

RSI Trading Strategy on Gold

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Introduction

This is my first trading strategy as I begin my journey in algorithmic trading. The goal is to test a simple, rules-based system using the Relative Strength Index (RSI) indicator on Gold futures (GC=F). The strategy is meant to help me understand how to build, test, and evaluate trading strategies step by step

Indicator Used: Relative Strength Index (RSI) with a period of 14.

Buy Rule: Enter a trade when RSI falls below 30 (oversold

condition). **Sell Rule:** Exit the trade when RSI rises above 70

(overbought condition). **Trade Direction:** Long-only strategy (buy → sell).

Data Used: Gold Futures (GC=F) with a 1-hour timeframe over the past 60 days.

Why RSI?

The RSI is a momentum oscillator that measures the speed and change of price movements.

Values below 30 suggest that the market may be oversold, and a reversal to the upside could occur.

Values above 70 suggest that the market may be overbought, and a reversal to the downside could occur.

This makes RSI a simple but effective tool to identify possible entry and exit points.

Backtest Results

Total Trades: [16]

Winning Trades: [12]

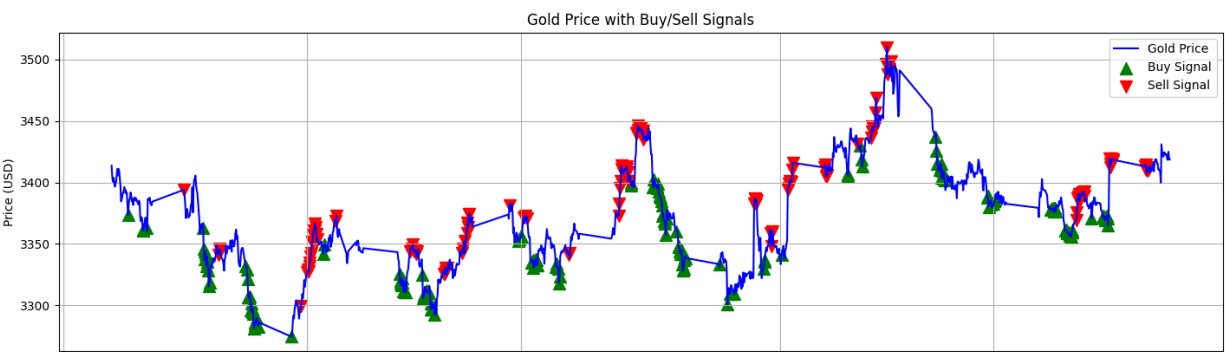
Losing Trades: [4]

Win Rate: [75.00 %]

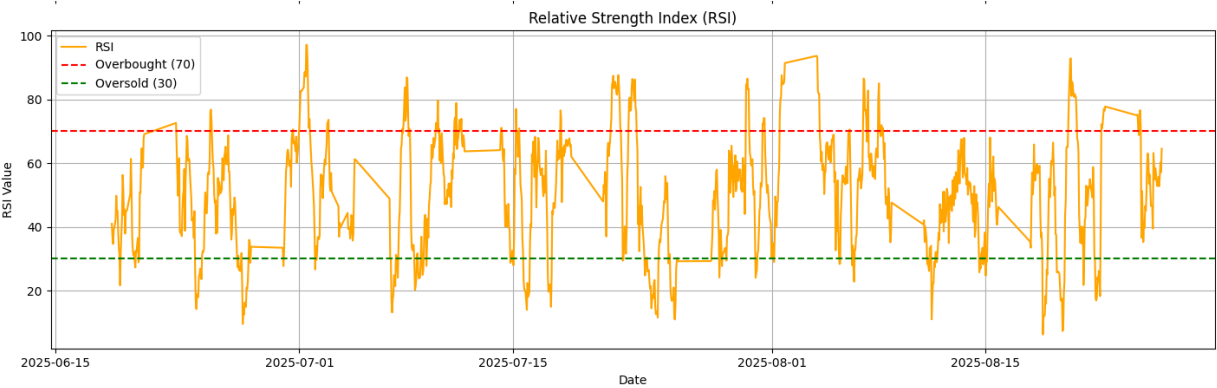
Average Profit per Trade: [0.30 %]

Gold Price with Buy/Sell Signals

The chart below shows Gold price movements with green arrows for buy signals and red arrows for sell signals.



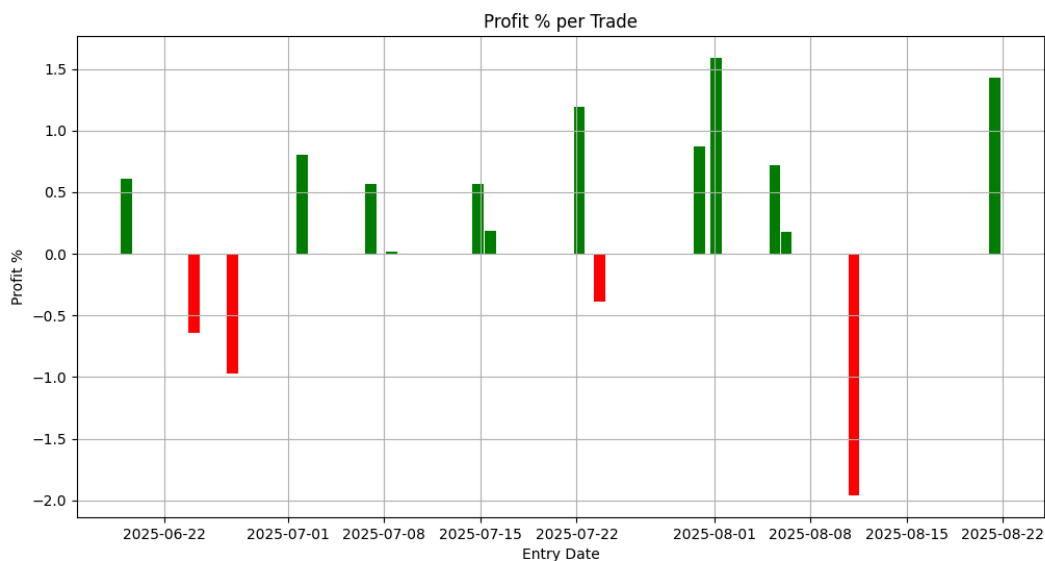
The RSI indicator fluctuates between 0 and 100. Horizontal dashed lines mark the 30 (oversold) and 70 (overbought) levels.



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Profit per Trade

The chart below shows the profit percentage for each trade. **Green bars** represent winning trades, and **red bars** represent losing trades.



Observations

The strategy generates multiple trades, but not all are profitable.

Many small profits accumulate, but there are also losing trades when the RSI stays in oversold/overbought zones for long periods.

Win rate and average profit per trade give a first idea of performance, **but risk management (like stop-loss and take-profit rules) is missing.**

Conclusion

This simple RSI strategy is my first step in building systematic trading strategies. It allowed me to practice:

Downloading financial data with Python

Calculating technical indicators

Generating buy/sell signals

Simulating trades and analyzing results

Visualizing performance with charts

Even though the strategy is basic it provides a strong foundation for learning and improving in algorithmic trading .