it looks depending on how closely you're looking at it. For more information, read to [Harte, 2001]

⁷United States Dollar to Euro

⁸[Pal and Prakash, 2017] is a good resource on basic practical time-series methods.

¹Based on: <https://coinmarketcap.com/>, May 2024.

²According to [Nakamoto, 2008], "financial institutions cannot avoid mediating disputes", therefore the cost of the mediation brings up the transaction costs.

³Source: <https://www.coingecko.com/research/publications/how-many-cryptocurrencies-are-there>.

- 3) What about the stock market? What is the correlation between these cryptocurrencies, i.e. BTC against the S&P 500 (SPX), or BTC against gold spot⁹ prices (XAU)?
- 4) Does the popularity (based on Google search trends) of BTC influence the price of BTC, or is it the other way round?

In the following sections, I will describe the methodology used to answer the questions. Then, I will present the results that answer the questions above and thoroughly analyse them. Finally, I will offer a brief conclusion on the findings of this project and discuss future work.

II. METHODOLOGY

One of the main tools used in time-series analysis is correlation. Correlation is the relationship between two sets of data. In this project, I will be using the Spearman correlation coefficient. Methods are taken from [Pal and Prakash, 2017]

A. Processing Data

The time scales of the data are from the beginning of 2021 to 2023. Sources for the Python code and data used can be found under Section VII.

B. Pearson Correlation Coefficient

The Pearson correlation coefficient measures the monotonic¹⁰ relationship between two variables, ranging from -1 to 1 . -1 indicates perfect negative linear relationship, 1 indicates perfect linear relationship, and 0 represents no linear relationship [Dowdy et al., 1983]. The correlation coefficient, ρ_p , for two vectors x and y is:

$$\rho_p = \frac{\sum(x - m_x)(y - m_y)}{\sqrt{\sum(x - m_x)^2 \sum(y - m_y)^2}} \quad (1)$$

Where m_x and m_y are means of the vectors x and y . A positive correlation means that if x increases, y increases, and vice versa.

C. Spearman's (Rank) Correlation Coefficient

Similar in purpose to the Pearson Correlation Coefficient (Section II-B), the difference in the Spearman coefficient is that it measures the **monotonic** relationship between 2 sets of data instead of the linear relationship. By converting the raw data of the two samples, X_i and Y_i into ranks¹¹ $R(X_i)$ and $R(Y_i)$, the Spearman coefficient, ρ_s can be obtained with:

$$\rho_s = \rho_{p(R(X), R(Y))} = \frac{\text{cov}(R(X), R(Y))}{\sigma_{R(X)} \sigma_{R(Y)}} \quad (2)$$

⁹Gold spot prices are typically quoted as USD per troy ounce, about 0.03kg

¹⁰"monotonic" carries a similar relationship to the word "linear", but it is not the same. It means that the behaviour of data moves in a direction that is constantly increasing/decreasing but does not follow the linear equation $y = mx + b$.

¹¹"ranking" data here means arranging the data points from smallest to largest, and then ranking the datapoints relative to the rest, where the rank of 1 corresponds to the smallest data point. If two values are the same, the rank of the numbers are the average rank of where they would fall if they were different.

where ρ is the Pearson coefficient applied to the rank variables, $\text{cov}(R(X), R(Y))$ is the covariance of the rank variables, and $\sigma_{R(X)}$ and $\sigma_{R(Y)}$ are the standard deviations of the rank variables. Between two datasets X and Y , a positive value of the Spearman correlation coefficient means that there is an increasing monotonic relationship (with 1 being perfectly increasing monotonic relationship), and a negative value indicates a decreasing monotonic relationship (with -1 being perfectly decreasing monotonic relationship), whereas 0 means there is no monotonic relationship between the two datasets.

D. Cross-correlation

Cross-correlation is a measure of similarity between two signals as a function of the relative shift of one signal to another. It measures the degree to which two signals resemble each other as one signal is shifted in time relative to another. The time series data is presented as arrays. If the correlation between 2 time series, x and y (with length $|x|$ and $|y|$ respectively) is the array z , with k^{th} element $z[k]$, the correlation can be written as:

$$z[k] = (x * y)(k - N + 1) = \sum_{l=0}^{|x|-1} x_l y_{l-k+N-1}^* \quad (3)$$

for $k = 0, 1, \dots, |x| + |y| - 2$, $N = \max(|x|, |y|)$, $y_m = 0$ if $m > |y|$ ¹²

E. Error Handling

According to [Misra et al., 2018], the traditional method to obtain the error on cross-correlation (or the time-lag), the signal is divided into equal segments and the cross-correlation is found for each segment. The net cross-correlation is the average of the cross-correlation of the segments, and the variance is the error. However, [Misra et al., 2018] also considers data size to be "small" at ~ 1000 data points, stating that dividing the data into segments is less practical. Therefore, I decided to do a sampling (with replacement) of the datasets, where the sample size is large¹³ such that a relationship between the two datasets can be drawn [Köse and Ünal, 2023] and the standard deviation can be calculated. The standard deviation on the time lag, σ_τ is the standard deviation of the time lags that correspond to the maximum cross-correlation value for each cross-correlation of the sample. The standard deviation on the cross-correlation at time lag τ (not to be confused with Kendall's tau - I am not using that in this report), $\sigma_{\text{corr}}(\tau)$ is the standard deviation of the cross-correlation value for each sample at time lag τ . The average standard deviation of the cross-correlation is calculated by taking the average of all $\sigma_{\text{corr}}(\tau)$ at every time τ . A standard error is calculated with:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (4)$$

Where ϵ is the standard error, and n is the sample size.

¹²Source: <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.signal.correlate.html>

¹³In this case, it will be the same length of the original dataset.

III. RESULTS

The relationship between cryptocurrencies will be investigated from the year January 1st, 2021 to December 31st, 2023, to determine if the trend of the relationships between cryptocurrency pairs or cryptocurrency stock pairs has changed, building upon the work of [Sifat et al., 2019] (BTC-ETH pairs), and [Georgoula et al., 2015] (BTC-SPX, BTC-XAU), and comparing analysis to [Corbet et al., 2020]. The pairs investigated are BTC-ETH, BTC-LTC, BTC-SOL and BTC-USDT. It is expected that BTC-ETH to show 0 time-lag, and a positive monotonic relationship - I hypothesise this will be the case for most "popular" coins. The only cryptocurrency pair that would likely show no monotonic relationship will be the BTC-USDT pair, since the value of USDT is based off the USD, so there would be not much of a fluctuation in price relative to BTC. The two main graphs that I will show are: scatter plots which show the relationship (monotonic/non-monotonic) of the pairs of data analysed, and the cross-correlation against time-lag for all the BTC-X coin pairings. The Pearson and Spearman correlation coefficients, will be calculated and quoted.

Some interesting data to work with are the effects on BTC based on factors that are not cryptocurrency. Results are shown in Section III-B. The areas of investigation are:

- The relationship between the popularity of "Bitcoin" as a search engine term and the price of BTC
- The relationship between BTC pricing the S&P500 index (which is an indicator of global economy)
- The relationship between BTC and the price of gold
- The relationship between BTC and the value of the dollar, based off the USD-EUR exchange rate [Georgoula et al., 2015]

A. Correlation and time-lag (cross-correlation) between cryptocurrencies

The scatter plots of the BTC-X pairings are shown in Fig. 1 to Fig. 4: The most popular pair is the BTC-ETH pairing. This was expected to have a monotonic relationship.

The cross-correlation plot is shown in Fig. 5. The final values of the time-lag are:

Pair	Time Lag, τ (days)	Std. Dev. (days)
BTC-ETH	0 ± 0.0684	3.20
BTC-SOL	0 ± 0.124	4.92
BTC-LTC	0 ± 0.0874	4.21
BTC-USDT	0 ± 0.000	0.00

TABLE I: Numerical values of the time lag of cryptocurrency pairs.

B. Correlation and time-lag of BTC and other things

The relationship of BTC and search popularity was investigated for years 2020 to 2023. The search popularity is a relative measurement, where 100 is the peak popularity of the search term. The scatter plot and time-lag plot is shown in Fig. 6. Fig. 7 is for BTC-XAU and Fig. 8 is for BTC-SPX. Finally, ?? is BTC-SPX.

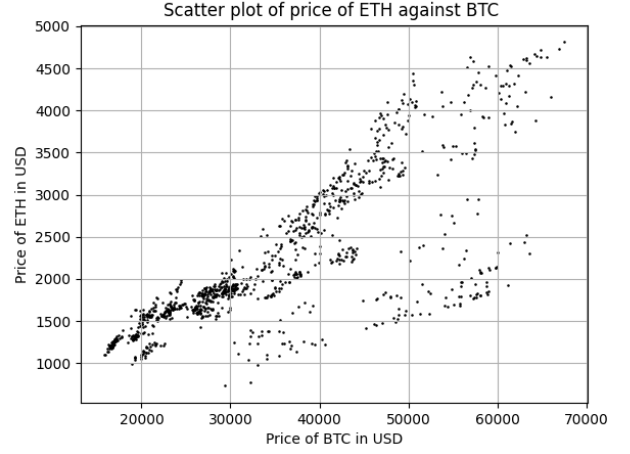


Fig. 1: Scatter Plot of BTC and ETH prices, Jan '21 to Dec '23.
 $\rho_p = 0.786$
 $\rho_s = 0.819$

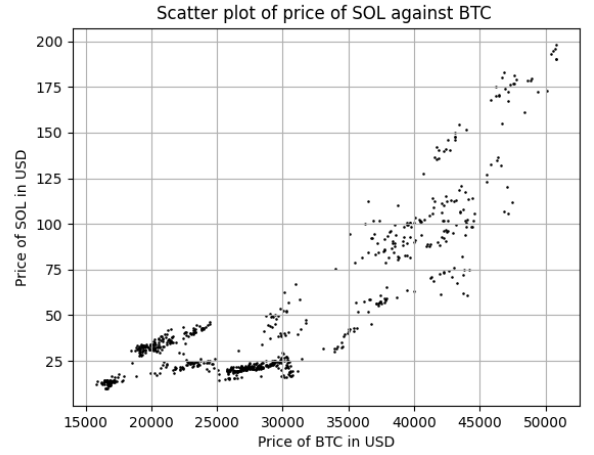


Fig. 2: Scatter Plot of BTC and SOL prices, Jan '21 to Dec '23.
 $\rho_p = 0.843$
 $\rho_s = 0.680$

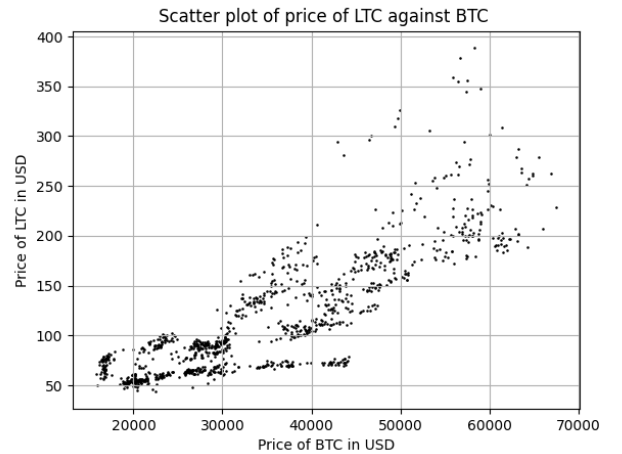


Fig. 3: Scatter Plot of BTC and LTC prices, Jan '21 to Dec '23.
 $\rho_p = 0.842$
 $\rho_s = 0.844$

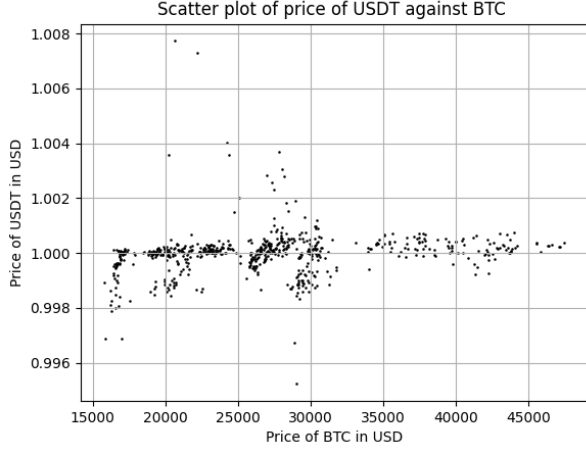


Fig. 4: Scatter Plot of BTC and USDT prices, Jan '21 to Dec '23.

$$\rho_p = 0.165$$

$$\rho_s = 0.329$$

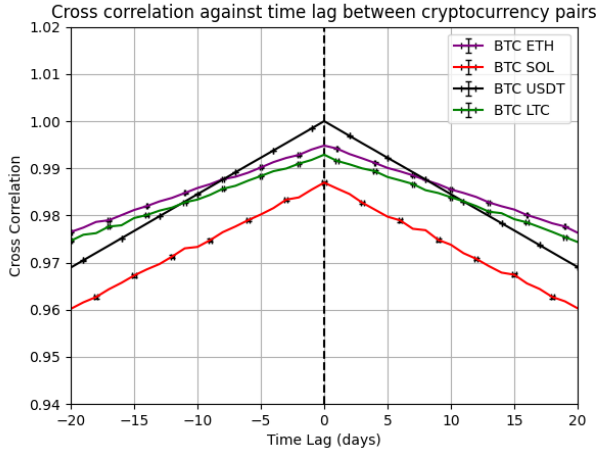


Fig. 5: Cross correlation across cryptocurrency pairs (BTC-X) of their prices from Jan '21 to Dec '23.

C. Summary of Results

In the table below, I summarise the relationship between BTC-X pairs and the time-lags of the pairs.

Exchange pair	Relationship	Time Lag (days)
BTC-ETH	Positive Monotonic	0 ± 0.0684
BTC-SOL	Positive Linear	0 ± 0.124
BTC-LTC	Positive Monotonic	0 ± 0.0874
BTC-USDT	None	0 ± 0.000
BTC-Search	Positive Monotonic	0 ± 0.162
BTC-XAU	None	0 ± 0.0217
BTC-EURUSD	None	0 ± 0.0194
BTC-SPX	Positive Monotonic	0 ± 0.0394

TABLE II: Summary of the relationships and time lag between BTC-X pairings.

IV. ANALYSIS

Most of the cryptocurrency pairings were positively monotonic ($\rho \sim 1$) except for BTC-USDT. This is expected

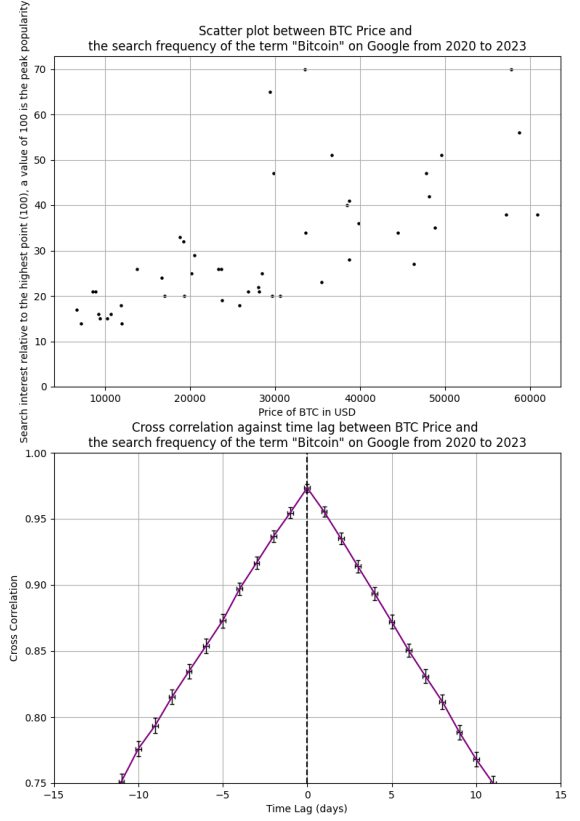


Fig. 6: Scatter and cross-correlation plots for BTC and BTC popularity by means of Google search frequencies.

$$\rho_p = 0.682$$

$$\rho_s = 0.776$$

$$\tau = 0 \pm 0.162 \text{ days}$$

$$\sigma_\tau = 1.60 \text{ days}$$

as the value of the USDt coin is pegged to the USD, whereas the value of the other coins in the pairings were linked to other factors. The relationships of the other coins are positive monotonic with very little time lag (based on the errors). On other factors, I conclude that there is only positive relationship between BTC prices with the search popularity and the S&P500.

From my findings, there is no significant lead-lag relationship (on the order of days), but there is an error on the time lag of $\pm \sim 1.64$ hours. This is in line with the findings in [Sifat et al., 2019], although it was concluded that there was no lead-lag relationship between BTC and ETH, they also concluded that there was some merit for intra-day traders to exploit this small time lag difference. My hypothesis on BTC-USDT were also accurate as there was no relationship and no time-lag founded between the two.

The search popularity of BTC had a positive effect on the price of BTC, but there was no relationship founded on the EUR-USD exchange rate and BTC, as well as BTC-XAU, contrary to [Georgoula et al., 2015]. Also, BTC

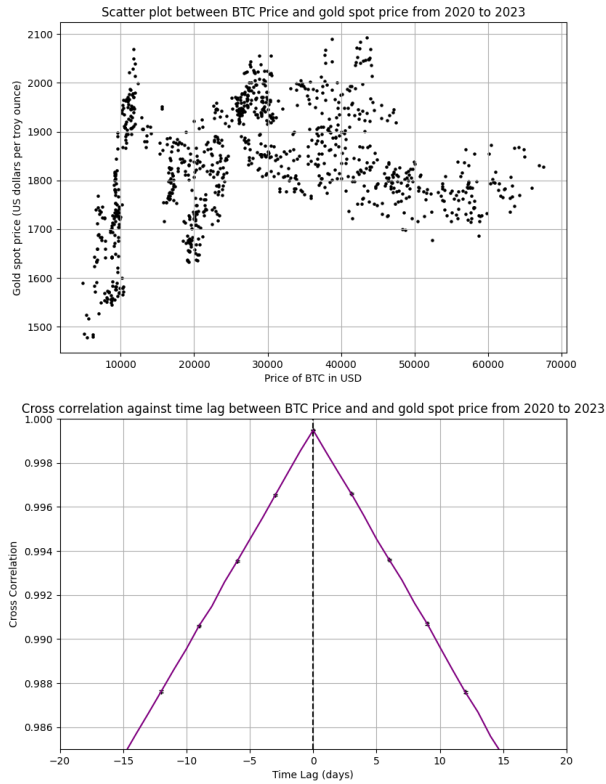


Fig. 7: Scatter and cross-correlation plots for BTC and gold spot price.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_p &= 0.213 \\ \rho_s &= 0.196 \\ \tau &= 0 \pm 0.0217 \text{ days} \\ \sigma &= 1.59 \text{ days}\end{aligned}$$

was positively correlated to the S&P500 index, an indicator of the global economy, which is also opposite from the findings in [Georgoula et al., 2015].

V. CONCLUSION

In this project, I investigate the prices of BTC against various coins and indexes, where the price data is the daily closing prices taken from January 2021 to December 2023 to investigate the effects on the COVID-19 pandemic. I conclude that BTC has a positive monotonic relationship and 0-day lag with most popular cryptocurrencies except for coins tied to "real" currencies such as USD. BTC was found to not have any relationship to the spot price of gold and the EUR-USD exchange rate, but a positive monotonic relationship and 0-day time lag with the S&P500 index and the search frequency on Google. Future work would involve a prediction algorithm based on past data.

VI. ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations below are used in this manuscript:

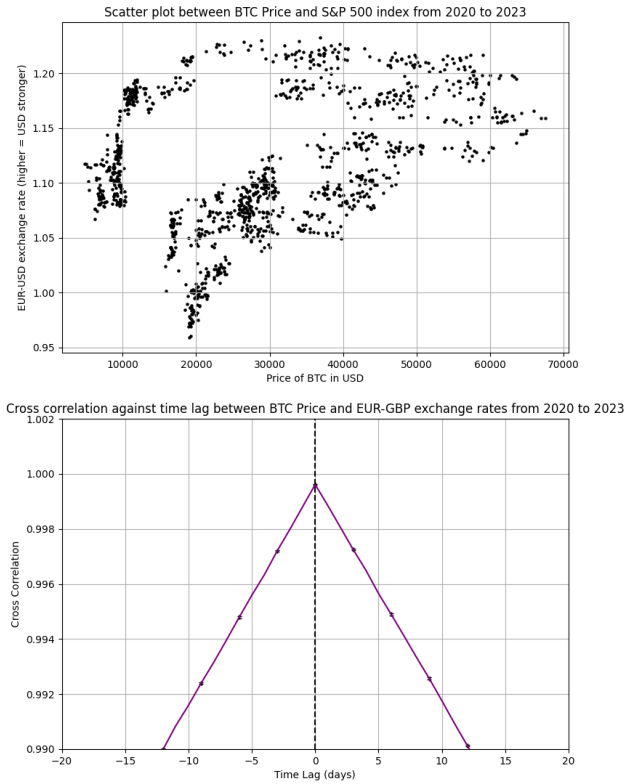


Fig. 8: Scatter and Cross-correlation plots for BTC and EUR-USD exchange rate.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_p &= 0.340 \\ \rho_s &= 0.322 \\ \tau &= 0 \pm 0.0194 \text{ days} \\ \sigma &= 0.959 \text{ days}\end{aligned}$$

- BTC - Bitcoin
- ETH - Ethereum
- SOL - Solana
- USDT - Theter USDt
- USD - United States Dollar
- SPX - S&P 500 Index symbol
- XAU - Gold spot price symbol, in USD per troy ounce
- FT - Fourier Transform
- DFT - Discrete Fourier Transform
- FFT - Fast Fourier Transform

The abbreviations below are used in the Addendum (Section VIII):

- RK - Runge Kutta
- FT - Fourier Transform
- FFT - Fast Fourier Transform
- HRTF - Head Related Transfer Function

VII. DATA AVAILABILITY

The code used in this project, along with the datasets used can be found over at: <https://github.com/Georgoula>

VIII. ADDENDUM

This section outlines the last 3 concepts studied in PHYS6017: Integration (Trapezium Rule, Simpson's Rule, etc.), Runge-Kutta methods and Fourier transform. A brief description of each is stated before some examples in and out of academia are given.

A. Integration

A widely used mathematical concept, integration in a graphical representation is to find the area under the curve. Methods that are commonly used are Simpson's Rule and the Trapezium Rule for numerical integration.

1) *In Academia:* In Physics, path integrals are used heavily in classical and quantum mechanics. Maxwell's equations (in integral form) are so powerful in describing the world of electromagnetism. The Gauss integral is an absolute measure of structure and is used in [Røgen and Fain, 2003] to classify protein structures. The study of the simple pendulum involves numerical integration methods such as the Simpson's method and Trapezium method. In [Abdulkareem et al., 2020], the numerical solution of the ODE for a simple pendulum with a large oscillation angle was introduced to obtain the time period via Simpson's 3/8 method and Boole's method. [Shen and Wang, 2006] employed Fast-Fourier-Transform direct integration method onto the Rayleigh-Sommerfield diffraction integral and using Simpson's Rule to improve accuracy. In sports physiology, the peak mechanical power output in a jump can be calculated by using Simpson's rule or the trapezium rule.

2) *Outside of Academia:* Integrals (special integrals, to be exact) are incorporated into the world of economics [Sherdor and Sh, 2023] in solving problems related to economic stability and market analysis. Fractional calculus (non-integer order differentiation, integration, summations) [Ross, 1977] are used heavily in economics and have been used in the "Memory revolution" - an economic theory that takes into account the memory in economic processes [Tarasov, 2019]. For example, in options pricing, [Andricopoulos et al., 2003] uses Simpson's method of integration, starting from the Black Scholes equation [Black and Scholes, 1973], doing transformations, and obtaining an integral that has to be solved numerically. Therefore, quadrature methods (Simpsons Rule, Trapezium Rule) are used to solve the equation. In [DeVore et al., 2019], the left ventricular size and function of a fetus was evaluated using speckle tracking software [Kremkau et al., 2015] which uses Simpson's rule. Consumer surplus (benefit or utility consumers derive from purchasing a good or service at a price that is lower than the maximum price they are willing to pay) is calculated from the demand curve. Since the demand curve is a curve, the Trapezium rule is used in solving the integral, dividing the curve up into many intervals to reduce the error.

B. Runge-Kutta Method

The Runge-Kutta (RK) method is an iterative numerical method used to solve (commonly) non-linear differential equations, usually ill-posed.

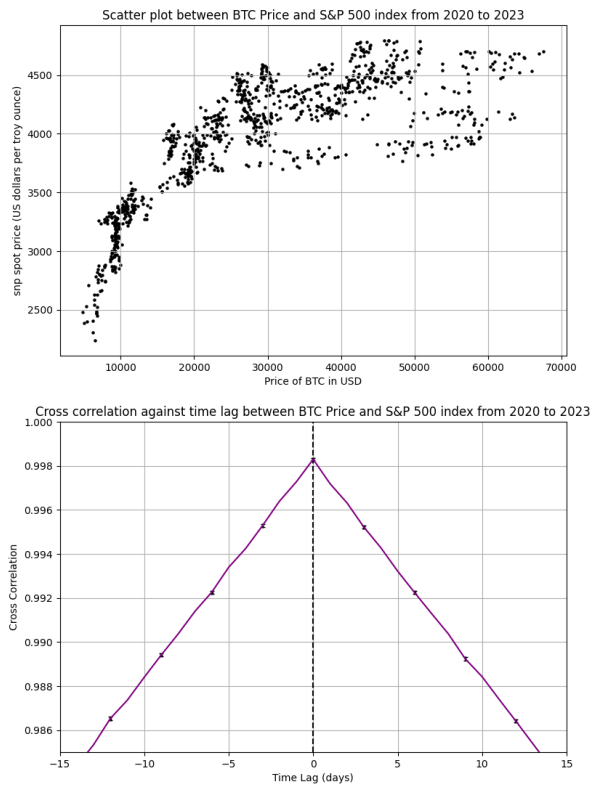


Fig. 9: Scatter and Cross-correlation plots for BTC and the S&P500 index.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_p &= 0.770 \\ \rho_s &= 0.803 \\ \tau &= 0 \pm 0.0394 \text{ days} \\ \sigma &= 1.69 \text{ days}\end{aligned}$$

[//github.com/linsuon/PHYS-6017-Labs/tree/main/Projects/TimeSeriesAnalysis](https://github.com/linsuon/PHYS-6017-Labs/tree/main/Projects/TimeSeriesAnalysis)

Data sources:

- The historical price data of the cryptocurrencies are from: <https://www.cryptodatadownload.com/data/bitstamp/>
- Historical stock prices are downloaded from [nasdaq.com](https://www.nasdaq.com), where the daily closing prices of the assets are taken.
- Search popularity of the term 'Bitcoin' is taken from <https://trends.google.co.uk/trends/explore?date=today%205-y&q=%2Fm%2F05p0rrx&hl=en>
- Daily EUR-USD exchange rate data is from www.macrotrends.net.

1) *In Academia*: The Runge-Kutta segmentation network (RKSeg) developed in [Zhu et al., 2023] used the Runge-Kutta method to segment organ image datasets, by taking a neural network as a time dependent dynamical system, where the system state is of time t . The RK method is used to approximate the system state at time t , which outperformed other segmentation networks. In [Jday and Omri, 2023], an adaptive RK method was developed to solve the Cauchy problem¹⁴ of a modified Helmholtz equation. This ill-posed problem is hard to solve using "traditional" numerical methods, so using RK method is the way to go. The two-dimensional Riesz-space fractional complex Ginzburg-Landau¹⁵ equations [Wang and Huang, 2018] were solved using the exponential RK method [Hochbruck and Ostermann, 2005, Hochbruck and Ostermann, 2010], by proposing the Riesz space fractional derivative that is approximated by a 4th order RK method.

2) *Outside of Academia*: RK method is practical for real-world scenarios as it is good at solving non-linear differential equations (which what most of the real world is), and it can be used in data science with data interpolation, as shown in [Karim et al., 2018], where the data is interpolated through cubic spline interpolation method (RK4-CS). Traffic flow equations can be solved with RK methods, which have been summarised in [Najafzadeh et al., 2022]. For example, the macroscopic model of traffic (where traffic flow is taken to act like a fluid), which is expressed as a differential equation [Lighthill and Whitham, 1955][Nagatani, 2002]:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(f)}{\partial x} \quad (5)$$

In [Asri et al., 2021], the Rubella vaccine's effect was analysed using RK-4 and RK-5 method in solving the SEIRS (Susceptible, Exposed, Infected, Recovered, Suspected) Model, where each alphabet corresponds to a differential equation (therefore building a system of differential equations), and solving numerically using RK-5, showing that RK-5 method was better than RK-5 in predicting the rate of the Rubella disease spread.

C. Fourier Transform

Fourier transforms, not to be confused with a Fourier series (where a function is written in terms of sums of exponential or sine and cosine functions) allows the time domain of a signal, periodic or otherwise to be expressed in the frequency domain (along with another phase component), and vice versa. Fast Fourier transforms (FFT) are used in most situations, i.e. in computing due to the number of operations needed. FFTs took $N \log N$ operations, compared to N^2 operations that the old FT algorithms took [Cooley et al., 1969].

¹⁴The solution of a partial differential equation defined in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} , where n is the number of dimensions

¹⁵A mathematical physical theory used to describe superconductivity, superfluidity and Bose-Einstein condensation. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ginzburg%E2%80%93Landau_theory and [Aranson and Kramer, 2002]

1) *In Academia*: FFTs, along with convolution theory can be used by home security devices in smart homes to analyse the audio recorded, shown in [Vafeiadis et al., 2020], which shows the potential of intruder detection by smart home systems by combining gammatone frequency cepstral coefficients and discrete wavelet transform coefficients and to use a gradient boosting classifier. In [Hu and Tonder, 1992], 3-D random rough surfaces are simulated by using a 2-D digital filter, by introducing a method using spectrum analysis to calculate filter coefficients while employing the FFT for efficient filter implementation. Similarly, FTs are used in describing the overall shape and ruggedness of particles in [Wettimuny and Penumadu, 2004]. [Orzechowski, 2019] explored the FT as an extension of the Black-Scholes-Merton Model [Black and Scholes, 1973] under some conditions in the context of pricing options, by using the Carr-Madan model.

2) *Outside of Academia*: In audio engineering, when taking acoustic measurements of audio devices, an FFT is applied onto the signal captured by a measurement microphone (usually a sine sweep from 20-2000Hz), which shows measurement graphs that tell the sonic characteristics of the drivers¹⁶. FFT is also used in music production with the same idea, by allowing the mixing engineer to visualise a waveform in the form of frequency spectrum and amplitude. In the same realm of audio engineering, FFTs are used to calculate the HRTF (Head Related Transfer Functions)¹⁷, for example, to allow real-time spatial representation of moving sound sources in [Tsakostas and Floros, 2007]. In [Nogata et al., 2012], Fourier analysis is used to detect and visualise heart sounds using an FFT image and wavelet image that allows physicians to detect any abnormal heart sounds, showing that this could be used to develop an automatic detection system.

¹⁶Example: <https://crinacle.com/graphs/headphones/sennheiser-hd800s/>

¹⁷HRTFs characterise how an individual perceives sound. Due to the different physical properties of each individual, having a personalised HRTF is beneficial in immersive audio [Oehler et al., 2023].

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