

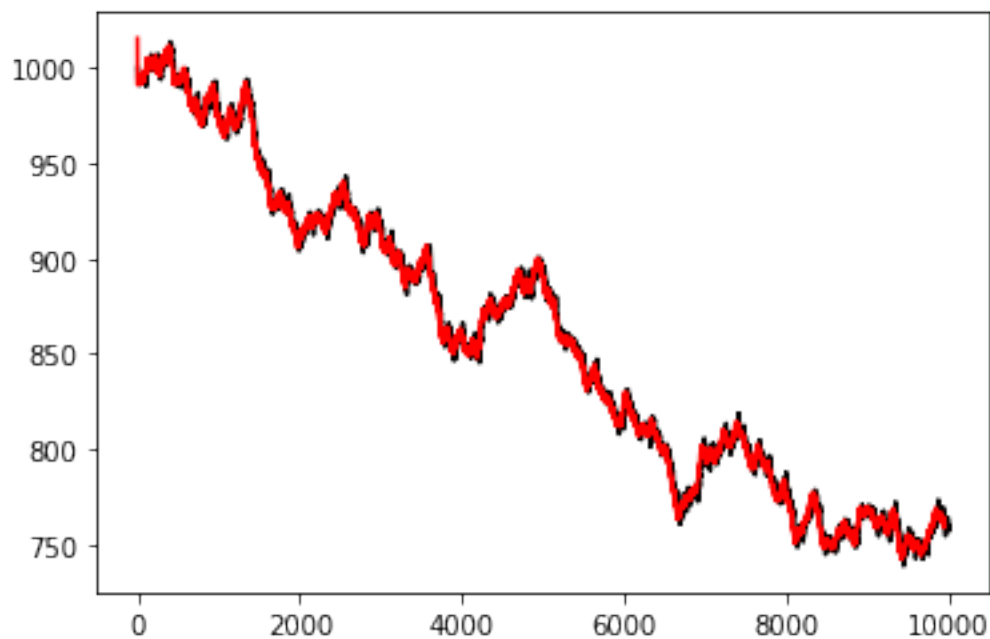
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- 1 We consider a spot market and a TWAP for that market. Below the TWAP has a rolling window size of 50 data points.

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[455]: plt.plot(m.prices, c='k')  
plt.plot(twaps, c='r')
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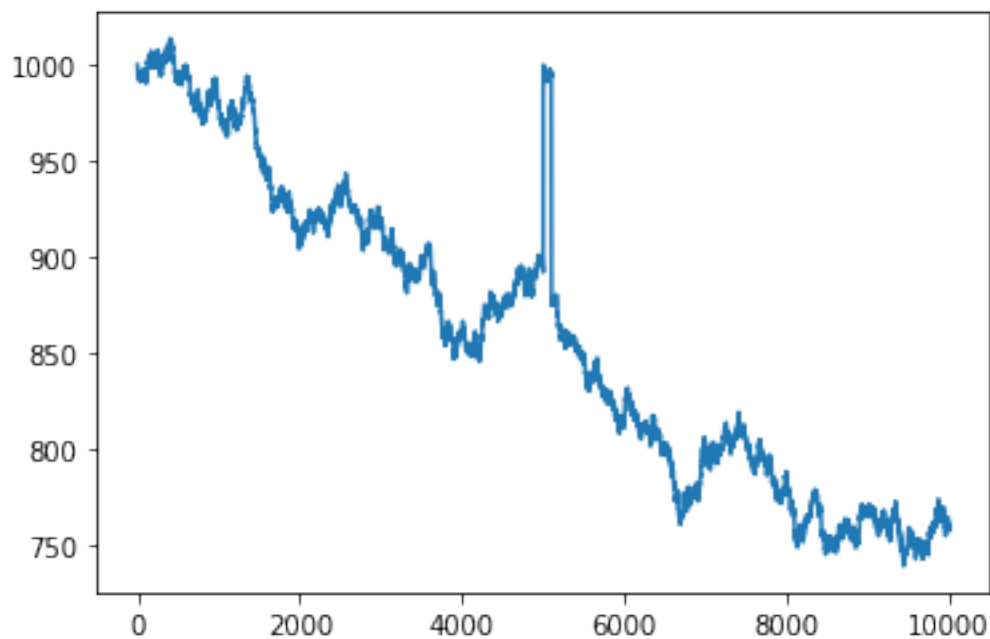
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2 The main concern is that the TWAP can be predicted. Let's see if this is the case – we artificially introduce a price shock

```
[499]: prices_w_shock = m.prices.copy()
shock_block = 5000
for i in range(100):
    prices_w_shock[shock_block + i] = prices_w_shock[i]
plt.plot(prices_w_shock)
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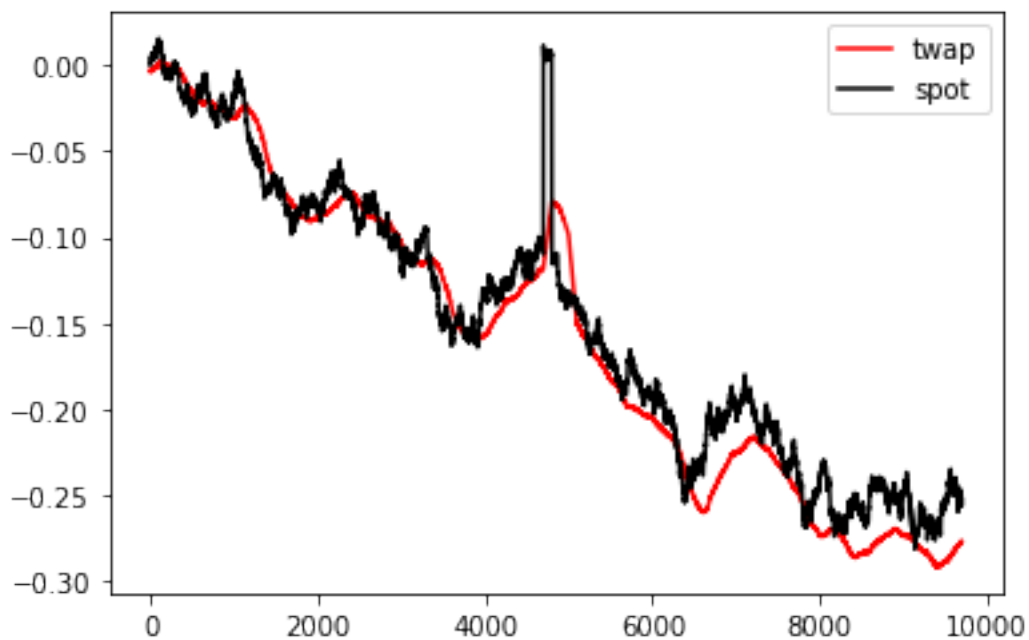


3 Now compute the TWAP as before

```
[519]: twap_crets = np.cumsum(Shock.get_returns(Shock.twaps))
crets = np.cumsum(Shock.returns>window:])

plt.plot(twap_crets, c='r', label='twap')
plt.plot(crets, c='k', label='spot')
plt.legend()
```

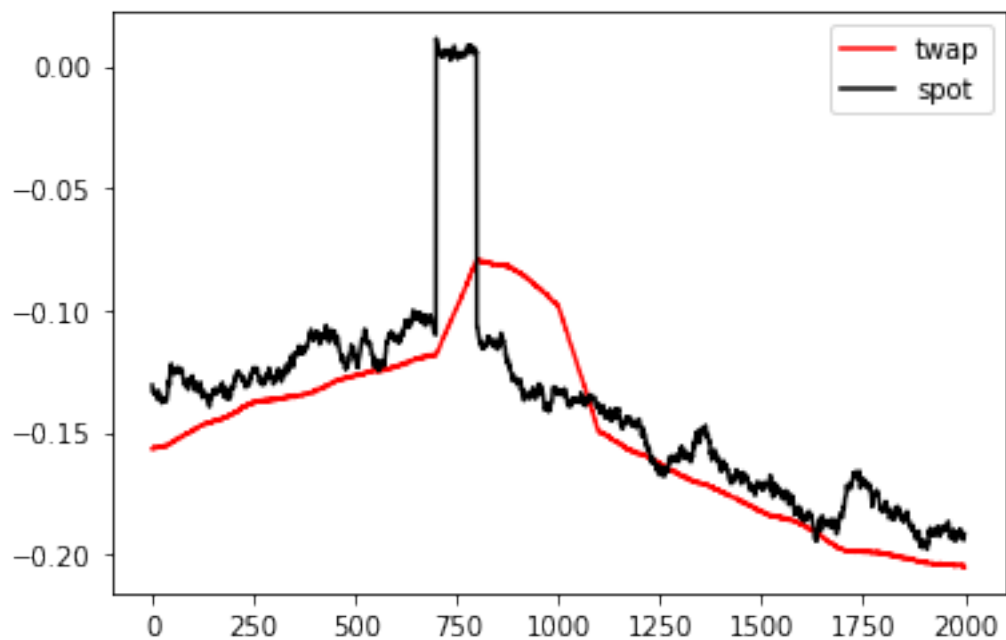
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4 Zoom in

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[505]: plt.plot(twap_crets[4000:6000], c='r', label='twap')  
plt.plot(crets[4000:6000], c='k', label='spot')  
plt.legend()
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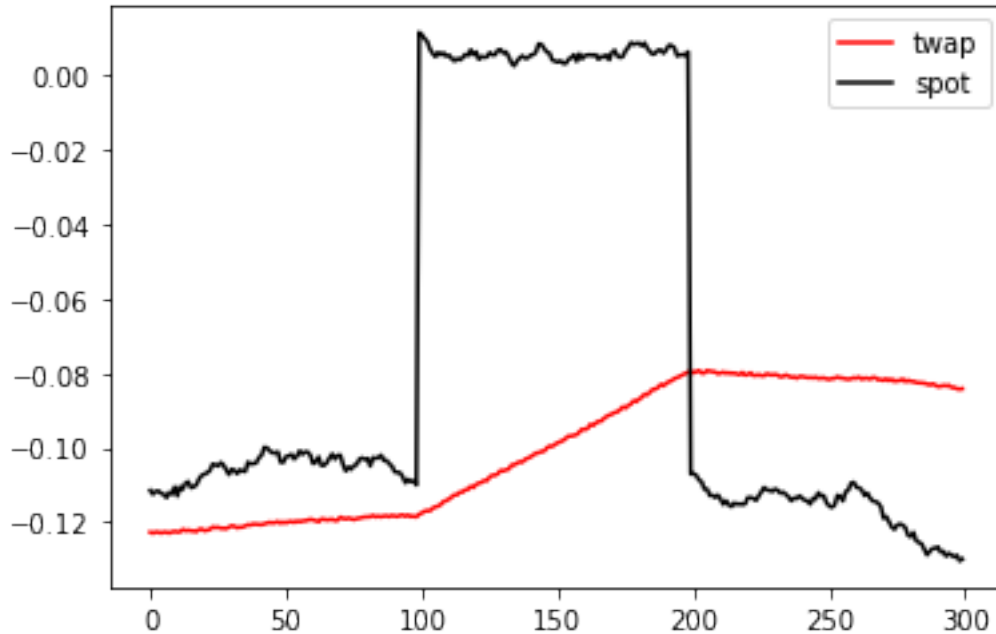


5 Zoom in

```
[506]: shock_time = shock_block-window

plt.plot(twap_crets[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='r', label='twap')
plt.plot(crets[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='k', label='spot')
plt.legend()
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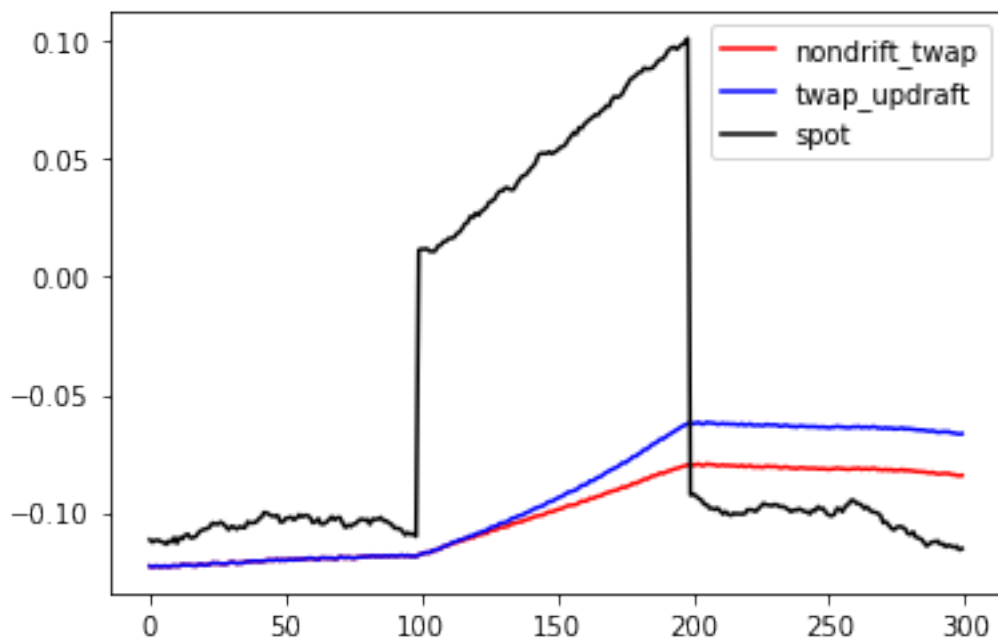


- 6 A 10% shock occurring instantaneously (1 block) and lasting for 100 blocks (20 minutes) leads to about 3.8% of free profit for anyone paying attention.
- 7 This result does not assume very much about the direction of future prices after the shock:

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[524]: shock_time = shock_block-window

plt.plot(twap_crets[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='r',
         ↪label='nondrift_twap')
plt.plot(twap_crets_up[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='b',
         ↪label='twap_updraft')
plt.plot(crets_up[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='k', label='spot')
plt.legend()
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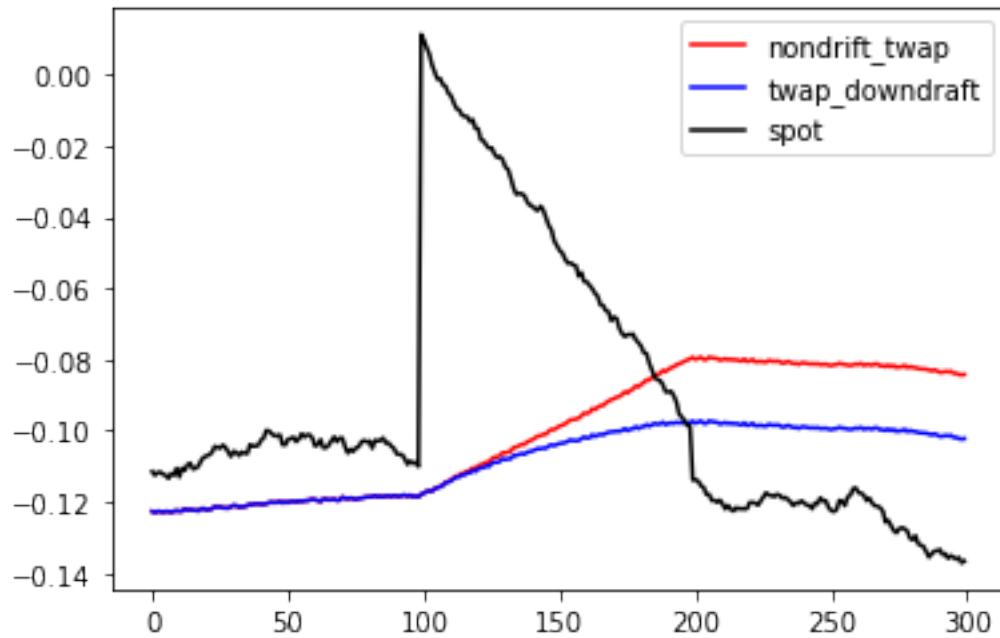


8 As expected, if prices keep going up, the trader makes even more money

```
[534]: shock_time = shock_block-window

plt.plot(twap_crets[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='r',
        ↪label='nondrift_twap')
plt.plot(twap_crets_down[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='b',
        ↪label='twap_downdraft')
plt.plot(crets_down[shock_time-100:shock_time+100+100], c='k', label='spot')
plt.legend()
```

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9 As expected, if price fades down, the trader still makes money (2%) just not as much

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