Final project, option 1 Time series prediction in Spark

- Data: use AAPL (Apple stock price information)
 - https://finance.yahoo.com/quote/AAPL/history?p=AAPL
- Download as .CSV file
- Use daily data for 1980 2018 (9478 records)
 - Feel free to leverage other data sources that can boost predictive power of your models. You can be creative in terms of what data you are using.
- Build a model for 'close' price prediction
- Bonus point for leveraging several features and building multivariate models
- Analyze prediction accuracy and report Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and sMAPE for predictions over varied horizons:
 - 1 day, 1 week, 2 weeks, 1 month, 4 months

Warning: Adding a portfolio optimization is not part of the final project. You can add it if its something you have time for, but its not a requirement, you will be judged by the quality of your models used for time series prediction and not portfolio optimization results.

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Apply basic time-series forecasting along with more advanced methods:

- Simpler methods:
 - Simple & Moving Average (SMA)
 - Exponential Smoothing
 - Autoregressive Integration Moving Average (ARIMA)

More sophisticated ML methods:

- Regressor Trees
- Ensembles of trees (XGB)
- You cant use Python based resources and libraries (they are not running on a cluster)

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Model	1 day	1 week	2 weeks	1 month	4 months
Model 1	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE
Model 2	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE
Model 3	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE	sMAPE

Test at least 2 models

Elaborate on the performance and what affects sMAPE for each model

Provide information about your models and how you built them: Mention everything relevant to model construction and optimization process

Model	Used data	Feature transformation	Train/test split	Overfittng?	Model Optimization
Model 1					
Model 2					
Model 3					

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Your report may be focused on the following questions:

- 1) What dataset did you use and why did you choose it (if you chosen a dataset different from what has been offered)
- 2) What problem are you analyzing? (define business problem)
- 3) Comment on target variable
- 4) Literature review: what is being used for similar kind of analysis?
- 5) Explain why did you choose models and techniques you used? What is the rationale?
- 6) What metrics did you use to measure performance of the model? Why is this metrics relevant to the problem statement?
- 7) Present your results
- 7) How did you optimize your models?
- 8) Features: comment on feature importance and ranking. Any features that stood out that has strong influence on model's predictive power?
- 6) What are challenges did you run into while building your model in Spark? Did you run into any limitations?
- 7) What were your mentor's recommendations?
- 8) Overall recommendation to improve your results and this project

Time series Support information

Useful links:

https://databricks.com/session/time-series-analysis-with-spark https://databricks.com/session/time-series-analytics-with-spark

ARIMA in Spark:

https://badrit.com/blog/2017/5/29/time-series-analysis-using-spark#.XI-W4VNKiL8