# STOCK PRICE PREDICTION

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# Introduction:

❖ Stock price prediction using machine learning is a fascinating and challenging area of financial forecasting. It involves the use of various machine learning techniques to analyze historical stock market data and make predictions about future

- stock prices. This field has gained significant attention due to its potential to help investors, traders, and financial institutions make informed decisions in the stock market.
- ❖ The first step in stock price prediction is to gather historical data, which typically includes daily or intraday stock prices, trading volumes, financial indicators, and economic news. This data is crucial for training and testing machine learning models.
- ❖ Feature engineering involves selecting and transforming relevant features from the collected data. Features can include technical indicators like moving averages, Relative Strength Index (RSI), or other financial ratios and metrics. Proper feature selection and engineering can significantly impact the model's performance.
- ❖ Data preprocessing involves cleaning and preparing the data for machine learning. This step includes handling missing values, normalization, scaling, and splitting the data into training and testing sets.
- Various machine learning algorithms can be used for stock price prediction, such as linear regression, decision trees, support vector machines, and more advanced techniques like neural networks and deep

- learning. The choice of the model depends on the complexity of the problem and the available data.
- ❖In the training phase, the model is fed with historical data to learn the underlying patterns and relationships. The goal is to make the model capture the trends, seasonality, and other factors affecting stock prices.
- ❖ After training, the model's performance is evaluated using a separate testing dataset. Common evaluation metrics include Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and Mean Absolute Error (MAE).
- ❖ Fine-tuning the model by adjusting hyperparameters can improve its performance. Hyperparameters are settings that are not learned during training, such as learning rates or the depth of a neural network.
- ❖ Once the model is trained and evaluated, it can be used to make future stock price predictions. These predictions are based on historical data and the patterns the model has learned.
- ❖It's important to remember that stock price prediction is inherently uncertain, and models can make incorrect predictions. Risk management

strategies, such as stop-loss orders and portfolio diversification, are crucial to mitigate potential losses.

- The stock market is dynamic, and models can become outdated quickly. It's important to continuously monitor and retrain the model as new data becomes available to ensure its accuracy.
- ❖ Predictive models should be used responsibly, and ethical considerations are important, especially in financial markets. Biases in data or algorithms must be addressed to ensure fairness and transparency.

Dataset link: (<a href="https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/prasoonkottarathil/microsoft-lifetime-stocks-dataset">https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/prasoonkottarathil/microsoft-lifetime-stocks-dataset</a>

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# **Given Dataset:**

Previous Close 159.0		Market Cap	1.2T	
Open	159.32	Beta (5Y Monthly)	1.23	
Bid	0.00 x 1000	PE Ratio (TTM)	29.73	
Ask	0.00 x 3100	EPS (TTM)	5.30	
Day's Range	157.33 - 159.67	Earnings Date	Jan 28, 2020 - Feb 3, 2020	
52 Week Range	101.26 - 160.73	Forward Dividend & Yield	2.04 (1.29%)	
Volume	18,017,762	Ex-Dividend Date	2020-02-19	
Avg. Volume	21,551,295	1y Target Est	164.19	

Stock price prediction using machine learning involves various tools and libraries to collect, preprocess, analyze data, and build predictive models. Here are some commonly used tools and libraries in the process:

- **1. Python:** Python is the most popular programming language for data science and machine learning. It offers a wide range of libraries for data analysis, manipulation, and modeling.
- **2. Jupyter Notebook**: Jupyter Notebook is an interactive environment that allows data scientists to write and execute code, create visualizations, and document their work. It's widely used for prototyping and data exploration.
- **3. Pandas:** Pandas is a powerful Python library for data manipulation and analysis. It provides data structures like data frames, making it easy to work with structured financial data.

- **4. NumPy:** NumPy is used for numerical computing in Python. It provides support for arrays and mathematical operations, which are fundamental for data manipulation.
- **5. Matplotlib and Seaborn:** These libraries are used for data visualization. Matplotlib is a versatile library for creating a wide range of plots and charts, while Seaborn provides a higher-level interface for creating informative and attractive statistical graphics.
- **6. Scikit-Learn:** Scikit-Learn is a popular machine learning library in Python. It offers a wide range of machine learning algorithms, tools for model evaluation, and utilities for preprocessing data.
- 7. TensorFlow and PyTorch: These deep learning frameworks are used for building and training neural networks, which can be powerful for complex stock price prediction tasks. They offer flexibility in designing and training deep learning models.

- **8. Keras:** Keras is a high-level neural networks API that runs on top of TensorFlow and other deep learning frameworks. It's known for its simplicity and ease of use, making it a good choice for neural network development.
- **9. Yahoo Finance, Alpha Vantage, or Quandl:** These are popular sources for collecting historical financial data. They provide APIs to access stock price and financial data for various markets.
- **10. SQL or NoSQL Databases:** Depending on the scale of your project, you may need to store and retrieve data from databases. SQL databases like PostgreSQL and MySQL or NoSQL databases like MongoDB can be used to manage financial data efficiently.
- **11. GitHub and Version Control:** Version control systems like Git and platforms like GitHub are essential for collaborating on code and keeping track of changes in your project.

- **12. Cloud Computing Services:** Cloud platforms like AWS, Google Cloud, or Azure can be used to scale your machine learning models and store data. They also provide GPU and TPU resources for training deep learning models.
- **13. Quantitative Finance Libraries:** Libraries like QuantLib and TA-Lib offer specialized tools and functions for financial analysis, including technical indicators and financial derivatives.

# 1. DESIGN THINKING AND PRESENT IN FORM OF DOCUMENT

# **Empathize:**

- Understand the Stakeholders: Identify and empathize with the key stakeholders, which may include retail investors, institutional investors, traders, and financial analysts. Understand their needs, concerns, and expectations regarding stock price prediction.
- **❖ Data Gathering**: Collect historical stock price data, financial reports, news sources, and other relevant data. Investigate data quality, sources, and any potential biases or issues that may affect the model's performance.

#### **Define:**

- **❖ Problem Definition**: Clearly define the scope and objectives of the project. Are we predicting short-term or long-term stock prices? What financial markets are we focusing on (e.g., equities, commodities, cryptocurrencies)?
- ❖ **Key Metrics**: Establish the key performance metrics for the model, such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), or other appropriate metrics. These metrics will guide the evaluation of model performance.

#### **Ideate:**

- **Feature Selection**: Brainstorm and research potential features that can be used for prediction, such as technical indicators, financial ratios, and macroeconomic data.
- ❖ Model Selection: Explore different machine learning algorithms (e.g., linear regression, decision trees, neural networks) and evaluate their suitability for the problem.
- ❖ **Data Preprocessing**: Ideate on strategies for data cleaning, normalization, and handling missing values.

# **Prototype:**

- ❖ **Data Exploration**: Create visualizations to gain insights into the data, identifying trends and correlations. Visualize stock price movements, trading volumes, and any anomalies in the data.
- ❖ Feature Engineering: Create initial feature sets and experiment with different feature combinations. Explore lag features, rolling statistics, and any domainspecific features.
- ❖ **Model Prototyping**: Build initial models with a subset of the data and assess their performance. This helps in rapidly testing different algorithms and ideas.

#### Test:

- ❖ **Model Evaluation**: Assess the performance of the prototype models using the defined metrics. Iterate on model hyperparameters and features to improve results.
- ❖ **Risk Management**: Consider how to incorporate risk management strategies in the model. Explore techniques like stop-loss orders and portfolio diversification.

# **Implement:**

❖ **Model Deployment**: Deploy the final model on a platform or application that allows users to access stock price predictions. Ensure that the deployment is scalable and reliable.

#### Learn:

- Continuous Monitoring: Continuously monitor the model's performance in real-world scenarios. Detect and address issues as they arise.
- ❖ Feedback Loop: Collect feedback from users and stakeholders to improve the model over time. Consider incorporating user feedback into model updates.

# INNOVATION FOR STOCK PRICE PREDICTION

# **Empathize:**

❖ User-Centered Innovation: Collaborate with users and stakeholders to identify unmet needs and pain points in their stock trading and investment strategies. Focus

- on understanding their desires for more accurate, timely, and actionable predictions.
- ❖ Advanced Data Sources: Explore innovative ways to gather and incorporate nontraditional data sources, such as sentiment analysis from social media, satellite imagery for supply chain monitoring, or alternative data like foot traffic and online activity metrics.

#### **Define:**

- ❖ Innovative Objectives: Rather than just predicting stock prices, consider innovative objectives, such as predicting market sentiment, identifying unusual trading patterns, or developing risk mitigation strategies that can be integrated into the prediction model.
- ❖ **Behavioral Finance Insights**: Leverage principles from behavioral finance to create innovative models that take into account investor sentiment, cognitive biases, and market irrationality.

#### Ideate:

- ❖ Machine Learning Advancements: Explore cutting-edge machine learning techniques such as deep learning, reinforcement learning, and natural language processing to uncover new ways of extracting insights from data.
- ❖ Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Encourage interdisciplinary collaboration by involving experts in finance, data science, and other domains. Seek fresh perspectives and innovative ideas from diverse teams.

# **Prototype:**

- ❖ AI-Driven Insights: Develop prototype models that provide explanations for predictions. Utilize innovative techniques like interpretable machine learning models, attention mechanisms, or SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) values to make predictions more transparent and understandable.
- ❖ Quantum Computing: Investigate the application of quantum computing for solving complex financial problems. Quantum computing's potential for handling vast datasets and optimizing portfolios is an emerging field.

#### Test:

- ❖ Real-Time Predictions: Explore real-time predictions, leveraging streaming data and innovative data processing techniques, to provide investors with up-to-theminute insights.
- ❖ Reinforcement Learning for Portfolio Optimization: Experiment with reinforcement learning to optimize investment portfolios dynamically, adapting to changing market conditions.

# **Implement:**

❖ AI-Driven Trading Platforms: Consider building innovative AI-driven trading platforms that not only predict stock prices but also execute trades based on the predictions.

### Learn:

- ❖ Adaptive Models: Develop innovative self-learning models that adapt to market changes and continuously improve their predictive accuracy.
- **Explainable AI (XAI)**: Stay updated on innovations in explainable AI techniques to enhance model transparency and user trust.

# **Loading and Preprocessing the dataset.**

IMPORTING LIBRARIES:

Python libraries make it very easy for us to handle the data and perform

typical and complex tasks with a single line of code.

 Pandas – This library helps to load the data frame in a 2D array format and

has multiple functions to perform analysis tasks in one go.

 Numpy – Numpy arrays are very fast and can perform large computations in

a very short time.

- Matplotlib/Seaborn This library is used to draw visualizations.
- Sklearn This module contains multiple libraries having preimplemented

functions to perform tasks from data preprocessing to model development

and evaluation.

• XGBoost – This contains the eXtreme Gradient Boosting machine learning

algorithm which is one of the algorithms which helps us to achieve high accuracy on predictions.

### Code:

from mpl toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # plotting

import numpy as np # linear algebra

import os # accessing directory structure

import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read\_csv)

#### **LOADING DATA:**

For the loading data we can use the dataset link:

https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/prasoonkottarathil/microsoftlifetime-stocks-dataset

#### Code:

df = pd.read\_csv('/kaggle/input/microsoft-stock-time-series
analysis/Microsoft\_Stock.csv')

df.head(5)

# **Output:**

	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume
0	1986-03-13	0.088542	0.101563	0.088542	0.097222	0.062549	1031788800
1	1986-03-14	0.097222	0.102431	0.097222	0.100694	0.064783	308160000
2	1986-03-17	0.100694	0.103299	0.100694	0.102431	0.065899	133171200
3	1986-03-18	0.102431	0.103299	0.098958	0.099826	0.064224	67766400
4	1986-03-19	0.099826	0.100694	0.097222	0.098090	0.063107	47894400

From the first five rows, we can see that data for some of the dates is

missing the reason for that is on weekends and holidays Stock Market remains

closed hence no trading happens on these days.

# **Exploratory Data:**

To begin this exploratory analysis, first import libraries and define functions for plotting the

data using matplotlib. Depending on the data, not all plots will be made. (Hey, I'm just a simple

kerneling bot, not a Kaggle Competitions Grandmaster!

# Correlation matrix

def plotCorrelationMatrix(df, graphWidth):

filename = df.dataframeName

df = df.dropna('columns') # drop columns with NaN

df = df[[col for col in df if df[col].nunique() > 1]] # keep columns

where there are more than 1 unique values

if df.shape[1] < 2:

print(f'No correlation plots shown: The number of non-NaN or constant columns ({df.shape[1]}) is less than 2')

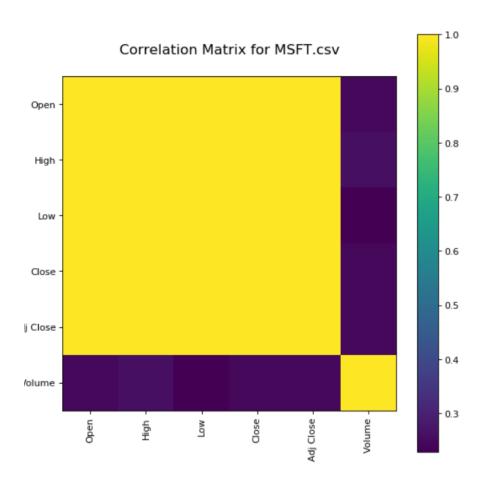
return

corr = df.corr()

plt.figure(num=None, figsize=(graphWidth, graphWidth), dpi=80,

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facecolor='w', edgecolor='k')
corrMat = plt.matshow(corr, fignum = 1)
plt.xticks(range(len(corr.columns)), corr.columns, rotation=90)
plt.yticks(range(len(corr.columns)), corr.columns)
plt.gca().xaxis.tick_bottom()
plt.colorbar(corrMat)
plt.title(f'Correlation Matrix for {filename}', fontsize=15)
plt.show()
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# **Output:**



## **Model Testing and Displaying Output:**

Testing a stock price prediction model involves using the testing dataset to assess

the model's performance and evaluate its ability to make accurate predictions.

Once the testing is complete, you can display various output metrics and

visualizations to understand how well the model is performing. Here's how to test

your model and display its output:

# 1. Model Testing:

- Use your trained stock price prediction model to make predictions on the

testing dataset.

Code: # Assuming you have trained a model 'stock model'.

predictions = stock\_model.predict(test\_data)

#### 2. Evaluation Metrics:

- Calculate relevant evaluation metrics to assess your model's performance.

Common metrics for regression tasks like stock price prediction include Mean

Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error

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(RMSE), and R-squared (R^2).
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#### Code:

```
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error,
mean_squared_error,
r2_score
mae = mean_absolute_error(test_data['ActualPrice'], predictions)
mse = mean_squared_error(test_data['ActualPrice'], predictions)
rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
r2 = r2_score(test_data['ActualPrice'], predictions)
```

#### 3. Visualization:

- Visualize the actual stock prices, predicted prices, and any additional relevant

information. You can use libraries like Matplotlib for this.

#### Code:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(test_data['Date'], test_data['ActualPrice'], label='Actual Price',
color='blue')
plt.plot(test_data['Date'], predictions, label='Predicted Price',
color='red')
plt.title('Stock Price Prediction')
plt.xlabel('Date')
plt.ylabel('Price')
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plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

## 4. Model Interpretation:

- Depending on the model you've used, you might be able to interpret its

predictions. For example, if you've employed a deep learning model, you can use

techniques like SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) to explain individual

predictions.

#### Code:

# Example using SHAP for model interpretation (for a model called 'stock\_model').

import shap

explainer = shap.Explainer(stock model)

shap\_values = explainer(test\_data.drop(columns=['ActualPrice']))

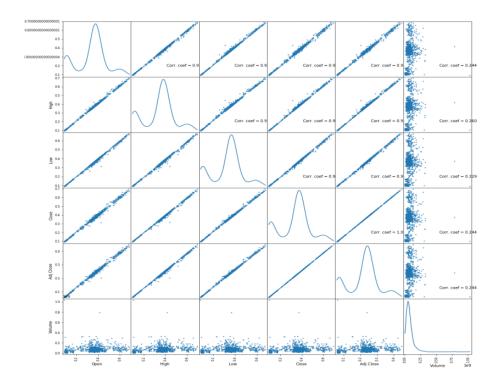
shap.summary\_plot(shap\_values,
test\_data.drop(columns=['ActualPrice'])) ```

By testing your stock price prediction model and displaying its output, you

can gain insights into how well the model performs, make any necessary

adjustments or improvements, and communicate the results effectively to
Stakeholders.
Output
Output:

Scatter and Density Plot



<u>Performing different activities like feature</u> <u>engineering, model training, evaluation</u>

# 1. Feature Engineering:

Feature engineering is the process of selecting and creating relevant features from the raw data to improve the model's ability to make accurate predictions. In the context of stock price prediction, some common activities include:

2.Lag Features: Creating lag features by shifting historical stock price and trading volume data to capture temporal patterns.

- -3.Technical Indicators: Calculating technical indicators like moving averages, Relative Strength Index (RSI), Bollinger Bands, and MACD.
- 4.Fundamental Data: Incorporating financial metrics like earnings per share (EPS), price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios, and revenue growth.
- 5.Market Sentiment Analysis: Utilizing sentiment analysis on news articles and social media data to gauge market sentiment.
- 6. Volume and Liquidity Metrics: Including features related to trading volume, bid-ask spreads, and order book data.
- 7.Economic Indicators: Adding macroeconomic indicators like GDP growth, inflation rates, and interest rates that may affect market behavior.

# 2. Data Preprocessing:

Data preprocessing is crucial for preparing the data for model training. Activities in this phase include:

- Data Cleaning: Handling missing values and outliers, which can distort model predictions.
- Normalization and Scaling: Scaling features to a common range to prevent certain features from dominating others.
- Train-Test Split: Dividing the dataset into training and testing sets for model evaluation.
- Handling Imbalanced Data: Addressing issues where stock prices may have class imbalances, especially in the case of

binary classification problems (e.g., predicting stock price movements).

#### 3. Model Selection:

Choosing an appropriate model is a significant decision in stock price prediction. Options include:

- Linear Regression: A basic model for predicting price changes based on linear relationships with features.
- Decision Trees and Random Forests: Non-linear models that can capture complex patterns.
- Time Series Models: Specialized models like ARIMA, GARCH, or Prophet for handling time-series data.
- Neural Networks: Deep learning models, including recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for capturing sequential patterns.
- Ensemble Models: Combining multiple models for improved predictions, such as bagging or boosting techniques.

# 4. Model Training:

Once a model is selected, it needs to be trained on the training dataset. Key steps include:

- Parameter Tuning: Tuning hyperparameters to optimize model performance, which might involve grid search or random search techniques.

- Cross-Validation: Using techniques like k-fold cross-validation to ensure model robustness and prevent overfitting.
- Regularization: Applying regularization techniques like L1 or L2 regularization to control model complexity.

## 5. Model Evaluation:

Model evaluation is critical for assessing how well the model performs. Common evaluation metrics for stock price prediction include:

- Mean Squared Error (MSE): Measures the average squared difference between predicted and actual values.
- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): The square root of the MSE, providing a measure of the prediction error in the same units as the target variable.
- Mean Absolute Error (MAE): Measures the average absolute difference between predicted and actual values.
- R-squared (R^2): Indicates the proportion of the variance in the target variable that is predictable by the model.

Additionally, for classification tasks (e.g., predicting stock price movements), metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and area under the ROC curve (AUC-ROC) can be used to evaluate the model's classification performance.

#### PROGRAM:

In [1]:

from mpl\_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # plotting
import numpy as np # linear algebra
import os # accessing directory structure
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read_csv)
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                                                                  In [2]:
for dirname, , filenames in os.walk('/kaggle/input'):
  for filename in filenames:
    print(os.path.join(dirname, filename))
/kaggle/input/MSFT.csv
The next hidden code cells define functions for plotting data. Click on
the "Code" button in the published kernel to reveal the hidden code.
unfold lessHide code
                                                                  In [3]:
# Distribution graphs (histogram/bar graph) of column data
def plotPerColumnDistribution(df, nGraphShown, nGraphPerRow):
  nunique = df.nunique()
  df = df[[col for col in df if nunique[col] > 1 and nunique[col] < 50]] #
For displaying purposes, pick columns that have between 1 and 50
unique values
  nRow, nCol = df.shape
  columnNames = list(df)
  nGraphRow = (nCol + nGraphPerRow - 1) / nGraphPerRow
  plt.figure(num = None, figsize = (6 * nGraphPerRow, 8 * nGraphRow),
dpi = 80, facecolor = 'w', edgecolor = 'k')
  for i in range(min(nCol, nGraphShown)):
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plt.subplot(nGraphRow, nGraphPerRow, i + 1)
    columnDf = df.iloc[:, i]
    if (not np.issubdtype(type(columnDf.iloc[0]), np.number)):
      valueCounts = columnDf.value counts()
      valueCounts.plot.bar()
    else:
      columnDf.hist()
    plt.ylabel('counts')
    plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
    plt.title(f'{columnNames[i]} (column {i})')
  plt.tight layout(pad = 1.0, w pad = 1.0, h pad = 1.0)
  plt.show()
                                                                   In [4]:
# Correlation matrix
def plotCorrelationMatrix(df, graphWidth):
  filename = df.dataframeName
  df = df.dropna('columns') # drop columns with NaN
  df = df[[col for col in df if df[col].nunique() > 1]] # keep columns
where there are more than 1 unique values
  if df.shape[1] < 2:
    print(f'No correlation plots shown: The number of non-NaN or
constant columns ({df.shape[1]}) is less than 2')
    return
  corr = df.corr()
  plt.figure(num=None, figsize=(graphWidth, graphWidth), dpi=80,
facecolor='w', edgecolor='k')
  corrMat = plt.matshow(corr, fignum = 1)
  plt.xticks(range(len(corr.columns)), corr.columns, rotation=90)
  plt.yticks(range(len(corr.columns)), corr.columns)
  plt.gca().xaxis.tick bottom()
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plt.colorbar(corrMat)
  plt.title(f'Correlation Matrix for {filename}', fontsize=15)
  plt.show()
                                                                    In [5]:
# Scatter and density plots
def plotScatterMatrix(df, plotSize, textSize):
  df = df.select dtypes(include =[np.number]) # keep only numerical
columns
  # Remove rows and columns that would lead to df being singular
  df = df.dropna('columns')
  df = df[[col for col in df if df[col].nunique() > 1]] # keep columns
where there are more than 1 unique values
  columnNames = list(df)
  if len(columnNames) > 10: # reduce the number of columns for matrix
inversion of kernel density plots
    columnNames = columnNames[:10]
  df = df[columnNames]
  ax = pd.plotting.scatter matrix(df, alpha=0.75, figsize=[plotSize,
plotSize], diagonal='kde')
  corrs = df.corr().values
  for i, j in zip(*plt.np.triu_indices_from(ax, k = 1)):
    ax[i, j].annotate('Corr. coef = %.3f' % corrs[i, j], (0.8, 0.2),
xycoords='axes fraction', ha='center', va='center', size=textSize)
  plt.suptitle('Scatter and Density Plot')
  plt.show()
```

Now you're ready to read in the data and use the plotting functions to visualize the data.

Let's check 1st file: /kaggle/input/MSFT.csv

In [6]:

nRowsRead = 1000 # specify 'None' if want to read whole file # MSFT.csv may have more rows in reality, but we are only loading/previewing the first 1000 rows df1 = pd.read\_csv('/kaggle/input/MSFT.csv', delimiter=',', nrows = nRowsRead) df1.dataframeName = 'MSFT.csv' nRow, nCol = df1.shape print(f'There are {nRow} rows and {nCol} columns')

There are 1000 rows and 7 columns

Let's take a quick look at what the data looks like:

In [7]:

df1.head(5)

Out[7]:

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	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volum e
0	1986-	0.0885	0.1015	0.0885	0.0972	0.0625	10317
	03-13	42	63	42	22	49	88800
1	1986-	0.0972	0.1024	0.0972	0.1006	0.0647	30816
	03-14	22	31	22	94	83	0000
2	1986-	0.1006	0.1032	0.1006	0.1024	0.0658	13317
	03-17	94	99	94	31	99	1200
3	1986-	0.1024	0.1032	0.0989	0.0998	0.0642	67766
	03-18	31	99	58	26	24	400

4	1986-	0.0998	0.1006	0.0972	0.0980	0.0631	47894
4	03-19	26	94	22	90	07	400

Distribution graphs (histogram/bar graph) of sampled columns:

In [8]:

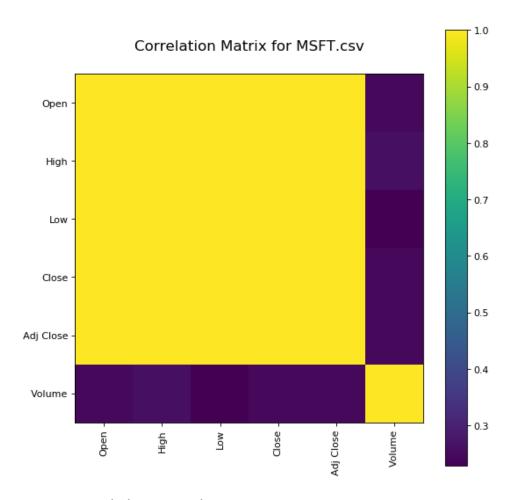
plotPerColumnDistribution(df1, 10, 5)

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Correlation matrix:

In [9]:

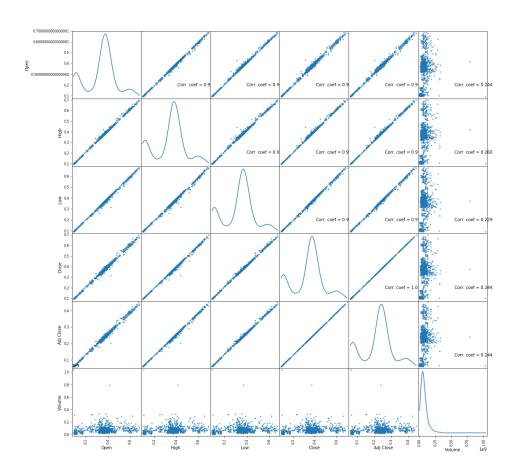
plotCorrelationMatrix(df1, 8)



Scatter and density plots:

# Output:

Scatter and Density Plot



# **Advantages:**

1. Informed Decision-Making: Stock price prediction can provide valuable insights to investors, traders, and financial institutions, enabling them to make more informed decisions about buying, selling, or holding stocks.

- 2. Risk Mitigation: Predictive models can assist in identifying potential market risks, allowing investors to take precautionary measures, such as setting stop-loss orders or diversifying their portfolios.
- 3. Automation: Automated trading systems can execute buy or sell orders based on prediction models, reducing the need for continuous manual monitoring and trading.
- 4. Market Efficiency: Stock price prediction models contribute to market efficiency by quickly incorporating and reflecting new information and events, which can lead to more accurate pricing.
- 5. Diversification Strategy: Predictive models can assist in developing diversified portfolios, reducing risk exposure by spreading investments across different assets.
- 6. Quantitative Analysis: Stock price prediction leverages quantitative analysis and data-driven decision-making, which can be more objective and less influenced by emotions compared to traditional investing.

# **Disadvantages:**

- 1. Uncertainty: The stock market is influenced by numerous unpredictable factors, making it challenging to build highly accurate prediction models. Even the best models cannot account for all possible events and shocks.
- 2. Overfitting: Overfitting can occur when models are too complex and fit the training data perfectly, but perform poorly

on unseen data. It's a common issue in stock price prediction, especially when using overly complex models.

- 3. Data Quality and Bias: Predictive models heavily rely on historical data, and if the data is incomplete, biased, or contains errors, it can lead to inaccurate predictions.
- 4. Market Noise: Financial markets can be noisy with various external events, news, and market sentiment, making it difficult for models to separate true signals from the noise.
- 5. Regulatory Risks: Automated trading systems and algorithmic trading, often used with stock price prediction models, can be subject to regulatory oversight and compliance requirements.
- 6. Market Manipulation: Stock price predictions can be susceptible to manipulation and market anomalies, potentially leading to unexpected outcomes.

# **Benefits:**

- 1. Potential for Profit: Successful stock price prediction models can lead to profitable trading strategies and investment decisions, increasing financial returns for investors.
- 2. Risk Management: Predictive models help investors and traders manage risks by setting stop-loss orders, optimizing portfolio diversification, and protecting against market downturns.

- 3. Continuous Monitoring: These models can continuously monitor market conditions and react quickly to changes, ensuring portfolios remain aligned with investment goals.
- 4. Efficiency: Stock price prediction models enhance market efficiency by quickly incorporating information, helping reduce discrepancies between stock prices and intrinsic values.
- 5. Data-Driven Insights: Stock price prediction provides datadriven insights and allows investors to make rational decisions based on historical and real-time information.
- 6. Innovation: The field of stock price prediction drives innovation in finance and data science, encouraging the development of advanced algorithms, machine learning models, and analytical tools.

It's important to note that stock price prediction is a complex field, and while it offers numerous advantages and benefits, it also comes with inherent uncertainties and challenges. Investors and institutions should use these predictions as part of a broader investment strategy and exercise caution to manage risks effectively.