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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 [cryptocompare api](#) 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 [inter-quartile range](#) (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

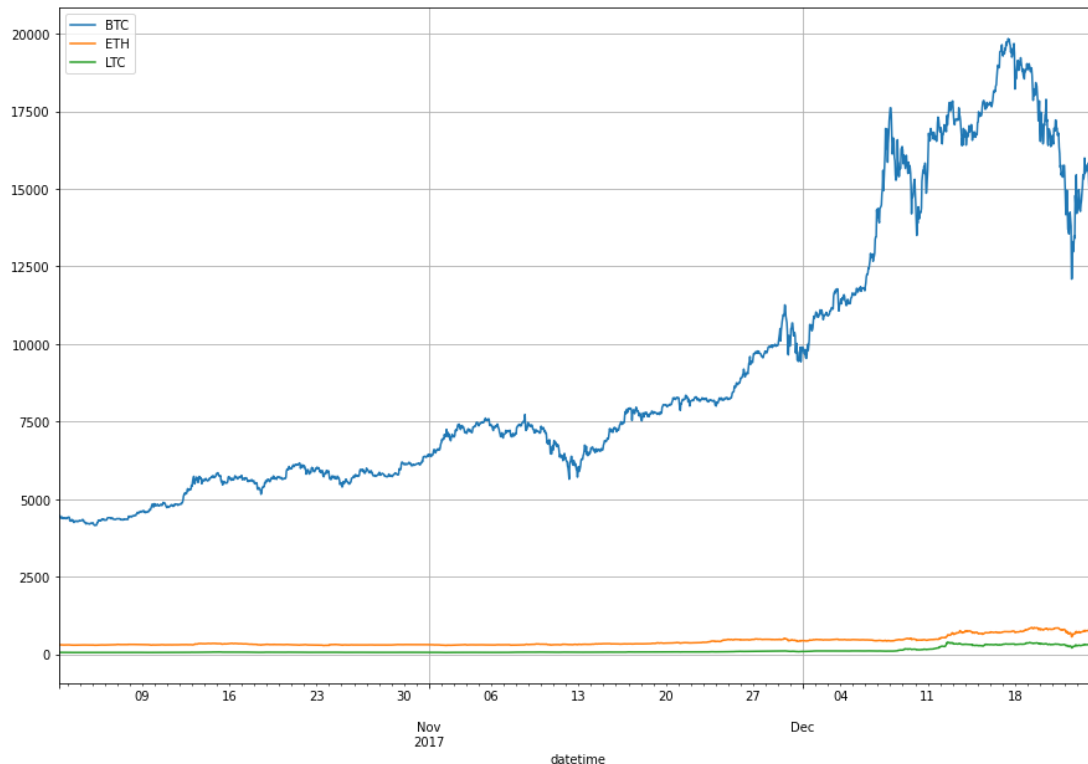
Let's estimate the frequency distribution of LTC closing prices.

### 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 than 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 [Pearson correlation](#) 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.

[Sifr Data](#) daily updates Pearson correlations for many cryptocurrencies.

### Observations

- Correlation 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  $price_0$  is initial closing price:

$$return_{t,0} = \frac{price_t}{price_0}$$

## 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:

$$r_i = \frac{p_i - p_{j-1}}{p_{j-1}}$$

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 [Why Log Returns](#) outlines several benefits of using log returns instead of returns so we transform **returns** equation to **log returns** equation:

$$r_i = \frac{p_i - p_{j-1}}{p_{j-1}}$$

$$r_i = \frac{p_i}{p_{j-1}} - 1$$

$$1 + r_i = \frac{p_i}{p_{j-1}}$$

$$\log(1 + r_i) = \log\left(\frac{p_i}{p_{j-1}}\right)$$

$$\log(1 + r_i) = \log(p_i) - \log(p_{j-1})$$

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 [Sifr Data](#). 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, download_date):

    return '%s_%s_%s_%s_%s.csv' % (from_symbol, to_symbol, exchange, datetime_interval, download_date)

def download_data(from_symbol, to_symbol, exchange, datetime_interval):
    supported_intervals = {'minute', 'hour', 'day'}
    assert datetime_interval in supported_intervals, 'datetime_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_interval)
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_interval, 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

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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 strategy' % (
    datetime_interval, datetime_from, datetime_to, from_symbol, to_symbol, 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")

# 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 trading strategy")

show(p)

import pandas as pd

def get_filename(from_symbol, to_symbol, exchange, datetime_interval, download_date):
    return '%s_%s_%s_%s_%s.csv' % (from_symbol, to_symbol, exchange, datetime_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})

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-')
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# 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)
df_return = df.apply(lambda x: x / x[0])
df_return.head()
df_return.plot(grid=True, figsize=(15, 10)).axhline(y = 1, color = "black", 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,

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        '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)
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 Screenshot

The image displays two screenshots of a Jupyter Notebook interface, likely from a Google Colab environment, showing the execution of a trading strategy script.

**Top Screenshot:** The notebook is titled "final\_crypto\_analysis.ipynb". The code cell shows the following Python code:

```
'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_interval)  
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_interval, current_datetime)  
print('Saving data to %s' % filename)  
df.to_csv(filename, index=False)  
  
Downloading day trading data for BTC USD from Bitstamp  
Filtering 0 empty datapoints  
Saving data to BTC_USD_Bitstamp_day_2022-05-22.csv  
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:29: FutureWarning: pandas.io.json.json_normalize is deprecated, use pandas.json_normalize  
/usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:37: FutureWarning: Dropping of nuisance columns in DataFrame reductions (with 'numeric_on'
```

**Bottom Screenshot:** The notebook is titled "final\_crypto\_analysis.ipynb". The code cell shows the following Python code:

```
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)  
  
Reading data from BTC_USD_Bitstamp_day_2022-05-22.csv  
(2001, 6)
```

The bottom screenshot also shows a section titled "Read the data" with the text: "We read the data from a file so we don't need to download it again."

final\_crypto\_analysis.ipynb - Colab

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- **macdh** is MACD histogram.

[6] df.head()

	low	high	open	close	volumefrom	volumeto	macd	macds	macdh
datetime									
2016-11-29	721.00	733.29	730.99	730.99	5193.25	3788691.62	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2016-11-30	727.00	744.49	730.72	742.06	6208.19	4577304.37	0.248365	0.137981	0.110385
2016-12-01	740.18	754.98	742.06	751.60	6097.42	4569793.09	0.612302	0.332375	0.279927
2016-12-02	750.77	778.07	751.55	769.99	8062.00	6181050.26	1.426785	0.703110	0.723675
2016-12-03	752.41	770.99	770.91	762.79	2763.36	2107293.54	1.552821	0.955880	0.596941

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Visualizing trading strategy

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The line graph shows daily closing prices with candlesticks (zoom in). A candlestick displays the high, low, opening and closing prices for a

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df_btc = read_dataset(get_filename('BTC', 'USD', 'Coinbase', 'hour', '2017-12-24'))
df_eth = read_dataset(get_filename('ETH', 'USD', 'Coinbase', 'hour', '2017-12-24'))
df_ltc = read_dataset(get_filename('LTC', 'USD', 'Coinbase', 'hour', '2017-12-24'))
```

Reading data from BTC\_USD\_Coinbase\_hour\_2017-12-24.csv (2001, 6)

Reading data from ETH\_USD\_Coinbase\_hour\_2017-12-24.csv (2001, 6)

Reading data from LTC\_USD\_Coinbase\_hour\_2017-12-24.csv (2001, 6)

[10] df\_btc.head()

	low	high	open	close	volumefrom	volumeto
datetime						
2017-10-02 08:00:00	4435.00	4448.98	4435.01	4448.85	85.51	379813.67
2017-10-02 09:00:00	4448.84	4470.00	4448.85	4464.49	165.17	736269.53
2017-10-02 10:00:00	4450.27	4469.00	4464.49	4461.63	194.95	870013.62
2017-10-02 11:00:00	4399.00	4461.63	4461.63	4399.51	326.71	1445572.02
2017-10-02 12:00:00	4378.22	4417.91	4399.51	4383.00	549.29	2412712.73

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We are going to analyze 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.

```
[11] df = pd.DataFrame({'BTC': df_btc.close,
                       'ETH': df_eth.close,
                       'LTC': df_ltc.close})
```

```
[12] df.head()
```

	BTC	ETH	LTC
datetime			
2017-10-02 08:00:00	4448.85	301.37	54.72
2017-10-02 09:00:00	4464.49	301.84	54.79
2017-10-02 10:00:00	4461.63	301.95	54.63
2017-10-02 11:00:00	4399.51	300.02	54.01
2017-10-02 12:00:00	4383.00	297.51	53.71

Analysis

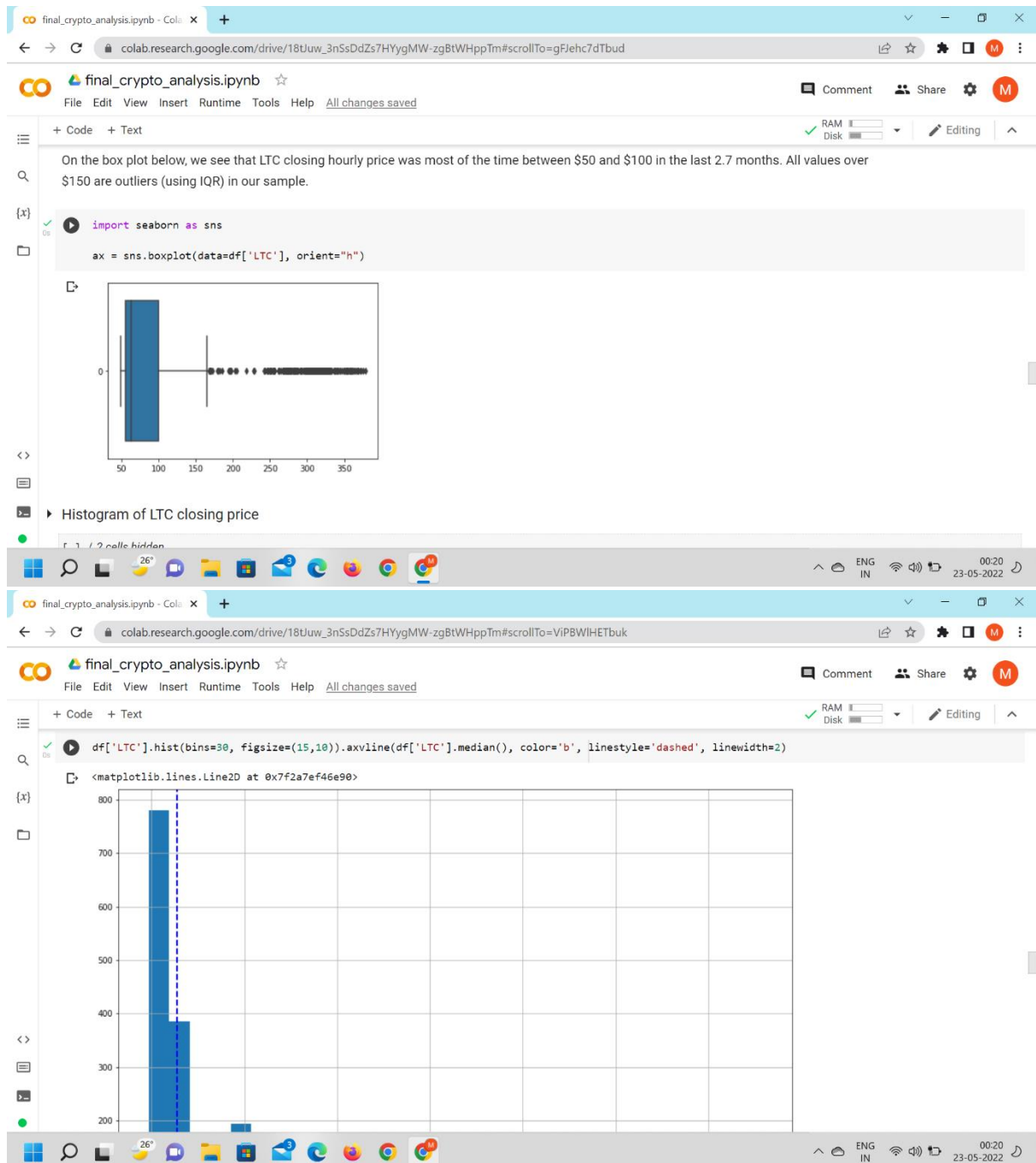
Few interesting facts

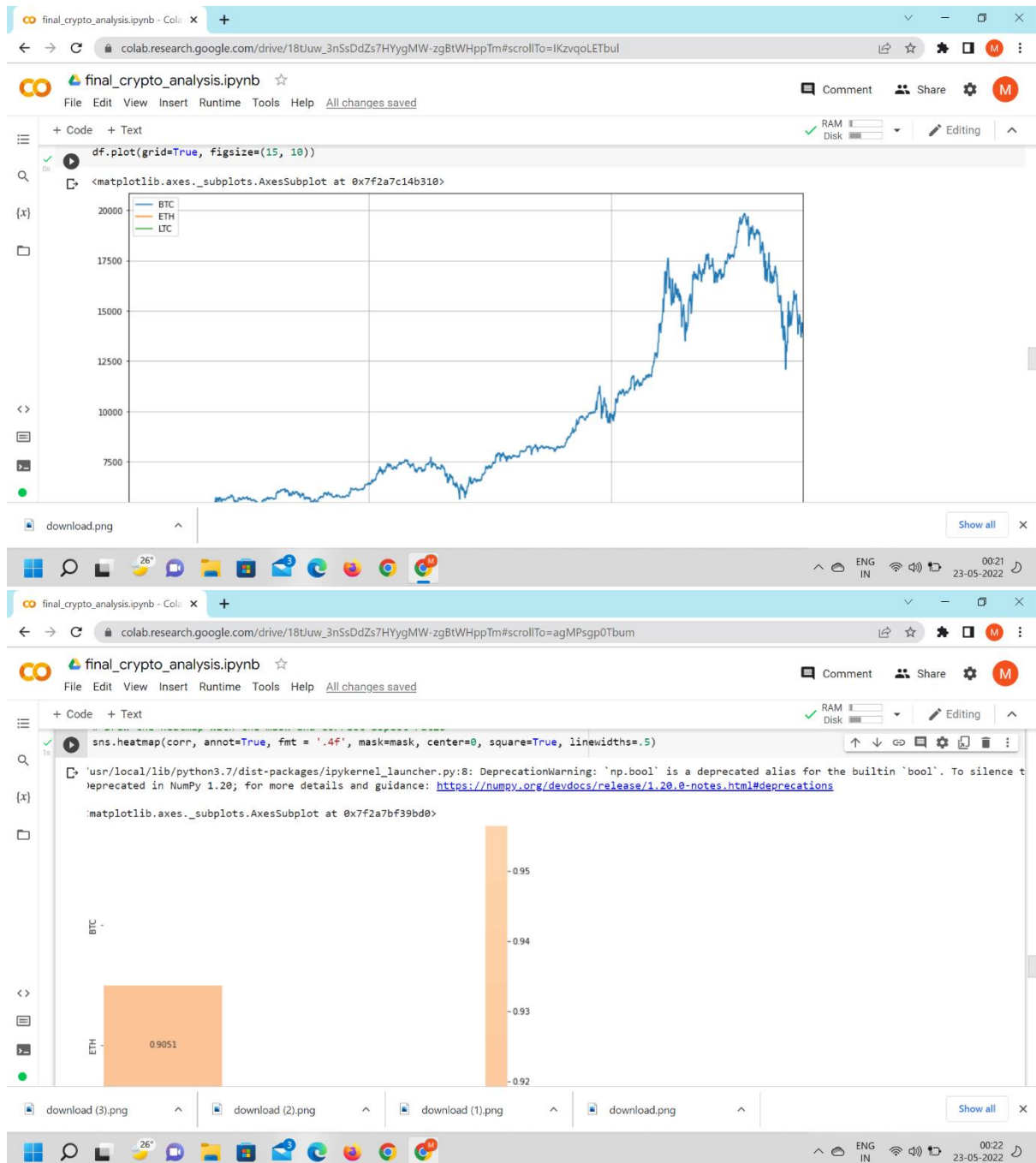
- The difference between the highest and the lowest BTC price was more than \$15000 in 2.7 months.
- The LTC surged from \$48.61 to \$378.66 at a certain point, which is an increase of 678.98%.

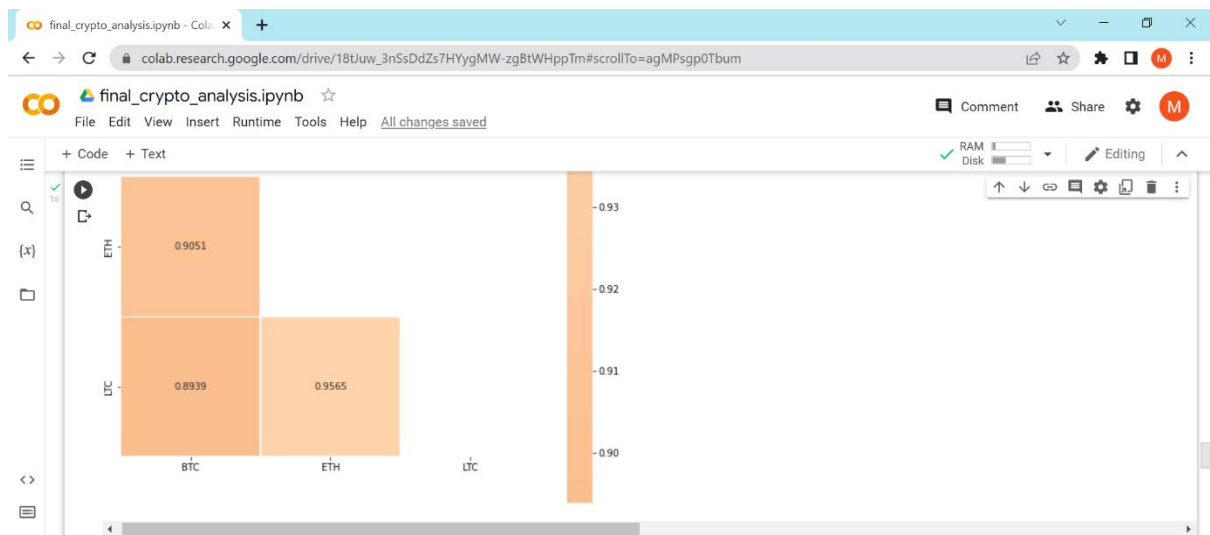
```
[13] df.describe()
```

	BTC	ETH	LTC
count	2001.000000	2001.000000	2001.000000
mean	9060.256122	407.263793	106.790100
std	4404.269591	149.480416	89.142241
min	4150.020000	277.810000	48.610000
25%	5751.020000	301.510000	55.580000
50%	7319.950000	330.800000	63.550000
75%	11305.000000	464.390000	100.050000
max	19847.110000	858.900000	378.660000

Lets dive deeper into LTC







### Buy and hold strategy

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df\_return = df.apply(lambda x: x / x[0])  
df\_return.head()

BTC ETH LTC

datetime

datetime	BTC	ETH	LTC
2017-10-02 08:00:00	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
2017-10-02 09:00:00	1.003516	1.001560	1.001279
2017-10-02 10:00:00	1.002873	1.001925	0.998355
2017-10-02 11:00:00	0.988909	0.995520	0.987025
2017-10-02 12:00:00	0.985198	0.987192	0.981542

Visualize returns

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

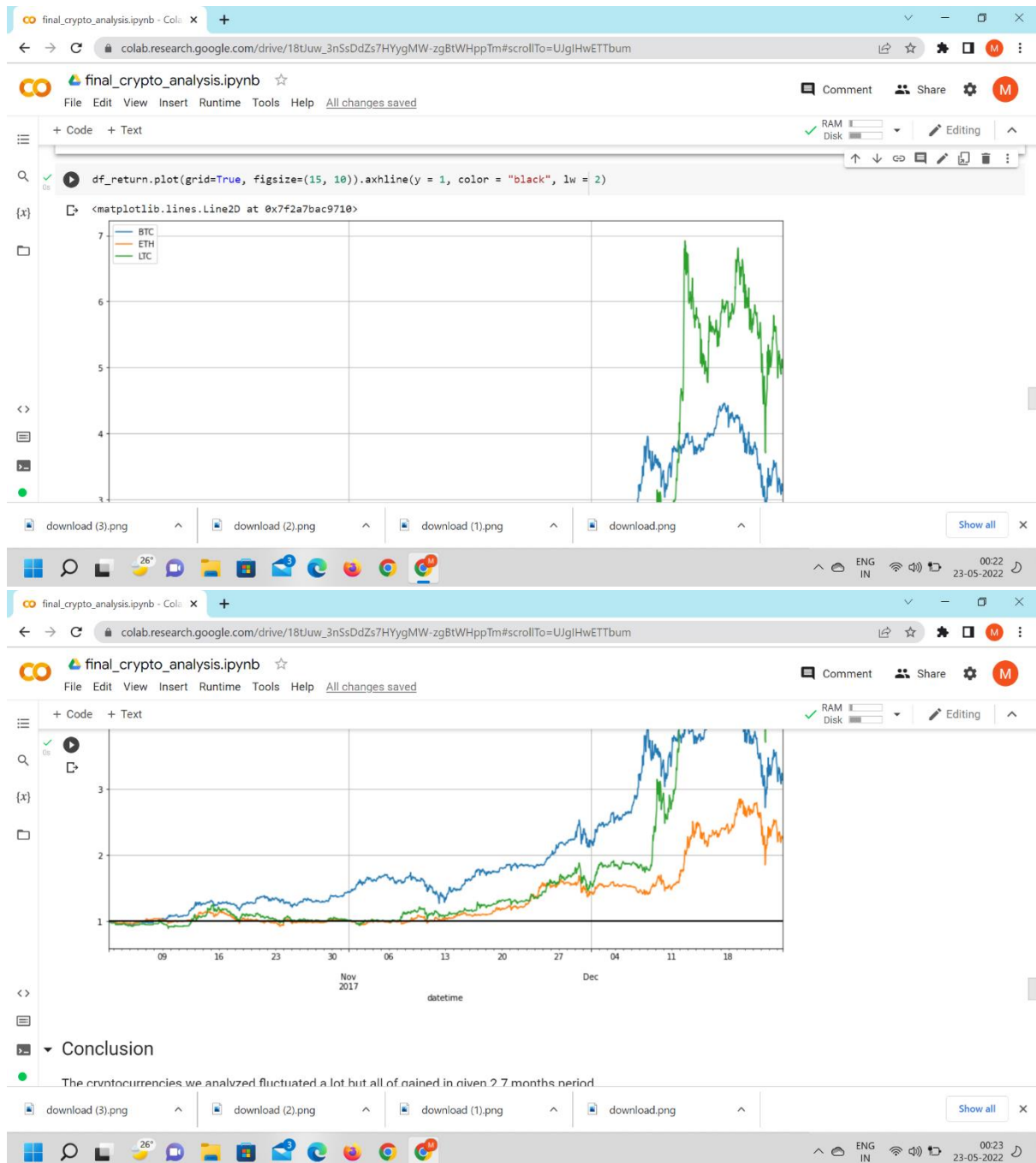
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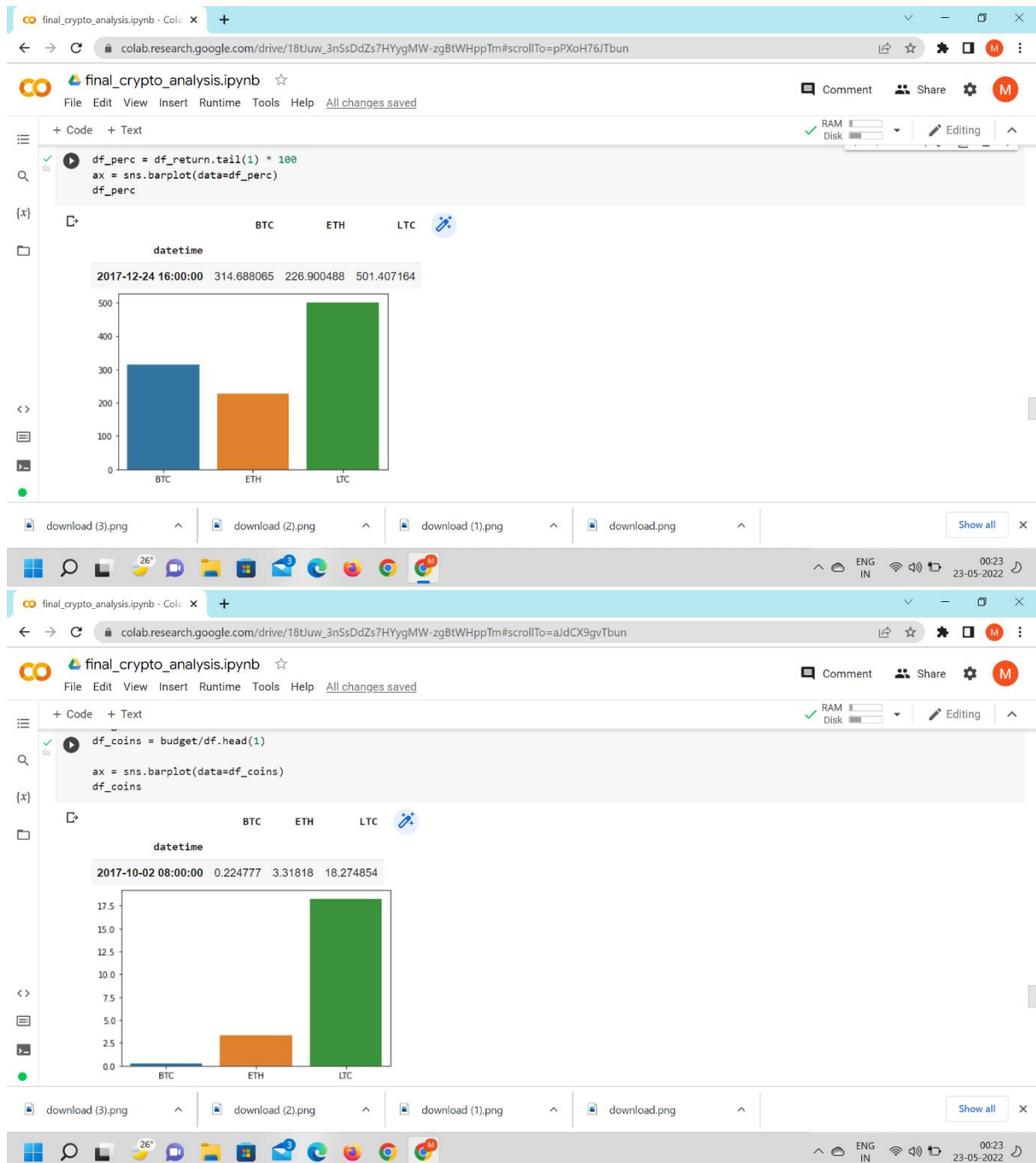
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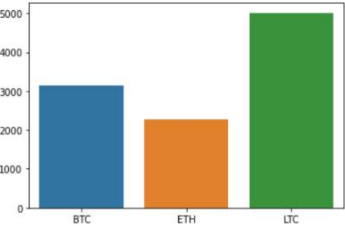
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```
df_profit = df_return.tail(1) * budget
ax = sns.barplot(data=df_profit)
df_profit
```

datetime BTC ETH LTC

2017-12-24 16:00:00 3146.880655 2269.004878 5014.071637



datetime	BTC	ETH	LTC
2017-12-24 16:00:00	3146.880655	2269.004878	5014.071637

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```
[25] df = df.sort_index()
df.head()
```

datetime BTC ETH LTC

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2017-10-02 09:00:00 4464.49 301.84 54.79  
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```
[27] df.describe()
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BTC ETH LTC

count 2001.000000 2001.000000 2001.000000

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Why Log Returns?

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[28] # shift moves dates back by 1  
df\_change = df.apply(lambda x: np.log(x) - np.log(x.shift(1)))

df\_change.head()

	BTC	ETH	LTC
datetime			
2017-10-02 08:00:00	NaN	NaN	NaN
2017-10-02 09:00:00	0.003509	0.001558	0.001278
2017-10-02 10:00:00	-0.000641	0.000364	-0.002925
2017-10-02 11:00:00	-0.014021	-0.006412	-0.011414
2017-10-02 12:00:00	-0.003760	-0.008401	-0.005570

Visualize Log Returns

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

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