

Capstone project: Sentiment analysis of EV maker's stocks

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Background

The automotive industry is rapidly embracing electric vehicles (EV) as the forefront of the future. With each passing year, EV markets are seeing exponential growth with a growing number of manufacturers substantially expanding their electric lineup.

The growth in EV sector is driven by climate change and the reduction of carbon footprints generated from transportation.

As an emerging sector with growth potential of 22.6% per year between 2020-2027, Investing in this EV sector could yield substantial returns in the future.









Problem statement

In this era, financial news happens in seconds. We can leverage this data to gain an edge in investment with insight from the news headlines.

Goal as independent investors who are interested in investing in EV manufacturers:

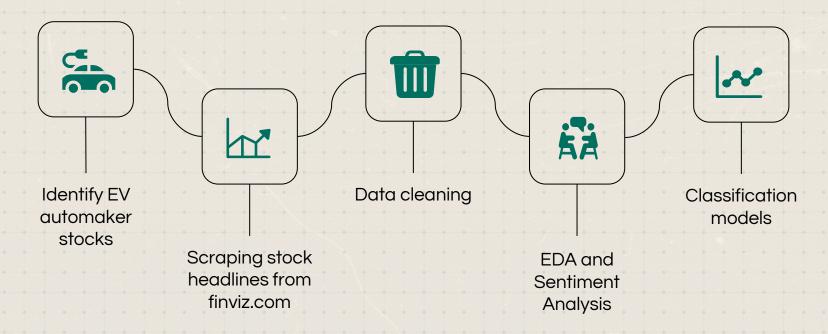
- To understand the emotion behind the headlines and predict whether the market feels good or bad about stocks in this segment.
- Possible to educated guess on how specific stocks will perform and trade accordingly.







Methodology







Here are six important EV stocks



Tesla, Inc.

TSLA



NIO Inc.

NIO



Li Auto Inc.

LI



Xpeng Inc.

XPFV



Rivian Automotive

RIVN



Lucid Group Inc.

LCID





Data acquisition and data dictionary

• Scraping from finviz.com on 23rd August 2023

#	Data	Number of data	Data type	Description
0	stock	600	object	Stock tickers
1	headline	600	object	News headline that display on the finviz.com per stock, maximum 100 news headlines were scraped per time
2	source	600	object	Sources of news
3	date	600	datetime	News published date
4	Time	600	datetime	News published time



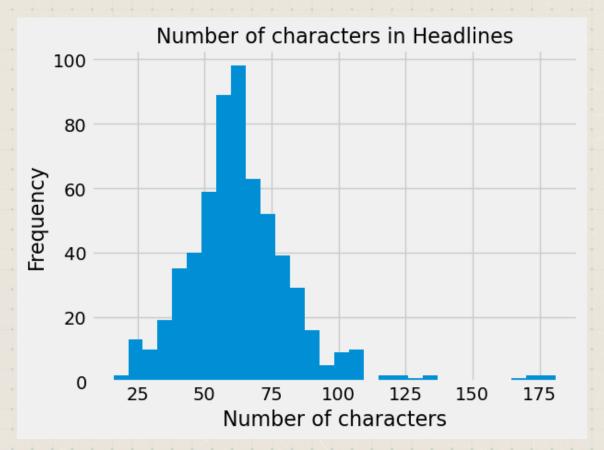


EDA & Sentiment Analysis





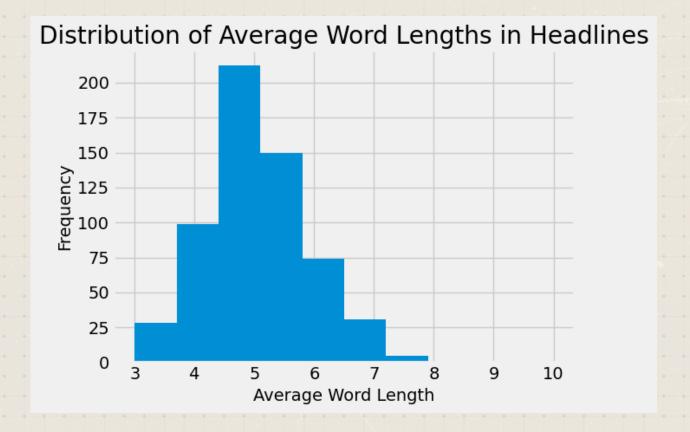
Number of characters in Headlines







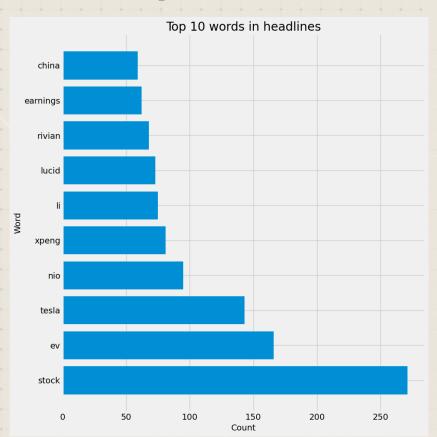
Average word length in headlines







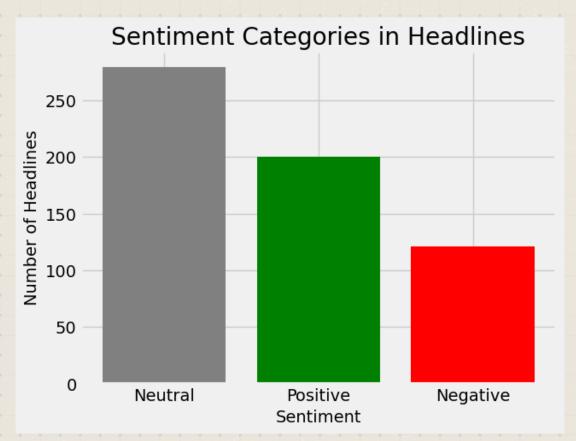
Top words







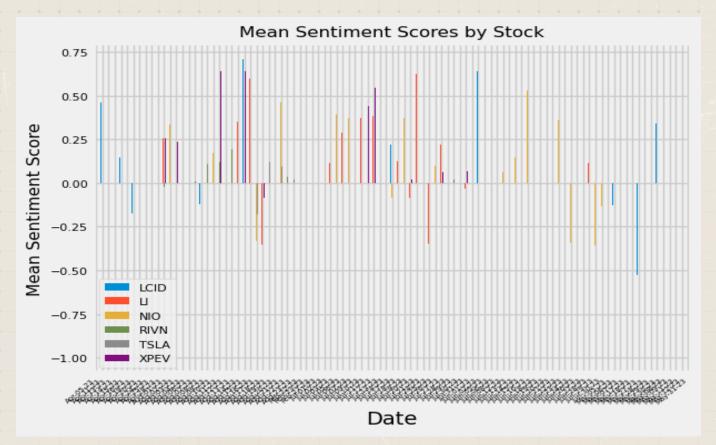
sentiment categories







Stock sentiment







Modeling



Modeling

Models

- Naive Bayes (NB) model
- Random Forest (RF) model

Feature extraction techniques

- CountVectorizer (Cvec)
- TF-IDF Vectorizer (Tvec)



Model Performances

Model	NB-Cvec	NB-Tvec	RF-Cvec	RF-Tvec
Best score	0.693	0.664	0.690	0.690
Train score	0.993	0.910	1.000	1.000
Test score	0.639	0.556	0.656	0.667
Specificity	0.607	0.129	0.266	0.276

Baseline = 0.466667





Model selection decisions

After constructing and analyzing various models, all of the constructed models showed an improvement over the baseline model.

Naïve Bayes model with CountVectorizer (NB-Cvec) seem to be the best choice here in classifying the sentiment on the stock news headlines. This model showed an improvement over the baseline model indicating that our model significantly outperforms a random guess or a simple heuristic.





Conclusions and next steps



Conclusions and recommendations

From sentiment analysis, most of the news has neutral sentiment. And more positive than negative.

Unsurprisingly, most top words are EV brands, as these news are curated related to the specific stocks.

The most mentioned brand is Tesla which is consider a pioneer and leader in this segment.

Followed by Nio, Xpeng, Li, lucid, and Rivian.

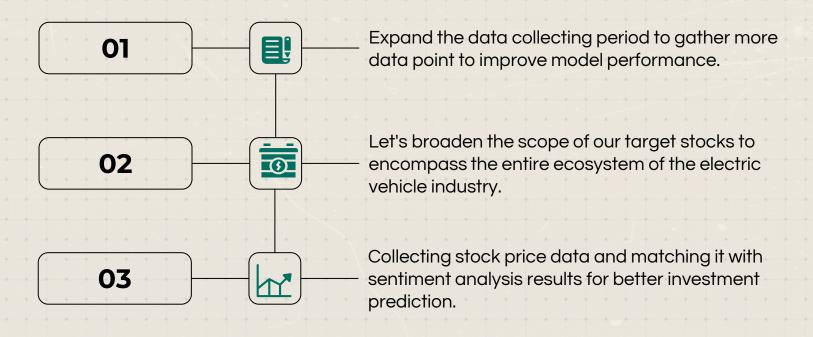
In top words, China is the only country mentioned in the news headlines. This might be due to China's dominance as World's EV leader.

Observation over a period of time, the distribution of news headlines for EV manufacturers' stock is toward the positive sentiment. Indicating a positive outlook towards the stocks in this segment.





What's next



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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