# Supervised Learning Classification of Bitcoin Price Development

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#### Abstract

- rising importance of Bitcoin (market cap comparable to large multinational companies such as Facebook and Tesla) - volatility higher than stockmarket, different asset - Bitcoin price prediction offers trader advantage over non-rational traders - here: focus on classification of Bitcoin price (up or down) - techniques:

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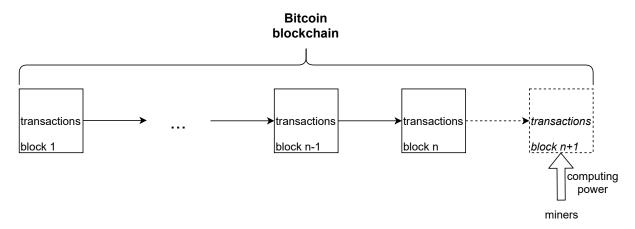


Figure 1: This is a simplified visualization of the Bitcoin blockchain.

## 1 Introduction

- cryptocurrency from 2009 developed by an unknown individual or group under pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto [1] currently cryptocurrency with largest market cap of 750 billion, comparable to market cap of companies like Facebook or Tesla [2] [3] one hand: classical asset with price driven by demand and supply, can be traded on exchanges (like stock exchanges) other hand: where do they come from?
- $\rightarrow$  blockchain, can be mined using computational resources via process called hashing, block size
- so far: classification accuracies of 51-55 percent here: comparison of

#### 2 Dataset & Definitions

- data taken from Blockchain.com API [4] features: classical asset data & Bitcoin specific data in total 3576 days for all the features
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Outlook: - Google searches [5], Twitter [6] - consider individual transactions [7] - predict major crashes [8] [9] [10]

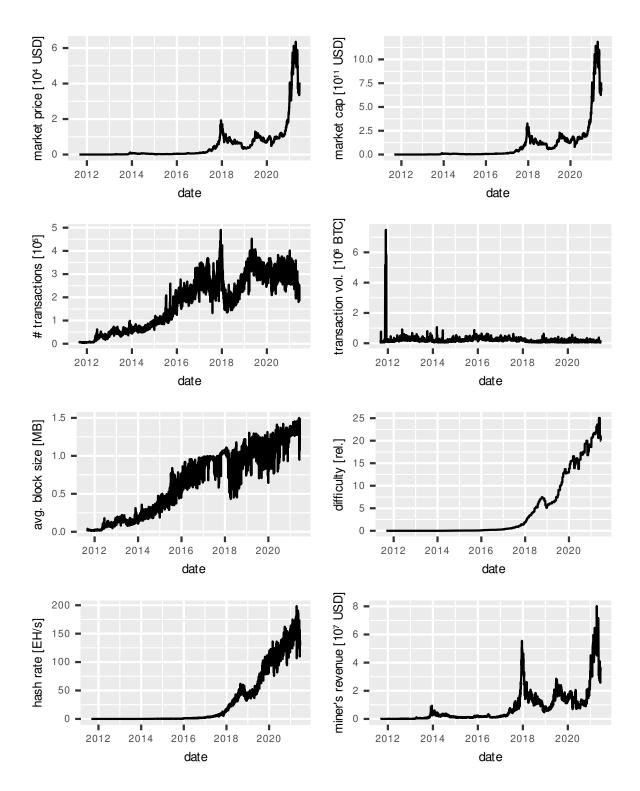


Figure 2: time series of label and features.

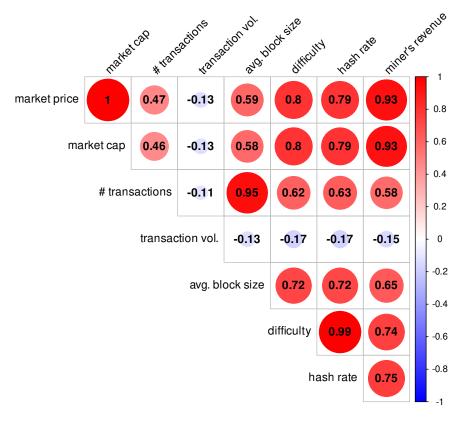


Figure 3: correlation matrix with Pearson's correlation coefficient

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