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1 Business Objective

To help the average investor build a portfolio of stock and ensure maximum returns. Goals of the investor could range between short-term goals like saving for a dream vacation, down payment of a home etc. to long-term goals like saving for child's education, retirement etc.

The assumption here is that the investor already has an idea where they would like to invest. The aim here is to provide the investor an overview of the company performance and make predictions on future thereby helping the investor decide it it's worth investing in. Since the model is purely mathematical and cannot take into account black swan events, the onus still lies on the investor to look at a company holistically before taking the plunge.

I will also focus on diversification, a core tenet of a good investement strategy i.e by investing in companies across different sectors, the investor can minimize their risk and maximize returns.

2 Methodology

- 1. Data of the chosen stock from 2017-2022 will be scraped from Yahoo Finance
 (https://finance.yahoo.com/) using python's yfinance (documentation can be found here (https://aroussi.com/post/python-yahoo-finance)) and YahooFinancials (documentation can be found here (https://pypi.org/project/yahoofinancials/)).
- 2. Using the data, 4 commonly used metrics to evaluate a stock will be plotted: *returns, beta ratio, p/e ratio and dividend*
- Different machine learning models will then be built to predict future stock price. Their errors will be compared and the model with the least error will be used gage future stock performance.
- 4. Combined with stock performance and forecast information, then by feeding the chosen stock into the portfolio builder, the investor can look at combined returns and decide which portfolio is best-aligned with his/her goals.

3 Collecting stock data

```
In [1]: #importing libraries
        import yfinance as yf
        from yahoofinancials import YahooFinancials
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        plt.style.use('seaborn-darkgrid')
        %matplotlib inline
        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        import itertools
        from datetime import date
        from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error
        from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
        from sklearn.model selection import train test split
        from sklearn.model selection import TimeSeriesSplit
        from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller
        from scipy.signal._signaltools import _centered
        from statsmodels.tsa.seasonal import seasonal decompose
        from statsmodels.graphics.tsaplots import plot_acf, plot_pacf
        from statsmodels.tsa.arima.model import ARIMA
        from statsmodels.tsa.statespace.sarimax import SARIMAX
        from fbprophet import Prophet
        import warnings
        warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
        import logging
        logging.basicConfig(level='INFO')
        mlogger = logging.getLogger('matplotlib')
        mlogger.setLevel(logging.WARNING)
```

3.1 Stock performance

Following is a function that will plot stock prices of a chosen stock from 2017 till date:

```
In [2]: #function to get stock data of a company
    start_date = '2017-01-01'
    end_date = date.today()

def stock_info(ticker):
    #get stock prices for the specified date ranges
    df = yf.download(ticker,start=start_date,end=end_date)
    #plot the stock price over the years
    fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(15,5))
    ax.plot(df['Adj Close']);
    ax.set_title(f'Stock Price of {ticker} from 2017 till date')
```

3.2 Returns

Following is a function that plots returns from a chosen stock from 2017 till date:

```
In [3]: #function to calculate stock return

def stock_return(ticker):
    #get stock prices for the specified date ranges
    df = yf.download(ticker,start=start_date,end=end_date)
    df_return = df[['Adj Close']]
    df_return['pct_change'] = df_return['Adj Close'].pct_change() # use pct che
    df_return.drop(df_return.index[0],inplace=True) # drop the Nan value from

#plot the returns over 5 years
    fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(15,5))
    ax.plot(df_return['pct_change']);
    ax.set_title('Stock Return Pct from 2017 till date:' +' ' + ticker)
```

3.3 Beta value

Beta value of a stock is used to signify risk i.e. if a stock is risky or not. By comparing the stock movement relative to the overall market such as the S&P 500, the stock can be classified as risky or not. By definition, the market has a beta value of 1.0. If the beta value of the stock is greater than 1.0, then it is classified as risky and less so if the value is less than 1.0.

```
In [4]: #function to calculate beta value of stock
        def calculate_beta(ticker):
            #get data for ticker and SPY whih serves as the market index
            symbols = [ticker, 'SPY']
            data = yf.download(symbols, start = start_date,end = end_date)['Adj Close'
            price change = data.pct change()
            price_change.drop(price_change.index[0],inplace=True)
            #reshape for linear regression
            X = np.array(price_change[ticker]).reshape((-1,1))
            y = np.array(price_change['SPY'])
            #create splits
            X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test = train_test_split(X,y)
            lr = LinearRegression()
            lr.fit(X_train,y_train)
            #predictions
            y_preds = lr.predict(X_test)
            #plot
            fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,8));
            ax.plot(X_test,y_preds,linestyle=':',color='orange')
            ax.scatter(y_test,y_preds,alpha=0.5)
            ax.set title(f' Beta value = {lr.coef }')
            ax.set_xlabel('Market Index:SPY')
            ax.set ylabel(f'{ticker} value')
```

3.4 P/E ratio

Price-to-Earnings(P/E) ratio is a metric that compares a company's share price to it's earnings per share. It helps an investor determine whether a stock is undervalued or overvalued. Hence, if a stock is overvalued, then the investor is paying more for the stock and betting on future growth and vice-versa.

```
In [5]: #function to get historical PE ratios
                          def get_pe_ratio(ticker):
                                       #get financial statement of ticker using yahoofinancials
                                       financials = YahooFinancials(ticker)
                                       statement = financials.get financial stmts('annual', 'income', reformat=Tr
                                       #create a dict of the income statement alone
                                       dicts ={}
                                       for i in statement['incomeStatementHistory'][ticker]:
                                                   dicts.update(i)
                                       #create a dataframe for easy use
                                       df = pd.DataFrame(dicts)
                                       df = df.T
                                       df['dilutedAverageShares'].fillna(df['dilutedAverageShares'].median(),inpl
                                       #calculate pe ratio
                                       eps = df['netIncomeContinuousOperations']/df['dilutedAverageShares'] #calc
                                       eps df = pd.DataFrame(eps,index=df.index,columns=['EPS'])
                                       eps_df['PE ratio'] = financials.get_current_price()/eps_df['EPS']#get current_price()/eps_df['EPS']#get current_price()/eps_df['EPS']#get
                                       #plot result
                                       fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(8,8));
                                       ax.plot(eps_df['PE ratio'], marker = '*', markerfacecolor = 'black')
                                       ax.set title(f'Historical PE ratio: {ticker}')
                                       ax.set_ylabel('PE ratio')
```

3.5 Dividend History

A Dividend is the distirbution's of the company's profit to it's shareholders. Not every company pays dividends. Companies can also choose to re-invest their profits for future growth than reward shareholders. For an investor, investing in a company that pays dividends is an easy way to earn extra income on top of their initial investment.

```
In [6]: #function to get historical dividend data
        def get_dividend(ticker):
            #get dividend data
            financials = YahooFinancials(ticker)
            div = financials.get daily dividend data(start date=start date,end date='2
            #check if the company pays dividends
            if div[ticker] == None:
                fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(5,5))
                ax.annotate(f'Sorry, {ticker} does not offer dividends',xy=(0.3,0.5),f
                ax.axis('off')
                return fig,ax
            else:#if company does pay dividends, then convert to a df and create a plot
                df = pd.DataFrame(div[ticker])
                df.drop('date',axis=1,inplace=True)
                df.rename(columns={'formatted_date':'date'},inplace=True)
                df['date'] = pd.to datetime(df['date'])
                df.set_index('date',inplace=True)
                fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(8,8))
                ax.plot(df['amount']);
                ax.set_title(f'Dividend rate: {ticker}');
```

4 Summing up performance...

By combining all of the above into one function called <code>summary_info</code>, the investor can get a cohesive of his/her chosen stock. Below is an example of stock perfromance of <code>AAPL(tickr:'AAPL')</code>

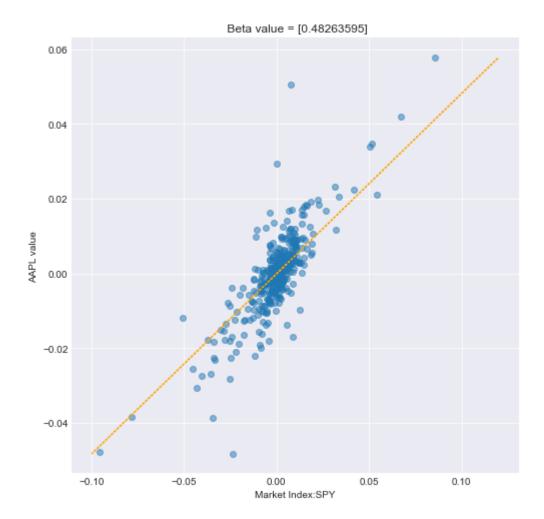
```
In [7]: def summary_info(ticker):
    return stock_info(ticker),stock_return(ticker),calculate_beta(ticker),get_
```

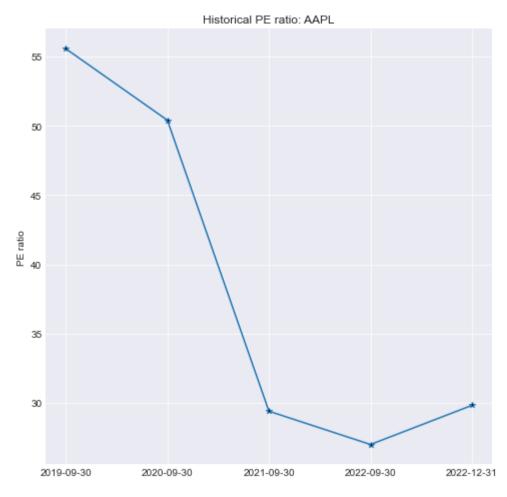
In [8]: summary_info('AAPL')

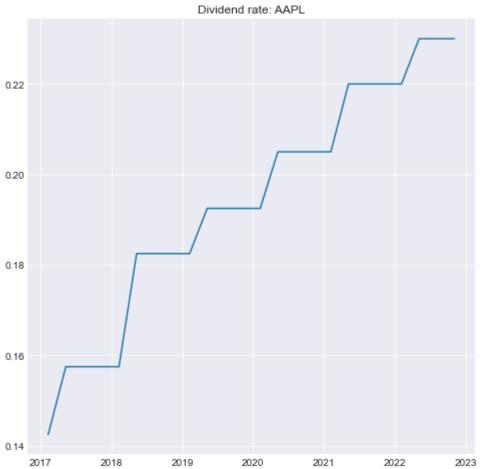
Out[8]: (None, None, None, None, None)











- 1. Stock Performance: Stock is generally on an upward trend.
- 2. Beta Value: Less than 1.0 signifying that it is low-risk.
- 3. P/E ration : Around 30 highlighting that it is over valued. Perhaps it would be better to wait for the p/e to come down.
- 4. Dividend: Like the stock price, is on an upward trend. A nice boost to the shareholders for investing in the company.

5 Time Series Modelling

Again, we will use data of **Apple** as an example.

▼ 5.1 Stationarity Check

Time series models are usually built on the premise that models are stationary i.e there are patters to the data and by analyzing these patterns, future performance can be predicted with a degree of certainity. However, this rarely happens in real life. There is always some trend or seasonality or a combination of both in the data. Hence the first step is to check for stationarity.

The function below plots rolling-statistics and the ouptut of the Dickey-Fuller test

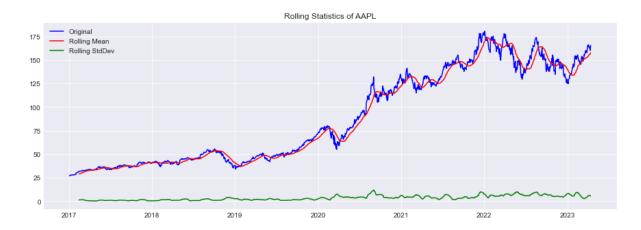
```
In [9]: def plot trends(ticker):
            df = yf.download(ticker,start=start date,end=end date)
            close = df.loc[:,['Adj Close']]
        #compute rolling mean and std to see if they are constant
            roll mean = close.rolling(window=30,center=False).mean()
            roll std = close.rolling(window=30,center=False).std()
        #plot the data
            fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(15,5))
            ax.plot(close,color='blue',label='Original')
            ax.plot(roll mean,color='red',label='Rolling Mean')
            ax.plot(roll_std,color='green',label='Rolling StdDev')
            ax.legend(loc='best')
            ax.set_title(f'Rolling Statistics of {ticker}');
        #dickey Fuller Test
            dftest = adfuller(close['Adj Close'])
            dfoutput = pd.DataFrame(dftest[0:4], index=['Test Statistic', 'p-value', '
            return dfoutput
```

 Test Statistic
 -0.552768

 p-value
 0.881301

 #Lags Used
 18.000000

 Number of Observations Used
 1561.000000



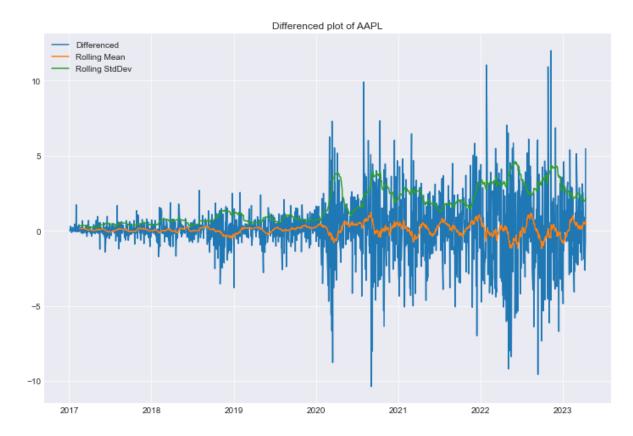
By computing the rolling mean we can see that there is an upward trend in the data. Since, the rolling stddev is fairly straight, we can conclude that there is not much seasonality in the data. Also shown is the results of the **Dickey-Fuller** test, a statistical method to check for stationarity. The large p-value points to a non-stationary dataset

5.2 Convert non-stationary to stationary

```
In [11]: def differencing(ticker):
             df = yf.download(ticker, start=start_date, end=end_date)
             df_return = df[['Adj Close']]
             df_diff =df_return.diff(periods=1)
             df_diff.dropna(inplace=True)
             #plot the results
             fig,ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (12,8));
             ax.plot(df_diff, label = 'Differenced');
             ax.plot(df_diff.rolling(30).mean(),label = 'Rolling Mean')
             ax.plot(df_diff.rolling(30).std(),label = 'Rolling StdDev')
             ax.set_title(f'Differenced plot of {ticker}')
             ax.legend(loc=2);
             #dickey fuller test
             dftest = adfuller(df_diff['Adj Close'])
             dfoutput = pd.DataFrame(dftest[0:4], index=['Test Statistic', 'p-value',
             return dfoutput
```

Test Statistic -8.753872e+00
p-value 2.789202e-14
#Lags Used 1.700000e+01

Number of Observations Used 1.561000e+03



We can from the above plot that the mean though not perfectly flat is fairly linear signifying that we have removed the trend. The miniscule p-value from the Dicley-Fuller test also points towards a stationary dataset

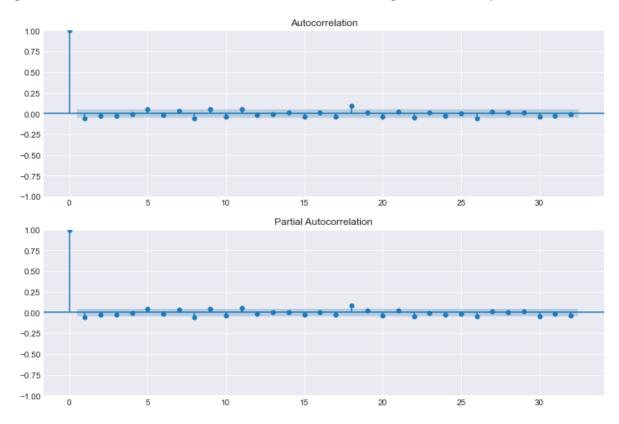
▼ 5.3 ACF and PACF

Since the ARIMA and SARIMA modelss are linear regression models, we need to decide on how many regression terms we will use for the model. The Auto-Correlation and Partial Auto Correlation plot(for the AR and MA models respectively) will show the number of lag terms that have the most effect on future price.

```
In [13]: #get stock data
    df = yf.download('AAPL',start=start_date,end=end_date)
    df_close = df[['Adj Close']]
    df_diff =df_close.diff(periods=1)
    df_diff.dropna(inplace=True)

#plot ACF and PACF values
    fig,(ax1,ax2)=plt.subplots(nrows=2,figsize=(12,8))
    acf = plot_acf(df_diff,ax=ax1)
    pacf = plot_pacf(df_diff,ax=ax2)
```

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From both the plots, we can see that the 1st lag term i.e the previous day's stock price, will have the most effect on the next day's price. There are other terms that have an effect as well, but for the sake of simplicity we will use only one term for the model.

▼ 5.4 ARIMA model

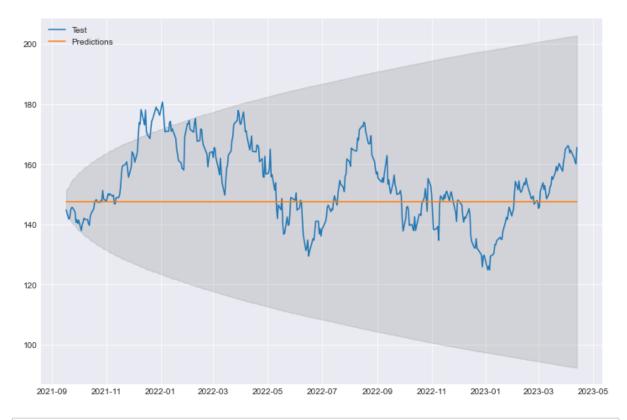
We will first build and integrated AR and MA model known as ARIMA.

```
In [14]: #defining train and test sets
    cutoff= int(df_close.shape[0]*0.75)
    train = df_close[:cutoff]
    test = df_close[cutoff:]
```

Parameters for the model: (p,d,q)=(1,1,1) for the model based on the plots

- 1. p = number of terms for the AR model
- 2. d = order of differencing
- 3. q = numer of the terms for the MA model

```
In [15]: \# (1,1,1) ARIMA(p,d,q) based on ACF and PACF plots
         #instantiate
         model = ARIMA(train, order=(1,1,1))
         #fit
         model_fit = model.fit()
         # print(model fit.summary())
         #getting predictions using get_prediction method
         arima_predictions = model_fit.get_prediction(start = len(train)+1 , end = len(
         #predicted mean gives lists the values
         arima_pred_price=arima_predictions.predicted_mean
         #converting into a df
         arima pred price df = pd.DataFrame(data=arima pred price)
         #seetting the index to the test dates
         arima_pred_price_df.index= test.index
         # arima_pred_price_df.head()
         #confidence intervals of predictions
         arima conf int = arima predictions.conf int()
         arima_conf_int.set_index(test.index,inplace=True)
         # arima_conf_int.head()
         #plotting predictions with confidence intervals
         fig,ax =plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
         # ax.plot(train, label='Train');
         ax.plot(test,label='Test');
         ax.plot(arima_pred_price_df,label='Predictions');
         # ax.plot(arima_conf_int,label='Confidence Intervals')
         ax.fill_between(arima_conf_int.index,arima_conf_int.iloc[:,0],arima_conf_int.i
         ax.legend(loc=2);
```



```
In [16]: #RMSE and AIC
    error_arima = round(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(test,arima_pred_price_df)),2)
    aic_arima = round(model_fit.aic,2)
    print(f'AIC score of the ARIMA model is {aic_arima}')
    print(f'RMSE of the model is ${error_arima}')
```

AIC score of the ARIMA model is 4372.67 RMSE of the model is \$13.89

As we can tell, the model does not perform very well when compared to the test values

5.5 SARIMA model

Next, we will build a SARIMA model. Like the ARIMA models, SARIMA model also depends on past values but has an extra seasonality component to take into account any seasonality patterns

the the p,d,q values from the ARIMA models as a guide, we can run different combinations to check for the most optimal parameters. The model that outputs the lowest AIC score , will be used as our model

```
In [17]: #defining a range for the p,d,q values
p=d=q=range(0,2)
pdq = list(itertools.product(p,d,q))
pdqs = [(x[0], x[1], x[2], 12) for x in list(itertools.product(p, d, q))]
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In [19]: # Plug the optimal parameter values into a new SARIMAX model
         sarimax = SARIMAX(train,
                            order=(1,1,1),
                            seasonal_order=(1 ,1, 1, 12),
                            enforce stationarity=False,
                            enforce_invertibility=False)
         # Fit the model and print results
         output = sarimax.fit()
         #get predictions
         sarimax_predictions = output.get_prediction(start=len(train)+1,end=len(df_clos
         sarimax_price=sarimax_predictions.predicted_mean
         sarimax predictions df = pd.DataFrame(data=sarimax price)
         sarimax predictions df.index= test.index
         #get confidence intervals
         sarimax_conf_int = sarimax_predictions.conf_int()
         sarimax_conf_int.set_index(test.index,inplace=True)
         #plot results
         fig,ax =plt.subplots(figsize=(20,8))
         # ax.plot(train, label='Train');
         ax.plot(test,label='Test');
         ax.plot(sarimax_predictions_df,label='Predictions');
         # ax.plot(sarimax_conf_int,label='Confidence Intervals')
         ax.fill between(sarimax conf int.index,sarimax conf int.iloc[:,0],sarimax conf
         ax.legend(loc=2);
```



```
In [20]: #RMSE
error_sarima = round(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(test,sarimax_predictions_df)),
print(f'RMSE of the model is ${error_sarima}')
RMSE of the model is $24.37
```

Compared to the ARIMA model, the SARIMA model performance is much worse.

▼ 5.6 Facebook Prophet

The Prophet model is an additive model for time series predicting that was open sourced by Meta. in 2017.According to the official documentation, it works best with time series that have strong seasonal effects and several seasons of historical data Prophet is robust to missing data and shifts in the trend and typically handles outliers well.

First, we will use the default parameters and the undifferenced data to to build and evaluate the model:

```
In [21]: #get stock data
         df = yf.download('AAPL',start=start_date,end=end_date)
         df_close = df[['Adj Close']]
         #resmapling by weekly
         df_weekly = df_close.resample('W').mean()
         #setting up df to be able to run Prophet
         #reset index
         df weekly.reset index(inplace=True)
         #rename columns per prophet conventions
         df_weekly.rename(columns={'Adj Close': 'y',
                                   'Date':'ds'},inplace=True)
         #set the date as the index
         # df_close.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
         # df weekly.head()
         #defining train and test sets
         cutoff= int(df_weekly.shape[0]*0.75)
         train = df weekly[:cutoff]
         test = df_weekly[cutoff:]
         #instantiate
         m = Prophet(seasonality mode='multiplicative',
                     weekly_seasonality=True,
                      daily seasonality = True,
                     yearly_seasonality = True,
                      interval_width=0.90,
         #fit
         m.fit(train)
         #forecasts - creating future dates using in built make_future_dataframe method
         future = m.make future dataframe(periods=len(test),freq='W',include history=Fal
         #predicting yhat
         forecast = m.predict(future)
         #creating a df of predicted values
         forecast_values = forecast[['ds', 'yhat', 'yhat_lower', 'yhat_upper']]
         #set the index for the plots
         forecast_values.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
         test.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
         #plotting results
         fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
         # ax.plot(train, label='Train')
         ax.plot(test,label='Test')
         # ax.plot(df_weekly,label='Current Price')
         ax.plot(forecast_values['yhat'],label='Forecast')
         # ax.fill_between(test.index,forecast_values['yhat_lower'],forecast_values['yhat_lower'],
         ax.legend();
```




In [22]: #RMSE
error_fb = round(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(test,forecast_values['yhat'])),2)
print(f'RMSE of the model is \${error_fb}')

RMSE of the model is \$26.78

We can try to optimize the model by running a loop for the seasonality and changepoint values. These are deciding how much to penalize seasonality and changepoints changes in the data i.e if the values are small for the seasonality changes, then the effect of seasonal changes in the data is dampened and vice versa.

```
In [23]: #run a loop for different regularization values
         seasonality scale = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5]
         changepoint scale = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5]
         errors = []
         new_error_fb = None
         for season in seasonality scale:
             for changepoint in changepoint_scale:
                 #instantiate
                 m = Prophet(seasonality mode='multiplicative',
                         weekly_seasonality=True,
                         daily_seasonality = True,
                         yearly seasonality = True,
                         interval width=0.90,
                         seasonality_prior_scale=season,
                         changepoint_prior_scale=changepoint
                        )
                 #fit
                 m.fit(train)
                 #forecasts - creating future dates using in built make future dataframe
                 future = m.make_future_dataframe(periods=len(test),freq='W',include_hi
                 #predicting yhat
                 forecast = m.predict(future)
                 #getting only yhat values
                 forecast_values = forecast[['ds', 'yhat']]
                 #setting the index
                 forecast_values.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
                 #rmse values
                 rmse = round(np.sqrt(mean squared error(test,forecast values['yhat']))
                 errors.append(rmse)
                 new_error_fb = min(errors)
                 print(f'seasonality scale:{season}, changepoint scale:{changepoint}, r
         print('----')
         print(f'Smallest RMSE after looping is ${new_error_fb}')
         print(f'Original RMSE is ${error_fb}')
```

```
seasonality scale:0.1, changepoint scale:0.1, rmse:29.917
seasonality_scale:0.1, changepoint_scale:0.2, rmse:28.679
seasonality_scale:0.1, changepoint_scale:0.3, rmse:27.51
seasonality scale:0.1, changepoint scale:0.4, rmse:26.744
seasonality scale:0.1, changepoint scale:0.5, rmse:25.965
seasonality_scale:0.2, changepoint_scale:0.1, rmse:29.176
seasonality scale:0.2, changepoint scale:0.2, rmse:26.93
seasonality_scale:0.2, changepoint_scale:0.3, rmse:26.098
seasonality_scale:0.2, changepoint_scale:0.4, rmse:25.082
seasonality scale:0.2, changepoint scale:0.5, rmse:24.607
seasonality scale:0.3, changepoint scale:0.1, rmse:28.379
seasonality_scale:0.3, changepoint_scale:0.2, rmse:26.472
seasonality scale:0.3, changepoint scale:0.3, rmse:25.031
seasonality_scale:0.3, changepoint_scale:0.4, rmse:24.704
seasonality_scale:0.3, changepoint_scale:0.5, rmse:25.225
seasonality scale:0.4, changepoint scale:0.1, rmse:27.164
seasonality scale:0.4, changepoint scale:0.2, rmse:25.628
seasonality_scale:0.4, changepoint_scale:0.3, rmse:24.497
seasonality scale:0.4, changepoint scale:0.4, rmse:24.625
seasonality_scale:0.4, changepoint_scale:0.5, rmse:25.015
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.1, rmse:26.387
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.2, rmse:25.229
seasonality scale:0.5, changepoint scale:0.3, rmse:24.203
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.4, rmse:24.02
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.5, rmse:23.963
Smallest RMSE after looping is $23.963
Original RMSE is $26.78
```

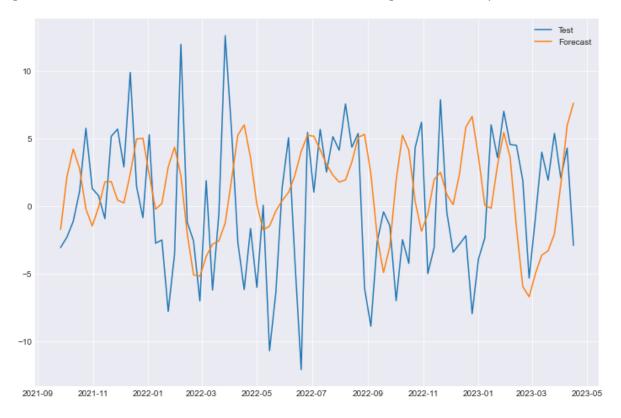
We can see a decent jump in performance. Let's see if we can improve further

▼ 5.6.1 Prophet with differencing - comparing with test

Like the other models, we can try and run the prophet model on stationary data to see if there is an improvement. We accomplish this by diffenreceing the data by an order of 1.

```
In [24]: #get stock data
         df = yf.download('AAPL',start=start_date,end=end_date)
         df_close = df[['Adj Close']]
         #resmapling by weekly
         df_weekly = df_close.resample('W').mean()
         df weekly = df weekly.diff(periods=1)
         df_weekly.dropna(inplace=True)
         #setting up df to be able to run Prophet
         #reset index
         df weekly.reset index(inplace=True)
         #rename columns per prophet conventions
         df_weekly.rename(columns={'Adj Close': 'y',
                                   'Date':'ds'},inplace=True)
         #defining train and test sets
         cutoff= int(df weekly.shape[0]*0.75)
         train = df_weekly[:cutoff]
         test = df_weekly[cutoff:]
         #instantiate
         m = Prophet(seasonality_mode='multiplicative',
                     weekly_seasonality=True,
                      daily_seasonality = True,
                     yearly_seasonality = True,
                     interval_width=0.90,
         #fit
         m.fit(train)
         #forecasts - creating future dates using in built make future dataframe method
         future = m.make future dataframe(periods=len(test), freq='W', include history=Fal
         #predicting yhat
         forecast = m.predict(future)
         #creating a df of predicted values
         forecast values = forecast[['ds', 'yhat']]
         #set the index for the plots
         forecast_values.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
         test.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
         #plotting results
         fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
         # ax.plot(train, label='Train')
         ax.plot(test,label='Test')
         # ax.plot(df weekly,label='Current Price')
         ax.plot(forecast_values['yhat'],label='Forecast')
         # ax.fill_between(test.index,forecast_values['yhat_lower'],forecast_values['yhat_lower']
         ax.legend();
```

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In [25]: #RMSE error_fb_diff = round(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(test,forecast_values['yhat']) print(f'RMSE of the model is \${error_fb_diff}')

RMSE of the model is \$6.08

Here, we can see a vast improvement in model performance compared to before.

5.6.2 regularization on differenced data

We will same optimization loop as earlier for the differenced data to see if it impacts performance.

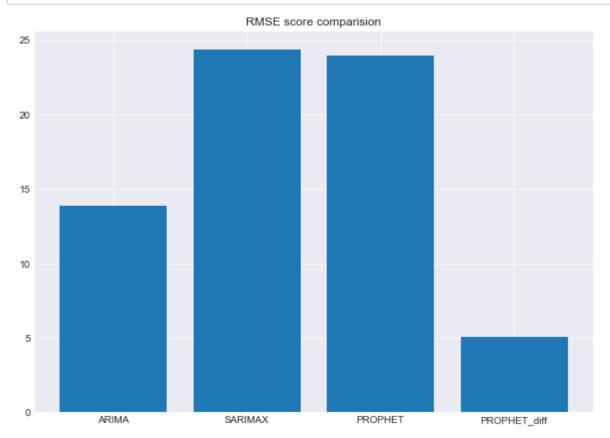
```
In [26]: #run a loop for different regularization values
         seasonality_scale = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5]
         changepoint_scale = [0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5]
         errors = []
         new_error_fb_diff = None
         for season in seasonality scale:
             for changepoint in changepoint scale:
                 #instantiate
                 m = Prophet(seasonality_mode='multiplicative',
                         weekly_seasonality=True,
                         daily_seasonality = True,
                         yearly_seasonality = True,
                         interval width=0.90,
                         seasonality prior scale=season,
                         changepoint_prior_scale=changepoint
                 #fit
                 m.fit(train)
                 #forecasts - creating future dates using in built make_future_dataframe
                 future = m.make future dataframe(periods=len(test), freq='W', include hi
                 #predicting yhat
                 forecast = m.predict(future)
                 #getting only yhat values
                 forecast_values = forecast[['ds', 'yhat']]
                 #setting the index
                 forecast values.set index('ds',inplace=True)
                 #rmse values
                 rmse = round(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(test,forecast_values['yhat']))
                 errors.append(rmse)
                 new_error_fb_diff = min(errors)
                 print(f'seasonality_scale:{season}, changepoint_scale:{changepoint}, r
         print(f'Smallest RMSE after looping is {new_error_fb_diff}')
         print(f'Original RMSE is {error fb diff}')
```

```
seasonality scale:0.1, changepoint scale:0.1, rmse:6.014
seasonality_scale:0.1, changepoint_scale:0.2, rmse:6.039
seasonality_scale:0.1, changepoint_scale:0.3, rmse:6.164
seasonality scale:0.1, changepoint scale:0.4, rmse:6.311
seasonality scale:0.1, changepoint scale:0.5, rmse:6.368
seasonality_scale:0.2, changepoint_scale:0.1, rmse:5.998
seasonality scale:0.2, changepoint scale:0.2, rmse:6.247
seasonality_scale:0.2, changepoint_scale:0.3, rmse:6.358
seasonality_scale:0.2, changepoint_scale:0.4, rmse:6.429
seasonality scale:0.2, changepoint scale:0.5, rmse:6.362
seasonality scale:0.3, changepoint scale:0.1, rmse:6.181
seasonality_scale:0.3, changepoint_scale:0.2, rmse:6.386
seasonality scale:0.3, changepoint scale:0.3, rmse:6.352
seasonality_scale:0.3, changepoint_scale:0.4, rmse:5.224
seasonality_scale:0.3, changepoint_scale:0.5, rmse:5.16
seasonality scale:0.4, changepoint scale:0.1, rmse:6.302
seasonality scale:0.4, changepoint scale:0.2, rmse:6.447
seasonality_scale:0.4, changepoint_scale:0.3, rmse:5.239
seasonality scale:0.4, changepoint scale:0.4, rmse:5.093
seasonality_scale:0.4, changepoint_scale:0.5, rmse:5.099
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.1, rmse:6.348
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.2, rmse:6.298
seasonality scale:0.5, changepoint scale:0.3, rmse:5.112
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.4, rmse:5.09
seasonality_scale:0.5, changepoint_scale:0.5, rmse:5.11
Smallest RMSE after looping is 5.09
Original RMSE is 6.08
```

This time, the improvement is only slight.

5.7 Model performance comparisions

```
In [27]: fig,ax =plt.subplots(figsize=(10,7))
    ax.bar(x=['ARIMA', 'SARIMAX', 'PROPHET','PROPHET_diff'],height=[error_arima,error_ax.set_title('RMSE score comparision');
```



From the plot, we can see the prohet model on the differenced data performs best. Hence, we will use that for making predictions for our chose stock.

5.8 Using Prophet to get forecast of 'AAPL' for the next year

Now that we have a model, we can make predictions of the next year:

```
In [28]: #get stock data
         df = yf.download('AAPL',start=start_date,end=end_date)
         df_close = df[['Adj Close']]
         #resmapling by weekly
         df_weekly = df_close.resample('W').mean()
         df_weekly_diff = df_weekly.diff(periods=1)
         df_weekly_diff.dropna(inplace=True)
         #setting up df to be able to run Prophet
         #reset index
         df_weekly_diff.reset_index(inplace=True)
         #rename columns per prophet conventions
         df_weekly_diff.rename(columns={'Adj Close': 'y',
                                   'Date':'ds'},inplace=True)
         #instantiate
         m = Prophet(seasonality mode='multiplicative',
                     weekly_seasonality=True,
                     daily_seasonality = True,
                     yearly_seasonality = True,
                     interval width=0.90,
                     seasonality_prior_scale = 0.4,
                     changepoint prior scale = 0.3
         #fit
         m.fit(df_weekly_diff)
         #forecasts - creating future dates using in built make future dataframe method
         future = m.make_future_dataframe(periods=52,freq='W',include_history=False)
         #predicting yhat
         forecast = m.predict(future)
         #creating a df of predicted values
         forecast_values = forecast[['ds', 'yhat']]
         #set the index for the plots
         forecast_values.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
         df_weekly_diff.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
         #taking the inverse difference of the predicted values to get the original val
         # the inverse diff is the cumsum of the first value of the org series \& the fi
         forecast values.rename(columns={'yhat':'y'},inplace=True)
         invdiff = np.r [df weekly['Adj Close'].iloc[-1],forecast values['y'][1:]].cums
         invdiff_df = pd.DataFrame(data=invdiff,index = forecast_values.index,columns=[
         #plotting results
         fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
         ax.plot(df weekly,label='Current Price')
```

```
ax.plot(invdiff_df['y'],label='Forecast')
ax.set_title('Predicted performance of AAPL')
ax.legend();
```

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The model predicts 'AAPL' to be to close to \$200 , 52 weeks from now, from it's current value of approx. \$165

6 Building Portfolio

6.1 Predictions of chosen stock

Now that the investor has looked at some metrics and future performance of his/her chosen stock, he/she can now look at building a portfolio for the future. Following are some functions that will be used in the portfolio builder

Following function is used to plot past and forecast prices of a stock:

```
In [29]: def plot_forecast_price(ticker):
             #get stock data
             df = yf.download(ticker,start=start_date,end=end_date)
             df_close = df[['Adj Close']]
             #resmapling by weekly
             df weekly = df close.resample('W').mean()
             df_weekly_diff = df_weekly.diff(periods=1)
             df_weekly_diff.dropna(inplace=True)
             #setting up df to be able to run Prophet
             #reset index
             df_weekly_diff.reset_index(inplace=True)
             #rename columns per prophet conventions
             df weekly diff.rename(columns={'Adj Close': 'y',
                                       'Date':'ds'},inplace=True)
             #instantiate
             m = Prophet(seasonality_mode='multiplicative',
                         weekly_seasonality=True,
                         daily seasonality = True,
                         yearly_seasonality = True,
                         interval_width=0.90,
                         seasonality_prior_scale = 0.4,
                         changepoint_prior_scale = 0.3
             #fit
             m.fit(df_weekly_diff)
             #forecasts - creating future dates using in built make future dataframe me
             future = m.make_future_dataframe(periods=52,freq='W',include_history=False
             #predicting yhat
             forecast = m.predict(future)
             #creating a df of predicted values
             forecast_values = forecast[['ds', 'yhat']]
             #set the index for the plots
             forecast_values.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
             df_weekly_diff.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
             #taking the inverse difference of the predicted values to get the original
             # the inverse diff is the cumsum of the first value of the org series & the
             forecast_values.rename(columns={'yhat':'y'},inplace=True)
             invdiff = np.r_[df_weekly['Adj Close'].iloc[-1],forecast_values['y'][1:]].
             invdiff df = pd.DataFrame(data=invdiff,index = forecast values.index,column)
             #plotting results
             fig,ax=plt.subplots(figsize=(12,8))
             ax.plot(df_weekly,label='Current Price')
             ax.plot(invdiff_df['y'],label='Forecast')
             ax.set title(f'Predicted values of {ticker}')
```

```
ax.legend();
```

Following functions is to get the current price of a stock:

```
In [30]: def get_current_price(ticker):
    df = yf.download(ticker,start=date.today())
    ticker_df = df[['Adj Close']]
    current_price = round(float(ticker_df.iloc[0]),2)
    return current_price
```

Following function is to get the last forecasted price of the stock:

```
In [31]: def get_future_price(ticker):
              #get stock data
             df = yf.download(ticker, start=start_date, end=end_date)
             df close = df[['Adj Close']]
             #resmapling by weekly
             df weekly = df close.resample('W').mean()
             df_weekly_diff = df_weekly.diff(periods=1)
             df_weekly_diff.dropna(inplace=True)
             #setting up df to be able to run Prophet
             #reset index
             df_weekly_diff.reset_index(inplace=True)
             #rename columns per prophet conventions
             df weekly diff.rename(columns={'Adj Close': 'y',
                                       'Date':'ds'},inplace=True)
             #instantiate
             m = Prophet(seasonality_mode='multiplicative',
                         weekly_seasonality=True,
                         daily seasonality = True,
                         yearly_seasonality = True,
                         interval_width=0.90,
                         seasonality prior scale = 0.4,
                         changepoint_prior_scale = 0.3
             #fit
             m.fit(df_weekly_diff)
             #forecasts - creating future dates using in built make future dataframe me
             future = m.make_future_dataframe(periods=52,freq='W',include_history=False
             #predicting yhat
             forecast = m.predict(future)
             #creating a df of predicted values
             forecast_values = forecast[['ds', 'yhat']]
             #set the index for the plots
             forecast_values.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
             df_weekly_diff.set_index('ds',inplace=True)
             #taking the inverse difference of the predicted values to get the original
             # the inverse diff is the cumsum of the first value of the org series & the
             forecast_values.rename(columns={'yhat':'y'},inplace=True)
             invdiff = np.r_[df_weekly['Adj Close'].iloc[-1],forecast_values['y'][1:]].
             invdiff_df = pd.DataFrame(data=invdiff,index = forecast_values.index,colum
             #get the last value
             last_price = round(float(invdiff_df.iloc[-1]),2)
```

return last_price

The portfolio function combines all of the above and outputs the total returns

```
In [32]: #putting it all together
         def portfolio(amount, stocks):
             amount = amount
             stocks = stocks
             break_up = round(amount/len(stocks),2)
             current prices = []
             future_prices = np.array([])
             n_shares = np.array([])
             return_pct = np.array([])
             for st in stocks:
                 cp = get current price(st)
                 fp = get future price(st)
                 current_prices.append(cp)
                 future prices = np.append(future prices,fp)
                  print(f'Current price of {st} is {cp}')
                 print(f'Forecast price of {st} is {fp}')
                 def check():
                      for i in current prices:
                          if i < break up:</pre>
                                 continue # there is nothing below continue to ignore. se
                          else: # once the outer loop reaches the value of nflx and the
                              return ('Invest amount per stock is too low. Please adjust
                              break #breaks the inner loop
                          break #this break is to ignore the outer loop as well as there
             check()
             if check() == None:
                 for i in current_prices:
                      share_buy = round(break_up/i)
                      n shares = np.append(n shares, share buy)
                  sell_amounts = n_shares*future_prices
                 returns = sell amounts/break up - 1
                  invest amt = round(break up/amount,2)
                 return pct = np.append(return pct,returns*invest amt)
                  cum_returns = round(np.sum(return_pct) * 100,2)
                  print('\n')
                 print(f'Amount invested in each stock: ${break up}')
                  print(f'Cumulative returns: {cum_returns}%')
             else:
                  print('\n')
                  print(f'Amount invested in each stock: ${break up}')
                 print('Investment is too low')
                  print('Please pick a different stock or increase investment')
```

If an investor is chooses to invest only in the automotive companies, here's what that would look like:

```
In [33]: # Tesla, General Motors and Ford
       portfolio(1000,['TSLA','GM','F'])
       [********* 100%********** 1 of 1 completed
       [********* 100%********* 1 of 1 completed
       Current price of TSLA is 185.0
       Forecast price of TSLA is 97.81
       [******** 100%********* 1 of 1 completed
       [******** 100%*********** 1 of 1 completed
       Current price of GM is 34.48
       Forecast price of GM is 34.41
       [********* 100%********* 1 of 1 completed
       [******** 100%*********** 1 of 1 completed
       Current price of F is 12.52
       Forecast price of F is 14.8
       Amount invested in each stock: $333.33
       Cumulative returns: -6.01%
```

Based on the output, the investor can expect to lose money if he/she were to invest \$1000 in Tesla,GM and Ford in the next year.

Now, let's create a mix of companies: automotive, tech and health care

From the above examples, it is quiet clear to see the benefit of diversifying.

Cumulative returns: 9.04%

```
In [35]: # very little investment
      portfolio(50,['GM','AAPL','PFE'])
       1 of 1 completed
      1 of 1 completed
      Current price of GM is 34.48
      Forecast price of GM is 34.33
       1 of 1 completed
      [********* 100%************* 1 of 1 completed
      Current price of AAPL is 165.21
      Forecast price of AAPL is 196.55
       [********* 100%*********** 1 of 1 completed
      [******** 100%*********** 1 of 1 completed
      Current price of PFE is 41.19
      Forecast price of PFE is 44.44
      Amount invested in each stock: $16.67
      Investment is too low
      Please pick a different stock or increase investment
```

7 Conclusions

▼ 7.1 Limitations

- 1. All the models are purely mathematical models and cannot take into account black swan events.
- 2. More sophisticated models using Deep Learning can be built to get more accurate forecasts.
- 3. Dividend data is not incorporated while calculating overall returns.
- 4. Currently, the invested amount is distributed equally amongst all the stocks. The amounts can be tuned based on the investor's appetite for risk.

7.2 Recommendations

- 1. By plugging in amounts and companies in the model, the investor can play around and maximize his/her returns.
- 2. Looking at the stock market in general, there was a drastic spike around 2020. There has not been a decline to pre-2020 levels and hence, it might be prudent to collect past data only from 2020 onwards rather than from all the way back to 2017.