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Introduction to crypto analysis

Cryptocurrencies are becoming mainstream. we have scraped together the code to download daily Bitcoin prices and apply a simple trading strategy to it.

Note that there already exists tools for performing this kind of analysis, eg. tradeview, but this way enables more in-depth analysis.

Requirements

- Python 3
- [Jupyter Notebook]
- [Pandas Data Analysis Library]
- [Bokeh interactive visualization library]
- [stock Statistics/Indicators Calculation Helper]

Getting cryptocurrency data

We have used daily Bitcoin data in USD on Bitstamp exchange.

The <u>cryptocompare api</u> returns following columns:

- open, the price at which the period opened,
- · high, the highest price reached during the period,
- low, the lowest price reached during the period,
- close, the price at which the period closed,
- volumefrom, the volume in the base currency that things are traded into,
- volumeto, the volume in the currency that is being traded.

We have downloaded the data and store it to a file.

Trading strategy

A trading strategy is a set of objective rules defining the conditions that must be met for a trade entry and exit to occur.

We have applied Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD) trading strategy, which is a popular indicator used in technical analysis. MACD calculates two moving averages of varying lengths to identify trend direction and duration. Then, it takes the

difference in values between those two moving averages (MACD line) and an exponential moving average (signal line) of those moving averages.

As we can see in the example below:

- exit trade (sell) when MACD line crosses below the MACD signal line,
- enter trade (buy) when MACD line crosses above the MACD signal line.

Calculate the trading strategy

We have used stockstats package to calculate MACD.

stockstats adds 5 columns to dataset:

- close_12_ema is fast 12 days exponential moving average,
- close_26_ema is slow 26 days exponential moving average,
- macd is MACD line,
- macds is signal line,
- macdh is MACD histogram.

Visualizing trading strategy

We have used bokeh interactive charts to plot the data.

The line graph shows daily closing prices with candlesticks. A candlestick displays the high, low, opening and closing prices for a specific period.

Below the line graph we plot the MACD strategy with MACD line (blue), signal line (orange) and histogram (purple).

Buy and Hold

In this part, we have analyzed which coin (Bitcoin, Ethereum or Litecoin) was the most profitable in last two months if we would invest using buy and hold strategy. We have gone through the analysis of these 3 cryptocurrencies and try to give an objective answer.

Getting the data

Firstly, we have downloaded hourly data for BTC, ETH and LTC from Coinbase exchange. This time we work with hourly time interval as it has higher granularity. Cryptocompare API limits response to 2000 samples, which is 2.7 months of data for each coin.

Extract closing prices

We have analyzed closing prices, which are prices at which the hourly period closed. We merge BTC, ETH and LTC closing prices to a Dataframe to make analysis easier.

Analysis

Basic statistics

In 2.7 months, all three cryptocurrencies fluctuated a lot as you can observe in the table below.

For each coin, we count the number of events and calculate mean, standard deviation, minimum, quartiles and maximum closing price. Quartiles divide the data into four equal groups, each group comprising a quarter of the data.

Few interesting facts

- The difference between the highest and the lowest BTC price was more than \$15000 in 2.7 months.
- The LTC surged from \$48.61 to \$378.66 at a certain point, which is an increase of 678.98%.

We visualize the data in the table above with a box plot. A box plot shows the quartiles of the dataset with points that are determined to be outliers using a method of the <u>inter-quartile range</u> (IQR). IQR = Q3 - Q1. In other words, the IQR is the first quartile (25%) subtracted from the third quartile (75%).

On the box plot below, we see that LTC closing hourly price was most of the time between \$50 and \$100 in the last 2.7 months. All values over \$150 are outliers (using IQR) in our sample.

Histogram of LTC closing price

Let's estimate the frequency distribution of LTC closing prices.

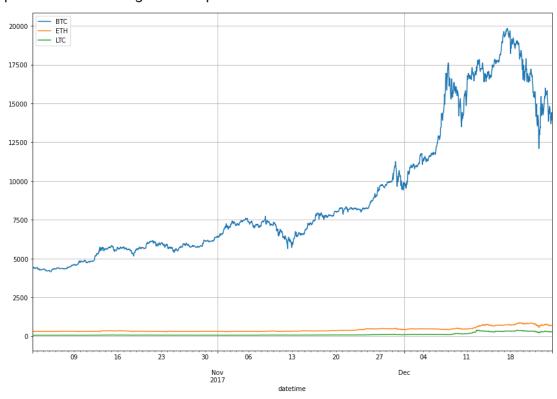
Observations

• it shows the number of hours LTC had a certain value. For example, we can observe that LTC closing price was not over \$100 for many hours.

- it has right-skewed distribution because a natural limit prevents outcomes on one side.
- blue dotted line (median) shows that half of the closing prices were under 63.50\$.

Visualize absolute closing prices

The chart below shows absolute closing prices. It is not of much use as BTC closing prices are much higher then prices of ETH and LTC.



Visualize relative changes of closing prices

We are interested in a relative change of the price rather than in absolute price, so we use three different scales.

We see that closing prices move in tandem. When one coin closing price increases so do the other.

Measure correlation of closing prices

We calculate <u>Pearson correlation</u> between closing prices of BTC, ETH and LTC. Pearson correlation is a measure of the linear correlation between two variables X and Y. It has a value between +1 and -1, where 1 is total positive linear correlation, 0 is no linear correlation, and -1 is total negative linear correlation.

<u>Sifr Data</u> daily updates Pearson correlations for many cryptocurrencies.

Observations

- Corelation matrix is symmetric so we only show the lower half.
- BTC, ETH and LTC were highly correlated in past 2 months. This means, when BTC closing price increased, ETH and LTC followed.

ETH and LTC were even more correlated with 0.9565 Pearson correlation coefficient.

Buy and hold strategy

Buy and hold is a passive investment strategy in which an investor buys a cryptocurrency and holds it for a long period of time, regardless of fluctuations in the market.

Let's analyze returns using buy and hold strategy for past 2.7 months. We calculate the return percentage, where t represents a certain time period and price0 is initial closing price:

$$return_{t,0} = rac{price_t}{price_0}$$

Visualize returns

We show that LTC was the most profitable for time period between October 2, 2017 and December 24, 2017.

Results

The cryptocurrencies we analyzed fluctuated a lot but all of gained in given 2.7 months period.

- What is the percentage increase?
- How many coins could we bought for \$1000?

How much money would we make?

Cryptocurrency Analysis with Python - Log Returns

we analyzed raw price changes of cryptocurrencies. The problem with that approach is that prices of different cryptocurrencies are not normalized and we cannot use comparable metrics.

Load the data

Why Log Returns?

Benefit of using returns, versus prices, is normalization: measuring all variables in a comparable metric, thus enabling evaluation of analytic relationships amongst two or more variables despite originating from price series of unequal values (for details, see Why Log Returns).

Let's define return as:

where r_i is return at time i, p_i is the price at time i and j=i-1.

Calculate Log Returns

Author of <u>Why Log Returns</u> outlines several benefits of using log returns instead of returns so we transform **returns** equation to **log returns** equation:

```
\begin{array}{c} r_i = p_i - p_j p_j \\ r_i = p_i p_j - p_j p_j \\ 1 + r_i = p_i p_j \\ \log(1 + r_i) = \log(p_i p_j) \\ \log(1 + r_i) = \log(p_i) - \log(p_j) \end{array}
```

Now, we apply the log returns equation to closing prices of cryptocurrencies:

Visualize Log Returns

We plot normalized changes of closing prices for last 50 hours. Log differences can be interpreted as the percentage change.

Are LTC prices distributed log-normally?

If we assume that prices are distributed log normally, then $log(1+r_i)$ is conveniently normally distributed (for details, see Why Log Returns)

On the chart below, we plot the distribution of LTC hourly closing prices. We also estimate parameters for log-normal distribution and plot estimated log-normal distribution with a red line.

Are LTC log returns normally distributed?

On the chart below, we plot the distribution of LTC log returns. We also estimate parameters for normal distribution and plot estimated normal distribution with a red line.

Pearson Correlation with log returns

We calculated Pearson Correlation from log returns. The correlation matrix below has similar values as the one at <u>Sifr Data</u>. There are differences because:

- we don't calculate volume-weighted average daily prices
- different time period (hourly and daily),
- different data source (Coinbase and Poloniex).

Observations

- BTC and ETH have moderate positive relationship,
- LTC and ETH have strong positive relationship.

Conclusion

We showed how to calculate log returns from raw prices with a practical example. This way we normalized prices, which simplifies further analysis. We also showed how to estimate parameters for normal and log-normal distributions.

Code

```
from symbol = 'BTC'
to symbol = 'USD'
exchange = 'Bitstamp'
datetime interval = 'day'
import requests
from datetime import datetime
import pandas as pd
def get filename (from symbol, to symbol, exchange, datetime interval, d
ownload date):
    return '%s_%s_%s_%s_%s.csv' % (from_symbol, to_symbol, exchange, da
tetime interval, download date)
def download_data(from_symbol, to_symbol, exchange, datetime_interval):
    supported intervals = {'minute', 'hour', 'day'}
    assert datetime interval in supported intervals,
                                                              'datetim
e_interval should be one of %s' % supported_intervals
```

```
print('Downloading %s trading data for %s %s from %s' %
          (datetime interval, from symbol, to symbol, exchange))
    base url = 'https://min-api.cryptocompare.com/data/histo'
    url = '%s%s' % (base url, datetime interval)
    params = {'fsym': from symbol, 'tsym': to symbol,
              'limit': 2000, 'aggregate': 1,
              'e': exchange}
    request = requests.get(url, params=params)
    data = request.json()
    return data
def convert to dataframe(data):
    df = pd.io.json.json normalize(data, ['Data'])
    df['datetime'] = pd.to datetime(df.time, unit='s')
    df = df[['datetime', 'low', 'high', 'open',
             'close', 'volumefrom', 'volumeto']]
    return df
def filter empty datapoints(df):
    indices = df[df.sum(axis=1) == 0].index
    print('Filtering %d empty datapoints' % indices.shape[0])
    df = df.drop(indices)
    return df
data = download_data(from_symbol, to_symbol, exchange, datetime_interva
df = convert to dataframe(data)
df = filter empty datapoints(df)
current datetime = datetime.now().date().isoformat()
filename = get filename(from symbol, to symbol, exchange, datetime inte
rval, current datetime)
print('Saving data to %s' % filename)
df.to csv(filename, index=False)
def read dataset(filename):
    print('Reading data from %s' % filename)
    df = pd.read csv(filename)
    df.datetime = pd.to datetime(df.datetime) # change type from object
 to datetime
    df = df.set index('datetime')
    df = df.sort_index() # sort by datetime
    print(df.shape)
    return df
```

```
df = read dataset(filename)
from stockstats import StockDataFrame
df = StockDataFrame.retype(df)
df['macd'] = df.get('macd') # calculate MACD
df.head()
from math import pi
from bokeh.plotting import figure, show, output notebook, output file
output notebook()
datetime from = '2016-01-01 00:00'
datetime to = '2017-12-10\ 00:00'
def get candlestick width(datetime interval):
    if datetime interval == 'minute':
        return 30 * 60 * 1000 # half minute in ms
    elif datetime interval == 'hour':
        return 0.5 * 60 * 60 * 1000 # half hour in ms
    elif datetime interval == 'day':
        return 12 * 60 * 60 * 1000 # half day in ms
df limit = df[datetime from: datetime to].copy()
inc = df limit.close > df limit.open
dec = df limit.open > df limit.close
title = '%s datapoints from %s to %s for %s and %s from %s with MACD st
rategy' % (
    datetime interval, datetime from, datetime to, from symbol, to symb
ol, exchange)
p = figure(x axis type="datetime", plot width=1000, title=title)
p.line(df limit.index, df limit.close, color='black')
# plot macd strategy
p.line(df limit.index, 0, color='black')
p.line(df limit.index, df limit.macd, color='blue')
p.line(df limit.index, df limit.macds, color='orange')
p.vbar(x=df limit.index, bottom=[
       0 for in df limit.index], top=df limit.macdh, width=4, color="
purple")
```

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# plot candlesticks
candlestick width = get candlestick width(datetime interval)
p.segment(df limit.index, df limit.high,
          df limit.index, df limit.low, color="black")
p.vbar(df limit.index[inc], candlestick width, df limit.open[inc],
       df limit.close[inc], fill color="#D5E1DD", line color="black")
p.vbar(df limit.index[dec], candlestick width, df limit.open[dec],
       df limit.close[dec], fill color="#F2583E", line color="black")
output file("visualizing trading strategy.html", title="visualizing tra
ding strategy")
show(p)
  import pandas as pd
def get filename (from symbol, to symbol, exchange, datetime interval, d
    return '%s %s %s %s.csv' % (from symbol, to symbol, exchange, da
tetime interval, download date)
def read dataset(filename):
   print('Reading data from %s' % filename)
    df = pd.read csv(filename)
    df.datetime = pd.to datetime(df.datetime) # change type from object
 to datetime
   df = df.set index('datetime')
    df = df.sort index() # sort by datetime
    print(df.shape)
    return df
df_btc = read_dataset(get_filename('BTC', 'USD', 'Coinbase', 'hour', '2
017-12-24'))
df_eth = read_dataset(get_filename('ETH', 'USD', 'Coinbase', 'hour', '2
017-12-24'))
df ltc = read dataset(get filename('LTC', 'USD', 'Coinbase', 'hour', '2
017-12-24')
df btc.head()
df = pd.DataFrame({'BTC': df btc.close,
                   'ETH': df eth.close,
                   'LTC': df ltc.close})
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```
df.head()
df.describe()
import seaborn as sns
ax = sns.boxplot(data=df['LTC'], orient="h")
df['LTC'].hist(bins=30, figsize=(15,10)).axvline(df['LTC'].median(), co
lor='b', linestyle='dashed', linewidth=2)
df.plot(grid=True, figsize=(15, 10))
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
fig, ax1 = plt.subplots(figsize=(20, 10))
ax2 = ax1.twinx()
rspine = ax2.spines['right']
rspine.set position(('axes', 1.15))
ax2.set frame on(True)
ax2.patch.set visible(False)
fig.subplots adjust(right=0.7)
df['BTC'].plot(ax=ax1, style='b-')
df['ETH'].plot(ax=ax1, style='r-', secondary y=True)
df['LTC'].plot(ax=ax2, style='g-')
# legend
ax2.legend([ax1.get lines()[0],
            ax1.right ax.get lines()[0],
            ax2.get lines()[0]],
           ['BTC', 'ETH', 'LTC'])
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Compute the correlation matrix
corr = df.corr()
# Generate a mask for the upper triangle
mask = np.zeros like(corr, dtype=np.bool)
mask[np.triu indices from(mask)] = True
# Set up the matplotlib figure
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 10))
# Draw the heatmap with the mask and correct aspect ratio
sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, fmt = '.4f', mask=mask, center=0, square=
True, linewidths=.5)
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```
df return = df.apply(lambda x: x / x[0])
df return.head()
df return.plot(grid=True, figsize=(15, 10)).axhline(y = 1, color = "bla
ck'', lw = 2)
df perc = df return.tail(1) * 100
ax = sns.barplot(data=df perc)
df perc
budget = 1000 # USD
df coins = budget/df.head(1)
ax = sns.barplot(data=df coins)
df coins
df profit = df return.tail(1) * budget
ax = sns.barplot(data=df profit)
df profit
import pandas as pd
df btc = pd.read csv('BTC USD Coinbase hour 2017-12-
24.csv', index col='datetime')
df eth = pd.read csv('ETH USD Coinbase hour 2017-12-
24.csv', index col='datetime')
df_ltc = pd.read_csv('LTC_USD_Coinbase hour 2017-12-
24.csv', index col='datetime')
df = pd.DataFrame({'BTC': df btc.close,
                   'ETH': df eth.close,
                   'LTC': df ltc.close})
df.index = df.index.map(pd.to datetime)
df = df.sort index()
df.head()
import numpy as np
# shift moves dates back by 1
df change = df.apply(lambda x: np.log(x) - np.log(x.shift(1)))
df change.head()
df change[:50].plot(figsize=(15, 10)).axhline(color='black', linewidth=
2)
from scipy.stats import lognorm
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy import stats
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
values = df['LTC']
shape, loc, scale = stats.lognorm.fit(values)
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```
x = np.linspace(values.min(), values.max(), len(values))
pdf = stats.lognorm.pdf(x, shape, loc=loc, scale=scale)
label = 'mean=%.4f, std=%.4f, shape=%.4f' % (loc, scale, shape)
ax.hist(values, bins=30, density=True)
ax.plot(x, pdf, 'r-', lw=2, label=label)
ax.legend(loc='best')
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import scipy.stats as stats
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
values = df change['LTC'][1:] # skip first NA value
x = np.linspace(values.min(), values.max(), len(values))
loc, scale = stats.norm.fit(values)
param density = stats.norm.pdf(x, loc=loc, scale=scale)
label = 'mean=%.4f, std=%.4f' % (loc, scale)
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
ax.hist(values, bins=30, density=True)
ax.plot(x, param density, 'r-', label=label)
ax.legend(loc='best')
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Compute the correlation matrix
corr = df change.corr()
# Generate a mask for the upper triangle
mask = np.zeros like(corr, dtype=np.bool)
mask[np.triu indices from(mask)] = True
# Set up the matplotlib figure
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 10))
# Draw the heatmap with the mask and correct aspect ratio
sns.heatmap(corr, annot=True, fmt = '.4f', mask=mask, center=0, square=
True, linewidths=.5)
```

output

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11-30	00	49	72	06		.37	65	81	85
2016-	740.	754.	742.	751.	6097.42	4569793	0.6123	0.3323	0.2799
12-01	18	98	06	60		.09	02	75	27
2016-	750.	778.	751.	769.	8062.00	6181050	1.4267	0.7031	0.7236
12-02	77	07	55	99		.26	85	10	75
2016-	752.	770.	770.	762.	2763.36	2107293	1.5528	0.9558	0.5969
12-03	41	99	91	79		.54	21	80	41

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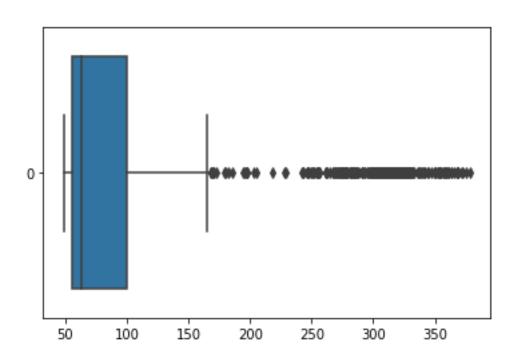
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BTC ETH LTC

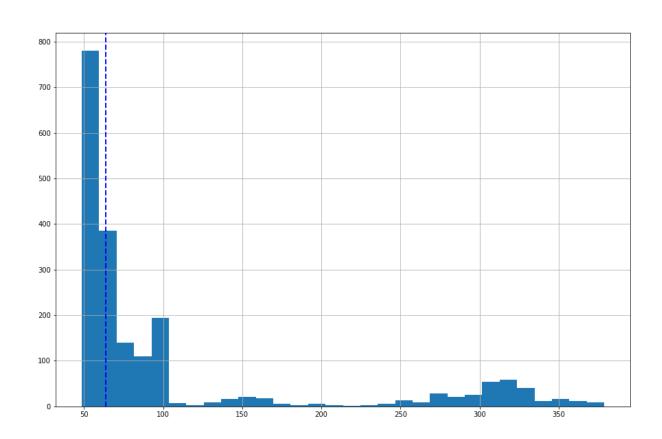
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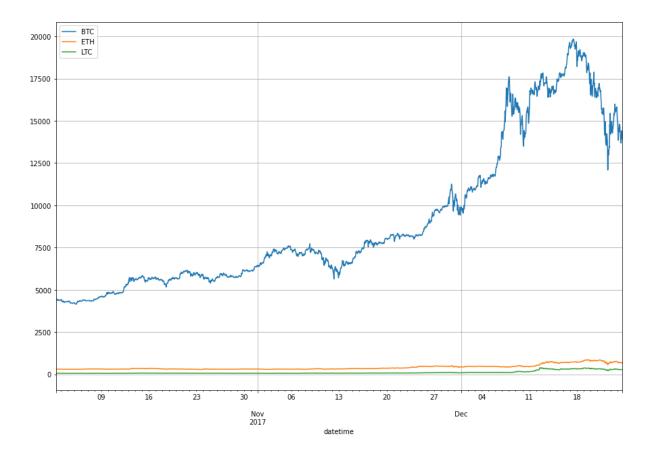
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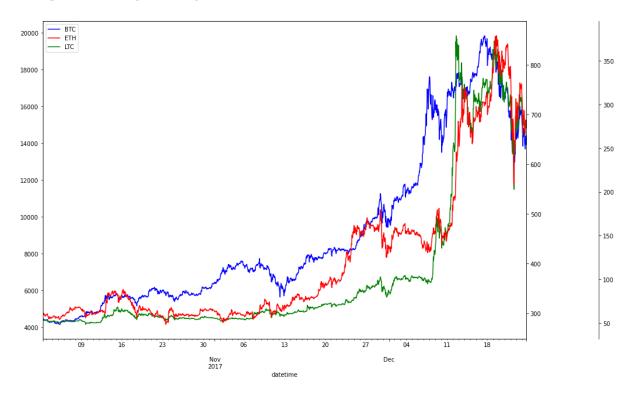
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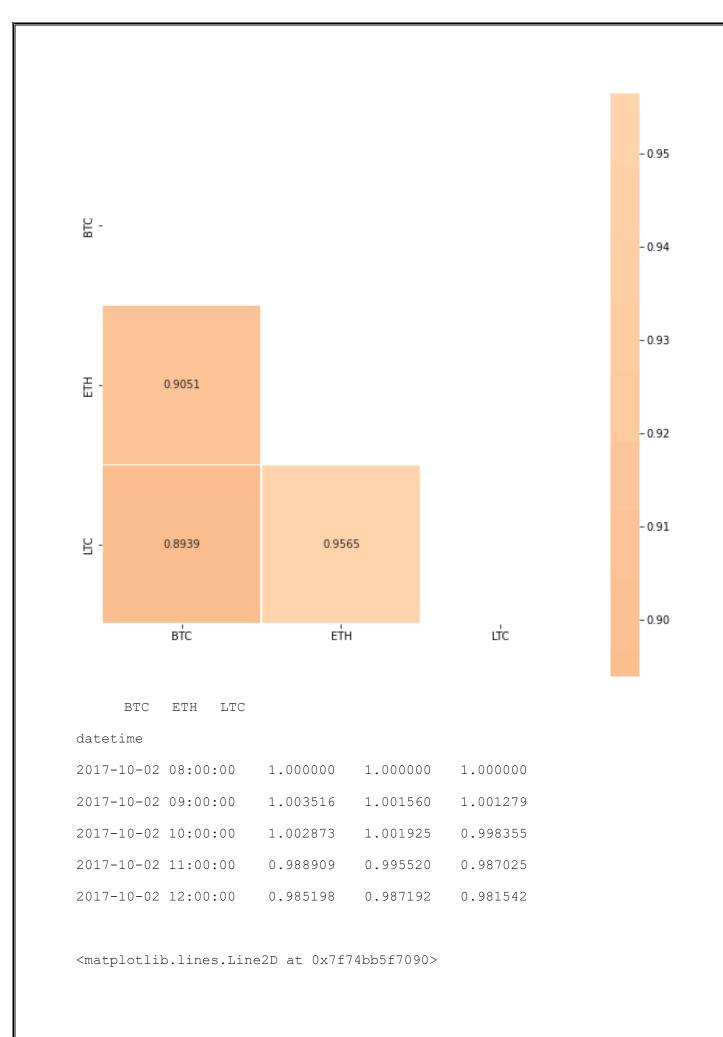
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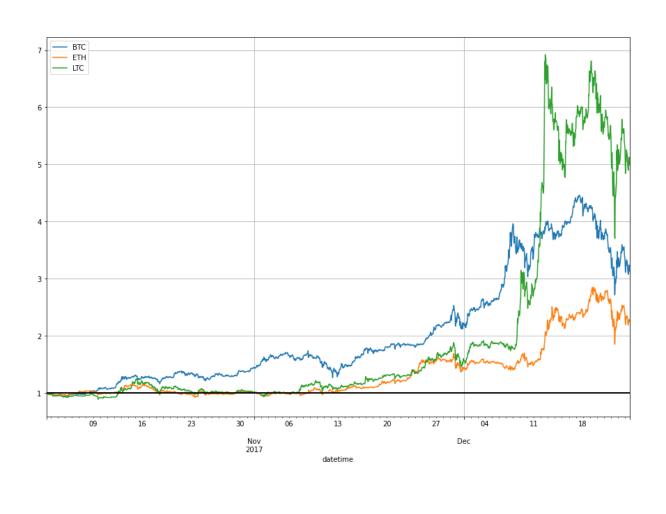


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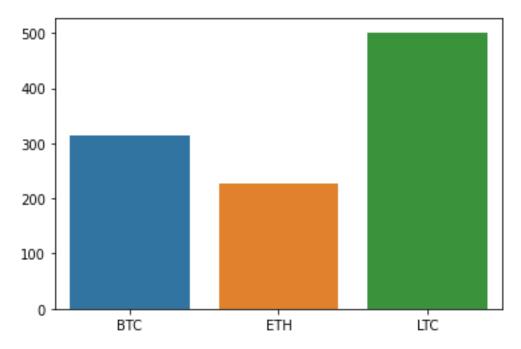


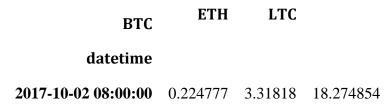


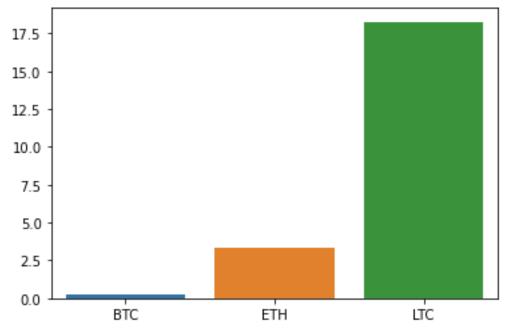
BTC ETH LTC

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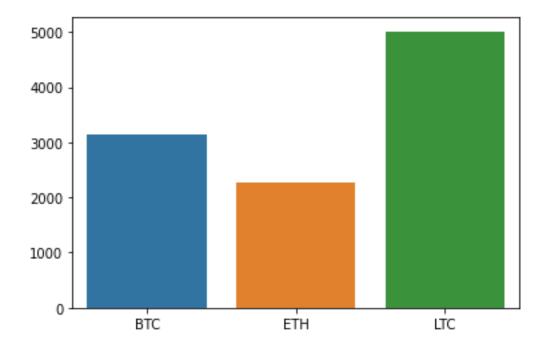








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2017-10-02 10:00:00	4461.63	<i>301.95</i>	54.63
2017-10-02 11:00:00	4399.51	300.02	<i>54.01</i>
2017-10-02 12:00:00	4383.00	<i>297.51</i>	<i>53.71</i>

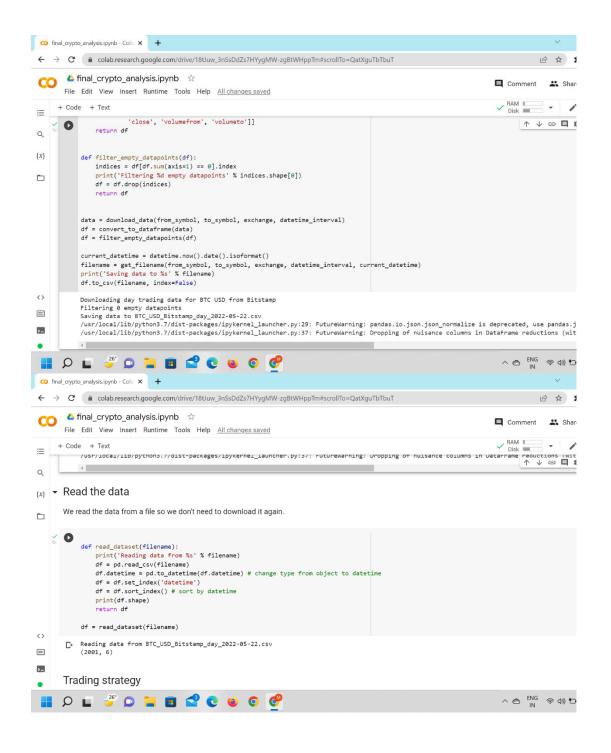
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std	4404.269591	149.480416 89.142241
min	4150.020000	277.810000 48.610000
25%	5751.020000	301.510000 55.580000
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75%	11305.000000	464.390000 100.050000
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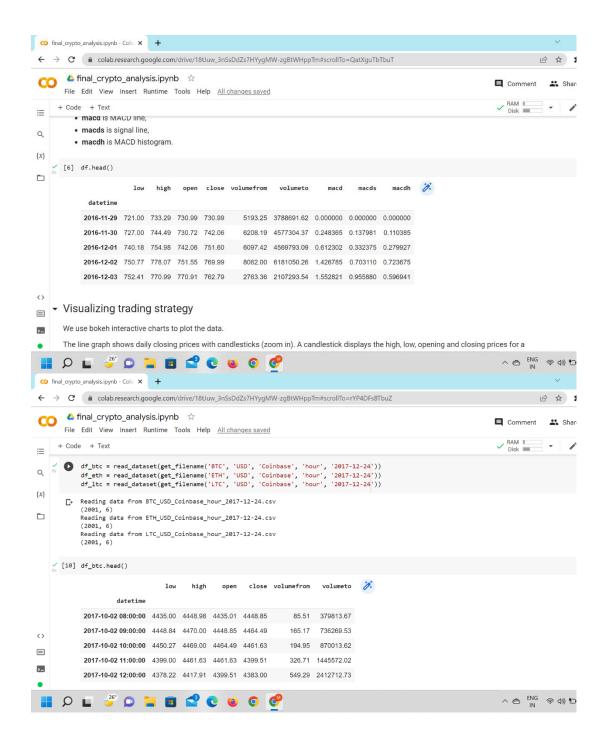
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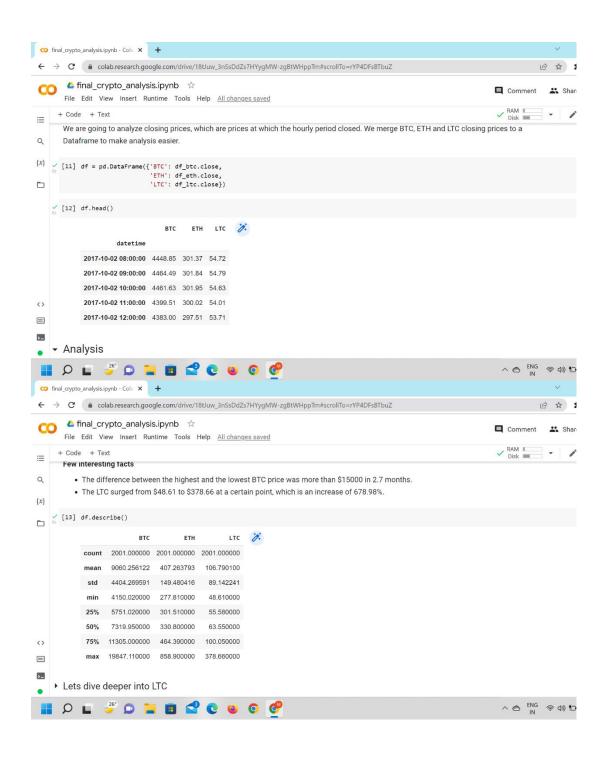
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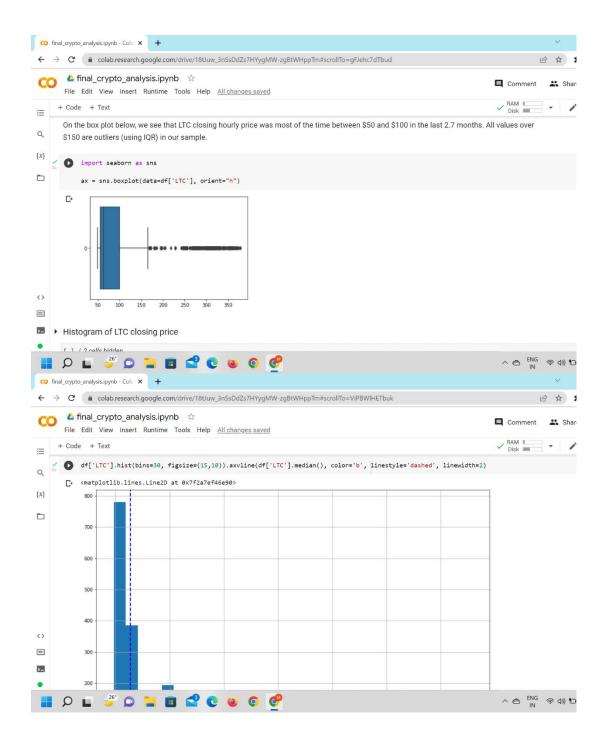
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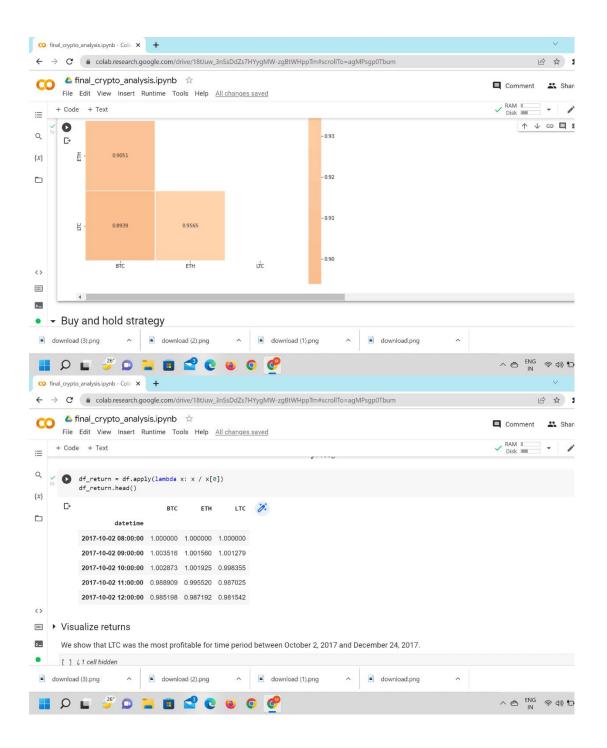


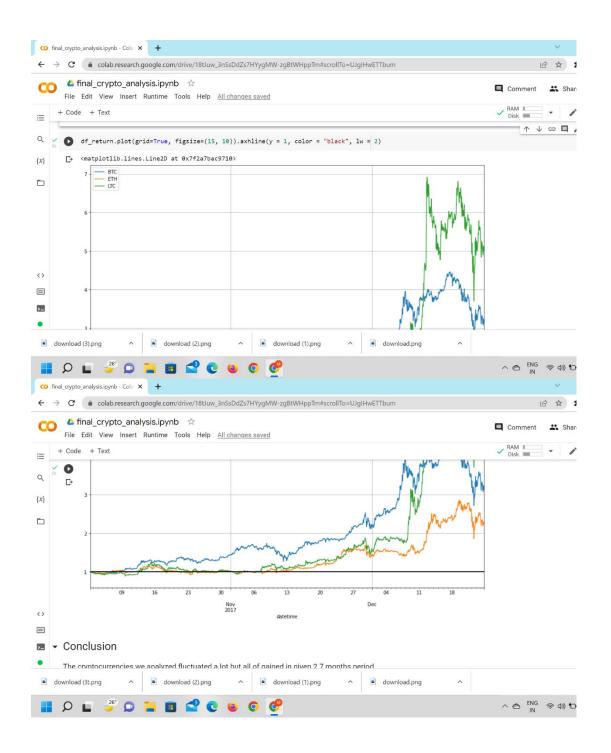


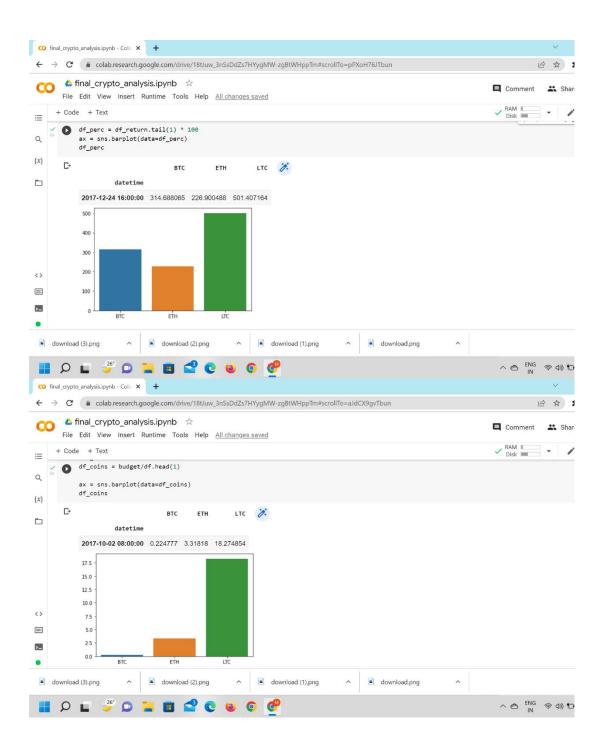


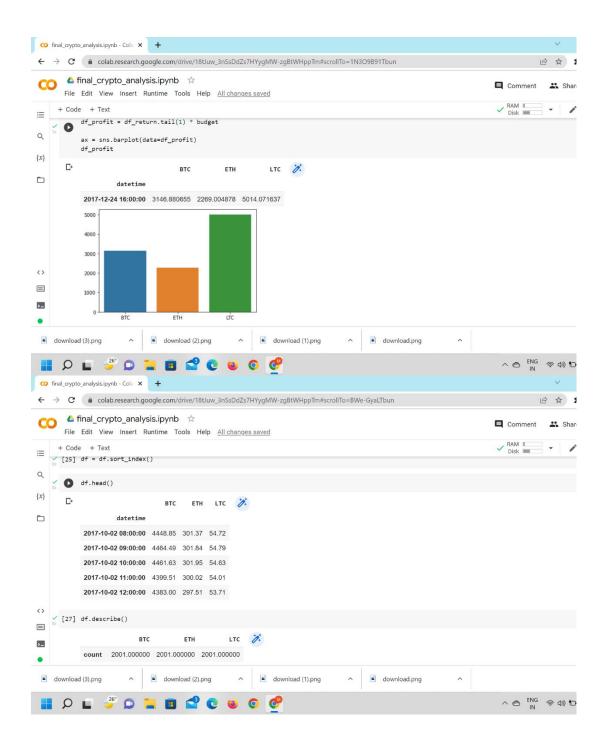


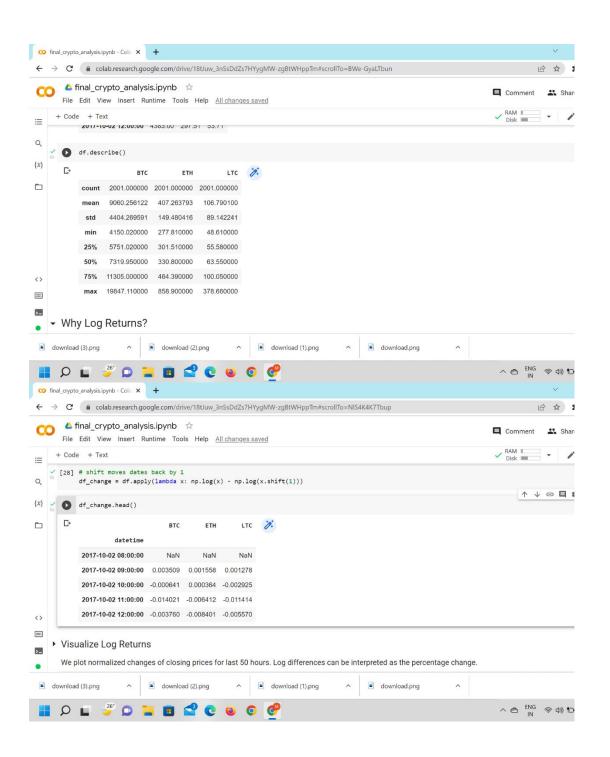


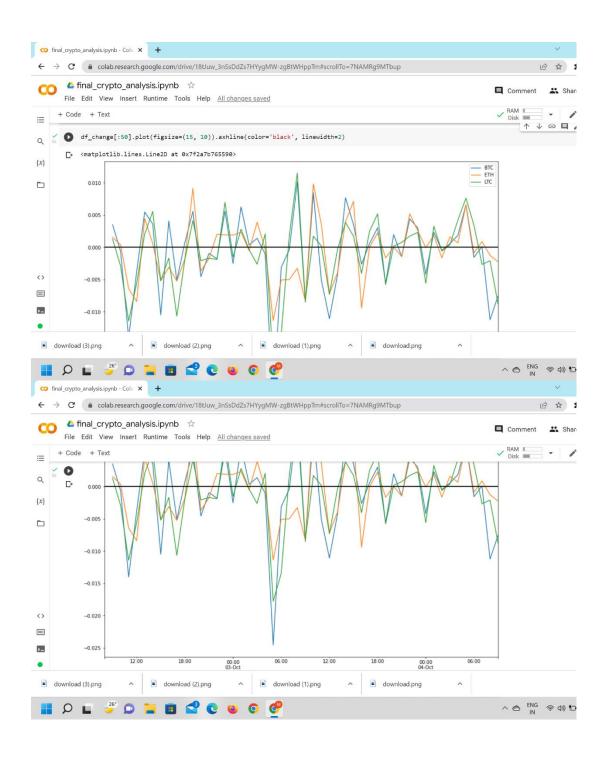


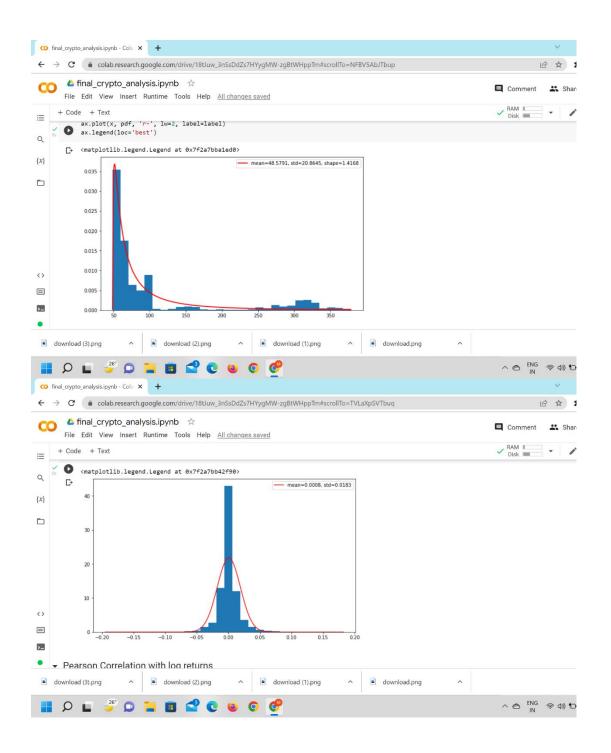


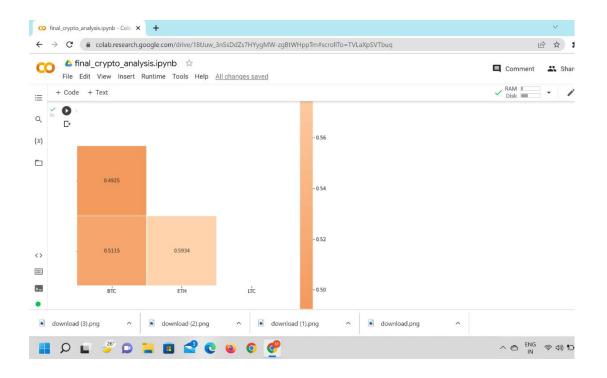


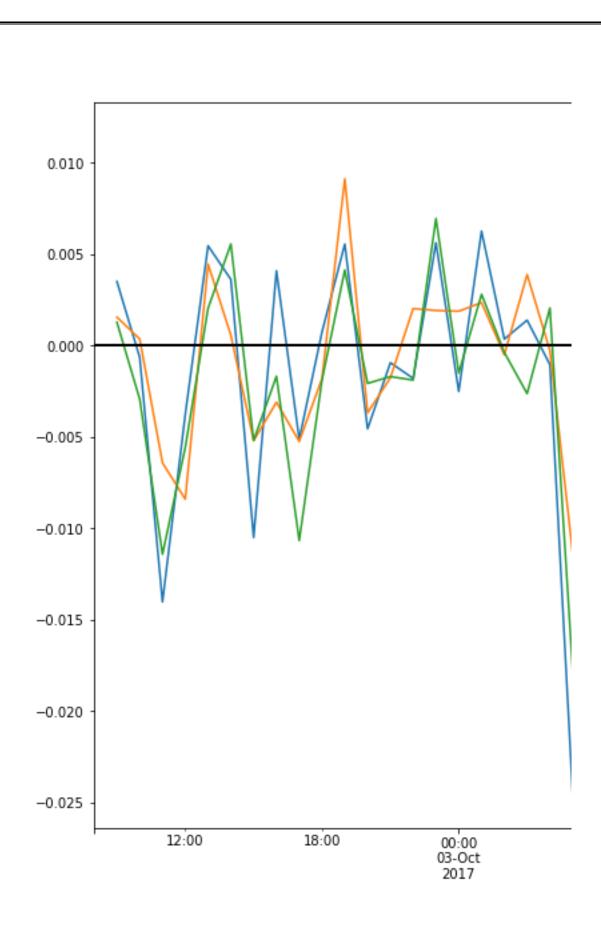


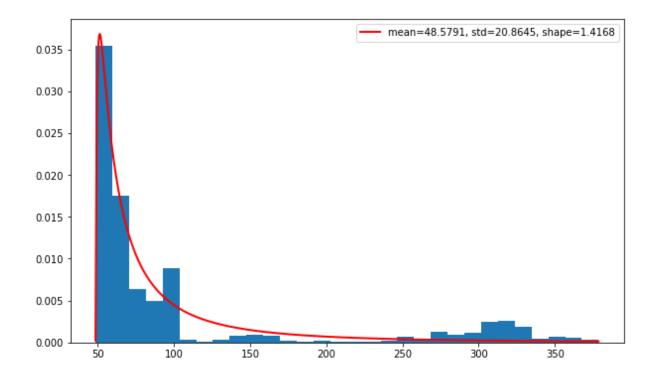




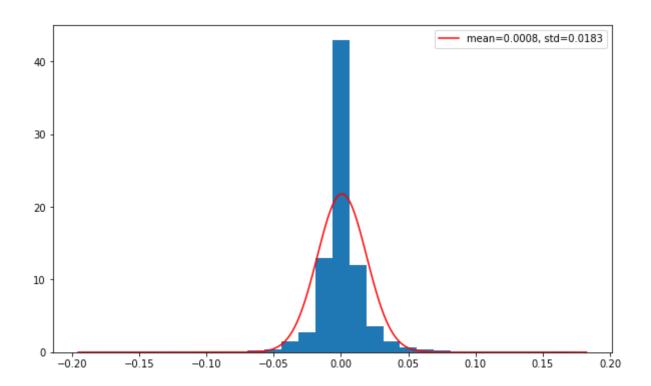








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