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AI Based FX Strategies

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1 Introduction

The objective of this research project is build AI based prediction models in the FX Spot market at a medium frequency. Predictive models are considered on the following time frames: M5, M15, M30, H1, H4, and D. The models do not incorporate tick data and are not candidates for High Frequency Trading (HFT).

1.1 FX Spot Market Background

2 Data

The data is candle based data for the following frequencies:

- M5 Open, High, Low, and Close captured for each 5 minute block
- M15 Open, High, Low, and Close captured for each 15 minute block
- M30 Open, High, Low, and Close captured for each 30 minute block
- H1 Open, High, Low, and Close captured for each 1 hour block
- H4 Open, High, Low, and Close captured for each 4 hour block
- D Open, High, Low, and Close captured for each daily block

The above candle based data set forms the raw data. Using feature engineering and transformations common in Technical Analysis research, other explanatory variables are derived and used in the final data set.

The following checks and adjustments were made to the raw data to ensure any errors in the data are addressed properly.

Day Rollover: FX spot trading is an almost 24 hour traded market. It runs from approximately Sunday afternoon (EST) to Friday afternoon (EST). Since the end of trading to start of trading is not continuous, the features and target have to take this into account. Only continuous periods of for the target variable are considered. Any periods with missing data are omitted from the model training data set.

3 Features

3.1 Economic Features

We refer to economic features that are basic transformations of the raw data in Section 2 and features derived from research in technical analysis. These features are not considered as engineered features as they are basic transformations such as differences, averages, and ratios on directly observable economic indicators.

3.2 Feature Engineering

This section discussed feature engineering of the economic features of Section 3.1.

4 Model

4.1 Structure

The structure of the model is to use features from m periods in the past to predict a single direction move over n periods in the future.

The code is in Python and consists of the following classes to separate out the functions:

- ullet FXData class to handle gather of data and constructing features and target variables
- FXModel class to handle AI model training
- FXPrecition class to run a simulated trading strategy

4.2 AI Architecture

5 Results

6 Discussion

7 Conclusion