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Stock Price Prediction Model

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Abstract

This project is objectified to explore the application of Long Short-Term Memory(LSTM) Neural Networks, a modified variant of Recurrent Neural Networks(RNN) in predicting short-term price trends of the EUR/USD currency pair. The main objective is to leverage historical OHLC(Open, High, Low, Close) data and preprocess it for effective Training and testing of an LSTM model. We will be utilizing the concepts and techniques of soft computing in order to demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of machine learning that is used for the purposes of financial forecasting/ price prediction.

Introduction

Objectives

- To Explore the implementation of machine learning models(LSTM Neural Networks) in order to solve real world problems like to predict the financial market's prices.
- To develop an LSTM based model that is capable of capturing temporal dependencies in market's data for short-term price prediction.
- To evaluate the model's performances using the Metrics such as MAPE, RMSE, R-squared, etc to know the model's capabilities

- To get a visualization of predicted Prices and trends for better interpretability and decision making.

Scope

- Using machine learning to address the challenges in forecasting of financial time-series, a critical area in the field of algorithmic trading and investments.
- Utilizing one week of Price data in OHLC form for the EUR/USD currency pair, sampled at 5 minute intervals, to demonstrate the benefits of LSTM networks in real world scenarios.
- Implementing techniques to ensure the data quality and suitability for model training, including scaling, sequence preparation, and handling missing values.
- Developing a robust LSTM model architecture optimised for capturing patterns and non-linear relationships in data.
- Prediction of short term trends for the subsequent week and analyzing the results for their potential use in the trading strategies.
- Explore a broader use case of the ML techniques to solve the real world problems by using computational intelligence with domain-specific knowledge.

Significance

In the volatile world of forex trading, accurate short-term price predictions are crucial for informed decision-making. The application of this model can provide an prediction of a general trend for the subsequent week so that the stake holders can take decisions that are slightly biased towards the results of the models, which can be thus useful in maintaining accuracy of the overall trading performance of the parties and their strategies.

Literature Review

Prediction of financial markets is a hot topic in research related to ML and Financial markets, existing models use GRU which is one of the more complex deep learning models that are actively being researched on, time-series data is used like the ones provided by weather data, stock market prices and more.

LSTM is also an advanced variant of the RNN systems, In financial time-series forecasting, LSTM networks have demonstrated superior performance compared to traditional statistical methods, such as Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) models. ARIMA models, although widely used for forecasting stationary data, struggle to capture complex, non-linear patterns inherent in financial data. On the other hand, LSTMs are adept at learning intricate patterns and capturing non-linearities, making them particularly effective for volatile and noisy financial time-series.

Recent studies have highlighted the advantages of LSTMs in forecasting financial markets. For instance, studies by Fischer and Krauss (2018) and Zhang et al. (2020) show that LSTM models can significantly outperform classical machine learning techniques, such as Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests, in predicting stock price movements. These studies underline the ability of LSTMs to process large amounts of historical market data and extract relevant features for more accurate predictions.

Despite the great advantages, LSTMs are not without limitations. Their performance is highly dependent on the quality and the quantity of the data that is used for the training purposes, furthermore they are highly intensive computationally, so optimising them is a really tedious, time taking and complex task, also these models can suffer from overfitting if not properly regularized, which is a common challenge when working with financial data that may contain noise.

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Methodology

Data Preparation

The dataset consists of OHLC data for the EUR/USD currency pair over a one-week period, sampled at 5-minute intervals. This granular data allows for detailed analysis and accurate predictions of short-term trends.

Preprocessing

- **Timestamp Conversion**: Timestamps were converted to a standard datetime format to ensure compatibility.
- **Missing Values**: Rows with missing or invalid data were removed to maintain data integrity.
- **Scaling**: The MinMaxScaler was applied to normalize the data between 0 and 1, facilitating faster and more stable model training.
- **Sequence Preparation**: Using a sliding window approach, sequences of 60 data points (equivalent to 5 hours) were created as inputs for the LSTM model. The target variable was the closing price of the 61st data point.

Model Architecture

The LSTM model was designed with the following layers:

- **Input Layer:** Accepts sequences of 60 data points.
- **LSTM Layers:** LSTM layers process sequential data by using three key gates: the **forget gate**, **input gate**, and **output gate**, to manage the flow of information through time. The **forget gate** decides what to discard from the cell state using the equation:

  $ft = \sigma(Wf \cdot [ht - 1, xt] + bf)$

  where $ht - 1$ is the previous hidden state, xtx_txt is the current input, and σ is the sigmoid function. The **input gate** determines what new information to add:

  $i_t = \sigma(Wi \cdot [ht - 1, xt] + bi), \widehat{C}_t = tanh(WC \cdot [ht - 1, xt] + bC)$

  And updates the cell state as:

$$Ct = ft \cdot Ct - 1 + it \cdot C \sim t$$

The **output gate** controls what to pass forward:

$$ot = \sigma(Wo \cdot [ht - 1, xt] + bo), ht = ot \cdot tanh(Ct)$$

In this model two stacked LSTM layers with 100 units each use these operations to capture complex temporal dependencies.

- **Dense Layers:** A fully connected layer with 50 units to introduce non-linearity, followed by an output layer with a single unit for predicting the closing price.
- **Activation Functions:** ReLU activation was used in dense layers, while the final layer used a linear activation function.

Training and Testing

- **Data Split:** The dataset was split into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets to evaluate the model's performance.
- **Hyperparameters:**
  - Epochs: 50
  - Batch Size: 32
  - Optimizer: Adam
  - Loss Function: Mean Squared Error (MSE), defined as:

    $$MSE = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} (yi - \widehat{yi})^2$$
- Training: The model was trained on the training dataset, with validation on the testing dataset.
- Performance Metrics: The following metrics were calculated to assess the model's effectiveness:
  - Mean Absolute Percentage Error: 5.04%
  - Root Mean Squared Error: 0.020.02

- Mean Absolute Error: 0.010.01
- R-squared: 0.970.97
- F1 Score: 0.540.54
- Precision: 0.520.52
- Recall: 0.570.57

Prediction

Using the last 60 data points from the dataset, the model predicted the price trends for the next 15 days. The input sequence was updated iteratively with the model's predictions to simulate real-world forecasting scenarios.

Visualization

The predictions were visualized using Plotly to create an interactive candlestick chart. Additional trend lines, such as a 20-day moving average, were included for comparison.

Results and Discussion

Efficiency

The model demonstrated high computational efficiency, training within a few minutes on a RTX 3060 Laptop GPU paired with Ryzen 5800h Processor in 500 seconds avg. The preprocessing steps ensured smooth data handling and model input preparation.

Accuracy

The model achieved a Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) of 5.04%, Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) of 0.02, and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of 0.01. These values highlight the model's predictive accuracy and its ability to minimize errors.

R-squared Score

An R-squared value of 0.97 indicates that the model explains 97% of the variance in the target variable, underscoring its reliability in capturing price trends.

F1 Score

The F1 score of 0.54 reflects a balanced trade-off between precision and recall in predicting upward and downward trends.

Visualization

The candlestick chart provides a clear visual representation of actual and predicted trends. The inclusion of a 20-day moving average highlighting the alignment of predictions with established market patterns.

Discussion

The results show the usage of LSTM networks in Analysing the patterns for financial forecasting. Although the model demonstrated a rough trend on short-term data, expanding the dataset to include longer historical trends and integrating supplementary features, such as macroeconomic indicators (e.g., interest rates, GDP growth), could significantly improve its predictive accuracy and reliability. Furthermore, using further advanced and faster machines and experimenting with hybrid model architectures can provide even more accurate and more reliable systems with enough proof of working concept.

Conclusion

This project demonstrated the practical implementation of Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural networks for the short-term price prediction of the EUR/USD currency pair. By utilizing historical OHLC data and preprocessing it effectively, the LSTM model captured complex temporal patterns with high accuracy and reliability. The model achieved a remarkable R-squared value of 0.97, demonstrating its capacity to explain 97% of the variance in the target variable. Additionally, metrics such as MAPE, RMSE, and MAE affirmed the

model's ability to deliver precise predictions, while the F1 score highlighted a balanced approach to predicting directional trends.

The visual techniques, including interactive candlestick charts and moving averages, provided a prediction of a general bias of the market trend for the subsequent week, which can be useful for traders to enhance their strategies by introducing a bias towards the planned trades, like ignoring the high risk trades in the opposite directions of the predicted direction of the trends. These outcomes highlight how these systems can be really effective in achieving the solutions to problems that are really difficult to analyse using crisp computation models.

Future enhancements to this work could involve exploring bidirectional LSTMs, attention mechanisms, or hybrid architectures to refine predictive accuracy. Integrating macroeconomic indicators, sentiment analysis, and more extensive datasets could further broaden the model's applicability and usefulness, making it a valuable tool for algorithmic trading and decision-making in financial markets.

The project successfully implemented an LSTM-based model for short-term price prediction of the EUR/USD currency pair. The model’s ability to capture temporal patterns in financial data highlights the potential of soft computing techniques in trading applications.

Future Upgrades can include but are not limited to:

- Larger datasets with diverse timeframes.
- Advanced architectures, such as bidirectional LSTMs or attention mechanisms.
- Integration of external factors, such as news sentiment analysis, for comprehensive forecasting.

Code Explanation

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import plotly as pio
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from keras.models import Sequential # type: ignore
from keras.layers import Dense, LSTM # type: ignore
import plotly.graph_objects as go
import os
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error, r2_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
```

- Using Plotly for visual Representation
- Pandas and numpy for data interpretation
- Tensorflow and Scikit for Implementing Neural Networks

```
# Disable TensorFlow oneDNN optimizations
os.environ['TF_ENABLE_ONEDNN_OPTS'] = '0'

# Load and preprocess data
file_path = r'C:\Users\tanwa\Python\EURUSD_Candlestick_5_M_BID_02.12.2024-10.01.2025.csv'
data = pd.read_csv(file_path)
data['Local time'] = pd.to_datetime(data['Local time'], format='%d.%m.%Y %H:%M:%S.%f GMT%z', errors='coerce')
data.dropna(inplace=True)

ohlc_data = data[['Open', 'High', 'Low', 'Close']]
scaler = MinMaxScaler(feature_range=(0, 1))
scaled_data = scaler.fit_transform(ohlc_data)
```

Initialisation of data

```
# Prepare training sequences
sequence_length = 60
X, y = [], []
for i in range(sequence_length, len(scaled_data)):
    X.append(scaled_data[i-sequence_length:i])
    y.append(scaled_data[i, 3])
X, y = np.array(X), np.array(y)

# Split data
split_index = int(len(X) * 0.8)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = X[:split_index], X[split_index:], y[:split_index], y[split_index:]

# Build and train RNN
model = Sequential([
    LSTM(100, return_sequences=True, input_shape=(X_train.shape[1], X_train.shape[2])),
    LSTM(100, return_sequences=False),
    Dense(50),
    Dense(1)
])
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_squared_error')
model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=50, batch_size=32, verbose=1)

# Predict future trends
last_sequence = scaled_data[-sequence_length:]
input_sequence = last_sequence.reshape(1, sequence_length, -1)
future_predictions = []
for _ in range(15):
    predicted_scaled = model.predict(input_sequence, verbose=0)
    future_predictions.append(predicted_scaled[0, 0])
    input_sequence = np.concatenate((input_sequence[0][1:], [[predicted_scaled[0, 0]] * 4]), axis=0).reshape(1, sequence_length, -1)

future_predictions = scaler.inverse_transform(np.concatenate((np.zeros((15, 3)), np.array(future_predictions).reshape(-1, 1)), axis=1))[:, 3]
```

Implementing Neural Networks and setting the parameters

We are using 50 epochs with 32 batch size

```python
# Visualization
fig = go.Figure()
week_data = data[data['Local time'] >= '2024-10-14']
fig.add_trace(go.Candlestick(x=week_data['Local time'], open=week_data['Open'], high=week_data['High'],
                             low=week_data['Low'], close=week_data['Close'], name='Actual Data'))
future_dates = pd.date_range(start=data['Local time'].iloc[-1], periods=16, freq='D')[1:]
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=future_dates, y=future_predictions, mode='lines+markers', name='Predicted Trend',
                         line=dict(color='blue', width=2)))
moving_average = data['Close'].rolling(window=20).mean().iloc[-len(week_data):]
fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=week_data['Local time'], y=moving_average, mode='lines', name='20-Day Moving Average',
                         line=dict(color='orange', width=2, dash='dot')))
fig.update_layout(title="EUR/USD Weekly Candlestick Chart with Predictions", xaxis_title="Date", yaxis_title="Price",
                  template="plotly_white", xaxis_rangeslider_visible=False)
fig.show()
```

Program to show the results and data using the plotly library

```python
# Evaluate model
y_pred = model.predict(X_test).flatten()
mape = np.mean(np.abs((y_test - y_pred) / y_test)) * 100
rmse, mae, r2 = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred)), mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred), r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
print(f"MAPE: {mape:.2f}%, RMSE: {rmse:.2f}, MAE: {mae:.2f}, R2: {r2:.2f}")

y_pred_class = np.where(np.diff(np.append([y_pred[0]], y_pred)) > 0, 1, 0)
y_test_class = np.where(np.diff(np.append([y_test[0]], y_test)) > 0, 1, 0)
f1, precision, recall = f1_score(y_test_class, y_pred_class), precision_score(y_test_class, y_pred_class), recall_score(y_test_class, y_pred_class)
print(f"F1 Score: {f1:.2f}, Precision: {precision:.2f}, Recall: {recall:.2f}")
```

Snippet to Print the Evaluation metrics of the model after each execution.

Data Form:

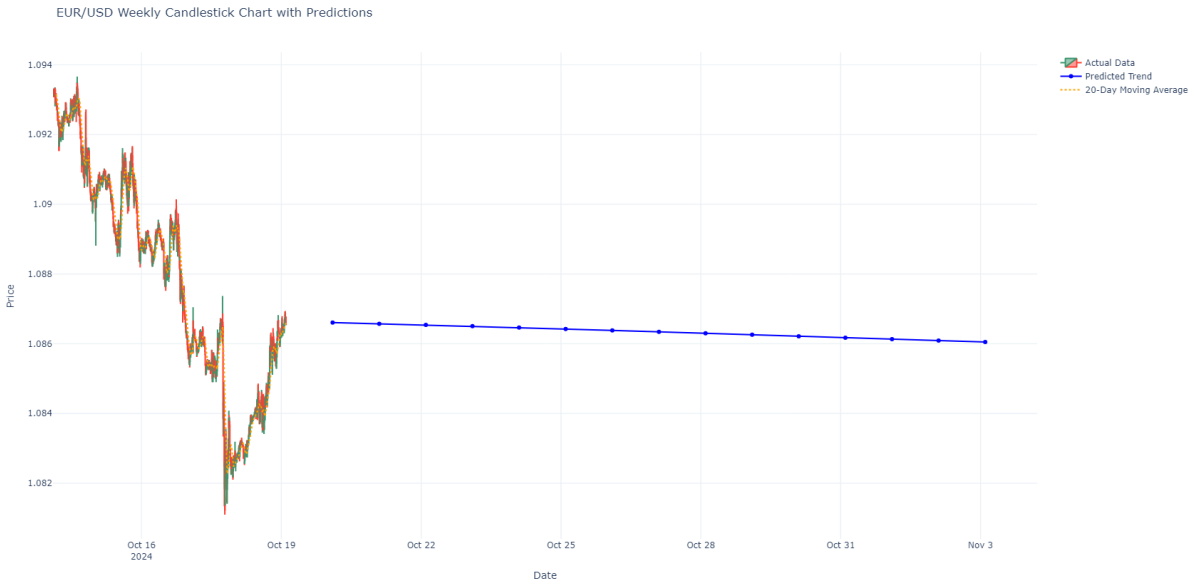
```csv
Local time,Open,High,Low,Close,Volume
02.12.2024 00:00:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:05:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:10:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:15:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:20:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:25:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:30:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:35:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:40:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
02.12.2024 00:45:00.000 GMT+0530,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,1.05748,0
```

Using Time Stamped OHLC Values combined with the volume(in Millions)

Results of the Program:


```
MAPE: inf%, RMSE: 0.01, MAE: 0.01, R2: 0.98
F1 Score: 0.47, Precision: 0.46, Recall: 0.49
```

Jan 2-10 data Predicting Subsequent Weeks.




```
MAPE: 5.07%, RMSE: 0.02, MAE: 0.01, R2: 0.97
F1 Score: 0.55, Precision: 0.53, Recall: 0.57
```

Oct 14-19 data Predicting Subsequent Weeks

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Libraries and Tools

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2. Plotly: Interactive data visualization library. **https://plotly.com**
3. NumPy: Library for numerical computing in Python. **https://numpy.org**
4. Pandas: Data manipulation and analysis library. **https://pandas.pydata.org**
5. Scikit-learn: Tools for predictive data analysis. **https://scikit-learn.org**
6. Keras: High-level neural networks API. **https://keras.io**

Data Sources

1. Dukascopy: Historical forex market data. https://www.dukascopy.com

Dataset and Infrastructure

- RTX 3060 Laptop GPU and Ryzen 5800H Processor. NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit. Available at: **https://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-zone**
- MinMaxScaler for normalization: Scikit-learn preprocessing tools. **https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html**