

Building a code and data repository for teaching algorithmic trading

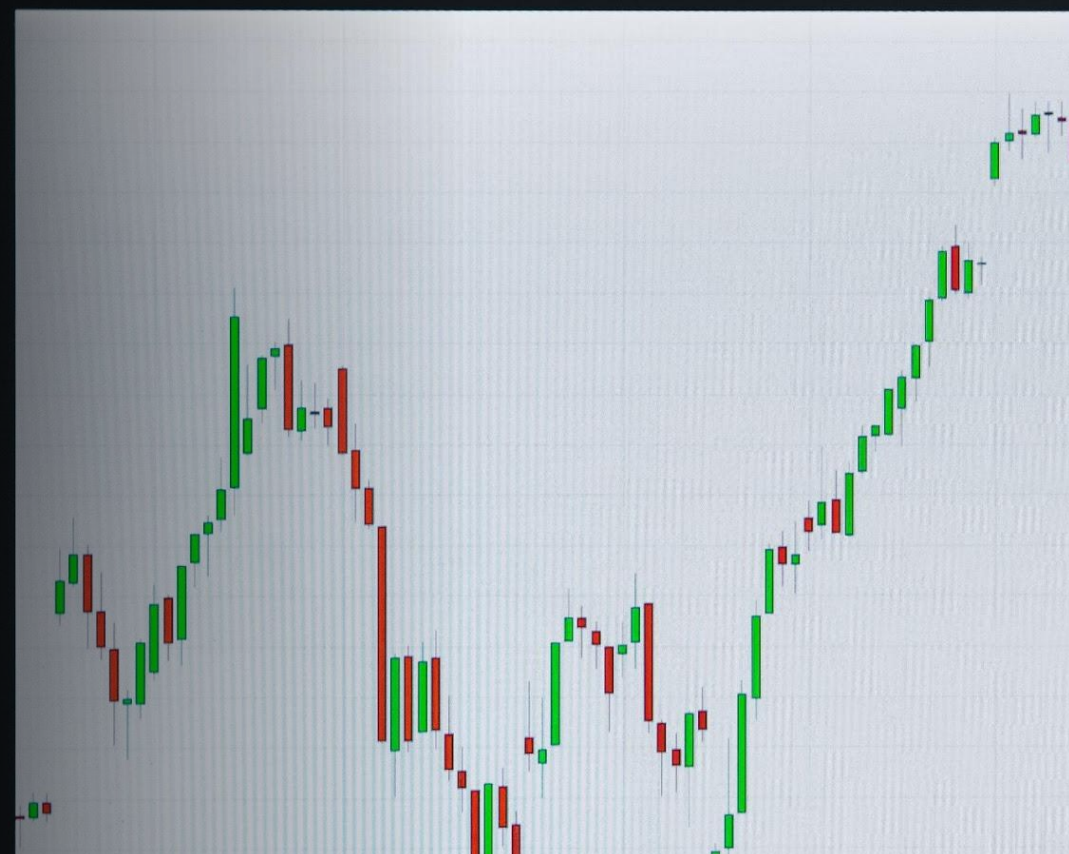
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Introduction

Algorithmic Trading in a nutshell



Introduction

The Growth and Future of Algo Trading

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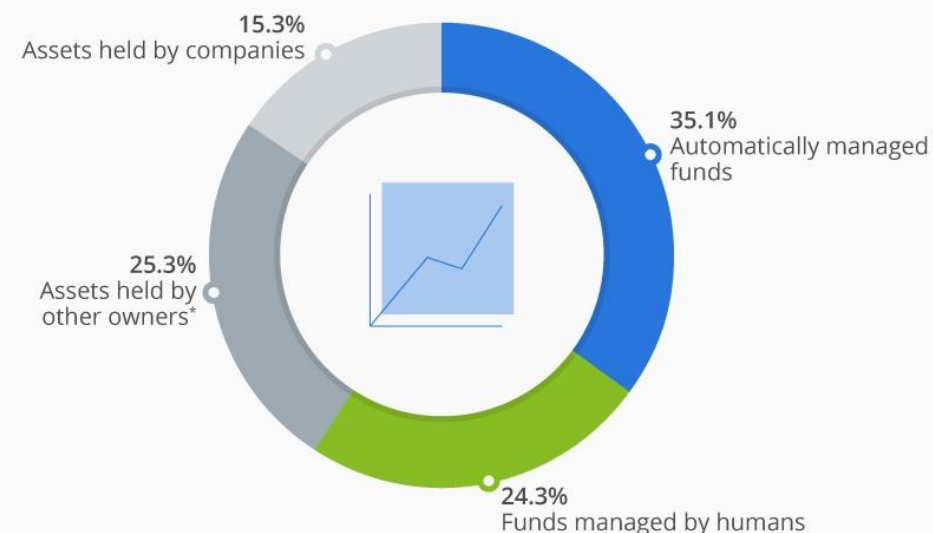
#演算交易

Translation: “*Rising Demand for Algorithmic Trading Talents in the Information Age*”

(Source: [etnet news](#))

Computers Manage More U.S. Stocks Than Humans Do

U.S. public equities (worth \$31 trillion) by type



* Governments, insurance, foreigners

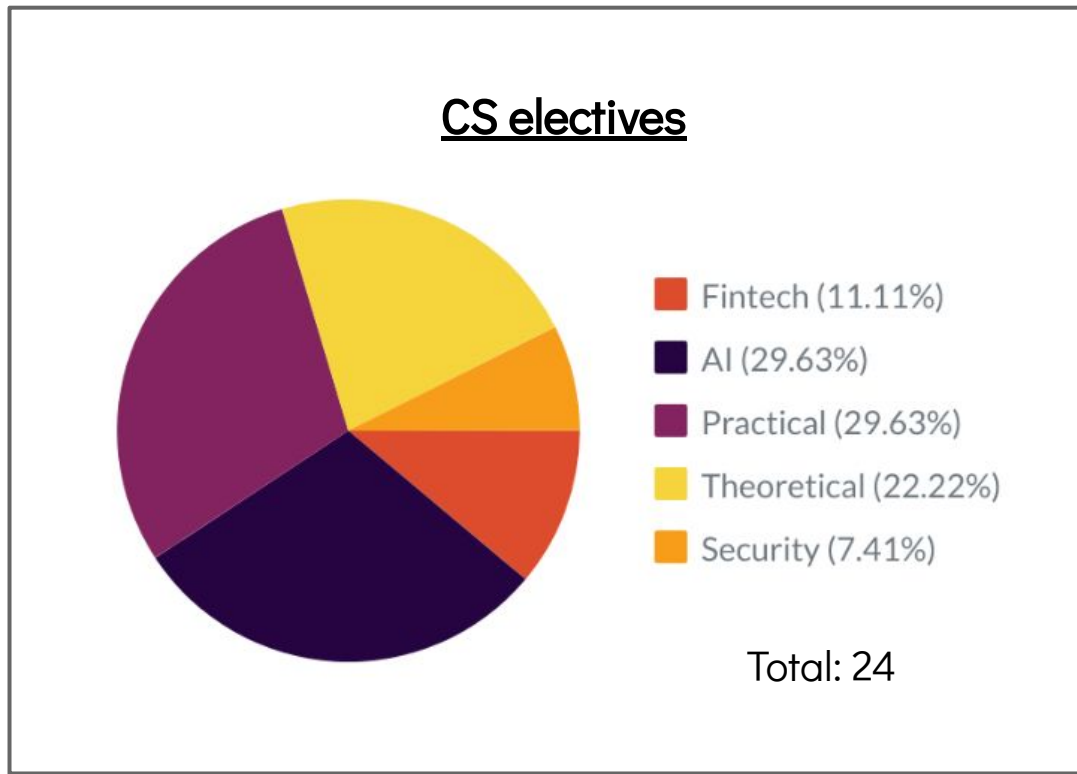
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Project Background

Courses offered at HKU CS



- Growing proportion of FinTech courses
- No courses focusing on algo trading in the current BASc(FinTech) Curriculum

Hong Kong...

- As a financial hub with one of the world's biggest stock exchange

⇒ Indispensable to learn the skill

Project Background

Other courses at HKU that involve algo trading

HKU Faculty of Business and Economics	
FINA3237	Hedge Fund
FINA4354	Financial Engineering
FINA4359	Big Data Analytics Applied Toward Quantitative Finance
FINA4350	Text Analytics and Natural Language Processing in Finance

Course content

Module 1-4: Data science

Module 5-6: Quantitative trading strategies

Module 7: Basic machine learning

Proposed curriculum:

- Larger focus on programming, backtesting & trading
- Less time spent on teaching the basics (e.g. Python basics)

Project Background

Online learning resources for algo trading

Finance



Code

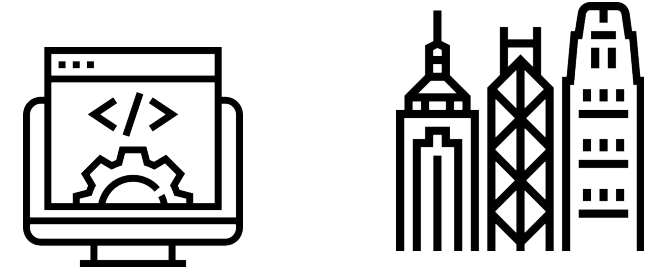


- Findings: {
1. Scattered
 2. US-focused
 3. Assumed with preliminary knowledge

Objectives

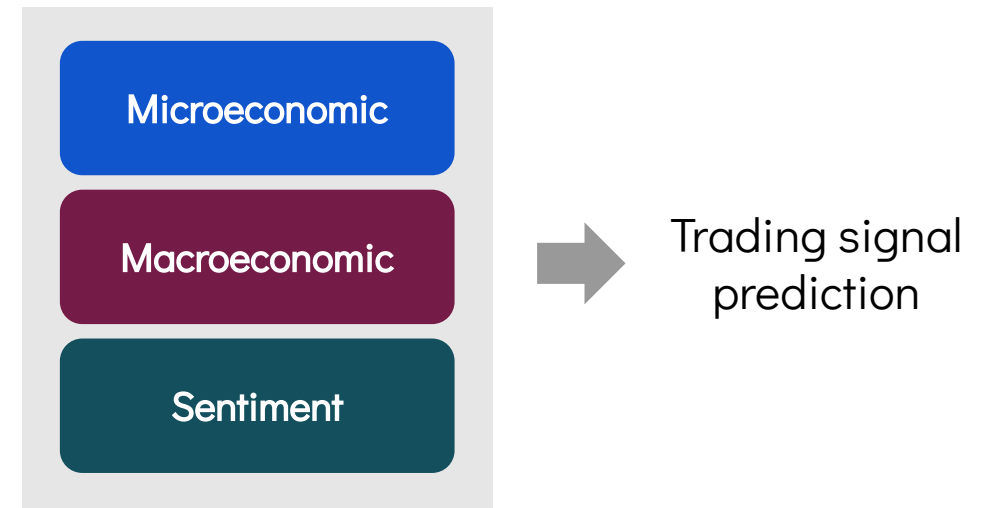
Educational objectives

- Build an **open-source repository** that puts together the concepts & knowledge necessary for algo trading
- Resources & data in **Hong Kong** context



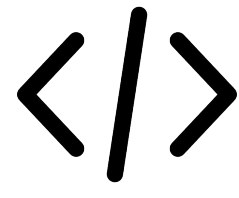
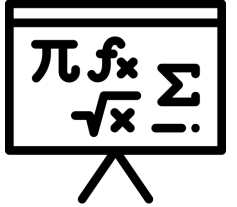
Research objectives

- Create a **database** for stock analysis
- Backtesting & experiments with **multi-feature** trading signal prediction model



Project Overview

Design of the code & data repository

 **Code** × **Tutorial** 

Github repo

Example programs
Constantly maintained
Inline comments

Documentation website

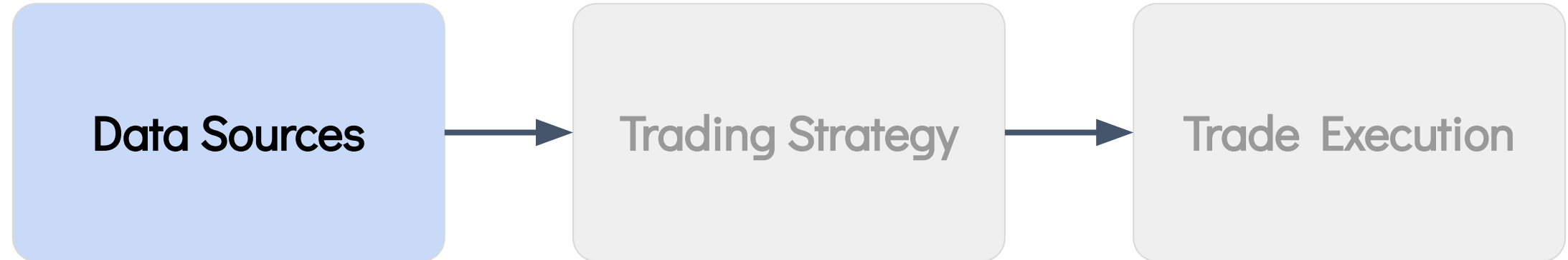
Financial concepts
Math equations
Step-by-step guide

Project Overview

Design of the code & data repository



Part 1 - Database

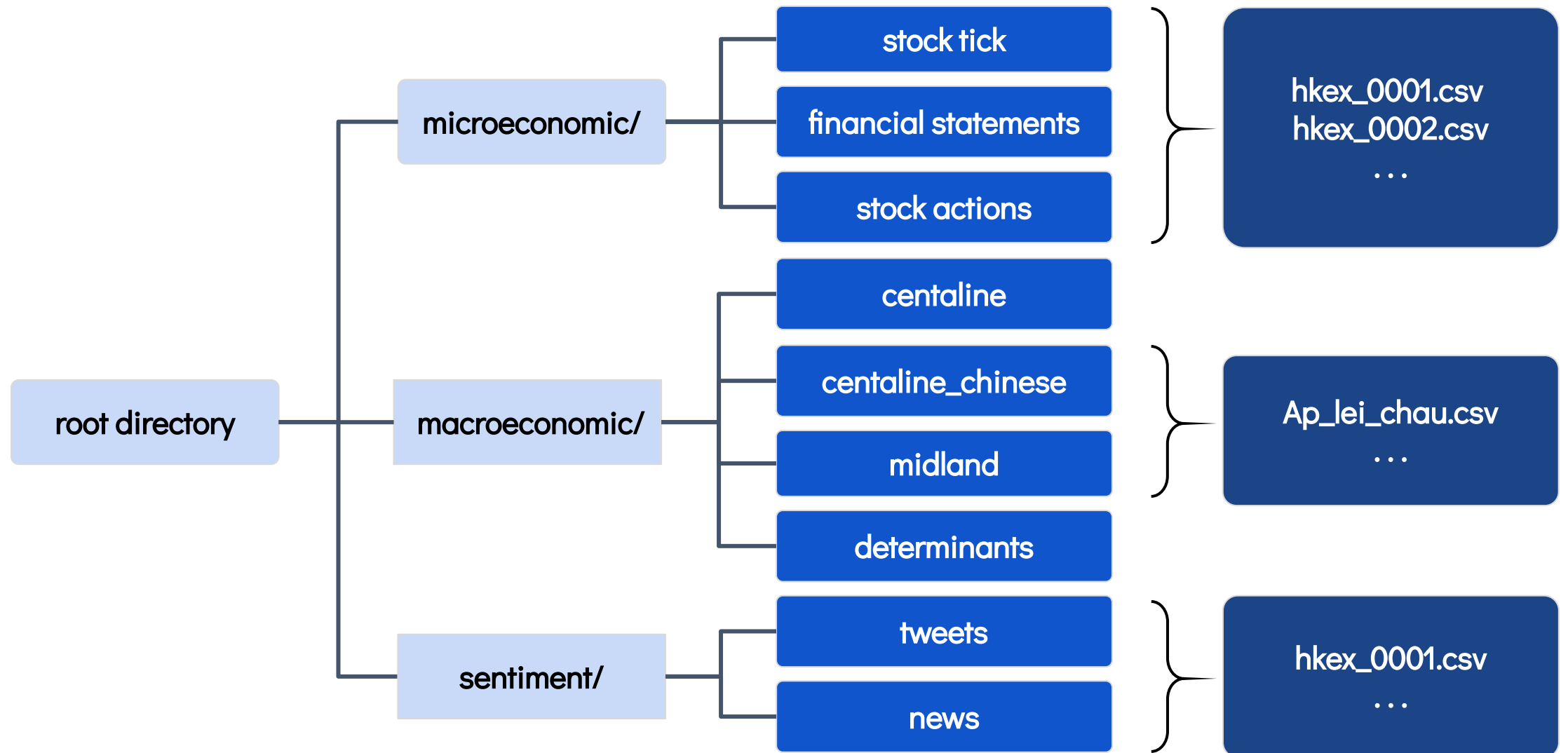


Database + Code for
pre-processing

[Python](#), [Yahoo! Finance API](#),
[Beautiful Soup](#)

- 1. **Microeconomic data**
- 2. **Macroeconomic data**
- 3. **Sentiment data**

Database Structure



Database Fact Sheet

Microeconomic	No. of rows	Size
Ticker symbol list	28,003	1441 KB
1-day stock tick	48,597,879	4.36 GB
1-min stock tick	152,452,357	13.11 GB
Financial statements	254,176	131.1 MB
Stock actions	288,021	5.87 MB
Company info	4602	18.66 MB
Total	201,625,038	17.56 GB

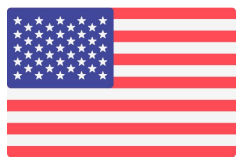
Macroeconomic	No. of rows	Size
Centaline Property (EN)	251,660	21.7 MB
Centaline Property (ZH)	191,695	20.7 MB
Midland Realty	166,481	26.2 MB
Economic indicator	212	25 KB
Total	610,048	68.85 MB

Sentiment	No. of rows	Size
HK News (aastock)	1,139,768	126.9 MB
US News (finviz)	636,263	88.4 MB
Tweets	2,202,230	406.5 MB
Total	3,978,261	621.8 MB

Microeconomic Data

For each **ticker symbol**:

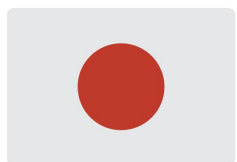
1. Ticker symbol list
2. 1-day stock tick
3. 1-min stock tick
4. Income statement
5. Balance sheet
6. Statement of cash flow
7. Company info
8. Stock actions data



NASDAQ - 3598
NYSE - 2498



HKEX - 1481



TSE - 3574



SSE - 1823
SZSE - 2579

Extract of **hkex_0001.csv**:

(1-day stock tick)

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
4/1/2000	33.0374514	33.367817	32.3767166	32.3767166	3194413
5/1/2000	30.890019	31.3855906	29.9815228	30.1466827	6058531
6/1/2000	30.3944727	30.5596326	28.0818181	28.6599941	10440480
7/1/2000	29.0729631	29.4033304	28.5773917	29.2381229	6049796
10/1/2000	30.2292635	30.7248383	29.4859295	29.4859295	5195405
11/1/2000	30.2292671	30.5596327	29.5685359	30.2292671	6175861

**More examples available in the report.*

Microeconomic Data

Makefile demo

To-add in pptx file

Macroeconomic Data

Hong Kong residential market transactions records

- **Centaline Property (English):** 2017 to 2020
- **Centaline Property (Chinese):** 2018 to present
- **Midland Realty:** 2018 to present

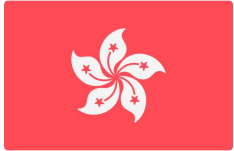
With features describing the transaction
E.g. district, address, price, gross area, saleable area, reg date, etc...

Economic Data

- **Census and Statistics Department:** since 2017 to present



Sentiment Data



HKEX - 1481

News from aastock.com

1. Research Report
2. Result Announcement
3. Industry News

> **1** Million
news entries
since 2011



NASDAQ - 3598
NYSE - 2498

1. News from finviz.com
2. Historical tweets from
Twitter standard API

> **2** Million
tweets in US
MKT

Around 0.7
million news in
US MKT

since January
2021

	dates		news	ticker	newstype
0	2021-02-25	Li Ka-shing Recaptures Forbes' HK Richest Man...	1		news-daily
1	2021-02-25	Li Ka-shing Plotting to Form SPAC, Mulling to...	1		news-daily
2	2021-02-09	CKH's HPH Trust 2020 NP Climbs 57%; 2H20 DPU ...	1		news-daily
3	2021-01-19	A.S. Watsons, Grab Enter Into Health & Beauty...	1		news-daily
4	2021-01-12	HSI Widens Gain to Over 200 Pts, Nearly 1-Yr ...	1		news-daily
...
1139763	2017-03-19	SHENZHENEXPRESS (00548.HK) FY Net Profit RMB1....	80737		news-indus
1139764	2017-03-19	ANHUIEXPRESSWAY (00995.HK) Forms Fund Partnership	80737		news-indus
1139765	2017-03-18	SHENZHENEXPRESS (00548.HK) 2016 Net Profit Dow...	80737		news-indus
1139766	2017-03-17	CRTG Spurts 21% on Soaring Volume; Plans to Bu...	80737		news-indus
1139767	2017-03-17	CRTG Issues New Shares to Buy Forage Biz, Invo...	80737		news-indus

1139768 rows × 4 columns *pandas dataframe for news from aastock.com*

	tweets	ticker	sector
0	b'RT @TradezTiger: Why Investors Like \$CBBT? \...	AACG	Consumer Services
1	b'RT @TradezTiger: Why Investors Like \$CBBT? \...	AACG	Consumer Services
2	b'RT @TradezTiger: Why Investors Like \$CBBT? \...	AACG	Consumer Services
3	b'RT @TradezTiger: Why Investors Like \$CBBT? \...	AACG	Consumer Services
4	b'RT @TradezTiger: Why Investors Like \$CBBT? \...	AACG	Consumer Services
...
1389428	b'\$PSWW Real company, real development, real D...	ZYXI	Health Care
1389429	b'\$SE\ZYXI\TIGR\QFIN\YSG\YI\PRCH\...	ZYXI	Health Care
1389430	b"RT @Tickeron: \$ZYXI's in Downtrend: Moving A...	ZYXI	Health Care
1389431	b"\$ZYXI's in Downtrend: Moving Average Converg...	ZYXI	Health Care
1389432	b'@michael2017I Would you consider \$ZYXI in sa...	ZYXI	Health Care

1389433 rows × 3 columns *pandas dataframe for tweets in NASDAQ*

Data License

Microeconomic Data

- Yahoo! Finance - **Redistribution restricted**
- IR Bank (Japan) - **OK**
- Simfin (US) - **OK**
- Baostock (Mainland) - **OK**

Macroeconomic Data

- Centaline Property - **Redistribution restricted**
- Midland Property - **Redistribution restricted**
- Census and Statistics Department - **OK**

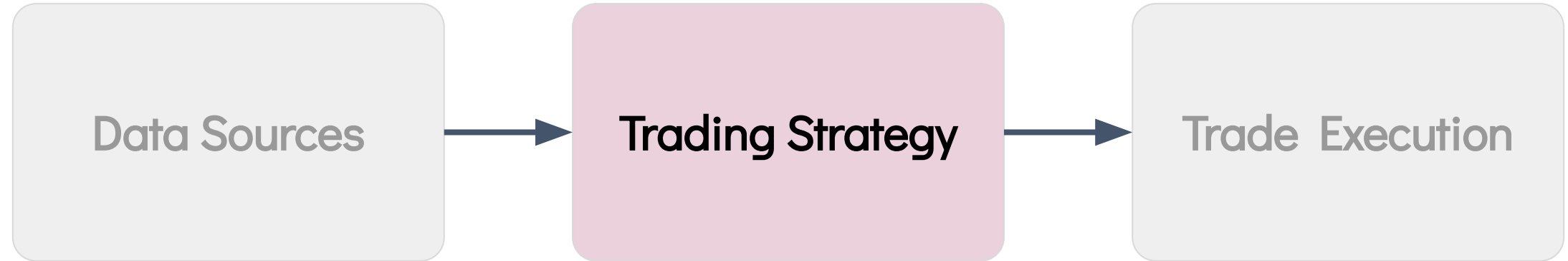
Sentiment Data

- aastock.com - **Redistribution restricted**
- finviz.com - **OK**
- Tweets - **OK**

Solutions:

1. **Data scraping code**
2. **Centralised storage**
3. **Fair dealing**
 - Non-commercial
 - Reasonable proportion

Part 2 - Trading Strategy



Conventional strategies
+ Advanced strategies

Python, Julia (snippets)

Code Examples Fact Sheet

Microeconomic	Examples	Format
Data scraping / update	46	Python + Jupyter Notebook
Intro to Algo Trading	3	Jupyter Notebook
Technical Analysis	16	Python
Fundamental Analysis	1	Jupyter Notebook
Bankruptcy Prediction	1	Jupyter Notebook
Julia for Algo Trading	2	Julia + Jupyter Notebook
Macroeconomic		
Data scraping	3	Python
Exploratory Data Analysis	6	Jupyter Notebook
Sentiment		
Data scraping	3	Jupyter Notebook/Python
Sentiment Analysis	3	Jupyter Notebook/Python

Integrated	Examples	Format
Paper Trading	6	Python
Baseline + LSTM models	3	Python
Total	91	

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- bankruptcy-prediction
- fundamental-analysis
- integrated-strategy
- intro-to-algotrading
- macroeconomic-analysis
- paper-trading
- sentiment_analysis
- technical-analysis_basics
- technical-analysis_julia
- technical-analysis_python
- __init__.py
- backtest.py
- evaluate.py

on GitHub repo

Technical Analysis

TREND

- Moving Average Crossovers
- Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD)
- Parabolic Stop and Reverse (Parabolic SAR)

VOLATILITY

- Bollinger Bands
- Average True Range (ATR)
- Standard Deviation

MOMENTUM

- Commodity Channel Index (CCI)
- Relative Strength Index (RSI)
- Rate of Change (ROC)
- Stochastic Oscillator (STC)
- True Strength Index (TSI)
- Money Flow Index (MFI)
- Williams %R

VOLUME

- Chaikin Oscillator
- On-Balance Volume (BOV)
- Volume Rate of Change

Total number of indicators = 16

Technical Analysis

Code demo

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Technical Analysis - Experiment (1)

Independent variable (varying):

Strategy & Time (start date)

Controlled variables (constant):

Ticker = 0005.HK

0005.HK Sharpe Ratio in different time spans



Technical Analysis - Experiment (2)

Independent variable (varying): Strategy

Controlled variables (constant): Ticker = set of all tickers in HKEx, Time period = 2017-2019 and 2019-2021

1. No. of Trading Signals

HK tickers (2017-2019) - No. of Trades



HK tickers (2019-2021) - No. of Trades



Technical Analysis - Experiment (2) (cont'd)

Independent variable (varying): Strategy

Controlled variables (constant): Ticker = set of all tickers in HKEx, Time period = 2017-2019 and 2019-2021

2. Portfolio Return

HK tickers (2017-2019) - Portfolio Return



HK tickers (2019-2021) - Portfolio Return



Fundamental Analysis

SHORT-TERM SOLVENCY RATIO

- Current ratio
- Quick ratio
- Cash ratio
- Networking capital to current liabilities

FINANCIAL LEVERAGE RATIO

- Total debt ratio
- Debt to equity
- Equity ratio
- Long-term debt ratio
- Times interest earned ratio

TURNOVER RATIO

- Average collection period
- Inventory turnover ratios
- Receivable turnover
- Fixed asset turnover
- Total asset turnover

PROFITABILITY RATIO

- Gross profit margin
- Net profit margin
- Return on assets (ROA)
- Return on equity (ROE)
- Earning per share (EPS)

Fundamental Analysis

Ratio analysis (example)

Step #1 Compute **profitability** ratios:

- Return on Assets (ROA)
- Return on Equity (ROE)

	Total asset turnover	Total debt ratio	Debt equity ratio	Equity ratio	Long-term debt ratio	Times interest earned ratio	Gross profit margin	Net profit margin	ROA	ROE	EPS
Ticker											
1301	2.361250	0.706839	2.425762	0.291389	0.172012	7.753363	0.092355	0.007759	1.83	6.23	188.51
1332	1.403804	0.649464	2.155975	0.301239	0.204180	14.852078	0.193904	0.021402	3	9.64	47.46
1333	1.714197	0.698941	2.780364	0.251385	0.263612	13.058958	0.130434	0.013850	2.37	9.45	238.23
1352	2.005881	0.823191	5.230879	0.157371	0.487066	5.282051	0.078331	0.005640	1.13	7.13	54.22
1376	1.243356	0.564001	1.385869	0.406966	0.000000	128.159818	0.156968	0.019293	2.82	6.55	109.39

Step #2 Sort by ROA, select **top 10%** of ticker symbols with highest ROA

*Detailed code implementation in the repository.

Macroeconomic Analysis

1. Macroeconomic Analysis

- Relationship between economic data and the Hong Kong stock price

Data source: Spacious.hk, Census and Statistics Department

2. Economic Indicator analysis

- Relationship between monthly average house price per saleable area and economic data

Data source: Centaline Property, Census and Statistics Department

3. Transaction record analysis

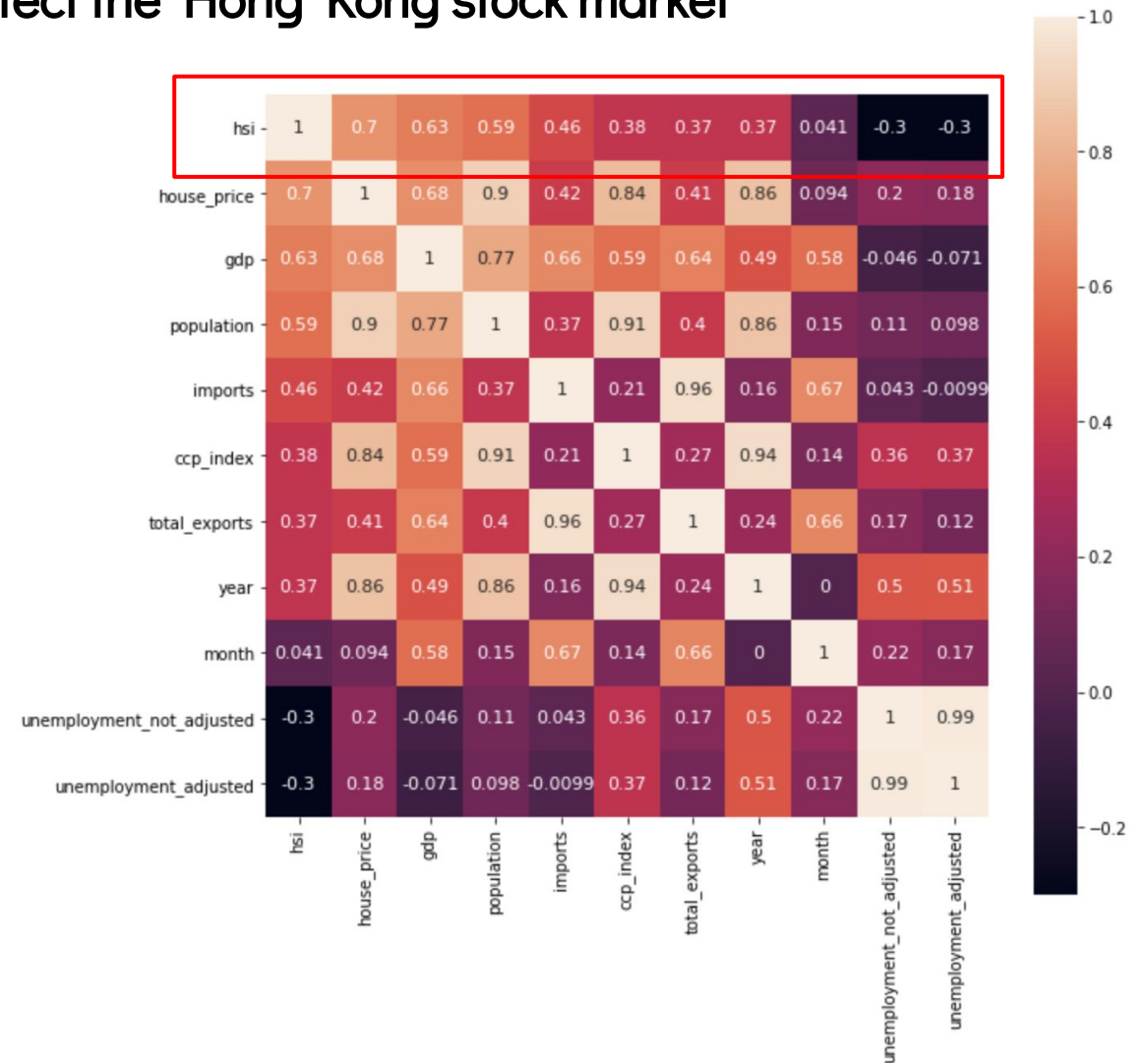
- Relationship between house price and features of the transaction (e.g district, gross area,..)

Data source: Midland Realty

Macroeconomic Analysis

Explore how the macroeconomic indicators affect the Hong Kong stock market
(2016 - 2020)

Feature	Correlation coefficient with HSI
House Price	0.7
GDP	0.63
Population	0.59
Imports	0.51
Composite consumer price index	0.38
Total exports	0.37
Year	0.37
Unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted)	-0.3
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	-0.3



Macroeconomic Analysis – Pandemic

The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on correlation in economic indicators

- Before Pandemic (Apr 2018 to Dec 2019)
- After Pandemic (Jan 2020 to Mar 2021)

*unexpected results

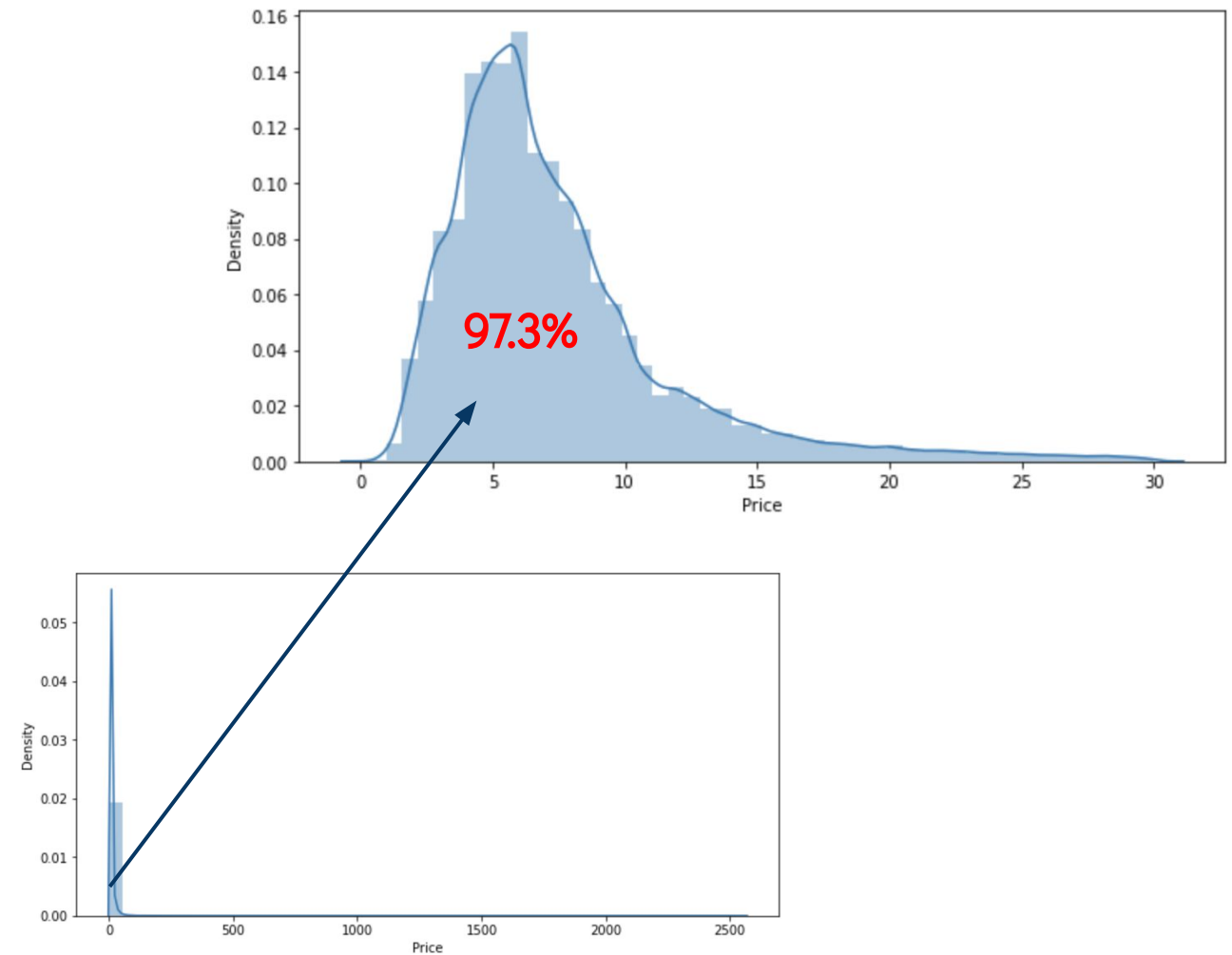
Feature	Correlation coefficient with HSI
House Price	0.41
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	-0.21
Imports	-0.24
Unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted)	-0.34
Total exports	-0.36
Composite consumer price index	-0.41
Population	-0.48
GDP	-0.77

Feature	Correlation coefficient with HSI
GDP	0.56
Composite consumer price index	0.44
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	0.34
Unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted)	0.15
House price	0.14
Total exports	0.041
Imports	0.034
Population	-0.42

The Hong Kong Real Estate Market

House price distribution (2017 - 2020)

Description	Price (million HKD)
Count	251660
Mean	8.80
Standard Deviation	14.9
Minimum	0.4
25%	4.65
50%	6.40
75%	9.81
Maximum	2566



The Hong Kong Real Estate Market

Correlation with monthly average house price per saleable area (2017 - 2020)

Feature	Correlation coefficient
Population	0.67
Year	0.6
Composite consumer price index	0.59
GDP	0.55
Imports	0.46
Total exports	0.41
Month	0.22
Unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted)	-0.49
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	-0.61



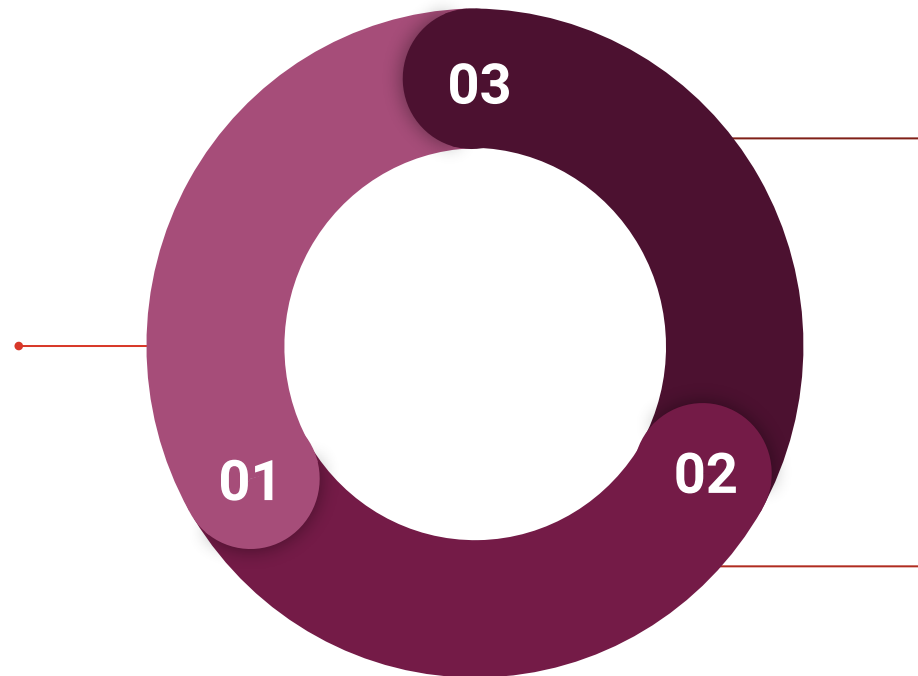
Sentiment Analysis – Vader

- Lexicon and rule based sentiment analysis tool
- Specifically attuned to sentiments in social media

Label Function	
Positive sentiment (= 2)	compound score > 0.01
Negative sentiment (= 0)	compound score < -0.01
Neutral sentiment (= 1)	-0.01 ≥ compound score ≤ 0.01

Import Necessary Libraries

- pandas
- nltk.sentiment.vader
- nltk.downloader.download('vader_lexicon')
- analyser = SentimentIntensityAnalyzer()



Get sentiment label

Go through the label function

Get Compound Vader score

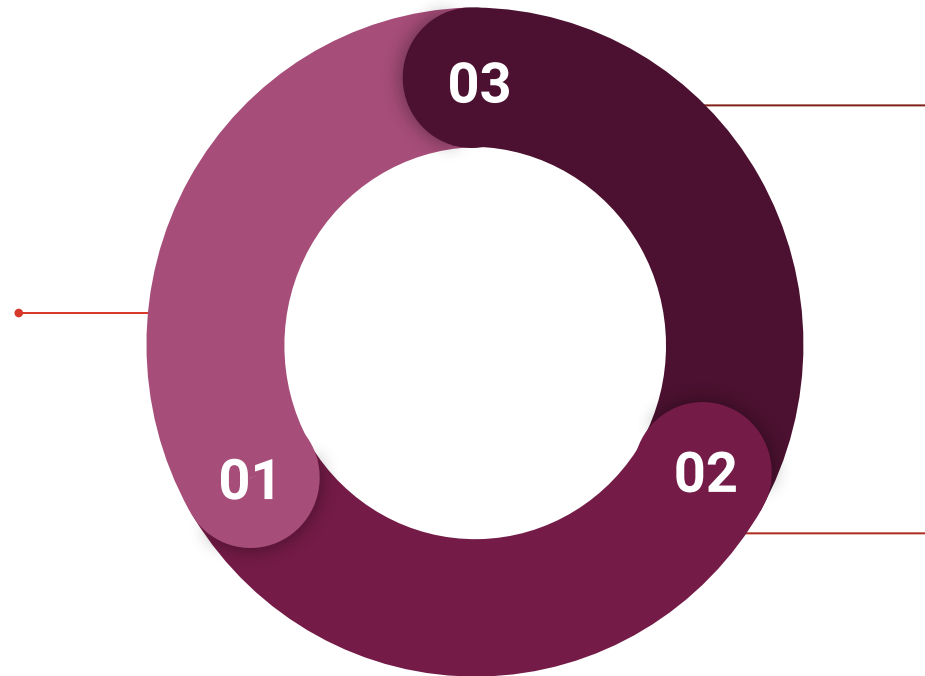
1. Append a compound score to every news row
2. Group the mean compound VADER score by date

Sentiment Analysis – TextBlob

- Python library for NLP
- Returns **polarity** and **subjectivity** of a sentence. Polarity lies between [-1,1]

Import Necessary Libraries

- pandas
- `from textblob import TextBlob`



Get sentiment label

Go through the threshold function

Get Compound TextBlob score

1. Append a normalized score (-1 to 1) to every news row
2. Group the mean textblob score by date

Sentiment Analysis – Loughran–McDonald Dictionary

- Manually constructed dictionary
- Contains 7 sentiment dimensions, only used positive, negative and uncertain

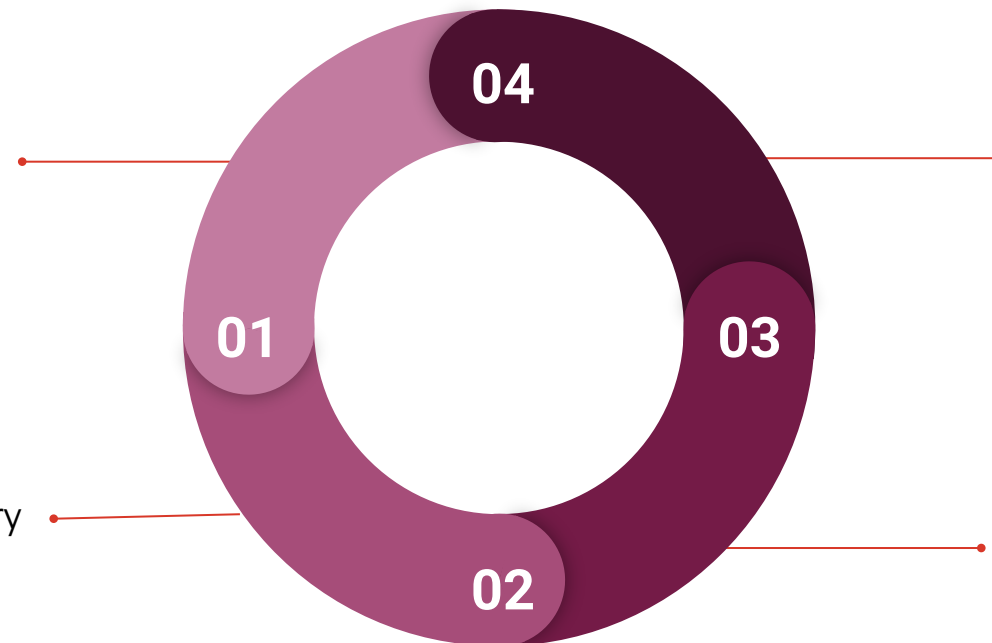
Label Function	
Positive sentiment (= 2)	<code>len(words_new_pos) > len(words_new_neg)</code>
Negative sentiment (= 0)	<code>len(words_new_pos) < len(words_new_neg)</code>
Neutral sentiment (= 1)	<code>len(words_new_pos) == len(words_new_neg)</code>

Import Necessary Libraries

- `pandas`
- `from nltk.tokenize import WordPunctTokenizer as wpt`
- `import math`

Build dictionary

1. Load in Loughran master dictionary
2. Get the list of stopwords, positive words, negative words and stoplist



Get sentiment label

Go through the label function

Process news

1. Tokenize the words in each news using `wpt`
2. remove stop words

Sentiment Analysis – HKEX equity market

Market sentiment from March 2011 to March 2021

	dates	compound_vader_score	vader_label	textblob_label
0	2011-03-18	0.296000	2	1
1	2011-03-21	0.000000	1	1
2	2011-03-22	-0.476700	0	1
3	2011-03-24	0.221057	2	2
4	2011-03-25	0.061100	2	0
...
2957	2021-02-27	-0.110815	0	1
2958	2021-02-28	0.089387	2	1
2959	2021-03-01	0.078058	2	2
2960	2021-03-02	0.076328	2	2
2961	2021-03-03	0.142956	2	2

2962 rows x 4 columns

Act as market sentiment



Merge with individual daily label

	dates	vader_label	textblob_label
0	2017-01-02	NaN	NaN
1	2017-01-03	NaN	NaN
2	2017-01-04	NaN	NaN
3	2017-01-05	NaN	NaN
4	2017-01-06	NaN	NaN
...
1083	2021-02-25	2	2
1084	2021-02-26	2	0
1085	2021-03-01	1	1
1086	2021-03-02	0	0
1087	2021-03-03	NaN	NaN

[1088 rows x 3 columns]

result screenshot of 6618.HK



Integrated Strategy

Input features

“Conventional”
strategy

Microeconomic

Macroeconomic

Sentiment



Model



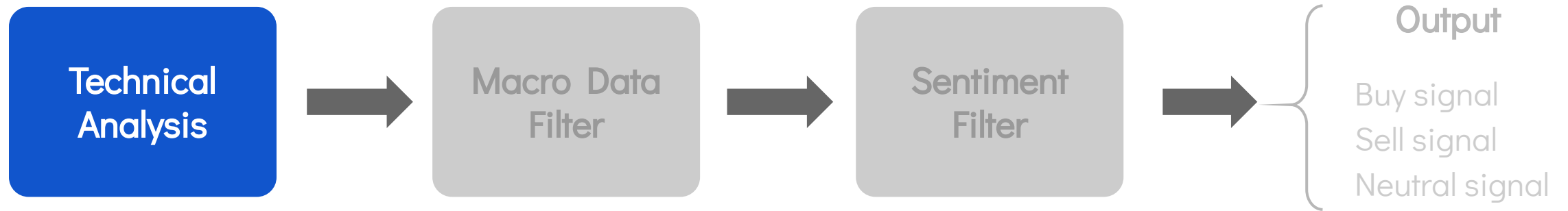
Output

Buy signal
Sell signal
Neutral signal

In the repository:

1. Baseline model
2. Single-feature LSTM model
3. Multi-feature LSTM model

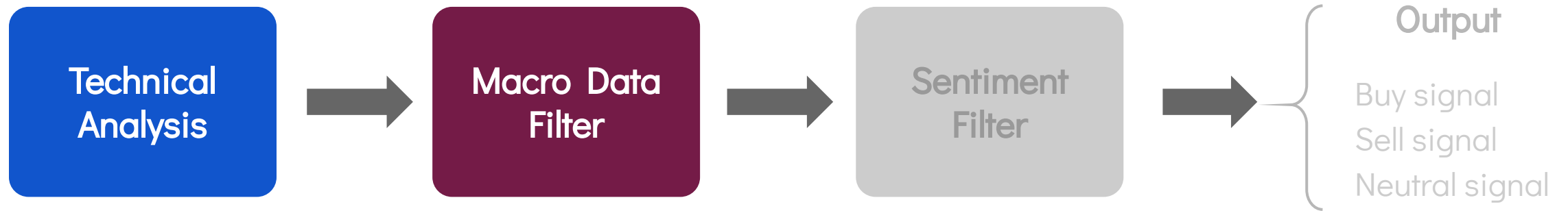
Baseline Model



1) Technical Analysis

- Choose a technical analysis strategy (e.g. MACD crossover)
- Obtain the signals dataframe

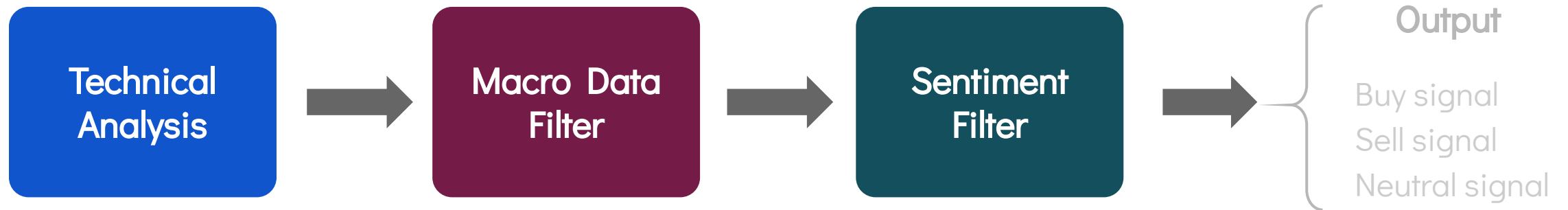
Baseline Model



2) Macroeconomic Data Filter

- Get the stock's sensitivities to (GDP, unemployment rate, avg property price)
- Get normalised economic indicator data
- Eliminate buy / sell signals that contradicts with macro trend

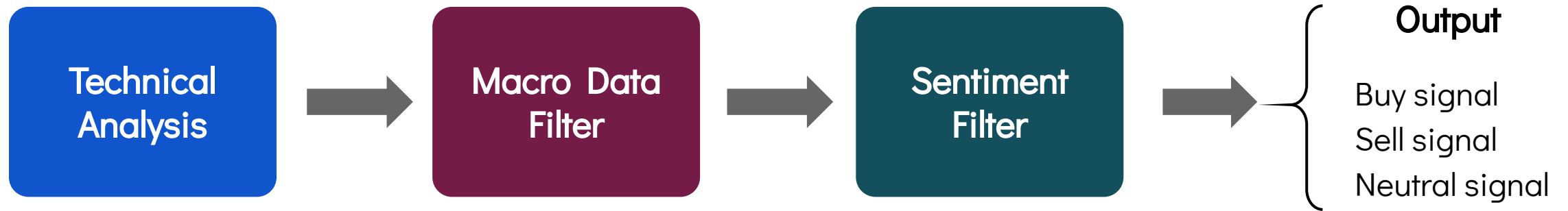
Baseline Model



3) Sentiment Data Filter

- Get the stock's related news and tweets
- Get the stock's sentiment labels
- Eliminate buy / sell signals that contradicts with sentiment labels

Baseline Model



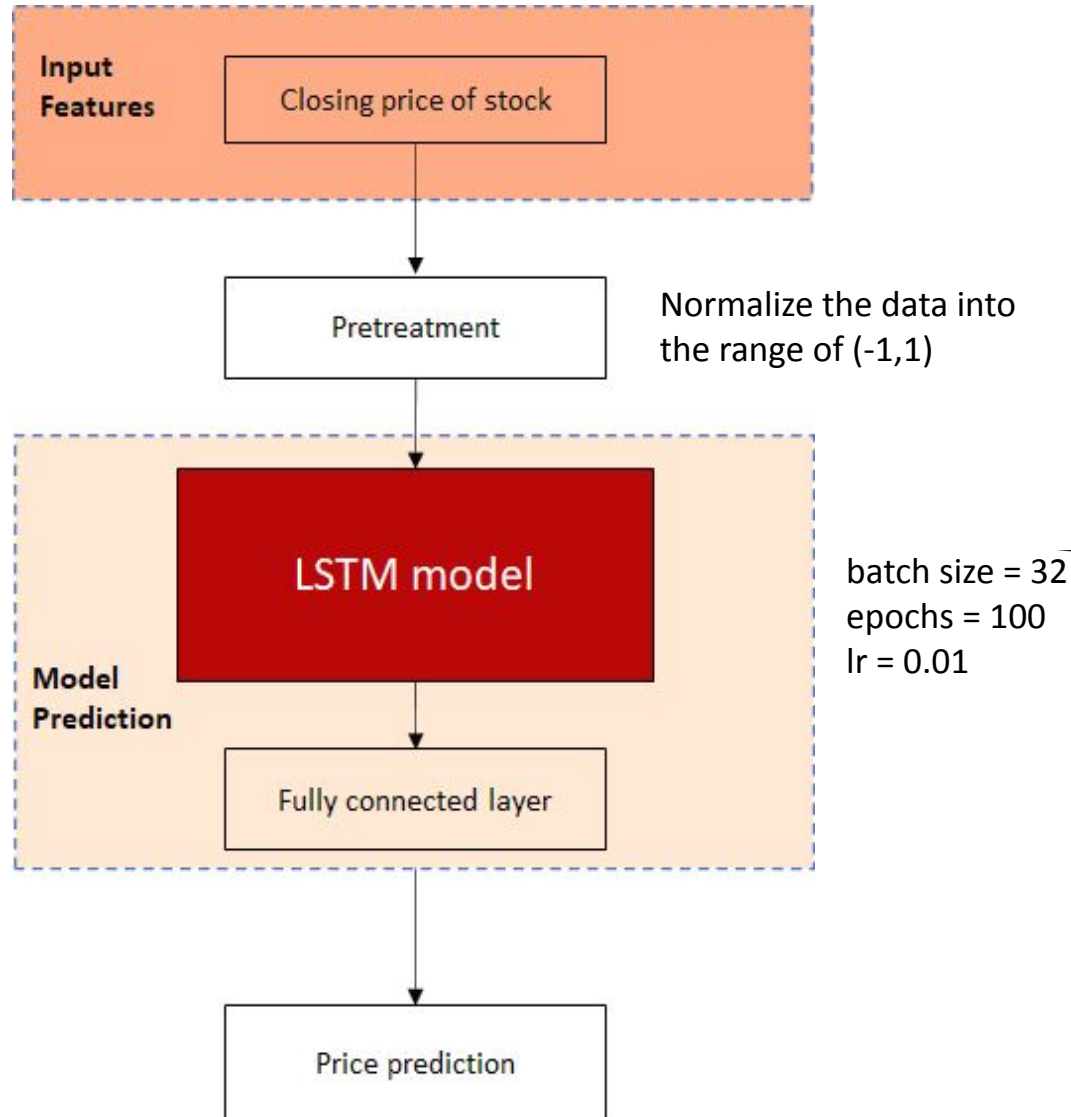
4) Output: filtered signals

- Buy signal == +1
- Sell signal == -1
- Neutral signal == 0

Pass filtered signals to backtester function to compute:

- **Portfolio return**
- **Sharpe ratio etc.**

Single-feature LSTM Model



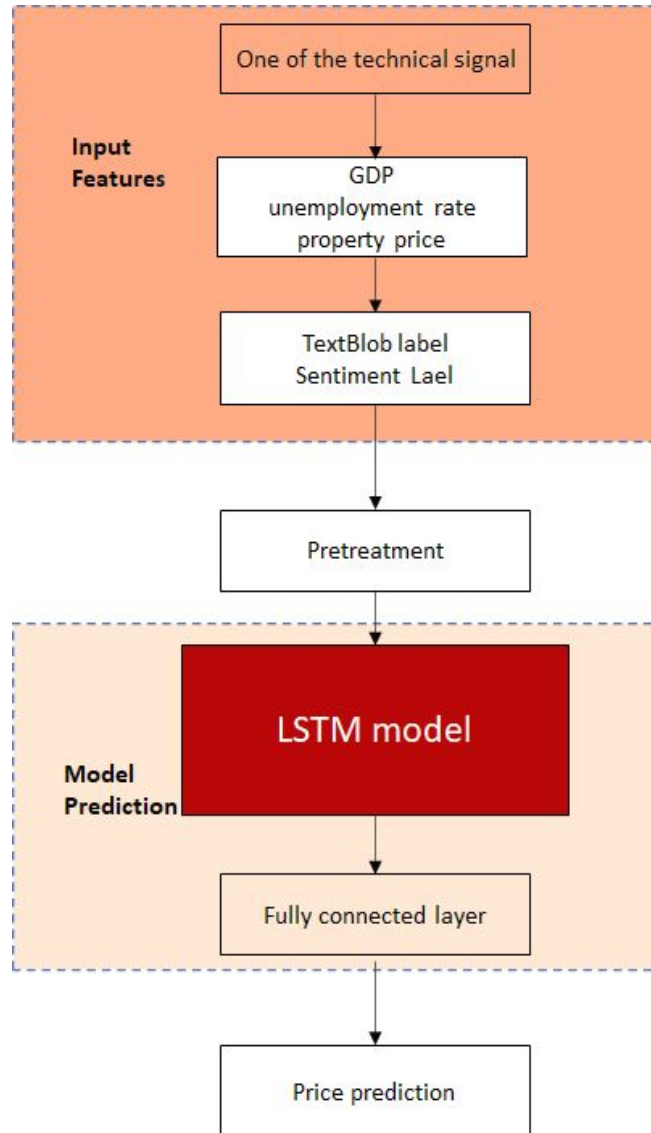
Output

- If undervalued \Rightarrow **Buy** signal == +1
- Elif overvalued \Rightarrow **Sell** signal == -1
- Else \Rightarrow **Neutral** signal == 0

Pass filtered signals to backtester function to compute:

- **Portfolio return**
- **Sharpe ratio etc.**

Multi-feature LSTM Model



batch size = 72
epochs = 100
lr = 0.01

Output

- If undervalued \Rightarrow **Buy** signal == +1
- Elif overvalued \Rightarrow **Sell** signal == -1
- Else \Rightarrow **Neutral** signal == 0

Pass filtered signals to backtester function to compute:

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- **Sharpe ratio etc.**

Experiment results

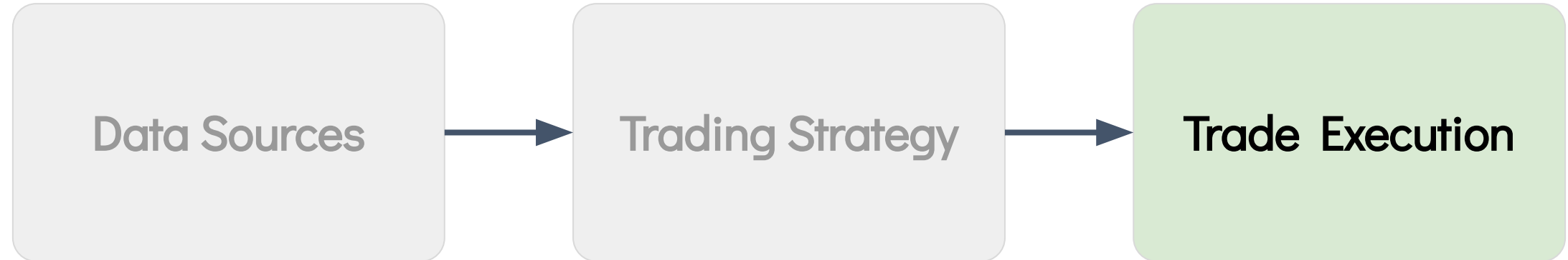
Tested on **29 tickers** in **HKEx**, date = 2020-06-10 to 2021-03-03

Baseline model	$\overline{\text{ret}}$	σ_{ret}	$\overline{\text{sharpe}}$	σ_{sharpe}	n
Baseline with MACD	5.458%	12.157%	0.677	1.002	7.724
Baseline with RSI	2.998%	9.927%	0.543	1.226	14.931
Baseline with STC	3.782%	9.423%	0.604	0.946	34.586
Single-feature LSTM model					
S_LSTM	3.010%	14.757%	0.016	0.164	15.535
Multi-feature LSTM model					
M_LSTM with MACD	1.837%	4.722%	0.266	1.300	4.143
M_LSTM with RSI	4.817%	14.802%	1.190	0.129	4.464
M_LSTM with STC	-2.718%	7.554%	-0.433	1.046	47.214
<i>Max.</i>	5.458%	14.802%	1.190	1.300	47.214
<i>Min.</i>	-2.718%	4.722%	-0.433	0.129	4.143
<i>Mean</i>	2.741%	10.477%	0.409	0.830	14.085

Major findings:

- Baseline model has the best overall performance
- Some indicators (e.g. RSI) perform better when used as a **machine learning input**.
⇒ Able to capture information that macroeconomic data or sentiment labels could not capture

Part 3 - Trade Execution



Paper Trading with
Interactive Brokers (IB)

Python, IB API

Paper Trading – InteractiveBrokers

Interactive Brokers Python Native APIs

- Connect to IB Trader Workstation
- Request market data
- Manage order
- Request Account summary

**Apply trading strategy
to real-time trading
via Python code**

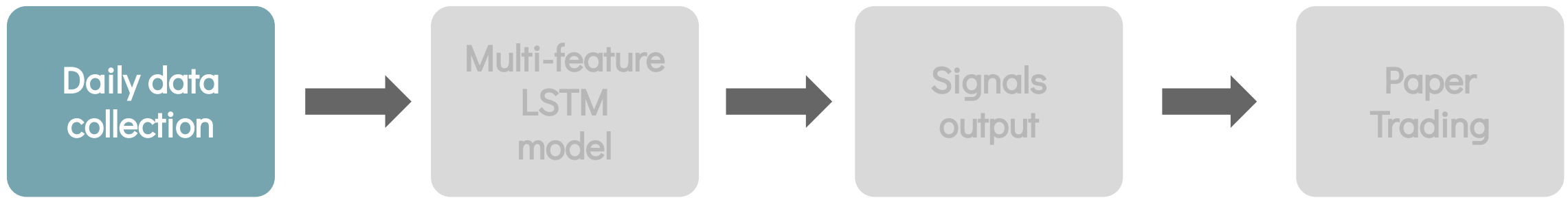
Paper Trading

Code demo

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Daily Trading Strategy

Putting it all together

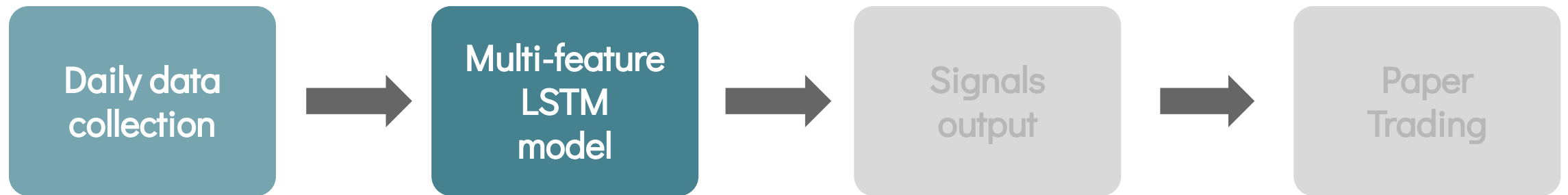


1) Daily data collection

- Collect today's stock price
- Load most recent macroeconomic data
- Collect today's news data → generate sentiment label

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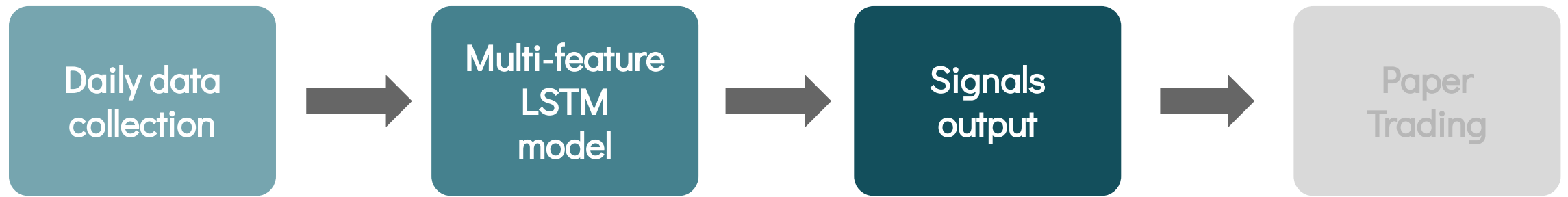


2) Multi-feature LSTM model

- Load trained model
- Make prediction of trading signal

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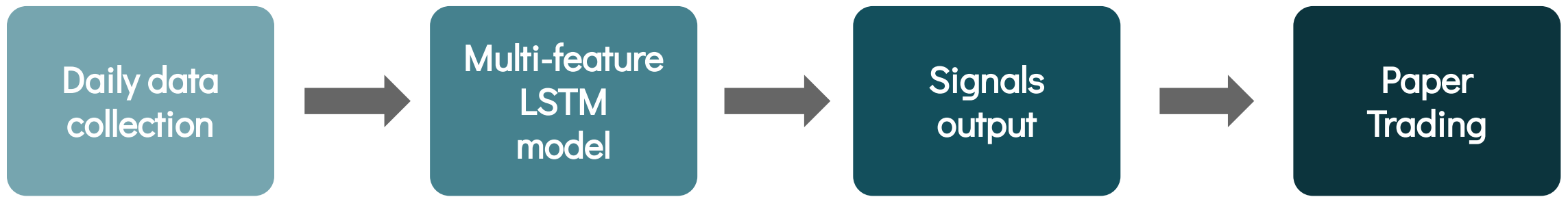


3) Signals output

- Output from LSTM saved as csv

Daily Trading Strategy

Putting it all together



4) Paper Trading

- Load signals output
- Connect to IB Trader Workstation
- Execute order according to signal output

Daily Trading Strategy

Code demo

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Deliverable

<https://github.com/awoo424/algotrading>

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Algorithmic trading learning repo

This repo features code and tutorials for beginners to learn algo trading.

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Documentation website

Live demo

<https://algo-trading.readthedocs.io/>

Vision

Anticipated outcome

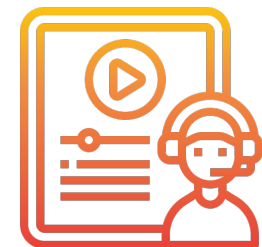
Stakeholder: Students

- Learn algorithmic trading in a local (Hong Kong) context
- X Spoon-feeding education → Learn by getting their hands dirty
- Application of interdisciplinary knowledge



Stakeholder: Instructors

- Well-organised database for research & teaching
- Repository that delves into the topic from multiple perspectives
- Resources easy to be edited & maintained in long-term



Conclusion

What we have done

An *all-in-one* code & data repository that assists students and amateur investors to go from zero to hero in algorithmic trading.

Looking forward...

- Enlarge community of contributors
- More code snippets and examples
- Feedback from users to improve code + documentation

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