

The Alpha Engine: Designing an Automated Trading Algorithm

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Abstract

We introduce a new approach to algorithmic investment management that yields profitable automated trading strategies. This trading model design is the result of a path of investigation that was chosen nearly three decades ago. Back then, a paradigm change was proposed for the way time is defined in financial markets, based on intrinsic events. This definition lead to the uncovering of a large set of scaling laws. An additional guiding principle was found by embedding the trading model construction in an agent-base framework, inspired by the study of complex systems. This new approach to designing automated trading algorithms is a parsimonious method for building a new type of investment strategy that not only generates profits, but also provides liquidity to financial markets and does not have a priori restrictions on the amount of assets that are managed.

1 Introduction

The asset management industry is one of the largest industries in modern society. Its relevance is documented by the astonishing amount of assets that are managed. It is estimated that globally there are 64 trillion USD under management [6]. This is nearly as big as the world product of 77 trillion USD [20].

1.1 Asset Management

Asset managers use a mix of analytic methods to manage their funds. They combine different approaches from fundamental to technical analysis. The time frames range from intraday, to days and weeks, and even months. Technical analysis, a phenomenological approach, is utilized widely as a toolkit to build trading strategies.

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The Alpha Engine Anton Golub, 2017 We introduce a new approach to algorithmic investment management that yields profitable automated trading strategies This trading model design is the result of a path of investigation that was chosen nearly three decades ago Back then a paradigm change was proposed for the way time is defined in financial markets based on intrinsic events This definition led to the uncovering of a large set of scaling laws An additional guiding principle was found by embedding the trading model construction in an agent base framework inspired by the study of complex systems This new approach to designing automated trading algorithms is a parsimonious method for building a new type of investment strategy that not only generates profits but also provides liquidity to financial markets and does not have a priori restrictions on the amount of assets that are managed

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Algorithmic Trading: A Comprehensive Beginner's Guide to Learn Algorithmic Training from A-Z
Stewart Gray, 2019-03-22

Algorithmic Trading is a term known by many names automated trading system Black box trading algo trading and quantitative trading It is a system of trading that makes use of computers pre programmed with specific trading instructions also known as algorithm for these computers to carry out in response to the stock market Trade processes such as buying and selling bonds futures and stocks are therefore carried out by these computers allowing the traders utilizing them to buy and sell shares in huge amounts and in speeds that is supposedly impossible for humans The algorithms that these computers run on are based from historical output out of a encoded strategy once simulated on a set of historical data A trader would normally call a broker or participate in the stock exchange pit in order buy and sell financial instruments for example Trader A follows a principle of buying 100 shares of a stock of certain companies whenever he notices that within 40 60 days such companies rose higher than their average past trends of let us say 150 to 200 days To engage in algorithmic trading however requires more than grabbing from an IT firm a software for one to engage in algorithmic trading one cannot simply jump into a plane to Somewhere without even knowing where that Somewhere is It is for this reason this book is written to make sure that anybody who picks this book including beginners in the field of algo trading and those who know near to zero and are still grasping terminologies fully understand what they are in for This book however goes beyond this standard flow each chapter ends with a summary and at the same time readers will get to read snippets of fact and certain case studies These glimpses to various aspects and practical applications of algorithmic trading will hopefully aid them to fully grasp the entirety of the phenomenon that is algorithmic trading

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