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**PREDICTING ROMANIAN STOCK
MOVEMENT TRENDS:
A COMPLEX NETWORK APPROACH
COMBINED WITH MACHINE LEARNING**

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Include somehow machine learning; if potential investors would have a fair assumption on the future market outlook, the invested capital could remain in the Romanian industry.



Besides the diverse machine learning and deep learning methods applied on the prices or other raw data, lately **another research direction is to have as input data properties extracted from the stock network** » basically, train algorithms which learn based on network interactions
pl. Milan Janosov (2021). "Network science predicts who dies next in Game of Thrones".

Research topic #2: predict the next day movement of the stock prices based on features extracted from the stock network

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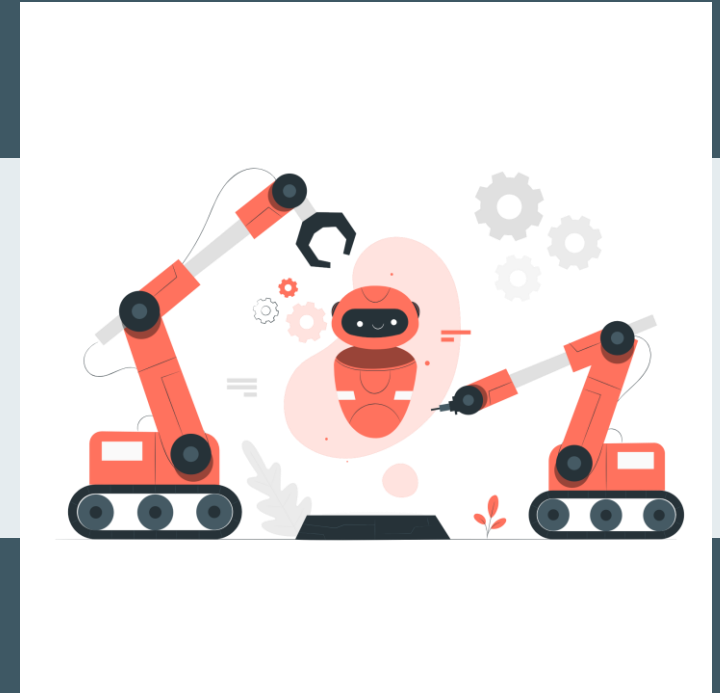
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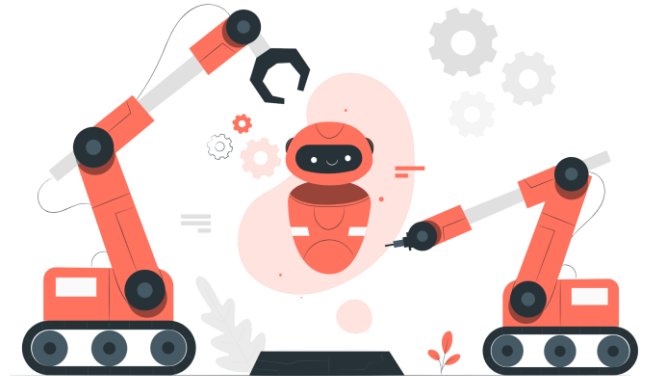
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How others modelled the stock market

Step 0: choose time range (T) and stocks to include

Step 1: calculate between each stock-pair the Pearson correlation coefficient

$$c_{ij} = \frac{\sum_t [(x_i(t) - \bar{x}_i) * (x_j(t) - \bar{x}_j)]}{\sqrt{\sum_t (x_i(t) - \bar{x}_i)^2} * \sqrt{\sum_t (x_j(t) - \bar{x}_j)^2}}$$

$x_i(t)$ = the close price ($p_{c,i}(t)$) of stock i on day t OR
the trading volumes of stock i on day t OR
the most frequently: $x_i(t)$ = **return** = $\ln[\frac{p_{c,i}(t)}{p_{c,i}(t-1)}]$

\bar{x}_i = the **average** of x_i for the whole
analyzed period

Step 2: define a **threshold** value based on that the **links**
of the stock network can be defined:

if the correlation coefficient c_{ij} **between two stocks is greater than the threshold**, an undirected link is placed between the two nodes of the stocks

What value should the **threshold** take? How can we determine this threshold?

arbitrary value

based on experiments

paper	data	modeling approach	link creation	N	L
[29]	daily U.S. stock data between July 2007-2008	cross-correlation on the logarithmic daily price return; no lag considered; undirected network	threshold of 0.6	465	n/m
[6]	daily U.S. stock data between July 2005-August 2007 and June 2007 - May 2009	cross-correlation on the daily logarithmic price return, close price and trading volume; no lag considered; undirected network	multiple thresholds: 0.7, 0.8, 0.85, 0.9, 0.95	19,807	2,359 at thd = 0.9
[9]	daily Tehran stock data between 26 March 2011 and 8 April 2017	cross-correlation on the daily logarithmic price return; no lag considered; undirected network	threshold of 0.1	142	3,457
[10]	daily stock data from Shanghai and Shenzhen between 2003 and 2007	cross-correlation on the logarithmic daily price return; no lag considered; undirected network	experimented with multiple thresholds	1,080	n/m
[18]	daily Tehran stock data between 2014 and 2017	cross-correlation on the logarithmic daily price return; no lag considered; undirected network	threshold of 0.4 selected with an objective function	246	n/m
[11]	daily stock indices data from 70 countries between 2017-2019 and 2020-2022	novel methodology based on open-high-low-close data; no lag considered; undirected network		70	n/m
[3]	S&P500, NASDAQ, DJIA stock data from 2000-2014	price volatility patterns based on cross-correlation; 5-day lag considered; directed and weighted network		47	n/m

Table 3.1: Summary of other researchers' stock network modeling approaches. N refers to the number of nodes and L to the number of edges in the stock network which was modeled in the specific papers.

The approach in this thesis



Data: ethically sourced close prices of stocks from the Bucharest Stock Exchange between 2022-2023



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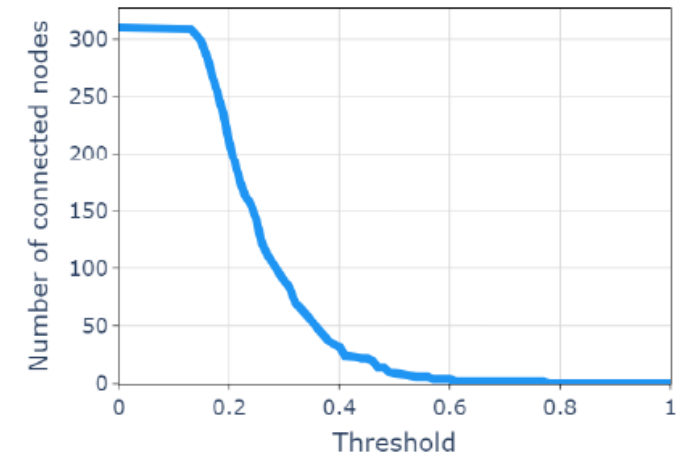
Links of the stock network: based on the cross-correlation of the stocks' returns between 2022-2023



Threshold: for each value between 0,00 and 1,00 a different stock network was modelled. The optimal threshold was chosen based on network-level metrics which reflect the structure of the network

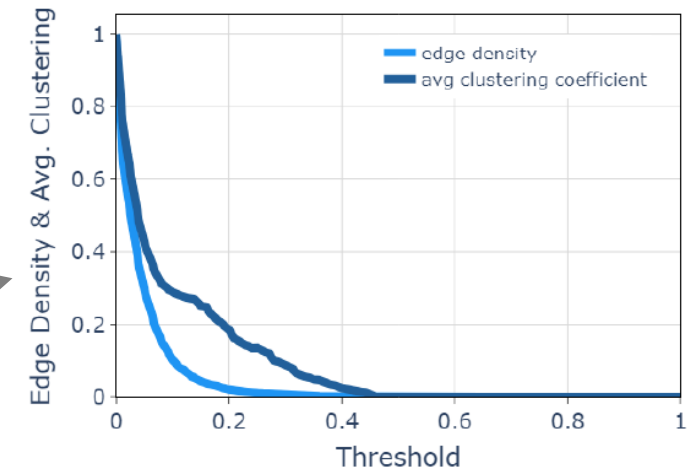
The threshold must be in the interval of $[0, 0.20]$ so that valuable data and insights can be retrieved from the network, based on that algorithms can truly learn the stock interactions.

Figure 4.1



Number of non-isolated nodes based on the threshold » as the threshold increases, the number of non-isolated nodes decreases

Figure 4.2

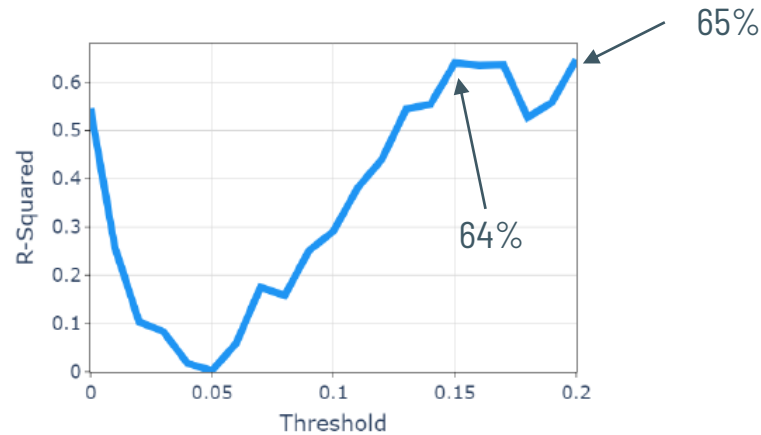


The density and the average clustering coefficient of the network » after the threshold value 0.25, the number of edges are only 1% of all possible edges; the average clustering coefficient is higher than density, therefore the dense relations in the network were expected

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Threshold = 0.20

Number of connected nodes = 211
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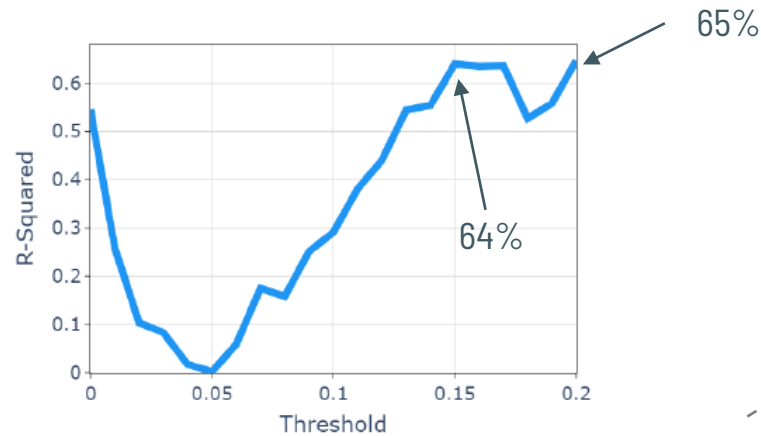
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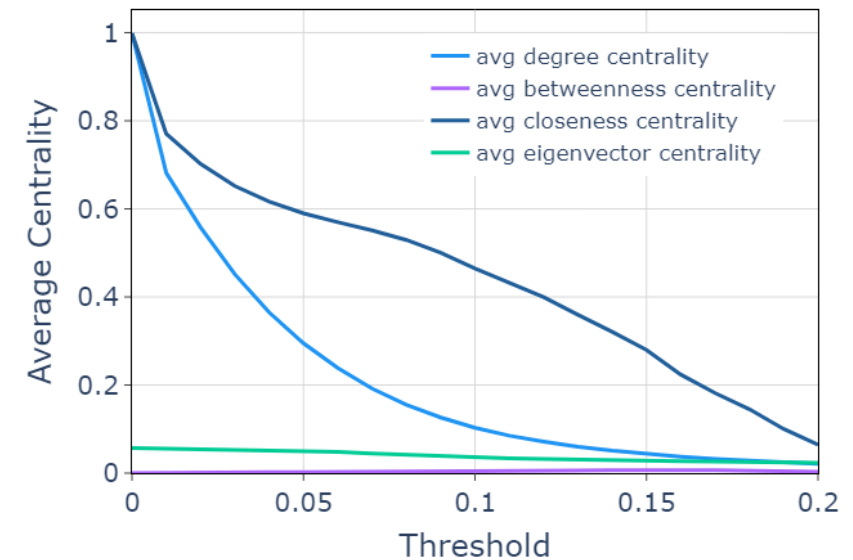
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Average the node-level centralities



Centralities are higher for threshold 0.15, especially the closeness centrality which means that information flows are more efficient in this network.

The modelled network

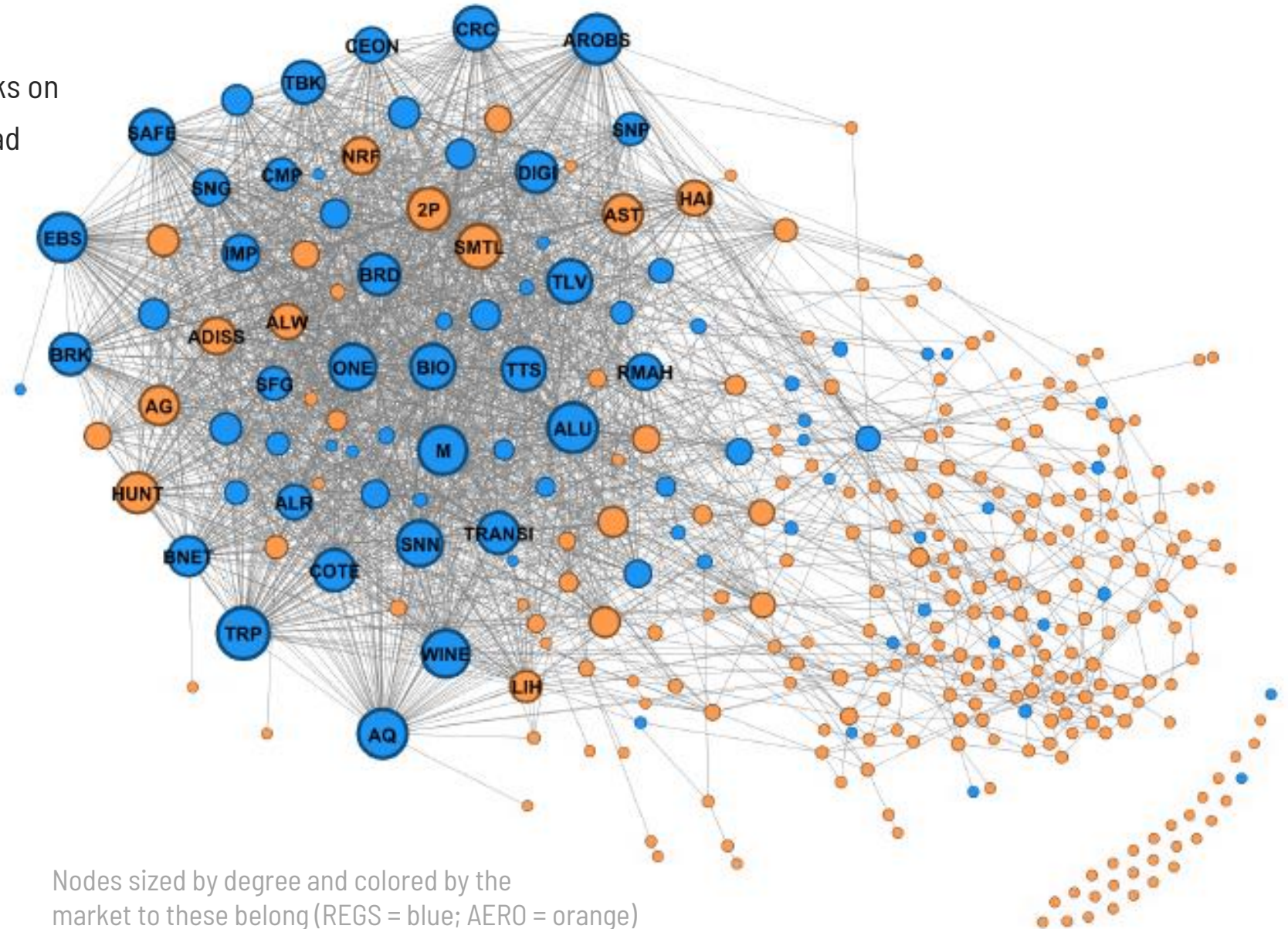
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N = 360

L = 2089

Nr of isolated nodes = 20



Nodes sized by degree and colored by the market to these belong (REGS = blue; AERO = orange)

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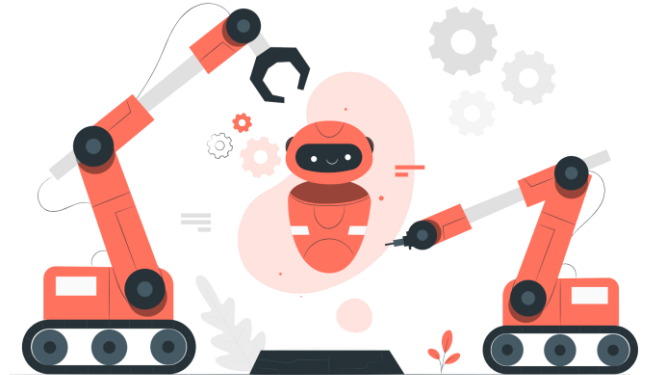
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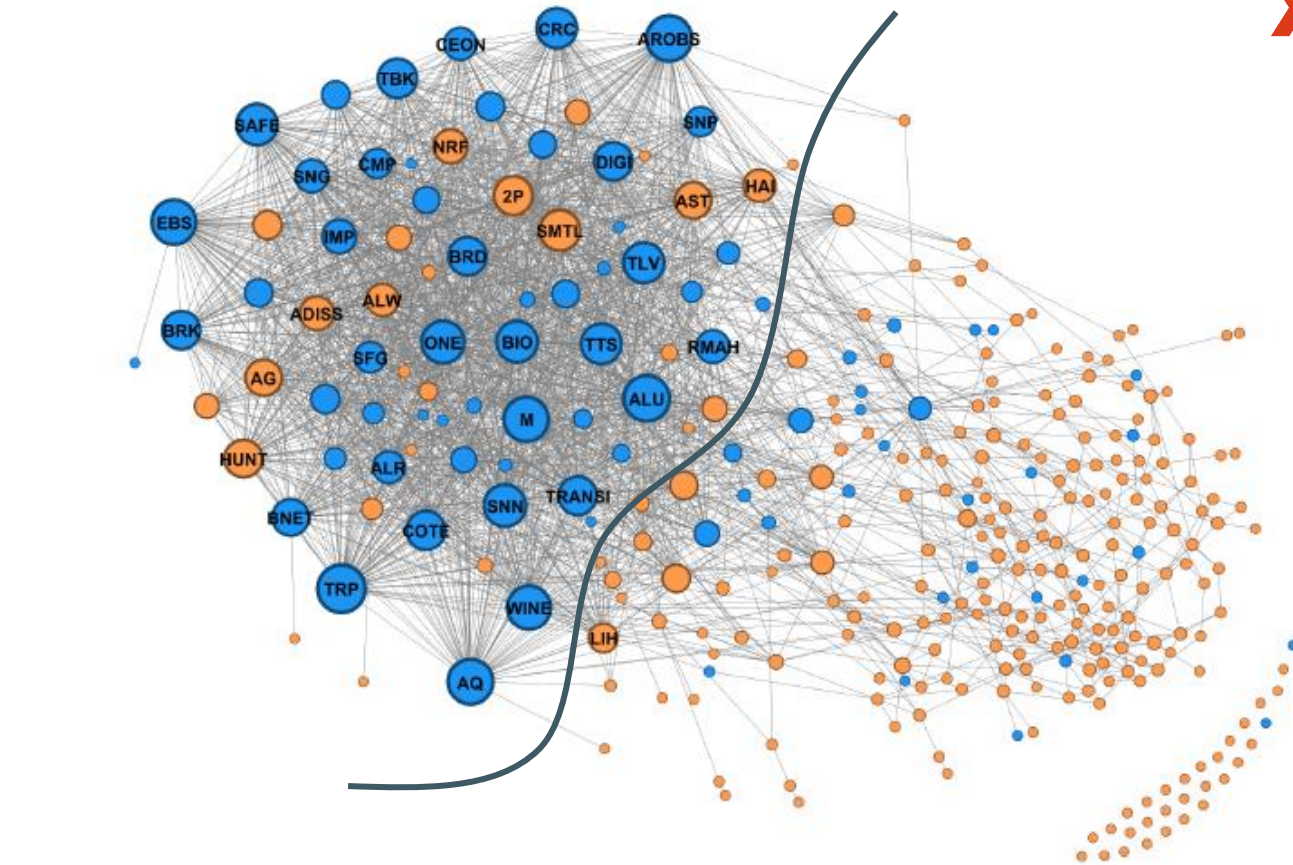


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Romanian stock market ~ network perspective



- stocks listed on the main market (REGS)
- stocks listed on the secondary market (AERO)

➤ Two structurally different components: visually looked like the dense component mainly consists of stocks listed on REGS and the other component is dominated by AERO stocks



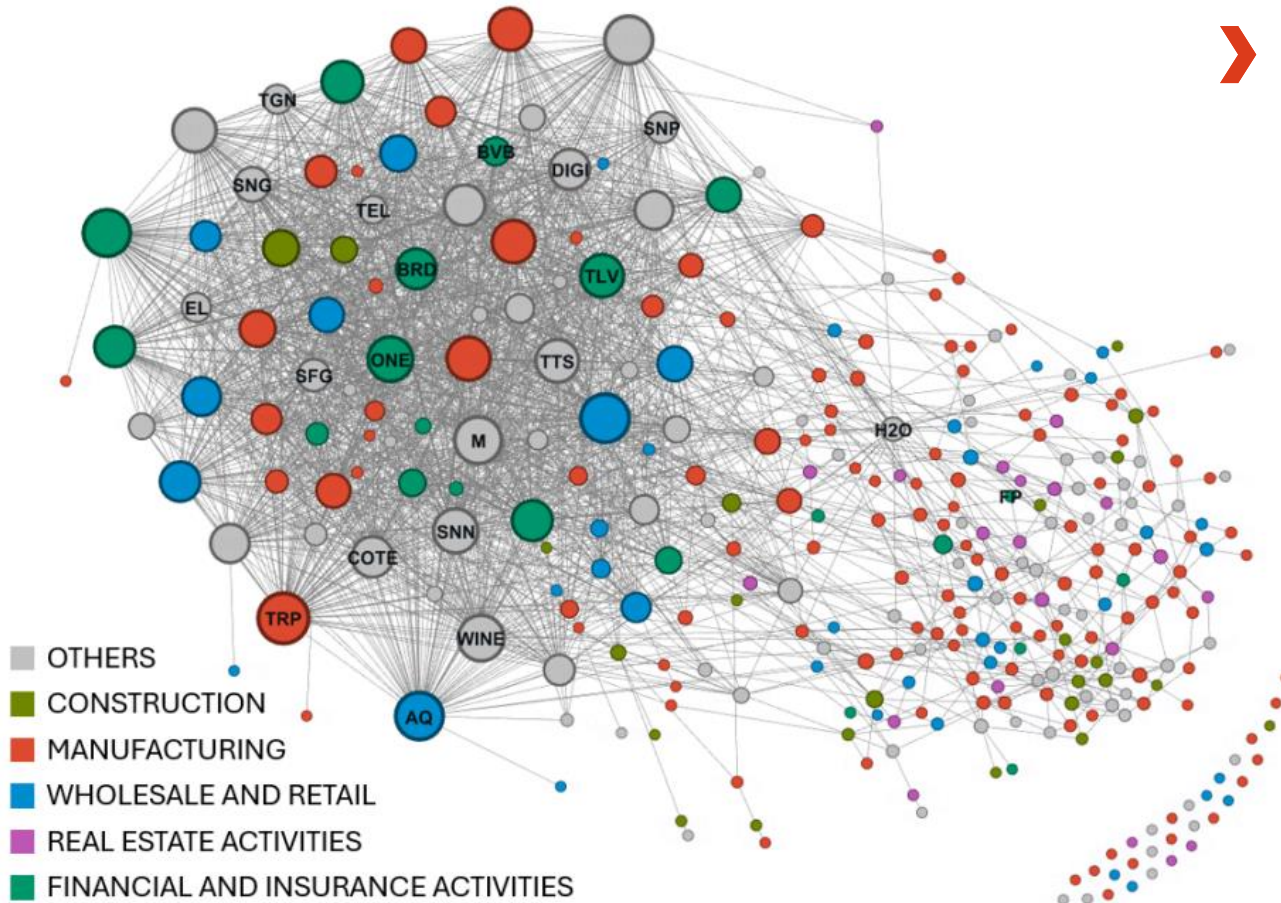
The network is actually homogeneous regarding the distribution of nodes based on market:

- » 41% of edges are linking together REGS and AERO nodes
- » the cumulative degree of AERO-nodes is 1719 (41%), while the REGS nodes have in total 2459 degrees, even though there are fewer REGS nodes than AERO



Can be explained through the investing behavior on the Romanian market: investors balance out the riskier AERO stocks with the mature and secure REGS stocks in their portfolios. Secondary market driven by the Primary market.

Romanian stock market ~ network perspective



The nodes of the network are labeled if the stock that these represent belongs to the BET index. There are also low-degree nodes belonging to BET.



The nodes are not clustered by industry, even though this was the expectation: the prices of assets in the same industry tend to move together, hence the correlation should be higher.



The network is homogeneous also based on the clustering on industry, the nodes connecting also with nodes from other industries:
» 40% of stocks activate in the manufacturing industry but this does not represent the industry with the highest cumulative degrees
» the industry with the highest cumulative degrees is finance and insurance services to that belong only 21 nodes

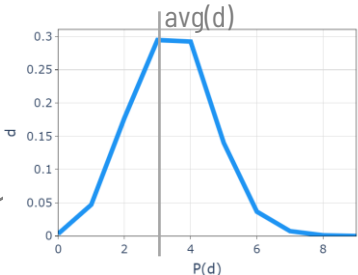


The number of shares belonging to an industry doesn't mean consequently that the industry drives the stock market. This does not depend on the index either, even though indices represent benchmark portfolios, and it was expected that these are popular among investors.

Romanian stock market ~ network perspective

Fast information-flows: all price changes are quickly incorporated and reflected by all nodes » dynamic system, free economy

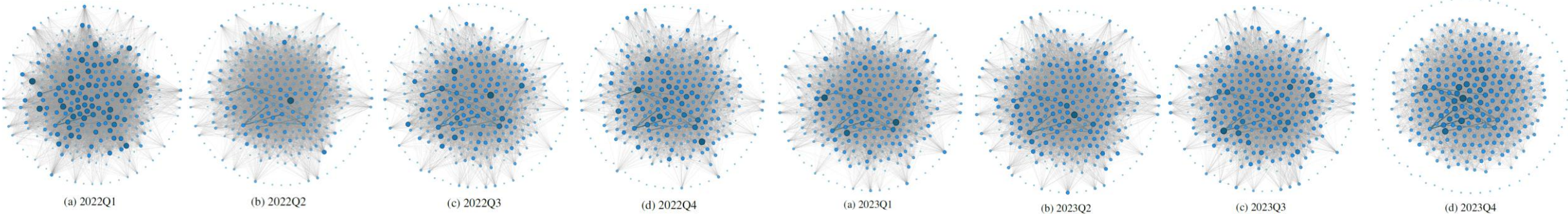
diameter = 9
average shortest path = 3.44
60% of nodes achieve in 4-5 steps (i.e. connections) other nodes small-world property



temporal networks: aggregating the data from the 2022-203 time-period on sub-periods » the smaller the period, the more connections there were » stock prices and returns closer in time have higher correlation

		N	N_isolated	L	edge_density	avg_clust_coeff	k_min	k_max	k_avg
type	metric								
year	mean	328.0	28.500000	3321.500000	0.061936	0.214279	0.0	73.000000	20.253049
halfyear	mean	328.0	43.500000	5264.250000	0.098162	0.220671	0.0	83.000000	32.099085
trimester	mean	328.0	56.000000	6645.000000	0.123909	0.246695	0.0	105.166667	40.518293
quarter	mean	328.0	67.500000	7508.750000	0.140015	0.267713	0.0	104.250000	45.785061
month	mean	328.0	110.166667	9917.958333	0.184940	0.353211	0.0	140.750000	60.475356

The network dynamics as captured by quarterly aggregated temporal networks



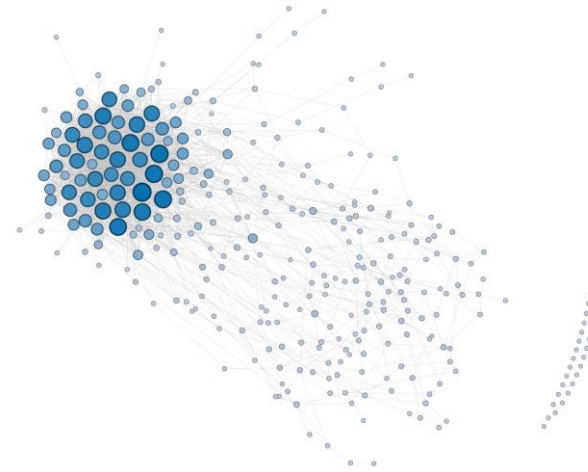
36 constant connections in all 8 networks

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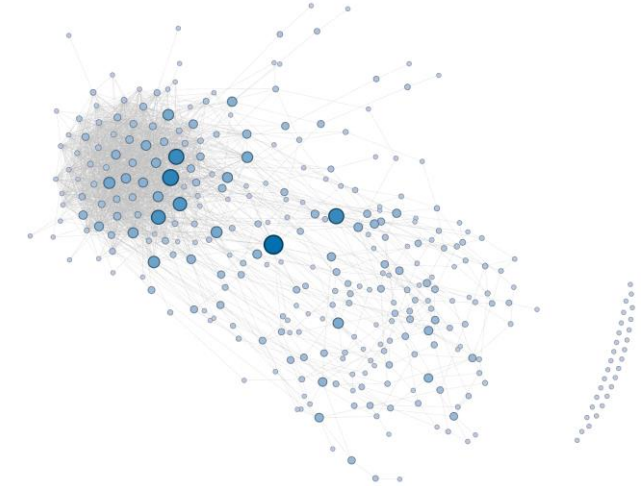
➤ **The most important nodes:** based on the four centralities. The price of the most stocks are linked to **TRP** (TERAPLAST SA; AERO), **ALU** (ALUMIL ROM INDUSTRY S.A.; REGS), **AROBS** (AROBS TRANSILVANIA SOFTWARE)

rank	degree centrality	betweenness centrality	closeness centrality	eigenvector centrality
1	TRP (0.24)	H2O (0.06)	TRP (0.4)	TRP (0.17)
2	ALU (0.23)	AROBS (0.05)	ALU (0.39)	EBS (0.16)
3	AROBS (0.23)	ALU (0.05)	M (0.39)	ALU (0.16)
4	AQ (0.23)	MIB (0.05)	AQ (0.39)	M (0.16)
5	EBS (0.22)	WINE (0.04)	AROBS (0.39)	ONE (0.16)
6	M (0.22)	AQ (0.04)	WINE (0.39)	AROBS (0.16)
7	WINE (0.22)	TBM (0.03)	EBS (0.38)	WINE (0.16)
8	ONE (0.21)	TBK (0.03)	ONE (0.38)	SAFE (0.16)
9	SNN (0.21)	COKJ (0.03)	CRC (0.38)	AQ (0.16)
10	SAFE (0.2)	MEOR (0.03)	SMTL (0.38)	SNN (0.15)

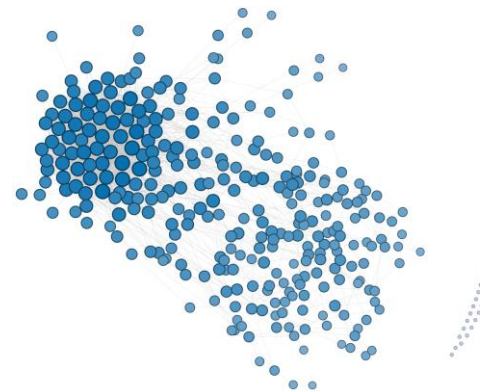
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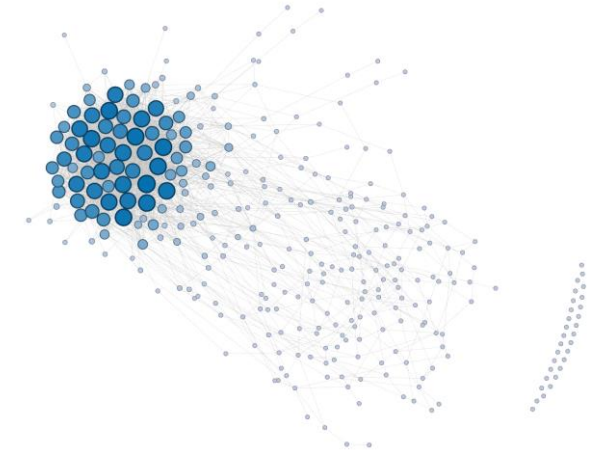
Betweenness Centrality



Closeness Centrality



Eigenvector Centrality



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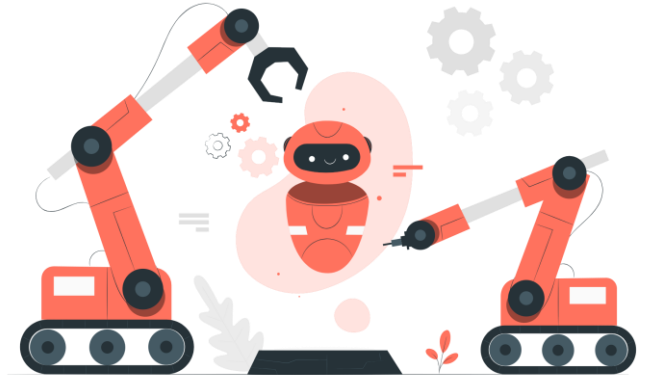
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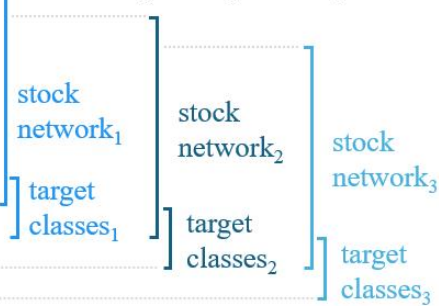
From close prices to prediction

- **Methodology:** quarterly close prices » networks »
- 5 extracted properties** = features of the prediction algorithm

Extract of raw close prices

	dt	AAG	ALT	AQ	AROB	...	PRDI	TRVC	SIRJ	AUXI
0	2022-01-03	3.60	0.0539	0.9233	0.975	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
1	2022-01-04	3.56	0.0539	0.9233	1.010	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
2	2022-01-05	3.58	0.0539	0.9200	1.040	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
3	2022-01-06	3.54	0.0579	0.9167	1.040	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
4	2022-01-07	3.58	0.0539	0.9167	1.090	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
...
59	2022-03-25	3.52	0.0480	0.8700	0.992	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
60	2022-03-28	3.56	0.0480	0.8580	0.993	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
61	2022-03-29	3.50	0.0480	0.8500	1.025	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
62	2022-03-30	3.50	0.0525	0.8500	1.010	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0
63	2022-03-31	3.46	0.0545	0.8500	1.015	...	0.125	6.0	1.38	22.0

Stock networks built based on data from the period of the sliding window, containing T observations



	clustering_coef	degree_centr	closeness_centr	betweenness_centr	eigenvector_centr	target_class	stock
0	0.595426	0.492248	0.663239	0.004778	0.078745	increase	AAG
1	0.519380	0.500000	0.666667	0.008708	0.074586	stagnate	ALT
2	0.684020	0.577519	0.702997	0.002290	0.099315	increase	AQ
3	0.616003	0.600775	0.714681	0.005485	0.098044	decrease	AROB
4	0.575313	0.426357	0.635468	0.005369	0.066308	increase	ARTE
...
2592	0.670513	0.154440	0.541841	0.000499	0.025700	stagnate	IPRO
2593	0.596703	0.494208	0.664103	0.004947	0.080254	decrease	BIOW
2594	0.422222	0.138996	0.537344	0.000722	0.016172	stagnate	NORD
2595	0.753737	0.386100	0.619617	0.001080	0.070019	stagnate	EPN
2596	0.642715	0.444015	0.642680	0.004415	0.074595	stagnate	TSLA

input variables of the prediction model

target variable of the prediction model

Extract from each network five metrics on node-level and associate each observation-set with the target class of the node

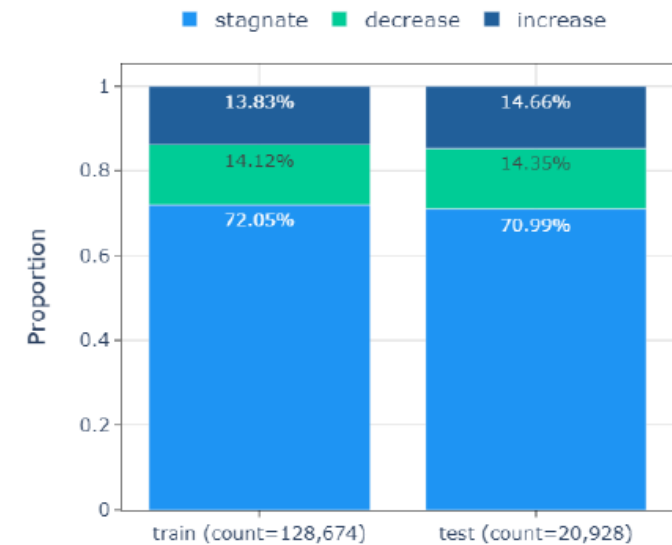


460 stock networks
149,602 observations

Target class distribution: stagnate = 72%,
increase = 14%, decrease = 14%



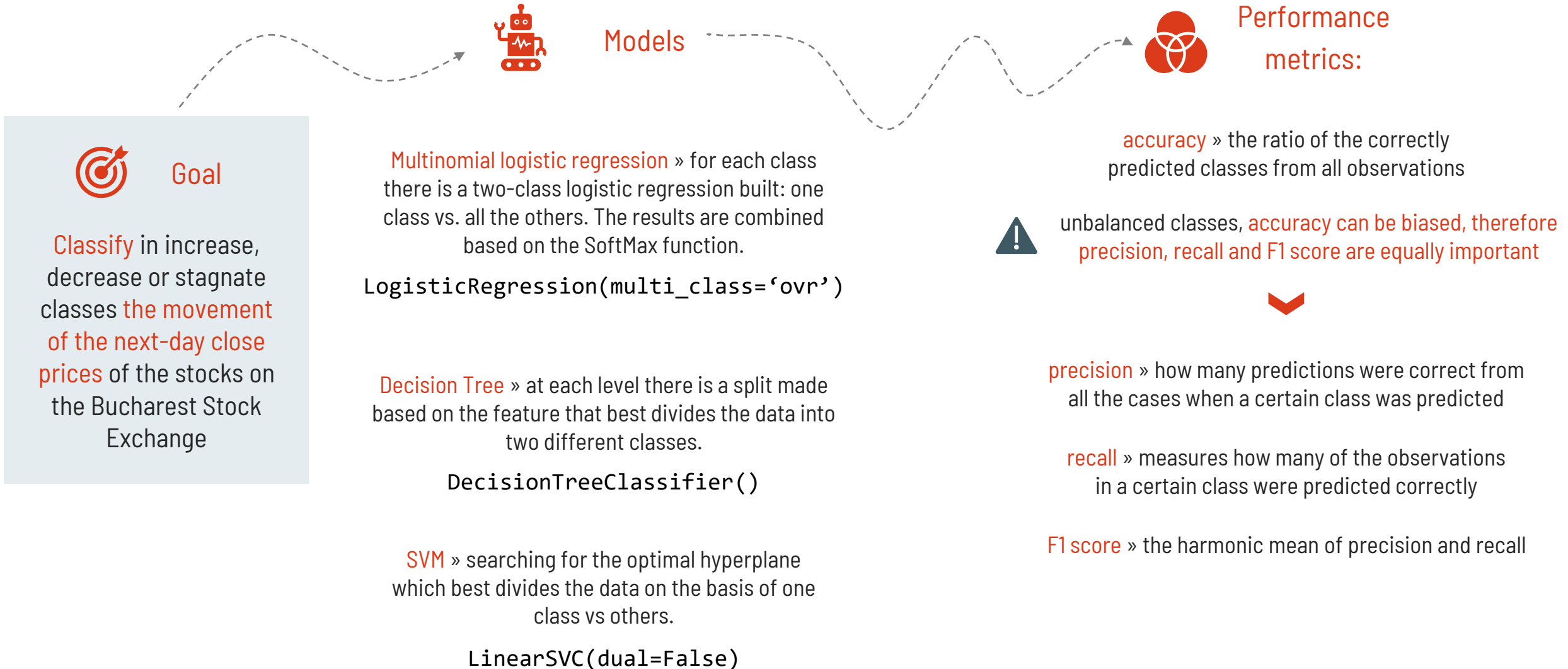
train dataset ≤ 2023Q4 (86%)
test dataset = 2023Q4 (14%)



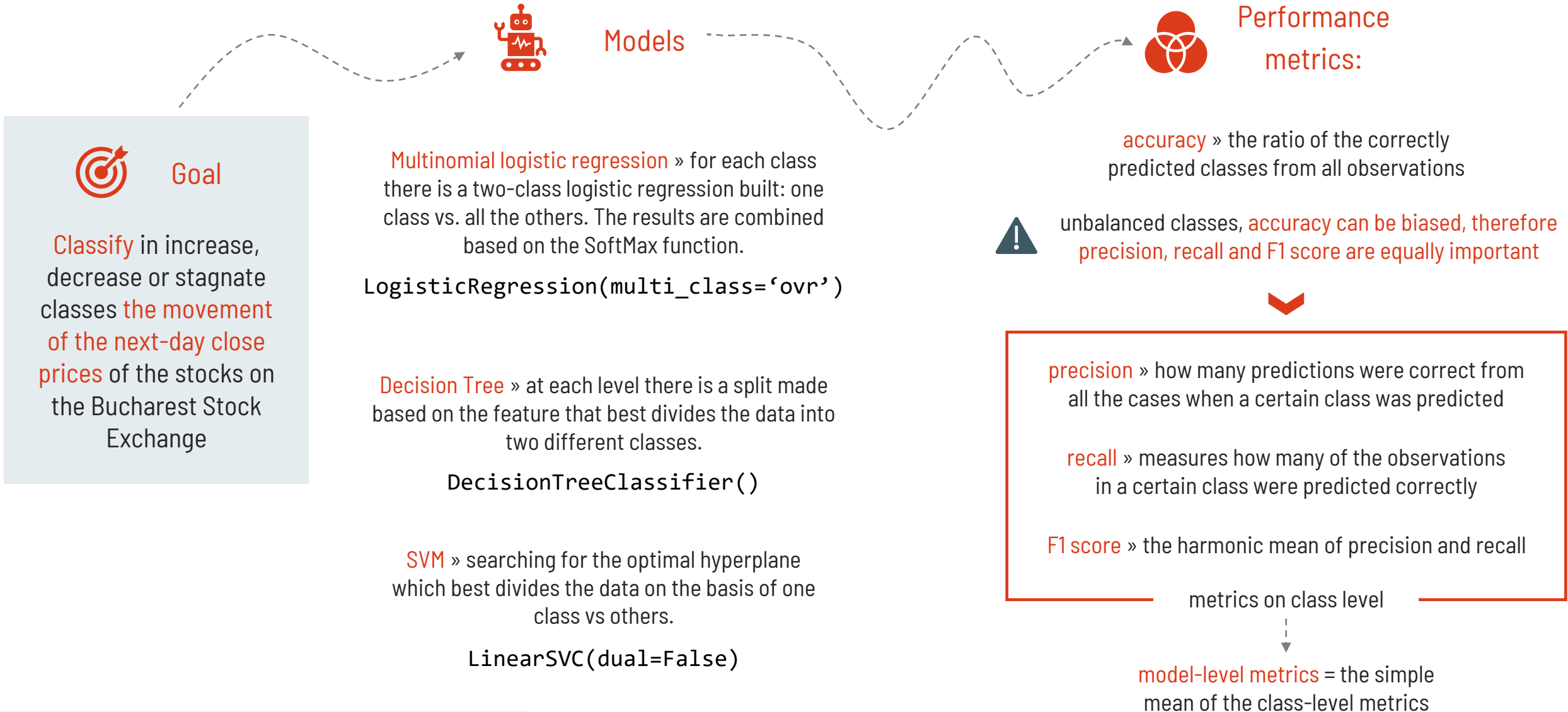
multi-class classification problem; unbalanced classes, but this is the natural distribution. 30% of the stagnate class because of isolated nodes.

T = 60 trading days ~ a quarter

The multi-class classification problem



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The learning algorithms



Baseline model: predict for each observation the *stagnate* class

$$f_{baseline}(x) = \text{"stagnate"}$$

dataset	indicator	increase	decrease	stagnate	model
train	accuracy	0.7205			
	precision	0	0	0.7205	0.2402
	recall	0	0	1.000	0.3333
	F1 score	0	0	0.8375	0.2792
test	accuracy	0.7099			
	precision	0	0	0.7099	0.2366
	recall	0	0	1.000	0.3333
	F1 score	0	0	0.8303	0.2767



Machine learning models: from each algorithm-family a single model was trained using the sklearn library

dataset	indicator	LogisticRegression	DecisionTree	LinearSVC
train	accuracy	0.7317	0.9996	0.7310
	precision	0.5009	0.9992	0.4800
	recall	0.4151	0.9993	0.3984
	F1-score	0.4053	0.9992	0.3788
test	accuracy	0.7127	0.6236	0.7149
	precision	0.4835	0.4414	0.4430
	recall	0.4257	0.4519	0.3945
	F1-score	0.4251	0.4450	0.3719

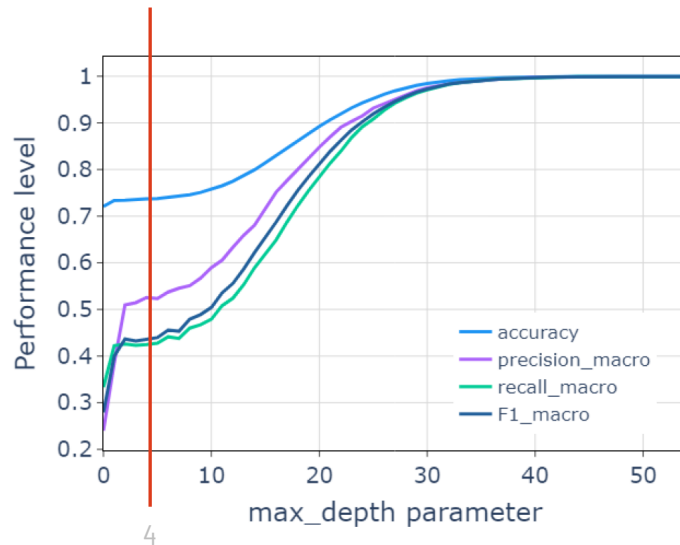
» even though the **Decision Tree** had the smallest accuracy, even lower than the baseline model (because of the overfit on train dataset), this had the **highest recall and F1-score**.



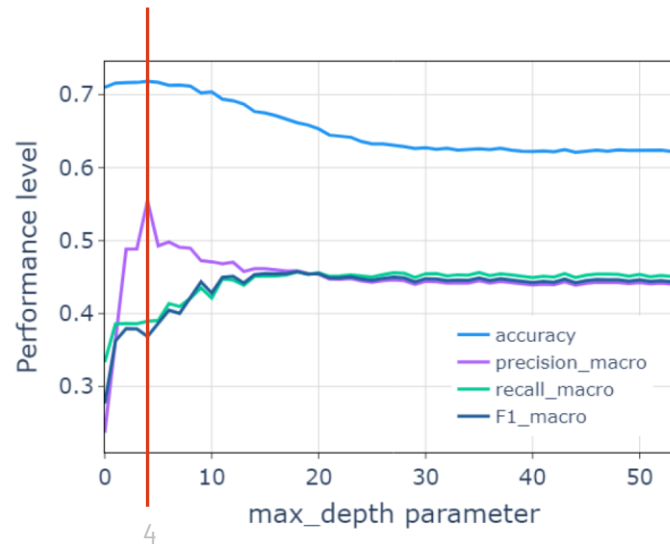
fine tune this model to reduce the overfitting

Choosing the best decision tree

➤ The decision tree had a depth of 55: training decision trees with different depths from 1 up to 55, searching for a balance among the 4 performance metrics» decision tree with depth 4



(a) train dataset



(b) test dataset

- » after 10 splits the overfit is evidenced: increasing performance on the train dataset while these decrease on the test dataset
- » the precision is the highest at the decision tree with depth of 4 splits

indicator	Baseline	<i>DecisionTree₅₅</i>	<i>DecisionTree₄</i>
accuracy	0.7205	0.6236	0.7184
precision	0.2402	0.4414	0.3686
recall	0.3333	0.4519	0.5544
F1-score	0.2792	0.4450	0.3894

» tried to increase the performance by taking the different combination of features, but it did not help.



The model corresponds to the goal of this thesis



Validation on data from 2024Q1



1308 observations
85% stagnate, 8% increase, 7% decrease



accuracy = 0.8257
precision = 0.3917
recall = 0.3628
F1 score = 0.3584

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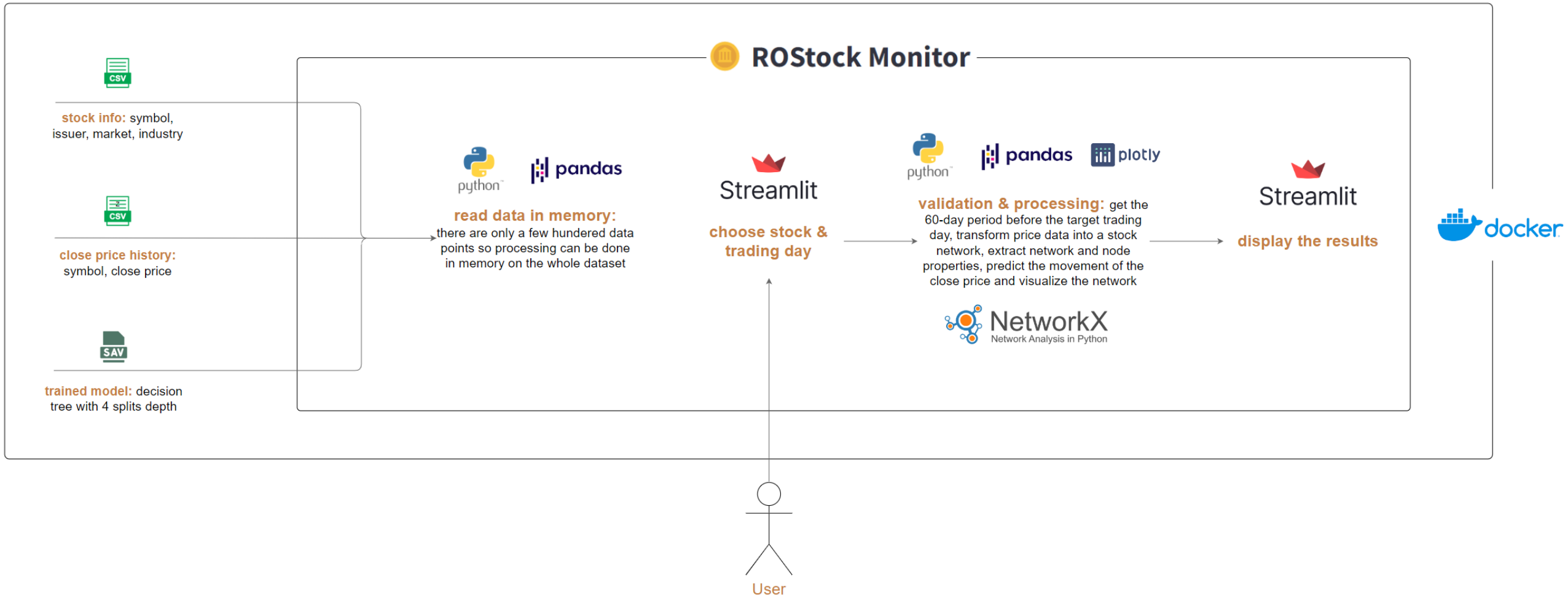
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- » logistic regression, decision trees, SVM. Final model: decision tree with 4 splits depth, having accuracy of 72% and F1 score of 39%.

APPLICATION

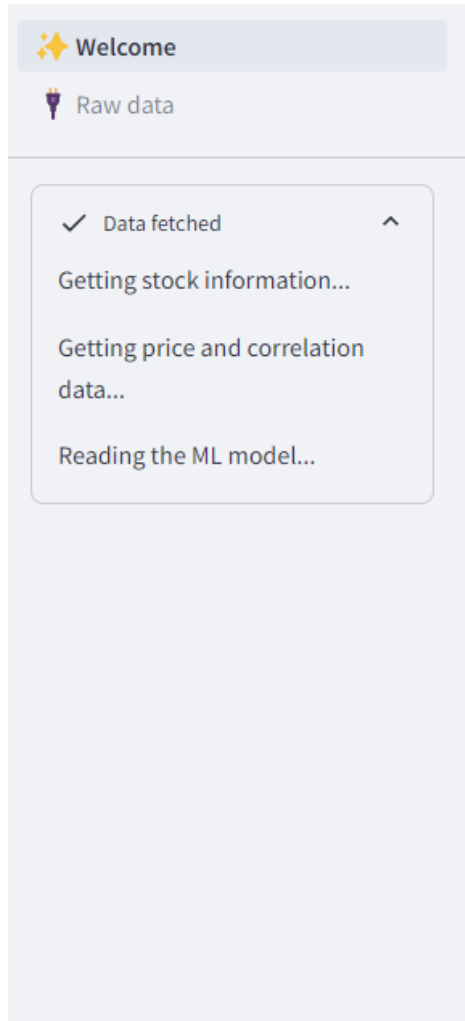


APPLICATION: ROSTOCK MONITOR

Architecture & Technologies used



User Interface – landing page



Welcome to ROSTock! ✨

About this project

What? ROSTock offers an overview on the Romanian stocks listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange and enables users to inspect the stock network and the prediction of the next-day close price movements.

How? Behind the scenes, the platform uses a network science approach to model the Bucharest Stock Exchange as a complex network based on which the movement of the next-day close prices can be predicted. The decision tree model underlying the prediction was trained on 5 features (clustering coefficient, degree centrality, closeness centrality, betweenness centrality, eigenvector centrality) extracted from each of the 328 nodes of 460 networks built for 2022-2023. The model has 72% accuracy, 55% precision, 39% recall, and 37% F1-score.

Get started by **choosing a stock** from BSE!

Select a stock in that you are interested

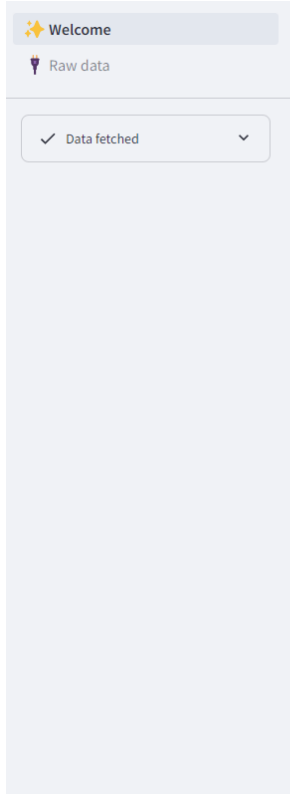
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ALR - ALRO S.A.

ALT - ALTUR S.A.

User Interface – prediction and network



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ALT - ALTUR S.A. [X] [v]

About ALT

Issuer company: ALTUR S.A.

Market: REGS Sector: MANUFACTURING Part of BET: No

Prediction

Select the day for that you want the prediction

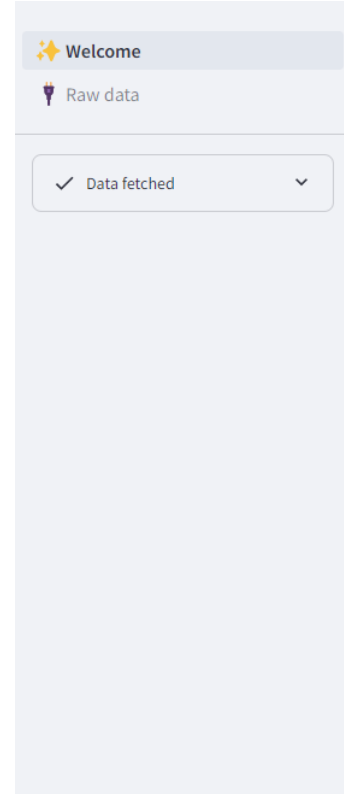
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The network to predict the stock movements on 2023-12-29 is based on a default 60 trading days range, from 2023-10-06 to 2023-12-28

Input data: Clustering coefficient: 0.2581 || Degree centrality: 0.2080 || Closeness centrality: 0.4559 || Betweenness centrality: 0.0027 || Eigenvector centrality: 0.0710 ||

Predicted movement for the close price of ALT on 2023-12-29: stagnate

Real close price movement was predicted correctly

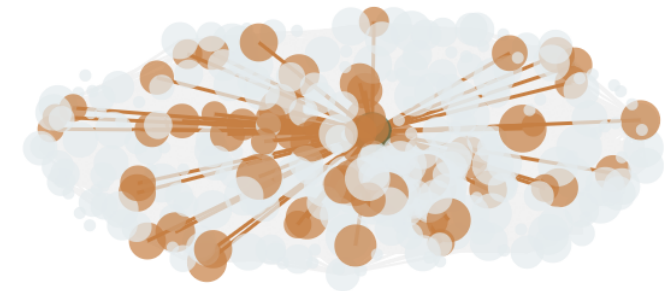


The network underlying the prediction

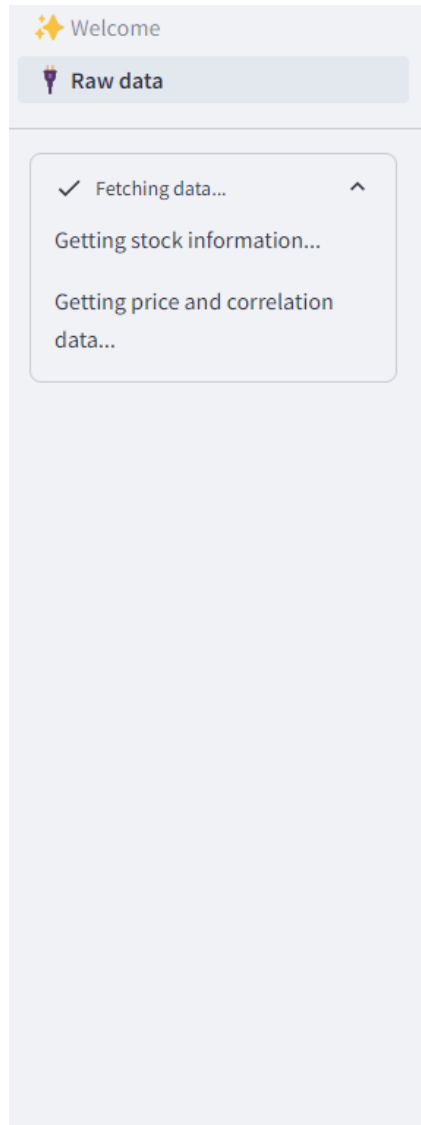
Network properties: Number of nodes (N): 328.00 || Number of isolated nodes: 68.00 || Number of edges (L): 7408.00 || Edge density: 0.14 || Average Clustering Coefficient: 0.24 || Minimum degree: 0.00 || Maximum degree: 94.00 || Average degree: 45.17 || Average degree centrality: 0.14 || Average betweenness centrality: 0.00 || Average closeness centrality: 0.35 || Average eigenvector centrality: 0.05 ||

Please expand the visualization for better visibility.

Legend: Nodes are sized by degree. The node in green is ALT and the nodes highlighted with brown are the stocks which had a correlation higher than 0.15 with ALT.



User Interface – data behind the app



The data behind ROStock! ⚙️

Information about the stocks:

symbol	share_name	company_name	market	sector
AAG	AAGES S.A.	S.C AAGES S.A.	REGS	MANUFACTURING
ALR	ALRO S.A.	ALRO S.A.	REGS	MANUFACTURING
ALT	ALTUR S.A.	ALTUR S.A.	REGS	MANUFACTURING
ALU	ALUMIL ROM INDUSTRY S.A.	ALUMIL ROM INDUSTRY S.A.	REGS	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL T
AQ	AQUILA PART PROD COM	AQUILA PART PROD COM	REGS	WHOLESALE AND RETAIL T
ARM	ARMATURA S.A.	ARMATURA S.A.	REGS	MANUFACTURING
AROBS	AROBS TRANSILVANIA SOFTWARE	AROBS TRANSILVANIA SOFTWARE	REGS	INFORMATION AND COMM
ARS	AEROSTAR S.A.	AEROSTAR S.A.	REGS	MANUFACTURING
ARTE	ARTEGO SA	ARTEGO SA	REGS	MANUFACTURING
ATB	ANTIBIOTICE S.A.	ANTIBIOTICE S.A.	REGS	MANUFACTURING

Historical stock prices:

	dt	AAG	ALT	AQ	AROBS	ARTE	BCM	BNET	BRK	BVB	CBC	CMCM
0	2022-01-03	3.6	0.0539	0.9233	0.975	11.9	0.098	0.3177	0.283	25.4	17.1	0.2
1	2022-01-04	3.56	0.0539	0.9233	1.01	11.5	0.095	0.3255	0.292	25.2	17.1	0.2
2	2022-01-05	3.58	0.0539	0.92	1.04	11.5	0.095	0.3445	0.3	25.4	19.2	0.2
3	2022-01-06	3.54	0.0579	0.9167	1.04	11.5	0.095	0.3491	0.293	25.2	22	0.2

Future work



THE INPUT DATA EXTRACTION

Different periods could be used for the sliding window to optimize the prediction. When modelling the stock networks, different thresholds can be used for each network. It could be also an option to start from a base-network and each day add the new information to this.



THE PREDICTION ALGORITHMS

Extract more input features from the network, even on the macro- and meso-level. Compare different algorithms and parameters. Try ensemble models, for example stagnate vs. others layer and increase vs decrease layer.



THE ANALYSIS OF STOCK NETWORKS

Comparing networks modelled based on different thresholds to uncover more insights e.g. constant connections independent of the threshold



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