StockWise

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Abstract

StockWise is a Django web application designed to assist traders in making informed decisions by predicting buy/sell trading signals and stock price predictions based on user-provided buy values and historical price predictions. Leveraging the Yahoo Finance API, the platform offers users the ability to input stock purchase details and visualize predicted stock values until the intended trade date. Machine learning models including Polynomial Regression, Random Forest Regressor, CatBoost, and XGBoost are employed for stock price prediction, evaluated using RMSE, MSE, and MAE. Users can input purchase values and dates to visualize predicted stock prices and receive buy/sell recommendations. StockWise aims to enhance trading performance and profitability by providing personalized and data-driven insights.

1. Introduction

StockWise redefines the process of identifying optimal buy/sell trading signals by seamlessly integrating user-provided buy values with sophisticated historical price predictions and technical indicators. Leveraging machine learning models trained on extensive datasets obtained through the Yahoo Finance API, StockWise delivers highly accurate recommendations. The inclusion of data from five prominent companies in the technological sector spanning five years, coupled with the utilization of best regression models and hyperparameter tuning, ensures unparalleled accuracy.

What sets StockWise apart is its personalized approach to trading. By allowing users to input their buy values, purchase dates, and the specific date they plan to make a decision, StockWise tailors recommendations to each user's investment goals and preferences. This customized approach enhances the relevance and confidence in recommendations, supported by comprehensive analysis and visualization of historical data and technical indicators.

Furthermore, StockWise's advanced data analysis techniques enable it to outperform existing services by providing timely and reliable insights. Whether users are experienced investors or newcomers, StockWise offers an intuitive platform that empowers them to make informed decisions, potentially maximizing trading performance and profitability. In summary, StockWise represents a paradigm shift in stock market analysis, offering a superior solution that is personalized, accurate, and effective.

The rest of this paper first discusses related work in Section 2, and then describes our implementation in Section 3. Section 4 describes how we evaluated our system and presents the results. Section 5 presents our conclusions and describes future work.

2. Cross-reference to related work

Cross-referencing related work, several existing efforts aim to tackle the challenge of predicting buy/sell signals in the stock market. Traditional approaches often rely on technical analysis indicators such as moving averages and relative strength index (RSI) to identify potential trading opportunities (Murphy, 1999). While these methods have been widely used, they often lack the sophistication to adapt to changing market conditions and may generate false signals in volatile markets (Lo, 2010). Additionally, manual analysis by traders can be time-consuming and prone to human bias, limiting its effectiveness in capturing complex market dynamics.

Machine learning techniques have gained prominence in recent years for their ability to analyze vast amounts of data and uncover intricate patterns in financial markets. Research has shown that machine learning models, such as Random Forest can outperform traditional technical analysis methods in predicting stock price movements (Zhang et al., 2019). These models can incorporate a wide range of features, including historical price data, trading volume, and sentiment analysis from news articles, to generate more accurate buy/sell signals (Shen et al., 2017). However, while machine learning offers promising results, the effectiveness of these models heavily depends on the quality and relevance of the input features, as well as the robustness of the training process.

Existing services in the market often provide generic buy/sell recommendations without considering the individual preferences and risk tolerance of traders. While these services may offer convenience and automation, they may overlook critical factors that influence trading decisions, leading to suboptimal outcomes for users. Moreover, many existing services lack transparency in their decision-making processes, making it challenging for users to understand and trust the recommendations provided (Breiman, 2001). Additionally, some services may rely on outdated models or limited datasets, resulting in less accurate predictions and missed trading opportunities.

StockWise addresses these limitations by offering a novel approach that combines the power of machine learning with user input customization. By integrating user-provided buy values and trade parameters with advanced data analysis techniques, StockWise delivers personalized buy/sell signals that align with the unique objectives and risk preferences of each trader. Unlike traditional methods, StockWise's machine learning models can adapt to changing market conditions and incorporate a wide range of input features, resulting in more accurate and timely recommendations (Huang et al., 2020). Additionally, StockWise prioritizes transparency and user empowerment, providing traders with insights into the decision-making process and allowing for greater trust and confidence in the recommendations offered.

Hence we can say that while traditional technical analysis methods and existing services have their merits, they often fall short in capturing the complexity of the stock market and addressing the individual needs of traders. Machine learning offers a promising avenue for improving the accuracy and effectiveness of buy/sell signal predictions, but its success hinges on the quality of data and the sophistication of the models employed. StockWise stands out as a pioneering solution that combines the best of both worlds – advanced data analysis techniques and user-centric customization – to deliver superior buy/sell recommendations that empower traders to achieve their financial goals with confidence and precision.

3. Background of the service

Field of the Service:

StockWise operates within the domain of financial technology (FinTech), specifically focusing on stock market analysis and trading strategies. The art of stock prediction is a specialized practice centered on forecasting upcoming stock prices by analyzing historical data, market dynamics, and relevant information. Its aim is to equip investors and traders with the knowledge needed for making informed decisions regarding stock transactions. Utilizing sophisticated statistical methodologies and machine learning algorithms, this discipline sifts through vast datasets to uncover patterns and trends crucial for accurate predictions.

Description of the Related Art:

In the realm of stock market analysis, traditional approaches often rely on technical analysis indicators such as moving averages, relative strength index (RSI), and MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence) to identify potential trading opportunities. While these methods have been widely used, they may fall short in adapting to changing market conditions and may generate false signals in volatile markets (Murphy, 1999). Moreover, manual analysis by traders can be time-consuming and prone to human bias, limiting its effectiveness in capturing complex market dynamics.

To address these limitations, recent advancements in FinTech have seen the emergence of machine learning techniques for stock market prediction. Research has shown that machine learning models, such as Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, and Support Vector Machines, can outperform traditional technical analysis methods in predicting stock price movements (Zhang et al., 2019). However, existing services often provide generic buy/sell recommendations without considering individual preferences and risk tolerance. Furthermore, the lack of transparency in decision-making processes and reliance on outdated models may result in less accurate predictions and missed trading opportunities (Breiman, 2001).

In response to these challenges, StockWise seeks to bridge the gap between traditional technical analysis methods and advanced machine learning techniques. By integrating user-provided buy values and trade parameters with sophisticated data analysis, StockWise offers personalized buy/sell signals that cater to the unique needs of each trader. Through transparency and user empowerment, StockWise aims to revolutionize stock market analysis and empower traders to achieve their financial goals with confidence and precision.

4. Brief summary of the service

Leveraging the Django Web Application framework, StockWise allows users to input their stock purchase details and target trading dates. The platform then utilizes historical and real-time data from the Yahoo Finance API, focusing on prominent technological sector stocks such as Apple, Google, Amazon, Microsoft, and Meta.

The service meticulously preprocesses the data, addressing null values, skewness, and normalization. Feature engineering enriches the dataset by extracting crucial attributes such as year, month, date, and day of the week from the 'Date' column, and transforming categorical values using one-hot encoding. With a solid foundation laid, StockWise employs machine learning models including Polynomial Regression, Random Forest Regressor, CatBoost, and XGBoost to predict stock prices.

Model performance is optimized through techniques like Grid Search cross-validation, ensuring accuracy and reliability. Evaluation metrics such as Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) validate the effectiveness of the models. Additionally, StockWise provides users with visualizations of predicted stock prices, empowering them to make buy/sell decisions with confidence.

In summary, StockWise offers traders a comprehensive platform to analyze stock data, receive buy/sell recommendations, and visualize predicted stock prices, ultimately aiding in improved trading performance and profitability.

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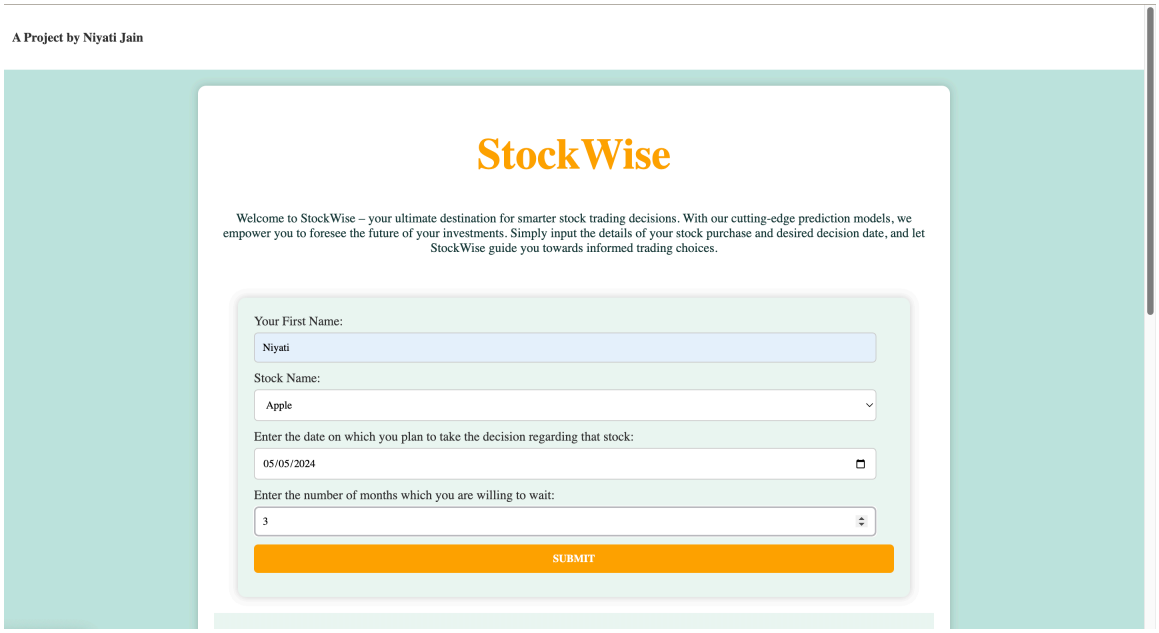

6. Detailed description of the web service

Dataset:

For StockWise, I utilized the Yahoo Finance API to gather historical and real-time data for a range of financial markets, products, and companies. Specifically, I focused on technological sector stocks including Apple, Google, Amazon, Microsoft, and Meta, given their prominence and historical significance within both the technology and finance sectors.

The dataset obtained through the Yahoo Finance API includes features such as Open, High, Low, Close, Adjusted Close prices, and Volume, spanning a period of 5 years. This rich dataset provides valuable insights into stock price movements, enabling more informed decision-making for traders.

The dataframe I created after importing yfinance API initially looked like this:

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume	Company	date
2020-01-02	74.059998	75.150002	73.797501	75.087502	73.059441	135480400	AAPL	2020-01-02
2020-01-03	74.287498	75.144997	74.125000	74.357498	72.349129	146322800	AAPL	2020-01-03
2020-01-06	73.447502	74.989998	73.187500	74.949997	72.925636	118387200	AAPL	2020-01-06
2020-01-07	74.959999	75.224998	74.370003	74.597504	72.582649	108872000	AAPL	2020-01-07
2020-01-08	74.290001	76.110001	74.290001	75.797501	73.750252	132079200	AAPL	2020-01-08
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2024-04-19	156.199997	156.360001	152.300003	154.089996	154.089996	32239100	GOOGL	2024-04-19
2024-04-22	154.309998	157.639999	154.059998	156.279999	156.279999	26446200	GOOGL	2024-04-22
2024-04-23	156.960007	158.970001	156.279999	158.259995	158.259995	21151600	GOOGL	2024-04-23
2024-04-24	157.490005	159.570007	157.169998	159.130005	159.130005	22779100	GOOGL	2024-04-24
2024-04-25	151.330002	156.490005	150.869995	156.000000	156.000000	57109700	GOOGL	2024-04-25

Data Pre-processing:

Data pre-processing is a crucial step in any data analysis or machine learning project, including StockWise. It involves preparing raw data for analysis by cleaning, transforming, and organizing it in a format suitable for further processing. Here's a detailed overview of the data pre-processing steps undertaken for StockWise:

- Handling Missing Values: The first step is to check for missing values in the dataset obtained from the Yahoo Finance API. Missing data can adversely affect the performance of machine learning models. However, there were no null values found.
- Removing Redundant Columns: In some cases, certain columns may not contribute significantly to the analysis or may contain redundant information. For example, the index column generated during data retrieval may not provide any meaningful insights and can be safely removed.

- Data Normalization: Data normalization is essential to ensure that all features have a similar scale. This prevents features with larger magnitudes from dominating the model training process.
- Handling Skewed Data: Skewed data distributions can adversely affect the performance of some machine learning algorithms, particularly those sensitive to outliers. I checked for the data skewness but the data looked uniformly distributed.

Feature Engineering:

1. Creation of Date-related Columns: In StockWise, the 'Date' column holds significant importance as it provides temporal information that can influence stock price movements. To leverage this information effectively, I created new columns called 'year', 'month', 'date', and 'dayofweek' using the Datetime object available in Python. These new attributes capture different aspects of the date, such as the year, month, specific date, and the day of the week when a particular stock price was recorded.

   By extracting these date-related attributes, I aimed to capture any temporal patterns or seasonality present in the data. For example, stock prices may exhibit certain trends or fluctuations based on the time of year, month, or even day of the week. By incorporating these attributes into the dataset, I provided the machine learning models with additional contextual information that could potentially enhance their predictive performance. For instance, the model may learn to recognize recurring patterns or behaviors associated with specific months or weekdays, thereby improving its ability to forecast future stock prices accurately.

2. Handling Categorical Values for 'Company' Column: The 'Company' column contains categorical values representing different companies such as Apple, Google, Amazon, etc. Since machine learning algorithms typically require numerical inputs, I employed one-hot encoding using the get_dummies function to convert these categorical values into numerical features. This process involves creating new binary columns for each unique category in the original 'Company' column, where a value of 1 indicates the presence of that category and 0 otherwise.

Date	year	month	day	dayofweek	Company_AAPL	Company_GOOGL	Company_AMZN	Company_MSFT	Company_META
2020-01-02	2020	1	2	4	True	False	False	False	False
2020-01-03	2020	1	3	5	True	False	False	False	False
2020-01-06	2020	1	6	1	True	False	False	False	False
2020-01-07	2020	1	7	2	True	False	False	False	False
2020-01-08	2020	1	8	3	True	False	False	False	False

Data Analysis:


Stock Price Chart AAPL
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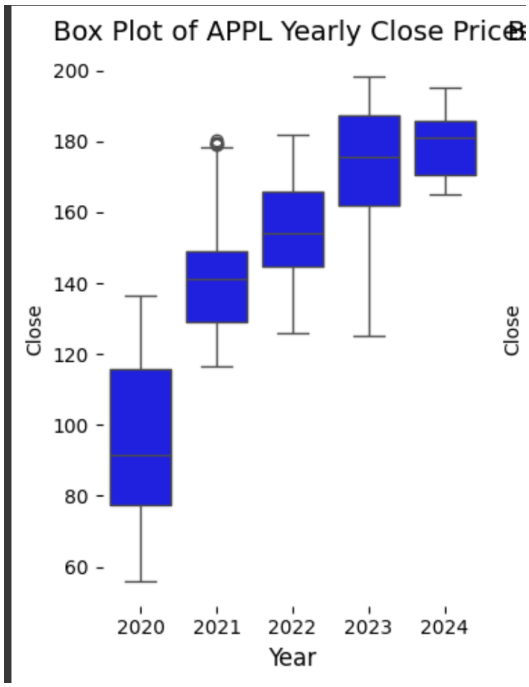
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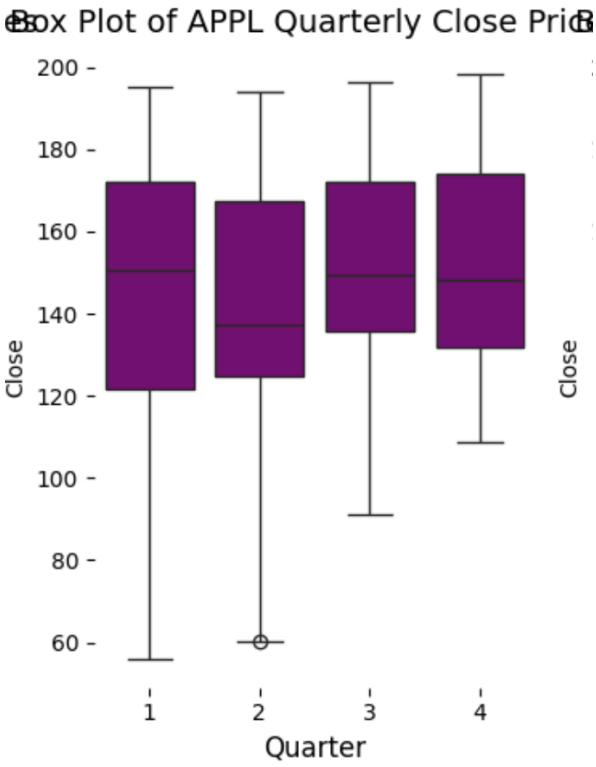
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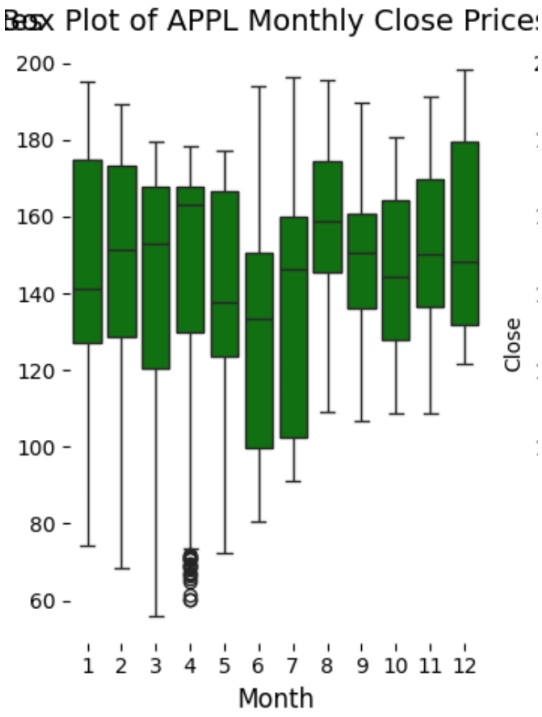
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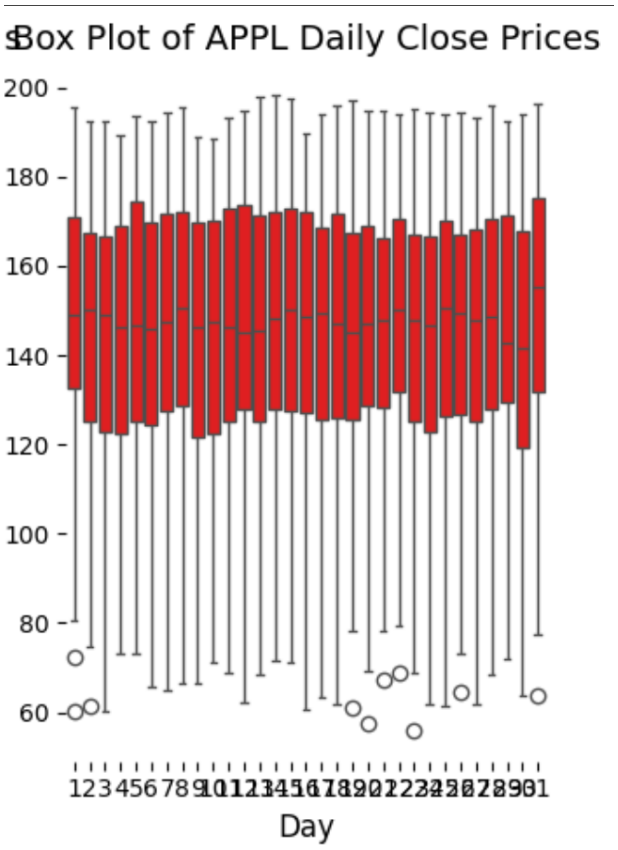
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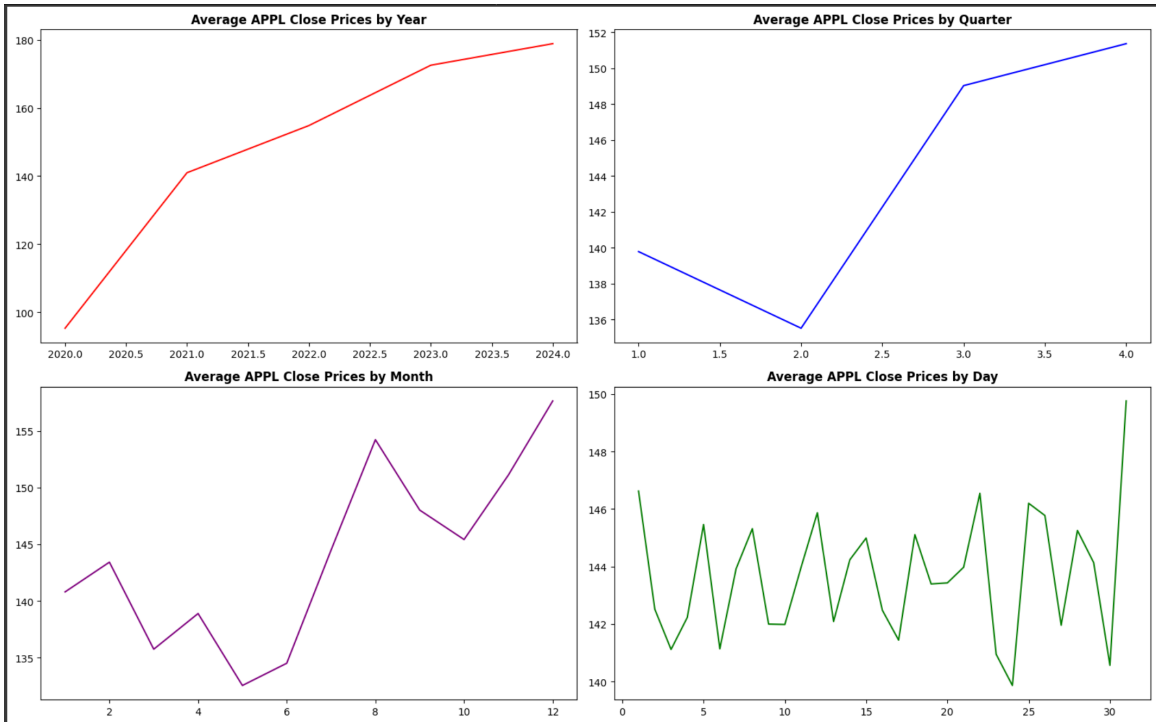

Average APPL Close Prices by Year
Average APPL Close Prices by Quarter
Average APPL Close Prices by Month
Average APPL Close Prices by Day

Machine Learning Models:

1. Polynomial Regression:

Polynomial regression is a popular and widely chosen technique for regression problems due to its flexibility in capturing non-linear relationships between the independent and dependent variables. Unlike simple linear regression, which assumes a linear relationship between the predictor and response variables, polynomial regression allows for more complex, curved relationships to be modeled. This flexibility is particularly advantageous in scenarios where the underlying data exhibits non-linear patterns, making polynomial regression a versatile tool for a wide range of regression tasks.

One of the key advantages of polynomial regression is its ability to fit a curve to the data, thereby capturing both the linear and non-linear components of the relationship between the variables. By including higher-order polynomial terms (such as quadratic, cubic, or higher-degree terms) in the regression model, polynomial regression can accommodate a wide variety of shapes and patterns in the data. This flexibility allows it to capture intricate relationships that may be missed by simpler linear models, making it a valuable tool for data analysis and prediction.

2.XGBoost:

XGBoost, short for eXtreme Gradient Boosting, has emerged as a dominant and highly favored technique for regression problems, particularly in the realm of machine learning and predictive modeling. Its popularity stems from its exceptional performance, versatility, and robustness across a wide range of datasets and applications.

One of the primary reasons for the widespread adoption of XGBoost is its ability to deliver state-of-the-art results in predictive modeling tasks. XGBoost is an ensemble learning method that combines the predictions of multiple individual models (typically decision trees) to produce a single, more accurate prediction. By iteratively training weak learners on the residual errors of the previous models, XGBoost effectively corrects for errors and gradually improves prediction accuracy. This iterative nature allows XGBoost to capture complex relationships and interactions within the data, making it highly effective for tasks with non-linear dependencies.

Furthermore, XGBoost offers several key advantages that contribute to its popularity. It incorporates regularization techniques to prevent overfitting, ensuring that the model generalizes well to unseen data. Additionally, XGBoost provides native support for parallel computing, allowing for efficient training on large datasets. Its flexibility also extends to handling missing data and accommodating both numerical and categorical features without requiring extensive pre-processing. Moreover, XGBoost offers a variety of hyperparameters that can be tuned to optimize model performance, providing practitioners with fine-grained control over the learning process.

3.CatBoost:

CatBoost, an open-source gradient boosting library developed by Yandex, has gained widespread recognition and popularity for its exceptional performance in regression tasks. CatBoost stands out for its ability to handle categorical features seamlessly, making it particularly suitable for datasets with a mix of numerical and categorical variables. This feature makes CatBoost highly versatile and applicable to a wide range of real-world regression problems.

One of the key advantages of CatBoost is its built-in support for categorical features without the need for extensive pre-processing or feature engineering. Traditional gradient boosting implementations often require one-hot encoding or other encoding techniques to handle categorical variables, which can lead to increased

memory usage and computational complexity. In contrast, CatBoost employs an efficient algorithm for handling categorical features during training, allowing it to automatically handle categorical data without sacrificing performance.

Moreover, CatBoost incorporates several innovative techniques to enhance model performance and generalization. It utilizes a novel gradient-boosting algorithm that optimizes the learning rate dynamically, adapting it at each iteration based on the model's performance. This adaptive learning rate strategy helps prevent overfitting and improves convergence, leading to more accurate predictions. Additionally, CatBoost implements robust regularization techniques to further enhance model generalization and prevent overfitting, ensuring that the model performs well on unseen data.

Random Forest Regressor:

Random Forest Regressor is a powerful ensemble learning technique widely chosen for regression problems due to its robustness, flexibility, and high predictive accuracy. It belongs to the family of ensemble methods, which combine multiple base models to make more accurate predictions. One of the key advantages of the Random Forest Regressor is its ability to handle both numerical and categorical data without requiring extensive data preprocessing. This makes it suitable for datasets with a mix of data types and reduces the need for feature engineering.

Moreover, Random Forest Regressor is highly resilient to overfitting, thanks to its ensemble approach and the use of bootstrapping and feature randomization during training. By training multiple decision trees on different subsets of the data and averaging their predictions, Random Forest Regressor reduces the variance of the model and improves generalization performance. Additionally, the randomness introduced during the training process helps to decorrelate the individual trees, further enhancing the model's robustness.

Furthermore, Random Forest Regressor is capable of capturing nonlinear relationships and interactions between features in the data, making it suitable for complex regression tasks. It automatically selects the most informative features for splitting nodes in the decision trees, allowing it to handle high-dimensional datasets effectively. The ease of use, scalability, and ability to provide insights into feature importance are additional factors contributing to the widespread adoption of Random Forest Regressor in various domains, including finance, healthcare, and marketing. Overall, Random Forest Regressor's combination of predictive power, robustness, and ease of implementation makes it a popular choice for regression problems in both research and industry applications.

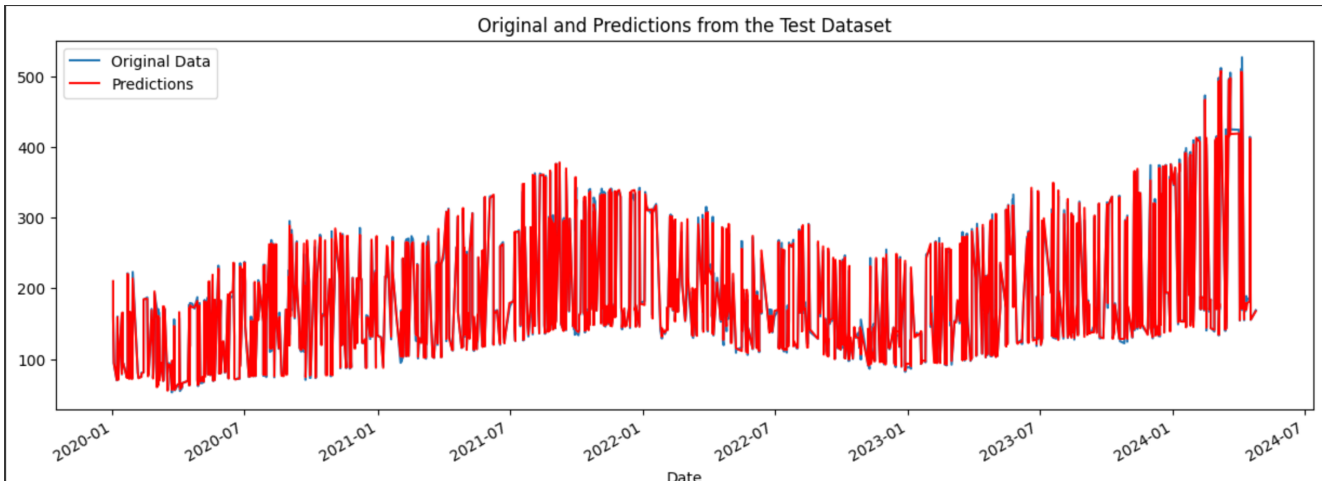
7. Evaluation

To assess the web service's effectiveness, we utilize a range of performance metrics and parameters to evaluate its accuracy, efficiency, and overall performance. These metrics encompass mean absolute error (MAE), mean squared error (MSE), root mean squared error (RMSE), and scatter plots.

MAE quantifies the average absolute variance between actual and predicted values, offering a direct measure of the model's error magnitude irrespective of its direction. Meanwhile, MSE computes the average squared disparity between actual and predicted values, giving more weight to larger errors and thus being more sensitive to outliers. RMSE, derived from MSE, provides a standard deviation measure of the residuals and shares the same scale as the target variable, enhancing interpretability.

These evaluation metrics and visualization techniques offer valuable insights into regression model performance, aiding in the assessment of their ability to predict stock prices and highlighting areas for enhancement. Experimentation design involves employing a hold-out validation method, wherein the dataset is split into training, testing, and validation sets. Models are then evaluated on both validation and testing sets to ensure robust generalization to unseen data.

	Model	RMSE	MSE	MAE
0	Polynomial Regression	42.803	1832.073	30.130
1	XGBoost	21.926	480.756	15.360
2	Random Forest	4.878	23.792	3.325
3	CatBoost	5.185	26.889	3.843



8. Claims

Amidst the dynamic landscape of finance, my service stands as a beacon of innovation, offering a comprehensive approach to stock price forecasting. I employ a diverse array of methodologies, including machine learning, regression analysis, and deep learning, to provide investors with robust and insightful predictions. My methodology not only delivers stock price estimates but also quantifies uncertainty, drawing upon past knowledge and capturing intricate interrelations among variables.

Through the integration of polynomial regression, XGBoost, Random Forest, CatBoost, and LSTM algorithms, I construct predictive models trained on historical data to uncover essential patterns and trends for forecasting future stock prices. Unlike traditional linear regression models, my approach analyzes multiple variables concurrently, resulting in models that surpass in both robustness and accuracy.

What sets my service apart is the seamless integration of these methodologies within an intuitive and user-friendly dashboard. This interactive platform empowers users to explore data, visualize model outcomes, and make well-informed decisions based on real-time insights. By offering a diverse array of predictive models and market insights within a unified dashboard, my service enables investors to navigate the stock market with confidence, rather than relying on singular approaches.

Throughout my development journey, I've learned that optimal results stem from employing multiple methodologies in tandem, with a strong emphasis on user experience. Despite challenges, continual

refinement of my models and dashboard optimization has culminated in a service that equips investors to achieve their financial objectives with confidence.

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