



# Stockbot

## Stock Price Prediction with Historical and Sentiment data

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# Motivation

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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of the New York Stock Exchange building. The image shows the grand classical architecture with tall columns and a pediment featuring sculptures. The words "NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE" are visible on the pediment. American flags are flying in front of the building. The image is slightly dark and serves as a background for the text.

# The Stock Market

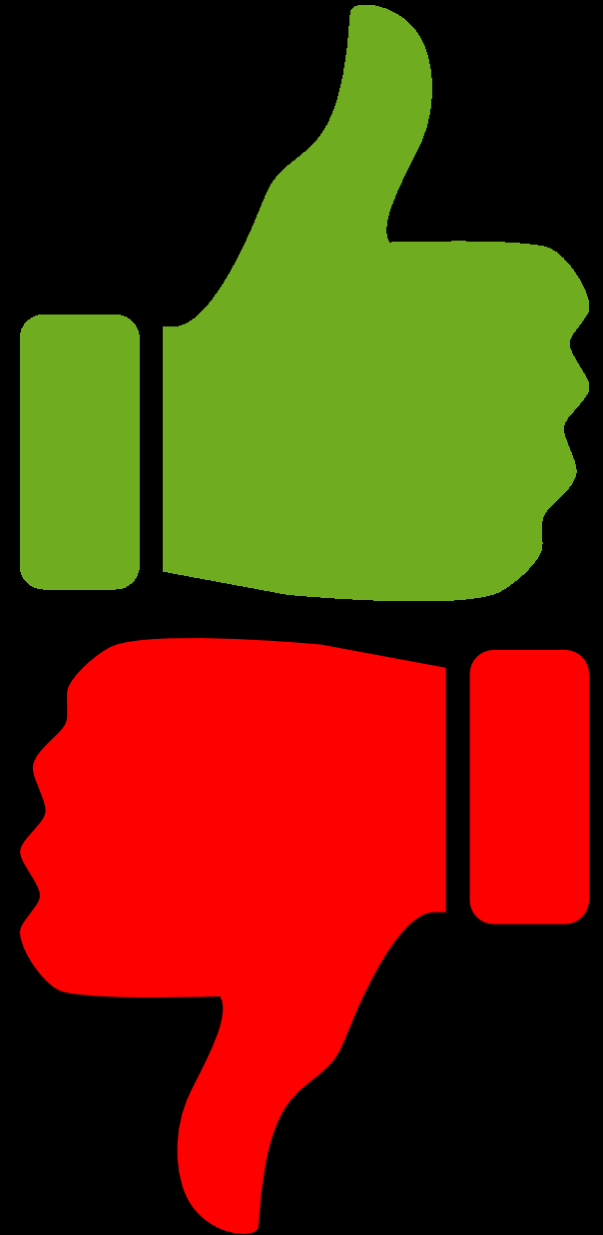
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- Efficient Market Hypothesis
  - "... asset prices reflect all available information." - [Wikipedia](#)
  - What counts as available information?
- Stock prices fluctuate
  - "Buy low, sell high"
- How can we model stock prices?

# Sentiment

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- Reflects perceptions and captures reactions in text
  - Public perceptions may reflect general trust/belief
- General positivity or negativity of text
- Can we capture sentiment associated with companies?



# Data Collection

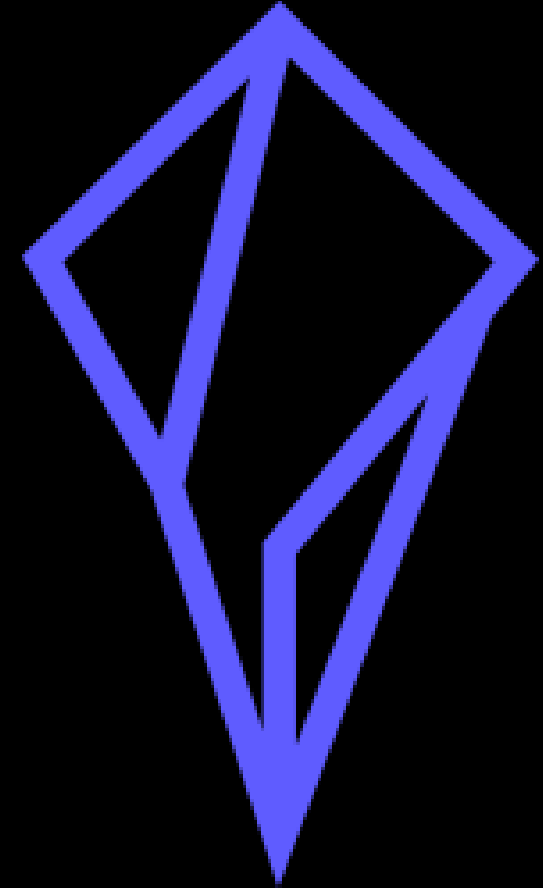
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# Financial Data

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Obtained from [Polygon](#)

- Start date: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010
- End date: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- 15 companies
- Data
  - Open price
  - Closing price
  - High
  - Low
  - Volume



# Sentiment Data

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Sentiment140 dataset on Kaggle

- 1,600,000 tweets
- Labels
  - Negative: 0  $\rightarrow$  0
  - Neutral: 2  $\rightarrow$  0.5
  - Positive: 4  $\rightarrow$  1

kaggle<sup>TM</sup>



# Scraping Tweets

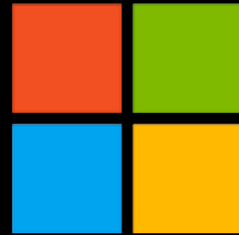
- Scraped hashtag(#) and cashtag(\$) tweets associated with companies by stock ticker\*
  - E.g. for Apple, #AAPL and \$AAPL
  - ~2.5 million # tweets
  - ~1.7 million \$ tweets
- Built with python
  - Using Selenium and BeautifulSoup4



\* - avoiding usage collisions, e.g. KO is the stock ticker for CocaCola, but also the term for knocked out, so we looked up #CocaCola



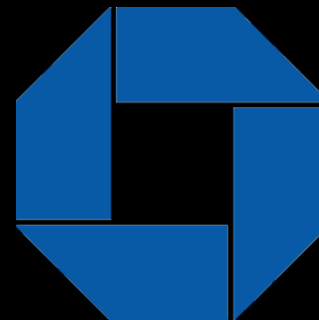
# Companies Tracked



Microsoft



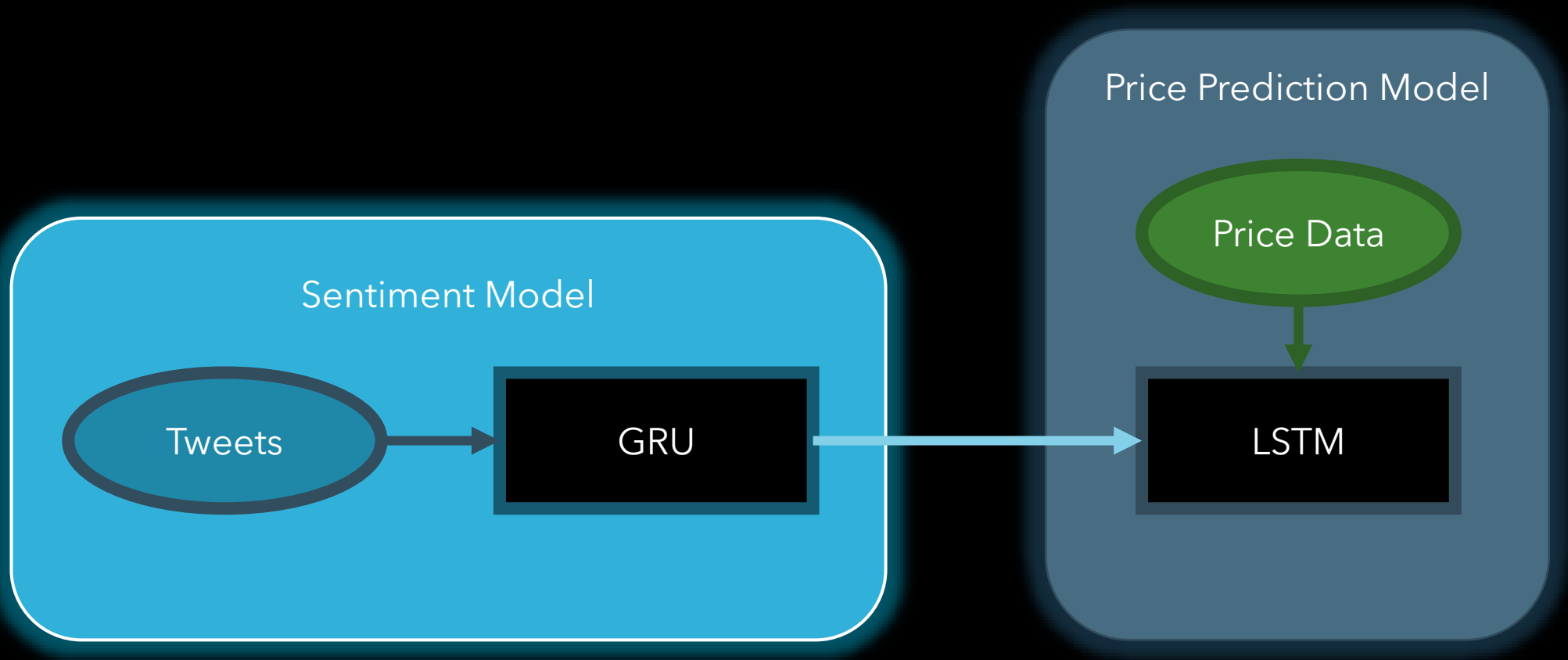
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# Methods

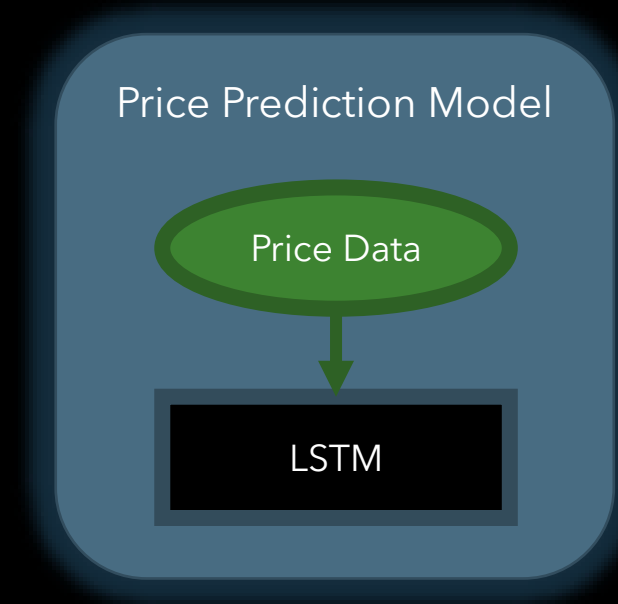
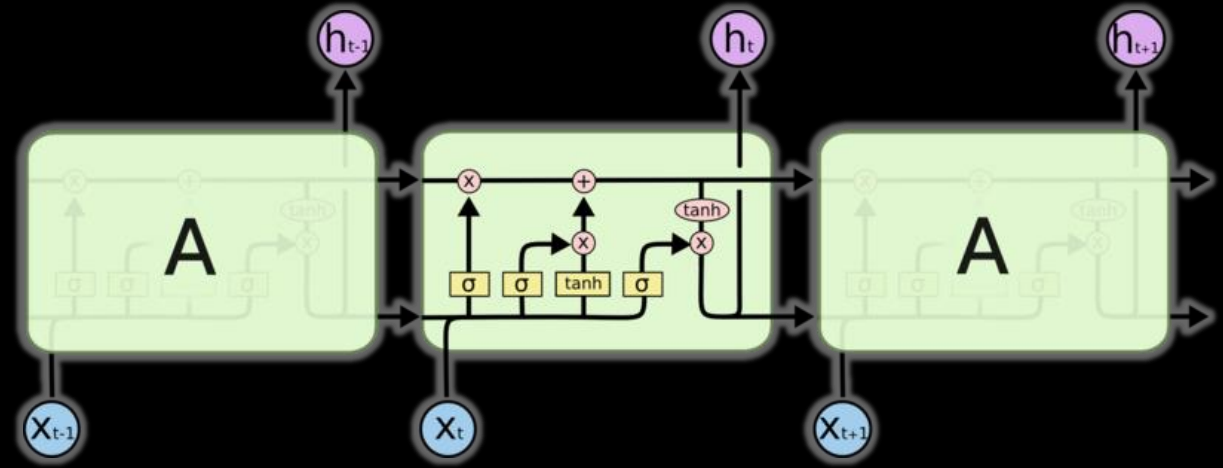
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# Architecture



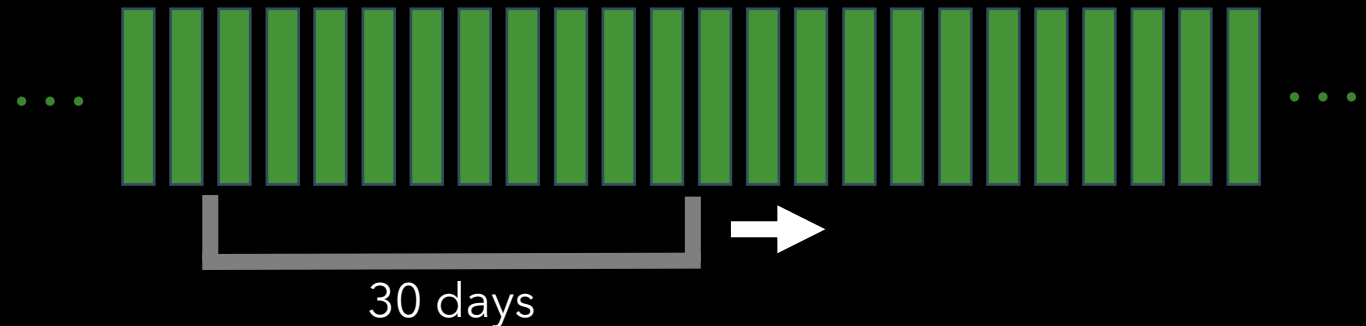
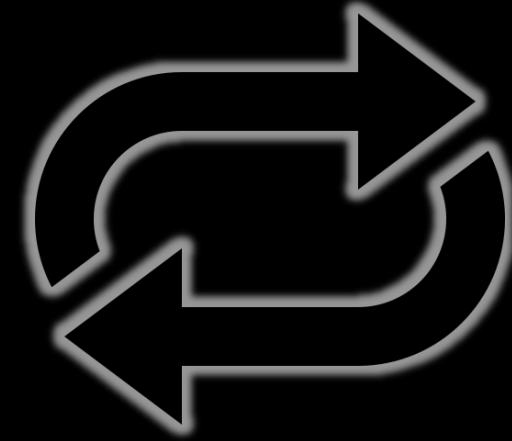
# Price Prediction Model

- Leverages financial data
- LSTMs
  - input dim = 5
    - open, high, low, closing price, volume
  - hidden dim = 32
  - number of layers = 2
  - output dim = 1
    - Price estimate for next date
- One model per company
- Uses previous 30 days to make a prediction



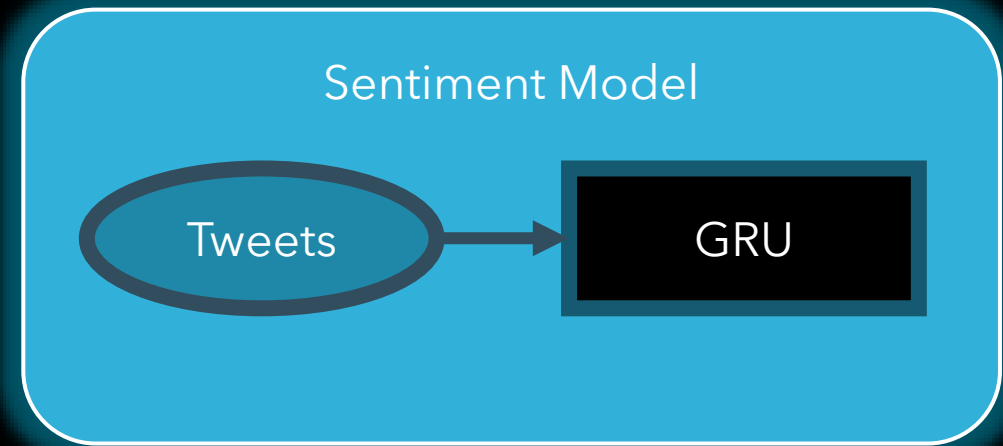
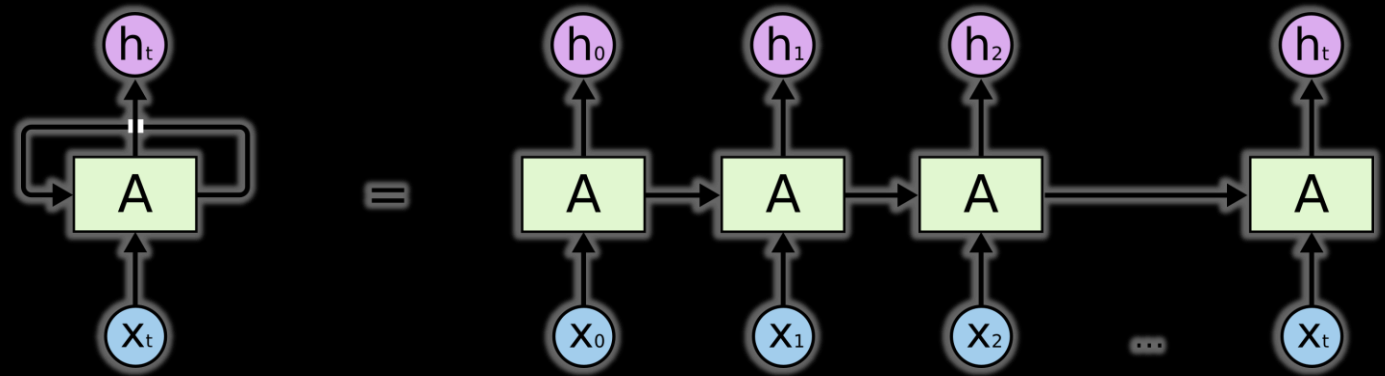
# Iterative Training

Once a prediction is made, include the actual test data point and retrain, then predict again



# Sentiment Model

- Trained and tested on Sentiment140 dataset
- Used scraped Tweets
- GRU
  - embedding dim = 350
  - hidden dim = 350
  - number of layers = 2
  - output dim = 1
  - dropout = 0.025
  - batch size = 200





# Data Processing

- Removes:
  - Strips whitespace
  - Emojis
  - Links
- Performs UNK-ing
  - UNK probability = 0.6



# Price Change Labeling

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- Labeling tweets using price changes
  - Labels need to be validated somehow
- Is there a correlation between tweet sentiment on a day and the price of the next day?



# Results

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# Baseline

## Simple Moving Average

- Smooths volatility
- Relatively effective in general
- Averages over 10 days, so  $n = 10$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=k}^{k+n} A_i$$

# Trend Prediction

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When the price goes up or down, how often does our model predict an increase or decrease respectively?

- Roughly correct 50% of the time, but the error isn't too bad





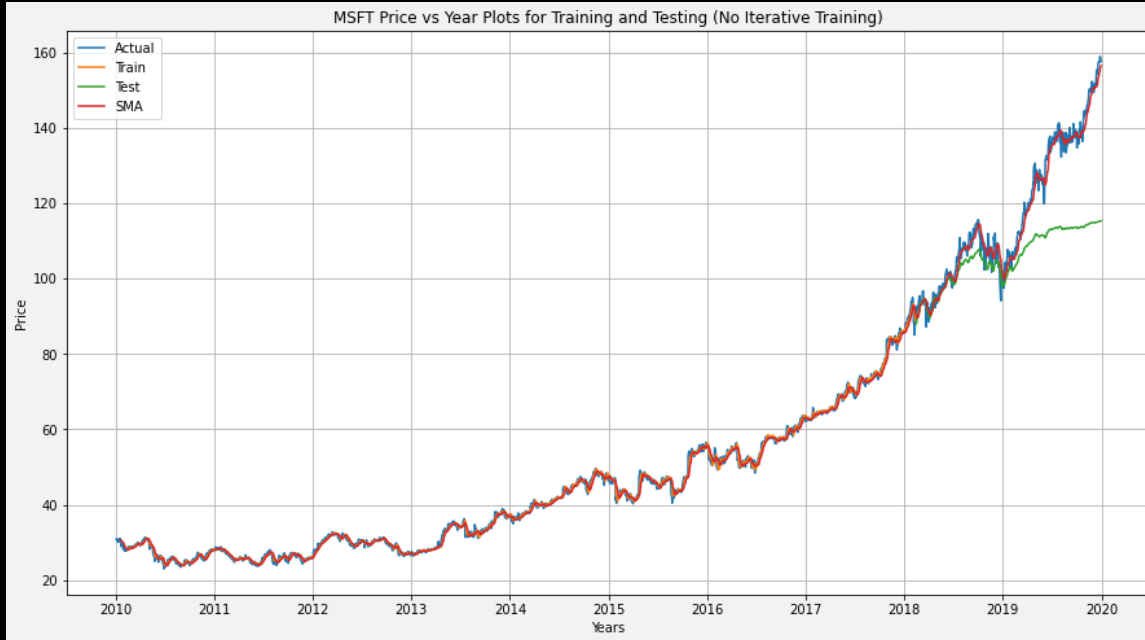
Subset of graphs  
generated



# Apple Inc. (AAPL)



# Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)



# Bank of America Corp (BAC)



# RMSE table

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\text{prediction}(i) - \text{actual}(i))^2}{n}}$$

Ticker	AAPL	BAC	CMG	DAL	FB	GOOG	JPM	KO	LUV	MCD	MSFT	PEP	UAL	V	WFC
No Iter (Test)	11.36	0.52	13.43	0.96	3.49	18.64	2.07	0.96	1.02	7.45	16.46	2.31	1.99	13.80	0.70
<b>SMA</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>17.70</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>24.41</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>1.78</b>	<b>1.14</b>
Iter (Test)	4.60	0.47	11.76	0.87	3.45	18.29	1.68	0.52	0.91	2.37	2.28	1.36	1.41	2.73	0.69

■ = Lower RMSE

■ = Higher RMSE

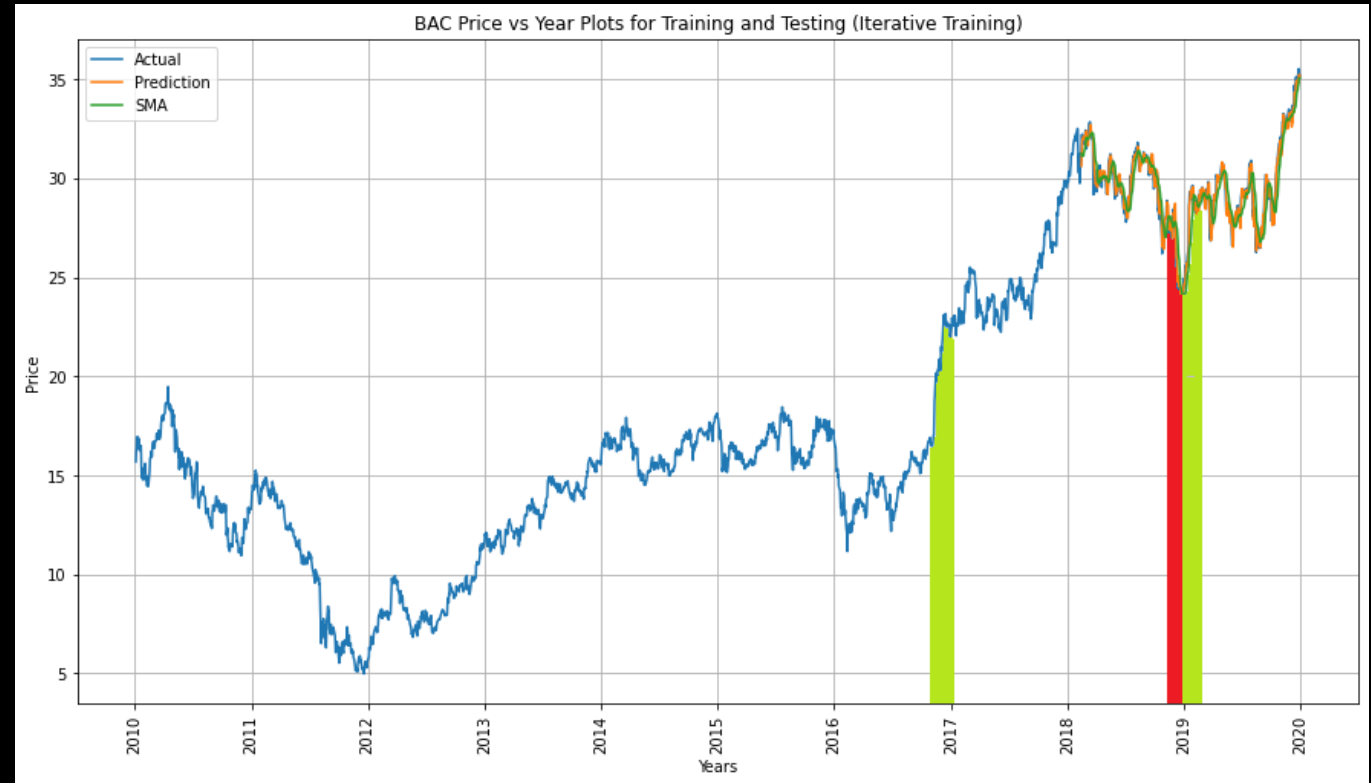
# Sentiment results

- Trained on Sentiment140
  - Train accuracy: 89%
  - Test accuracy: 88%
- We predicted the sentiment of scraped tweets
  - Give neutral rating if no tweets on the day
  - Otherwise give average sentiment score for that day



# Sanity check

- We found that the predictions performed worse when we included them
- To sanity-check our model, we checked regions of increase and decrease for sentiment for BAC and found that they were all generally  $\sim 0.54$ , i.e. slightly positive



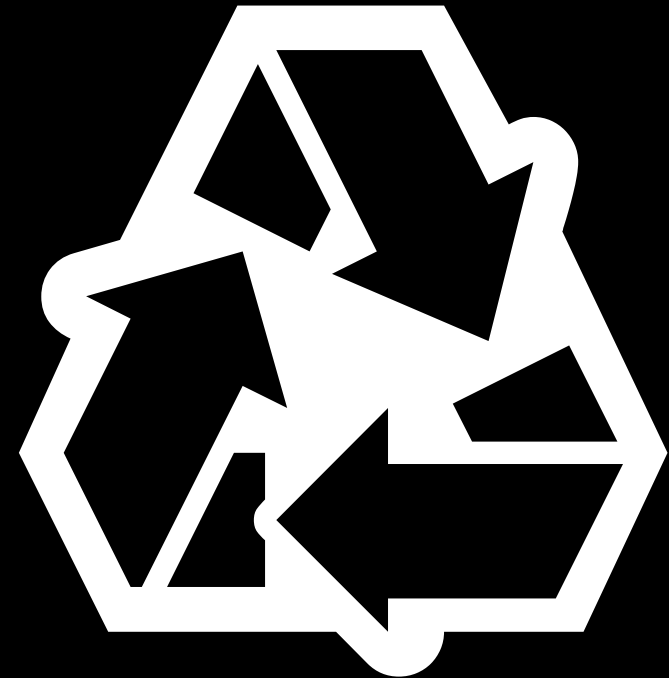


# Discussion

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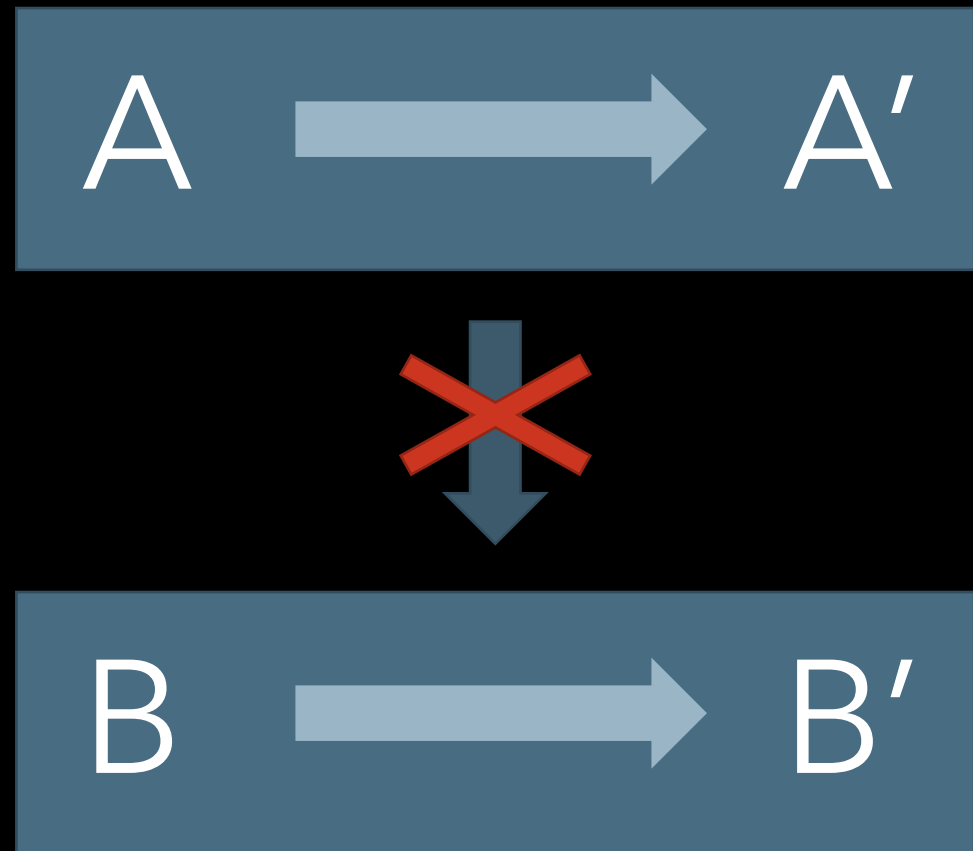
# Iterative Training

- Does it make sense?
  - Data is limited
  - Can't generate new data for the past
- Not aiming for generalization



# Sentiment Generalization

- Didn't generalize very well
- Trained setting differs from applied setting
- Will likely perform better if we have more relevant training data





## Future Work



Labeling the  
collected tweets

Training new  
sentiment  
model on  
labeled tweets



Predicting up-to-date stock  
prices



Test out the predictions with our  
own money

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# Conclusion

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## Contributions

- Price Prediction model
  - Iterative training
- Sentiment model
- Scraped tweets for 15 companies stock tickers
  - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 → December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

