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Applied Data Science in Fintech

{'Summer School 2024': 'Trading-Bot Workshop'}



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Program for today

Program: Trading-Bot Workshop

Introduction, installation of software, brainstorming-sessions

Working in groups on the tasks; technical sessions

Break*

Working in groups on the tasks; technical sessions

Presentation of results



^{*}additional breaks are included as needed

Workshop procedure and philosophy



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- No permanent presentations by the lecturer
- Group work (2 students per group)
- Groups are mixed (BSc/MSc OR Beginners/Professionals)
- Each «expert» group is responsible for one «topic»
- Methods are explained in detail in «technical sessions»
- Students ask members of «expert groups» for help
- The more experienced students help the others
- At the end of the day, groups present their results
- Presentations are evaluated with pass/fail

Prerequisites

Software:

- GitHub Codespaces (https://github.com/mario-gellrich-zhaw/Summerschool_FS2024)
 - Python 3.10
 - Jupyter Notebook
 - Visual Studio Code

Accounts:

Coinbase Pro (regular account allowing to work with the public sandbox environment)

Link: https://public.sandbox.pro.coinbase.com/trade

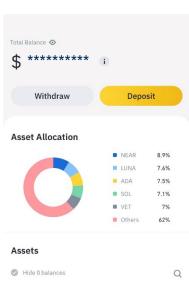
Material for exercises

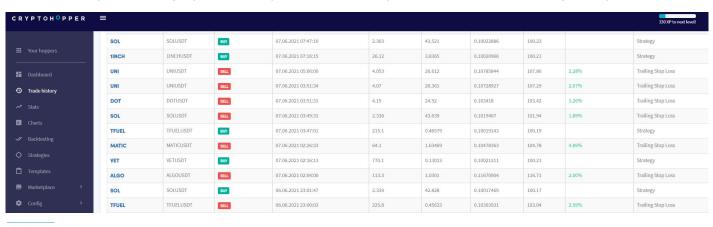
Jupyter-Notebooks (will be used to guide the exercises)

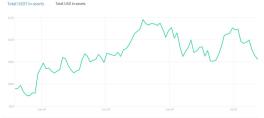


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Self-Experiment using Binance (exchange) and Cryptohopper (commercial trading bot)









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Findings:

- Setting up Binance (online wallet) is straightforward.
- Setting up the Cryptohopper is more complex.
- Cryptohopper works fine (and makes fun) but has some limitations.
- Limitations were found e.g. with the shortage functionality.
- Very volatile market in both directions (-30% to +30% per day observed)
- Current market is under presure (e.g. due to regulations).
- Price development of different coins seems to be «linked».
- Prices of different coins seem to increase and decrease in «waves».
- Number of coins on the market is rising (e.g. on Binance ~ 350+ coins).

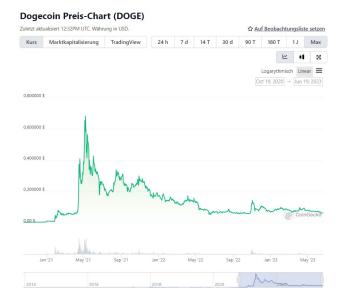
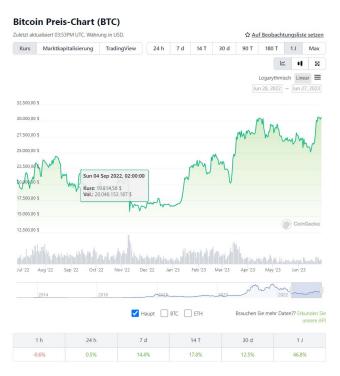


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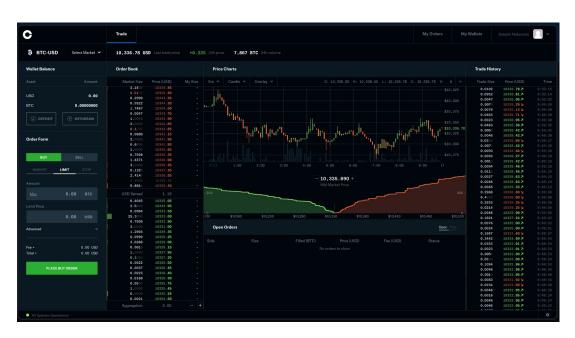
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Although prices are very volatile, there are also opportunities. For example, the price of BTC and ETH increased by 47% and 58% respectively between June 2022 and June 2024.

Example trading chart from Coinbase Pro (showing BTC-USD prices)



"Technical analysis is a trading discipline employed to evaluate investments and identify trading opportunities by analyzing statistical trends gathered from trading activity, such as price movement and volume."

https://www.investopedia.com



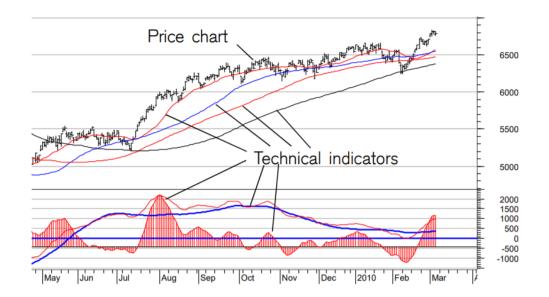
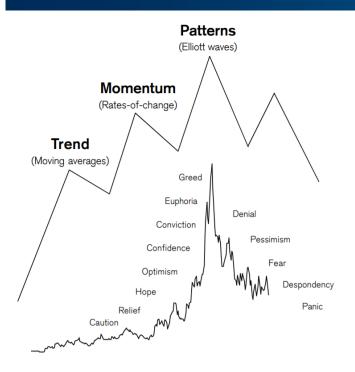


Image Credit: Credit Suisse (n.d.) Technical Analysis Explained

Unlike **Fundamental Analysis**, which is a practice of analyzing securities by determining the intrinsic value of the stock, the **Technical Analysis** is a method of determining the future price of the stock using charts to identify the patterns and trends.

Source: https://keydifferences.com/difference-between-fundamental-and-technical-analysis.html





Optimism, pessimism, greed and fear ...

Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?

Learn more about the index



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Image credit: https://edition.cnn.com/markets/fear-and-greed



Trend indicators

- SMA (Simple Moving Average)
- EMA (Exponential Moving Average)
- Bollinger Bands
- MACD (Moving Average Convergence/Divergence)

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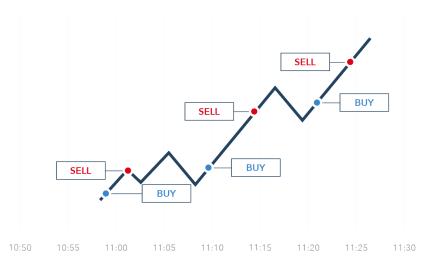
Oscillators

RSI (Relative Strength Index)

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Trading Strategies



"In finance, a trading strategy is a fixed plan that is designed to achieve a profitable return by going long or short in markets. The main reasons that a properly researched trading strategy helps are its verifiability, quantifiability, consistency, and objectivity. For every trading strategy one needs to define assets to trade, entry/exit points and money management rules."

Image Credit: https://www.ig.com/en-ch/trading-strategies





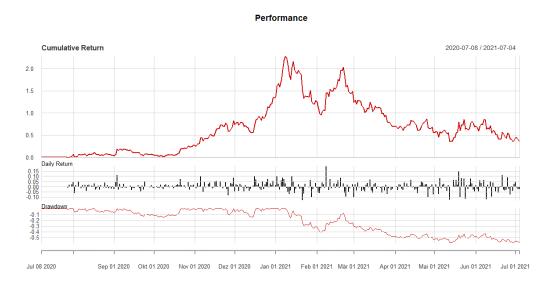
Trading Strategies

Types of trading strategies

- Long/short equity
- Pairs trade
- Swing trading strategy
- Scalping trading
- Day trading
- Trading the news
- Trading signals
- Social trading



Backtesting a trading strategy



| Annualized Return | 0.2416 |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Annualized Std Dev | 0.6392 |
| Annualized Sharpe (Rf=0%) | 0.3779 |

"Backtesting is the general method for seeing how well a strategy or model would have done ex-post. Backtesting assesses the viability of a trading strategy by discovering how it would play out using historical data. If backtesting works, traders and analysts may have the confidence to employ it going forward."

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Keyword pinboard (basis to define group tasks)

| (Topic 1) Coinbase Pro Sandbox environment | (Topic 2) Python library vectorbt (functionality) |
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| (Topic 5) Defining a trading strategy | (Topic 6) Backtesting the trading strategy |
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| (Topic 7) Programing the trading-bot | (Topic 8) Performance analysis |
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Keyword pinboard (basis to define group tasks)

MG What is technical analysis when talking about stock trading?

Technical analysis is a method used in stock trading to evaluate and predict future price movements of stocks, currencies, or other financial instruments. It relies on analyzing historical price and volume data to identify patterns, trends, and signals that can guide investment decisions.

The underlying principle of technical analysis is that historical price data can provide insights into the psychology of market participants and help predict future price movements. Technical analysts believe that market trends and patterns tend to repeat themselves, and by studying these patterns, they can make informed trading decisions.

To solve the tasks, you are encouraged to use ChatGPT. This includes explanations and Python programming. It is expected that the explanations of ChatGPT are cross-checked with independent sources, and that the Python code is tested.



Expert groups and definition of tasks

Expert Group (X): Technical analysis (TA)

- Trend indicators & oscillators
- Simple Moving Average (SMA)
- Exponential Moving Average (EMA)
- Relativ Strength Indicator (RSI)
- Dual Moving Average Crossover (DMAC)
- Candle Stick Chart
- Bollinger Bands (BB)

Example!



Recommended structure of the «expert» sessions

Questions which help to explain the software, functions, methods, etc. by each expert group

Q1: What is ...?

Q2: What problem is solved with ...?

Q3: How does ... work?

Q4: What are the applications for ...?

Minimal structure of the final presentation

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Background
- 1.2 Problem
- 1.3 Objectives
- 1.4 Research question

2. Materials and Methods

- 2.1 Data sources, -description & -preparation
- 2.2 Technical Analysis
- 2.3 Trading Strategy & Backtesting
- 2.4 Programing the trading bot
- 2.5 Performance Analysis

3. Results & Discussion

4. Conclusions

