

PREDICTING INFLUENCE OF NEWS ARTICLES ON CRYPTO PRICES

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PARADIGM & DATA X

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WHAT IS PARADIGM?

Paradigm provides a conversational marketplace for the crypto trading market. It features AI driven tools like automated over-the-counter trading and provides a sophisticated chat tool for institutional traders.

The chat is a combination of several trader tools including counter party discovery, text-to-trade recognition, etc.

HOW DO WE CONTRIBUTE?



Understand relation of new articles to cryptocurrency prices using Natural Language Processing. Using Recurrent Neural Networks, we will classify articles as having a positive, negative or no affect.



Using time series analysis and RNN the price change on the cryptocurrency price will be predicted based on certain types of articles.



Predict Cryptocurrency Price

Articles will be ranked to identify the articles that are most relevant and use neural networks to predict prices of the cryptocurrency.



Dashboard with Top Articles for Traders

Within the chat box, articles that are most relevant will be recommended to traders on the Paradigm platform.

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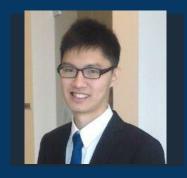
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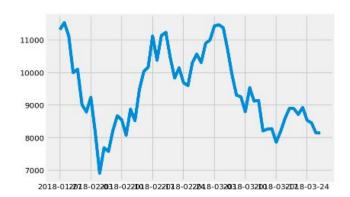
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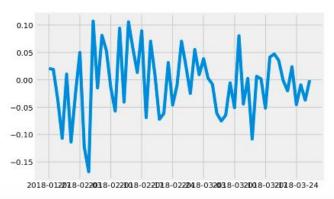
THE PROJECT TASK

Predict which news articles have the most significance in understand the price fluctuations of the crypto-asset mentioned in the article.

- Event Detection
- Quantify Significance of Event on Crypto Prices
- Rank Importance / Influence of Article on Event
- Visually Display this Importance

DATA SAMPLE







<u>Article Data:</u> Full news articles related to bitcoin were scraped from the web

- Sources: News APIs (CNBC, Bitcoin Magazine etc.), Kaggle
- Information: Author, source, timestamp, title, content
- Timeframe: 2018-01-06 to 2018-04-22

	Timestamp	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume_(BTC)	Volume_(Currency)	Weighted_Price
686589	2018-03-26 23:56:00+00:00	8155.00	8155.00	8154.99	8154.99	0.617945	5039.342643	8154.997667
686590	2018-03-26 23:57 00+00:00	8154.99	8154.99	8154.00	8154.01	40.655410	331543.193980	8154,95886
686591	2018-03-26 23:58:00+00:00	8154.00	8154.01	8150.00	8150.00	9.856911	80340.432933	8150.67062
686592	2018-03-26 23:59:00+00:00	8150.01	8150.01	8122.82	8145.00	68.274269	555026.852280	8129.37084
686593	2018-03-27 00:00:00+00:00	8144.99	8145.01	8140.00	8140.00	37.842674	308202.442620	8144.309384

(Snapshot of Bitcoin data from Coinbase)

Bitcoin Price Data: Minute-by-minute Bitcoin (BTS) price data in USD

- Information: Timestamp, open, high, low, close, vol., BTC price
- Timeframe: 2014-12-01 to 2018-03-27

HYPOTHESES FROM EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS

Insights from Exploratory Data Analysis

Hypothesis 1

Like the stock market, if new information becomes available, Bitcoin prices adjust immediately (Efficient Market Hypothesis, Fama 1998)

Hypothesis 2

Bitcoin news reflect overall sentiment of market participants on higher time frames.

Hypothesis 3

On higher time frames, Bitcoin sentiment predicts future price to some extent.

Insight: Wrong. We could not identify an influence of Bitcoin news articles on Bitcoin price at time lags of 1 minute, 5 minutes, 15 minutes.

Conclusion: Bitcoin markets work differently compared to stock markets. Contrary to stock prices, Bitcoin does not have an intrinsic value, which is affected by e.g. earnings announcements.

Decision: Move from minute data to higher time frames (hourly Bitcoin price change, daily Bitcoin price changes).

Insight: True. Many news articles speculate about the development of Bitcoin prices, calling it for instance a bubble, indicating the sentiment of market participants

Conclusion: Our sample period is driven by strong and consistent price surges and drops in Bitcoin price, indicating the existence of trends over multiple weeks, which is reflected by the sentiment in news articles.

Decision: Look at sentiment of Bitcoin price and whether it can predict the price trends.

Insight: True. There is a significant influence of sentiment on prices as verified by linear regression. However, the predictive accuracy is not pretty high.

Conclusion: However, this is our most promising option since we expect to find a correlation between sentiment and price once we overcome the bias...

HYPOTHESES From Modeling

Insights from Modelling

Hypothesis 1

Since our sample shows persistent trends, we should be able to predict prices via autoregressive modeling (e.g. ARIMA, Box & Jenkins 1970).

Hypothesis 2

Assuming H3 from EDA is true, we can use average of the articles' sentiments probabilities and predicted price movement from autoregressive models to get the scoring for each article.

Insight: Wrong. Future prices on a daily basis behave like a random walk as verified by an ARIMA model.

Insight: ARIMA models cannot predict daily prices better than a random walk.

Conclusion: Predict price changes directly using sentiment as predictor. Transform predicted prices using min-max scaling.

HYPOTHESES CONCLUSION

- Move to daily price data.
- Use sentiment analysis of news articles to identify influence of news article on Bitcoin price.
- Predict Bitcoin prices using sentiment.



Sentiment Analysis using RNN



Primary Analysis Method 1 – Training RNN using Human-Assigned Data

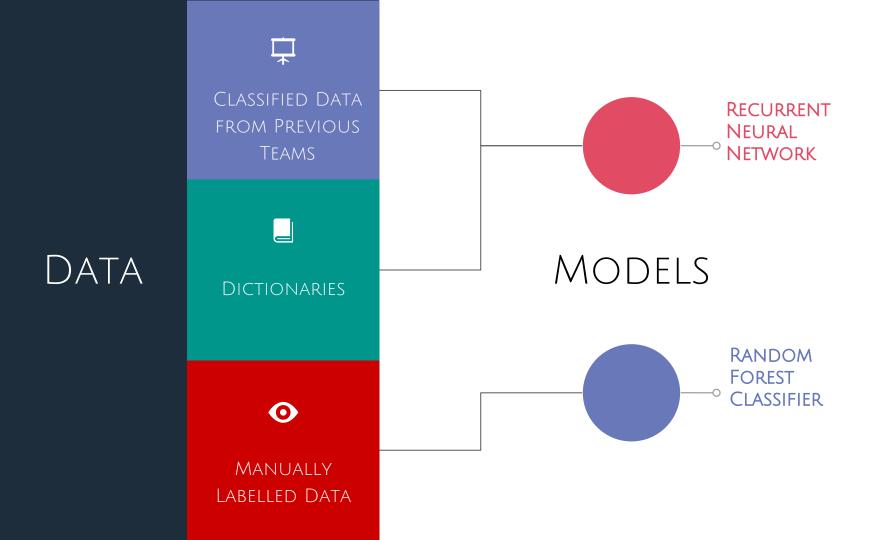
- Manually Labelled 300 article Dataset, Normalized.
- RNN trained on above dataset.
- RNN along with Softmax regression assigns a probability to each article.



Primary Analysis Method 2 – Training RNN using Word Dictionaries

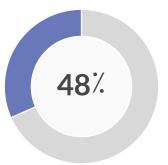
- The RNN trained word sets for positive and negative sentiments in financial news articles
- Each article is assigned a sentiment between 0 and 1 using softmax regression.
- RNN was then tested on 300 manually labeled articles to create a training set for supervised learning.

Long short-term memory (LSTM) in RNNs provide a more effective sentiment analysis, given that they solve the vanishing gradient problem and hence are able to remember and process long term contexts. Given the subtle tone of financial articles, LSTMs would yield better results on our dataset.



ACCURACY MATRIX

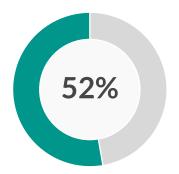




RNN

Trained using various sentiment dictionaries

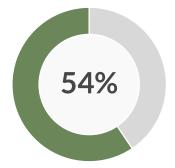
300 Data Points



Random Forest

Manually Labelled DataSet

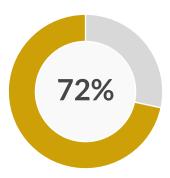
40000 Data Points



Random Forest

Major Dataset





RNN

Manually Labelled DataSet

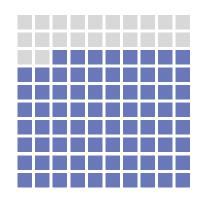




- Positive correlation for extreme price changes
- Transform
 predicted prices
 into a score
 between 0 (not
 significant) and
 10 (highly
 significant)
 using min-max
 scaling.



SCORING METRIC



Article 1

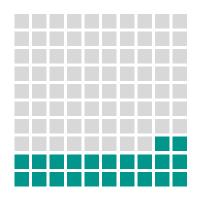
9.0

Headline:

"Experts Believe Bitcoin Crash will continue"

Author

Source



Article 2

3.0

Headline:

"Arun Jaitley has just killed India's Crypto Party"

Author

Source

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def create_score(prediction):
    min_ = np.percentile(abs(prediction),2)
    max_ = np.percentile(abs(prediction),98)

new_list = []

for i in abs(prediction):
    if i < min_ or i > max_:
        new_list.append(10)
    else:
        new_list.append(round((i-min_)/(max_-min_)*10))
    return new_list
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MIN MAX SCALING OF PREDICTED PRICE CHANGES

HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT

Final Score Assigned

10.0

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true value: 0.11 predicted value: 0.0 predicted scoring: 0.0
Craig Wright, who once claimed to be Bitcoin founder Satoshi Nakamoto
iman's estate for stealing $5B in bitcoin (Russell Brandom/The Verge)
true value: -0.21 predicted value: -0.02 predicted scoring: 2.0
Arun Jaitley has just killed India's cryptocurrency party
true value: -0.04 predicted value: -0.02 predicted scoring: 2.0
Why did Ethereum Drop so hard? Bitcoin is Correcting, and Cryptocurrer
true value: 0.3 predicted value: 0.16 predicted scoring: 10
Bitcoin slides below $6000; half its value lost in 2018 - Fox Business
true value: -0.04 predicted value: 0.05 predicted scoring: 4.0
Dutch Court Finds Bitcoin A Legitimate "Transferable Value"
true value: 0.14 predicted value: 0.12 predicted scoring: 10
Bitcoin plunges below $10,000 as major crypto exchange to share user
true value: 0.19 predicted value: 0.11 predicted scoring: 10
Expert Believes Bitcoin Price Crash Will Continue
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Not Significant

Final Score Assigned

2.0

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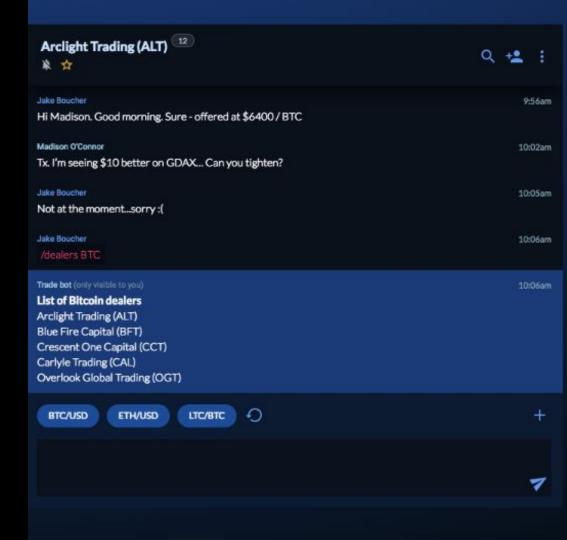
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Expert Believes Bitcoin Price Crash Will Continue



CHAT INTERFACE

The final product is to be pipelined directly into Paradigm's chat interface. This would enable all entities using the chat interface to directly discern the relevance of news articles while trading over the chat interface.



DASHBOARD EXAMPLE

Governments Might Start Issuing Their Own Cryptocurrencies



Canada looking into Bitcoin's risk factor, Bill Morneau says



SEC, CFTC Warn of Fraud in Cryptocurrency Markets





LIMITATIONS & NEXT STEPS

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Increase Quality of Data. Includes removing non relevant articles, refining articles based on authors, etc.



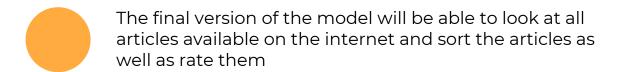
Create a customized dictionary that can be used to increase the accuracy of the RNN sentiment analysis.



Create a labelled dataset of articles professionally classified by cryptocurrency experts in order to explore supervised learning opportunities.



FUTURE PROSPECTS



The model can also be trained to evaluate the sentiment of a series of articles and we believe there is significant research potential in this area

