

# Stock Price Forecasting

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# The Problem



Source: The Motley Fool

- The stock market plays a vital role in our economy.
- For years, industries, companies, and individuals have looked to capitalize on the stock market.

# The Solution



- Use Machine Learning to create a model that can accurately forecast future prices or trends.

Source: YouTube - Computer Science





# Why does this matter?

- Currently there are no legitimate ways to forecast prices or trends, only speculations
- Being able to accurately predict future prices and trends based upon the previous entries would be beneficial to anyone looking to profit from the market

# The Data

## AAPL\_2006-01-01\_to\_2018-01-01.csv (153.62 KiB)

Detail Compact Column

 Date 	# Open 	# High 	# Low 	# Close 	# Volume 	 Name 
2006-01-03	10.34	10.68	10.32	10.68	201853036	AAPL
2006-01-04	10.73	10.85	10.64	10.71	155225609	AAPL
2006-01-05	10.69	10.7	10.54	10.63	112396081	AAPL
2006-01-06	10.75	10.96	10.65	10.9	176139334	AAPL
2006-01-09	10.96	11.03	10.82	10.86	168861224	AAPL
2006-01-10	10.89	11.7	10.83	11.55	570088246	AAPL
2006-01-11	11.98	12.11	11.8	11.99	373548882	AAPL
2006-01-12	12.14	12.34	11.95	12.04	320201966	AAPL
2006-01-13	12.14	12.29	12.09	12.23	194153393	AAPL
2006-01-17	12.24	12.34	11.98	12.1	209215265	AAPL

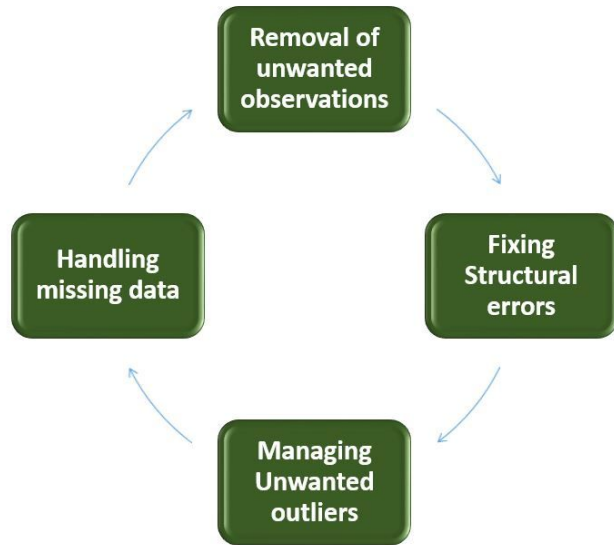
Taken from [https://www.kaggle.com/szrlee/stock-time-series-20050101-to-20171231?select=AAPL\\_2006-01-01\\_to\\_2018-01-01.csv](https://www.kaggle.com/szrlee/stock-time-series-20050101-to-20171231?select=AAPL_2006-01-01_to_2018-01-01.csv)

# Data Wrangling



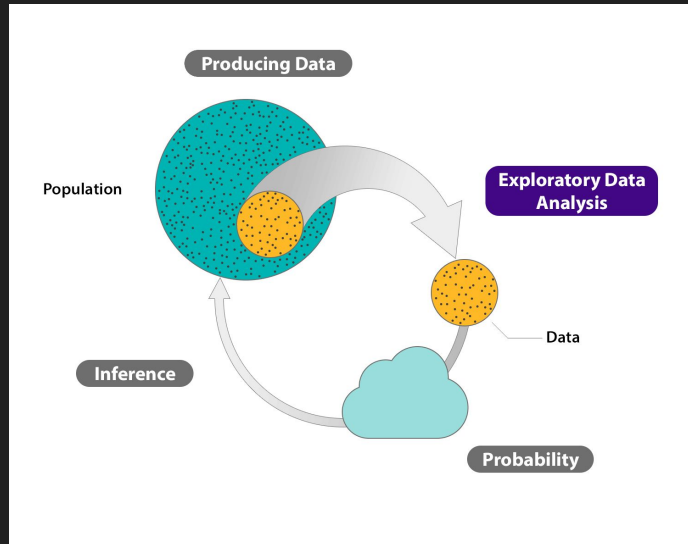
- Chose 5 stocks csv files
  - aapl, amzn, googl, nke, vz
- Each file contained:
  - Date, Open, Close, High, Low, Volume, Name
- Each file has a little over 3000 rows of information
- Converted to DataFrame
- All work done on Jupyter Notebook

# Data Cleaning



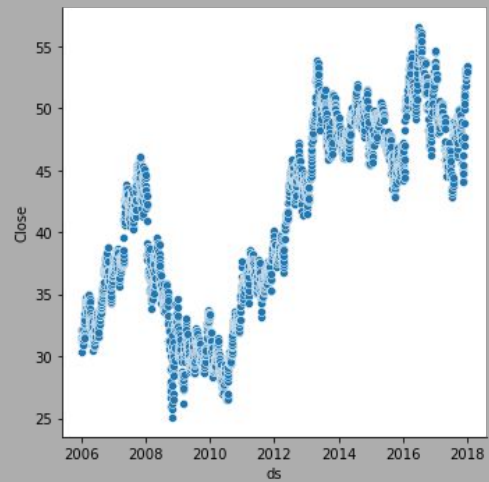
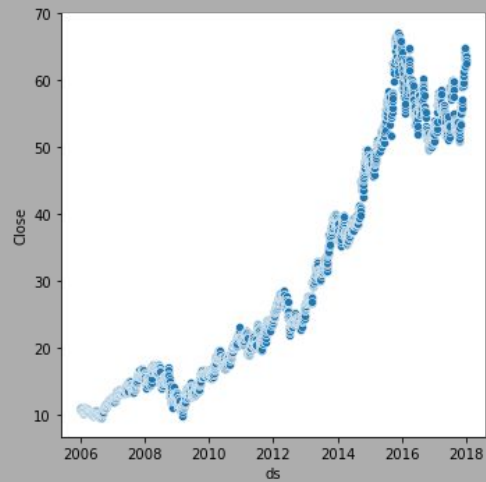
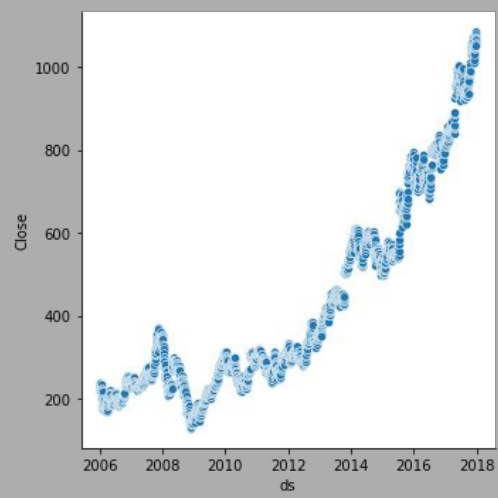
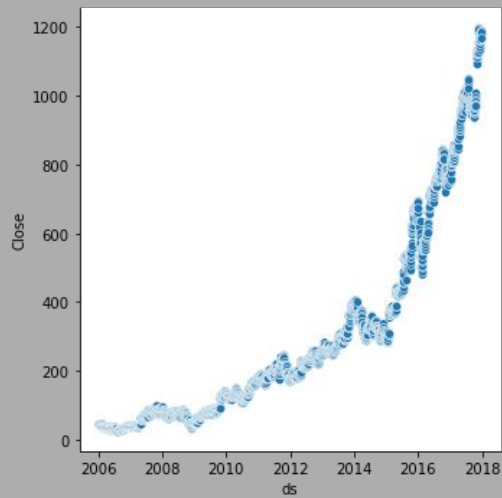
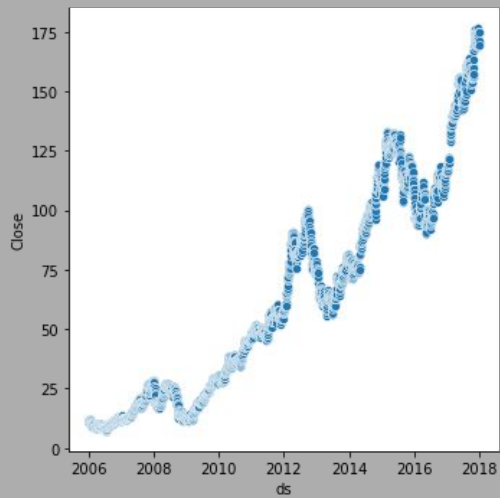
- There was only 1 missing value in all 5 csv files
  - Row was just dropped as there was ample data
- No “Incorrect” data values
- Created DateTime object for the date and deleted included date column

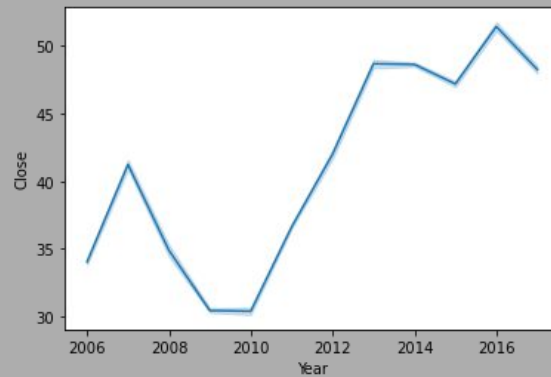
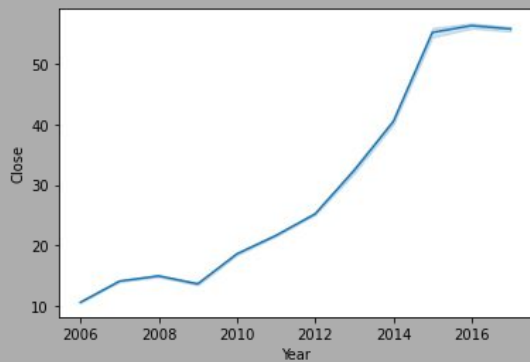
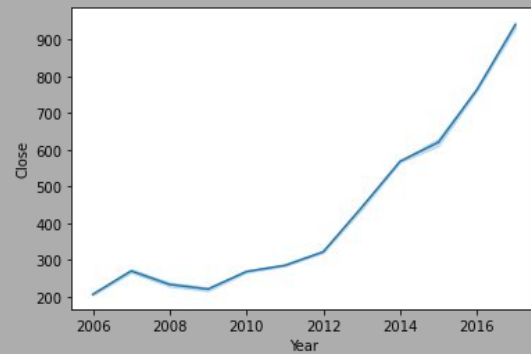
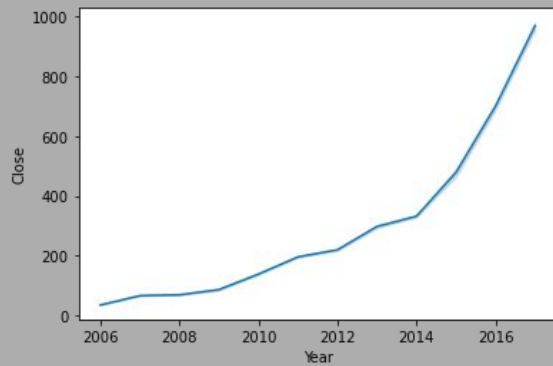
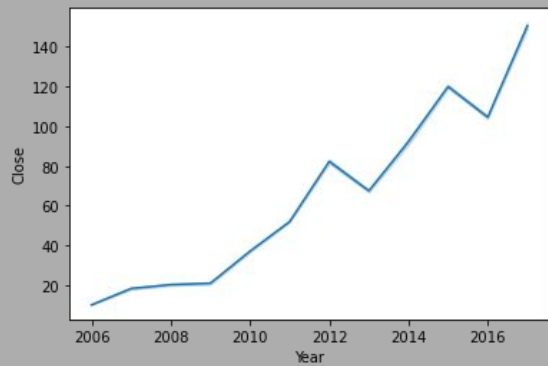
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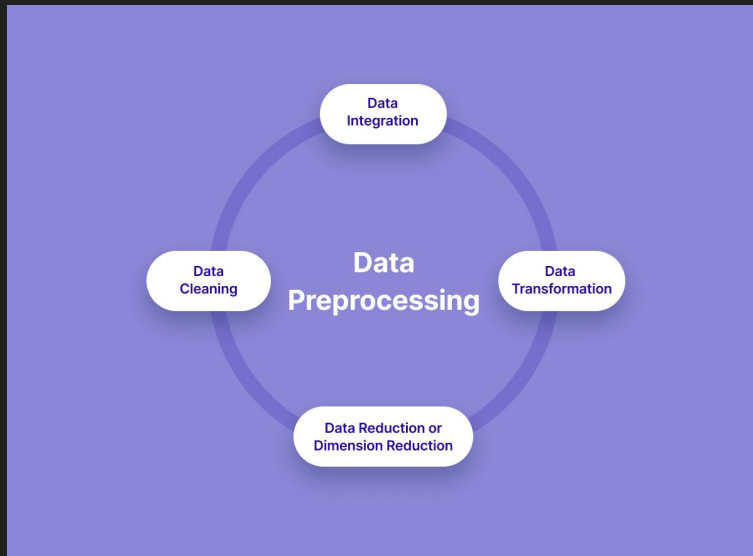
- Still checking integrity of Data
- Looked for correlations amongst features
- Need to go down to 2 features, with Date being one of them
- After checking many plots and graphs, Close value was chosen for the 2nd feature





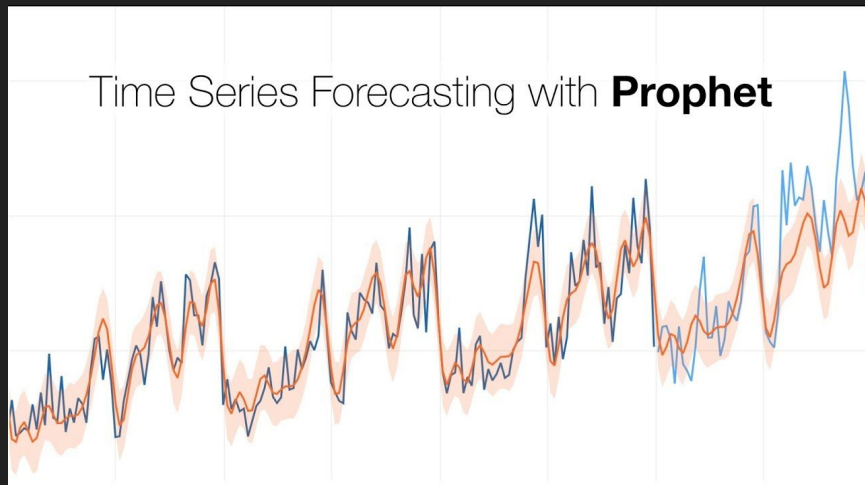


# Pre-Processing



- There were no categorical values, so I did not need to create dummy variables
- There was no need to standardize any metrics
- For the FBProphet Model I needed two columns:
  - 1 marked 'ds', this was the DateTime column
  - 1 marked 'y', this was the price point for each stock

# Modeling



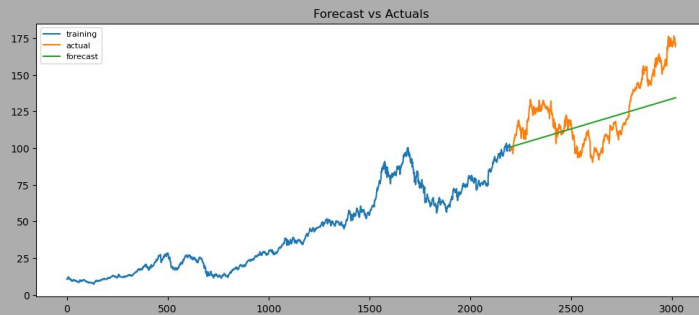
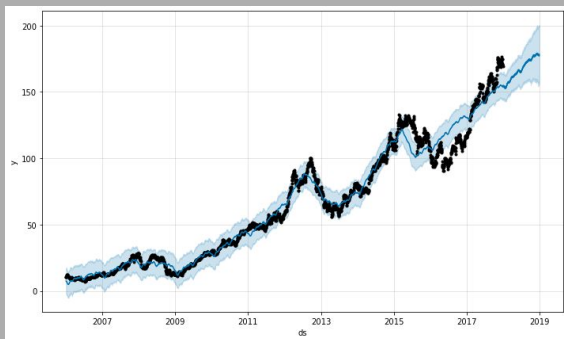
Source: [blog.exploratory.io](https://blog.exploratory.io)

- I used 3 modeling methods
  - FBProphet
  - ARIMA
  - Exponential Smoothing
- I was most familiar with ARIMA and least familiar with Exp. Smoothing.
- Since I am using 5 stocks, and creating 3 models each, I will create a total of 15 models.
- I will compare the RMSE values of each model per stock, and the overall AVG RMSE of each Model

## FBProphet

## ARIMA

## Exponential Smoothing



RMSE Values  
aapl - 24.87553

RMSE Values  
aapl - 18.17807

RMSE Values  
aapl - 25.43805

AVG of all models = 25.00905

AVG of all models = 49.90812

AVG of all models = 73.75101

Arima did best for aapl stock, but FBProphet did best overall

# Takeaways

## RMSE SCORES BY MODEL

FBProphet - AVG ACROSS MODELS = 25.00905

aapl - 24.87553  
amzn - 47.25800  
googl - 41.67631  
nke - 7.04094  
vz - 4.19446

ARIMA - AVG ACROSS MODELS = 49.90812

aapl - 18.17807  
amzn - 146.55111  
googl - 66.06066  
nke - 15.23596  
vz - 3.51478

EXPONENTIAL SMOOTHING - AVG ACROSS MODELS = 73.75101

aapl - 25.43805  
amzn - 208.51732  
googl - 119.27863  
nke - 10.85077  
vz - 4.67031

- Each model had pro's and con's. The ARIMA Model was the most difficult to set up, while the FBProphet was probably the easiest
- FBProphet secured the best average RMSE score
- Overall, the RMSE scores **do not show** that any of the models predict in a way that can be considered accurate

# Future Research

- I would love to be able to spend more time on the Models individually seeing if there are any other parameters that can be tuned.
- I would focus more on trend analysis and forecasting than price
- Collect more data

