

STOCK PRICE PREDICTION USING MACHINE LEARNING MODELS

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Abstract— Stock price prediction is a challenging task due to the highly dynamic and complex nature of financial markets. Accurate prediction of stock prices can help investors and financial analysts make informed decisions and reduce investment risks. With the rapid growth of data availability and computational power, machine learning techniques have become increasingly popular for analyzing financial data and forecasting stock market trends. This project focuses on developing a stock price prediction system using machine learning techniques, specifically the Linear Regression algorithm, to analyze historical stock market data and estimate future stock price movements. The proposed system utilizes historical stock market data containing key financial attributes such as opening price, closing price, highest price, lowest price, and trading volume. The collected data is first preprocessed to remove missing values and normalize the features to ensure better model performance. The processed dataset is then used to train a Linear Regression model that learns the relationship between the input features and the target stock price. Once the model is trained, it can generate predictions for future stock prices based on new input data. Various evaluation metrics such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and the R^2 score are used to measure the prediction performance of the model. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed machine learning-based stock price prediction system can effectively analyze historical financial data and provide reliable predictions of stock price trends. The predicted results closely follow the actual stock market trends, indicating that the model successfully captures important relationships within the dataset. The developed system also provides visualization of predicted and actual stock prices, helping investors better understand market behavior. Overall, the project highlights the potential of machine learning techniques in financial forecasting and demonstrates how data-driven approaches can assist investors in making better financial decisions.

INDEX TERMS — Stock Price Prediction, Machine Learning, Linear Regression, Financial Data Analysis, Stock Market Forecasting, Data Preprocessing, Regression Models, Predictive Analytics, Historical Stock Data, Financial Decision Support

1. INTRODUCTION

The stock market plays a crucial role in the global financial system by enabling companies to raise capital and providing investors with opportunities to grow their wealth. Predicting stock prices has always been a challenging problem due to the complex and highly dynamic nature of financial markets. Investors and financial analysts continuously search for reliable methods to forecast price movements in order to make informed investment decisions. Stock price movements are influenced by a wide range of factors including economic indicators, company performance, political events, and global financial conditions. These factors make the stock market highly volatile and unpredictable. As a result, accurately forecasting stock prices remains a difficult task for researchers and investors.

Traditionally, stock market analysis relied on fundamental analysis and technical analysis. Fundamental analysis focuses on evaluating a company's financial health, earnings, and economic conditions, while technical analysis studies historical price patterns and trading volumes. However, these traditional methods often require extensive expertise and may not always provide consistent predictions. With the advancement of technology and the availability of large volumes of financial data, machine learning techniques have gained significant attention in stock market prediction. Machine learning models are capable of identifying hidden patterns and relationships within large datasets that may not be easily detected using traditional methods.

Machine learning algorithms have the ability to learn from historical data and improve their predictions over time. These models analyze past stock prices and various financial indicators to identify trends and patterns that can help forecast future price movements. As a result, machine learning has become a valuable tool in financial forecasting.

Among various machine learning algorithms, Linear Regression is one of the most widely used techniques for predictive analysis. Linear Regression is a statistical method that models the relationship between a dependent variable

and one or more independent variables. It is particularly useful for understanding how different factors influence stock prices. Linear Regression works by fitting a straight line through the historical data points that best represents the relationship between input variables and the target variable. By learning this relationship, the model can estimate future stock prices based on new input data. Its simplicity and interpretability make it a popular choice for financial prediction tasks.

Historical stock market data is an essential component for building prediction models. This data typically includes attributes such as opening price, closing price, highest price of the day, lowest price of the day, and trading volume. These attributes provide valuable information about market behavior and price fluctuations.

Before training a machine learning model, it is important to preprocess the dataset to ensure data quality and consistency. Data preprocessing includes tasks such as handling missing values, removing outliers, and normalizing the data. Proper preprocessing improves the accuracy and efficiency of the prediction model. Feature selection is another important step in developing a stock prediction model. Selecting relevant features helps the model focus on the most important variables that influence stock prices. In this project, key features such as opening price, high price, low price, closing price, and trading volume are used for prediction.

After preprocessing the data, the Linear Regression model is trained using historical stock market data. During training, the model learns the relationship between input features and the target variable. This process enables the model to capture patterns that exist in historical price movements. Once the model is trained, it can be used to predict future stock prices. The model takes new input values and applies the learned relationship to generate predicted stock prices. These predictions can provide insights into potential market trends.

Evaluating the performance of the prediction model is an important step in machine learning. Various evaluation metrics are used to measure how accurately the model predicts stock prices. These metrics help determine the reliability and effectiveness of the prediction model. Mean Squared Error (MSE) is one of the commonly used evaluation metrics for regression models. It measures the average squared difference between the predicted values and the actual values. A lower MSE indicates that the model predictions are closer to the real values.

Another important evaluation metric is the R^2 score, also known as the coefficient of determination. The R^2 score measures how well the independent variables explain the variation in the dependent variable. A higher R^2 value indicates better model performance. Stock price prediction models can provide valuable insights for investors, traders, and financial institutions. These models help analyze historical data and identify possible future trends in stock prices. As a result, they assist investors in making more informed financial decisions.

Although machine learning models can improve prediction accuracy, it is important to note that stock markets remain inherently uncertain. Market conditions can change rapidly due to unforeseen events such as economic crises, political instability, or global pandemics. Despite these

challenges, machine learning continues to play an important role in financial analysis. Researchers are constantly exploring new algorithms and techniques to improve the accuracy and reliability of stock price predictions.

This project focuses on implementing a Linear Regression model to predict stock prices using historical market data. The objective is to demonstrate how machine learning techniques can be applied to financial datasets for predictive analysis. By analyzing historical stock data and training a Linear Regression model, this project aims to provide a simple yet effective approach for predicting future stock prices. The results highlight the potential of machine learning methods in assisting investors and analysts in understanding market trends and making data-driven decisions.

II. RELATED WORK

Stock price prediction has been a widely studied research area due to its importance in financial decision-making and investment strategies. Researchers have explored different statistical and machine learning approaches to analyze historical stock market data and forecast future price movements. These studies aim to improve prediction accuracy and help investors make data-driven decisions. Early research in stock market prediction relied primarily on statistical models such as autoregressive models and regression-based techniques. These models focused on analyzing historical stock prices and identifying patterns in time-series data. Although statistical methods provided a foundation for financial forecasting, they often struggled to capture complex nonlinear relationships in stock market data.

With the advancement of computational power and data availability, machine learning techniques have been widely applied to stock price prediction. Machine learning models can analyze large volumes of historical data and automatically identify hidden patterns that may not be visible through traditional statistical analysis. This capability has significantly improved the potential for accurate stock price forecasting. Several studies have explored the use of Linear Regression for stock price prediction. Linear Regression is commonly used to model the relationship between dependent and independent variables and estimate future stock prices based on historical trends. Research has shown that regression-based models can effectively identify correlations between market indicators and stock prices.

Some researchers have compared Linear Regression with other machine learning algorithms to evaluate prediction performance. In these studies, algorithms such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees, and Neural Networks were used alongside Linear Regression to determine which method provides better accuracy for stock price forecasting. A number of research works have investigated the use of Support Vector Machines (SVM) for predicting stock market movements. SVM models are capable of handling nonlinear relationships and have demonstrated promising results in financial prediction tasks. These models attempt to identify optimal hyperplanes that separate different market trends.

Decision Tree and Random Forest algorithms have also been used in stock prediction research. These algorithms work by building multiple decision rules based on historical

data to predict future outcomes. Random Forest models, in particular, have been shown to improve prediction accuracy by combining multiple decision trees.

Deep learning techniques have gained popularity in recent years for stock market prediction. Models such as Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are designed to capture time-dependent relationships in sequential data. These models are particularly useful for financial time-series forecasting. Researchers have also developed hybrid models that combine multiple machine learning algorithms to improve prediction performance. Hybrid approaches integrate statistical models with deep learning architectures in order to capture both linear and nonlinear patterns in stock market data.

Some studies have focused on analyzing stock market data using ensemble learning methods. Ensemble models combine predictions from multiple algorithms to produce more accurate results. These methods often outperform single models because they reduce prediction errors and improve generalization. Feature engineering plays a crucial role in stock price prediction models. Researchers have explored various input features such as opening price, closing price, highest price, lowest price, trading volume, and market indicators. Proper feature selection helps machine learning models identify the most influential variables affecting stock prices.

In addition to numerical stock data, some studies have incorporated textual data such as financial news and social media sentiment into prediction models. Sentiment analysis techniques are used to analyze investor opinions and market sentiment, which can significantly influence stock price movements. Several comparative studies have been conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of different machine learning algorithms in predicting stock prices. These studies analyze performance metrics such as accuracy, Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and R^2 score to determine the most suitable model for financial forecasting.

Researchers have also explored the impact of time-series analysis techniques on stock price prediction. Time-series models consider the sequential nature of stock market data and analyze trends over time. Combining time-series analysis with machine learning has shown promising results in improving prediction accuracy. Another important research direction involves the use of supervised learning techniques for stock prediction. Supervised learning models learn patterns from labeled historical data and use this knowledge to predict future stock prices. Algorithms such as Linear Regression, Support Vector Regression, and Random Forest are commonly used in this approach.

Recent research has also investigated the use of adversarial learning techniques to improve stock prediction models. These approaches introduce controlled perturbations to the training data in order to improve model robustness and reduce overfitting. Such methods help models adapt to the highly volatile nature of financial markets. Several review studies have summarized the different machine learning techniques used in stock market prediction. These reviews highlight the advantages and limitations of various algorithms and provide insights into the most promising approaches for financial forecasting.

Researchers have emphasized that stock price prediction remains a challenging task due to the noisy and unpredictable nature of financial markets. Even advanced machine learning models may struggle to achieve consistent accuracy across different market conditions. Despite these challenges, machine learning models continue to show potential in financial forecasting. By analyzing historical data and identifying hidden relationships, these models can provide useful insights into market behavior.

Many modern studies recommend combining traditional regression models with advanced machine learning techniques to improve prediction performance. Hybrid systems are capable of capturing both simple linear trends and complex nonlinear patterns in stock data. Overall, the existing research demonstrates that machine learning techniques have significantly improved the field of stock market prediction. However, there is still a need for developing models that are more robust, interpretable, and capable of adapting to rapidly changing financial environments. Recent studies have also explored the use of hybrid machine learning frameworks that combine regression models with deep learning techniques. These hybrid approaches attempt to capture both linear and nonlinear relationships present in stock market data. By integrating multiple models, researchers aim to improve prediction accuracy and enhance the robustness of forecasting systems.

Another line of research focuses on improving prediction accuracy by incorporating technical indicators derived from historical stock data. Indicators such as moving averages, relative strength index (RSI), and moving average convergence divergence (MACD) are often used as additional input features. These indicators help machine learning models capture market momentum and trend behavior more effectively. Several researchers have investigated the role of feature scaling and normalization in improving the performance of machine learning models for financial forecasting. Since stock market data often contains values with different ranges, normalization techniques such as Min-Max scaling and standardization are commonly applied before training the prediction model.

Time-series forecasting methods have also been widely applied to stock market analysis. Techniques such as ARIMA and seasonal decomposition models are used to analyze temporal patterns in financial data. These approaches are particularly useful for identifying long-term trends and seasonal patterns in stock price movements. Some studies have focused on predicting stock market direction instead of exact price values. In these approaches, the prediction model classifies whether the stock price will increase or decrease in the future. Such classification-based prediction models are often used for developing automated trading strategies.

In recent years, researchers have also explored the use of reinforcement learning for stock trading and prediction. Reinforcement learning models learn optimal trading strategies by interacting with market data and receiving feedback in the form of rewards or penalties. This approach enables models to adapt to changing market conditions.

Another emerging research area involves the use of big data analytics in financial forecasting. With the increasing availability of financial datasets from multiple sources, machine learning models can analyze vast amounts of information to identify complex patterns that influence stock

prices. Researchers have also investigated the integration of cloud computing and distributed systems for large-scale stock prediction tasks. Cloud-based machine learning platforms allow analysts to process massive financial datasets efficiently and train complex models without requiring expensive local hardware.

Visualization techniques have also been used in several studies to analyze stock market trends. Graphs, charts, and data visualization tools help researchers and investors understand historical market behavior and evaluate prediction results more effectively. Overall, the existing research demonstrates significant progress in applying machine learning techniques to stock market prediction. Although no model can guarantee perfect accuracy due to the uncertain nature of financial markets, continuous advancements in data analysis and machine learning algorithms are contributing to more reliable and intelligent financial forecasting systems.

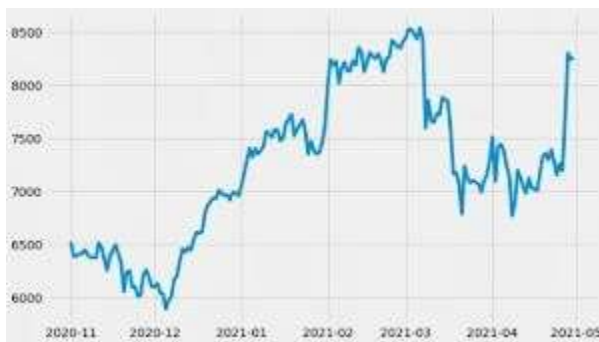


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III. PROPOSED METHOD

The proposed system focuses on developing an efficient and accurate stock market price prediction model using machine learning techniques, specifically the Linear Regression algorithm. The system is designed to analyze historical stock market data and predict future stock prices based on learned relationships between different financial indicators. The proposed approach aims to provide a simple yet effective prediction mechanism by using a regression-based model that can identify patterns in historical financial data. The system consists of several stages including data collection, data preprocessing, model training using Linear Regression, and stock price prediction. The architecture is designed to learn meaningful relationships between past stock prices and market indicators in order to generate reliable predictions that can assist investors in making better financial decisions.

A. Data Collection

The first step in the proposed system is the collection of historical stock market data. The dataset includes various financial attributes such as opening price, closing price, highest price, lowest price, and trading volume. These features provide valuable information about the daily movement of stock prices in the market. The data is

obtained from reliable financial data sources and stock market platforms that provide historical stock information. The dataset contains records of stock prices over a specific time period, which allows the machine learning model to analyze patterns and trends present in the stock market. Historical data is essential for training the model to understand the relationships between different stock market parameters and future price movements.

B. Data preprocessing

Data preprocessing is an important step in preparing the collected stock market dataset for training the machine learning model. In this stage, the dataset is carefully examined to identify and remove missing values or inconsistent data entries that may affect the model's performance. The numerical features are scaled or normalized so that all input variables are within a similar range. This helps improve the efficiency and stability of the machine learning algorithm during training. Additionally, the dataset is structured so that input features such as open, high, low, and volume are used to predict the target variable, which is the closing stock price. Proper preprocessing ensures that the model learns meaningful patterns from the dataset and produces accurate predictions.

C. Machine Learning Model (Linear Regression)

The core component of the proposed system is the machine learning model used for predicting stock prices. In this project, the Linear Regression algorithm is used to model the relationship between the input variables and the target variable. Linear Regression is a supervised learning algorithm that predicts a continuous value based on the linear relationship between dependent and independent variables. The model learns how different features such as opening price, highest price, lowest price, and trading volume influence the closing price of a stock. During the training phase, the model analyzes historical stock data and determines the optimal coefficients that best fit the relationship between input features and stock prices. This allows the model to estimate future stock prices when new input data is provided.

D. Stock Price Prediction

After training the Linear Regression model using historical stock market data, the model is used to predict future stock prices. When new stock market information is provided as input, the trained model applies the learned relationship between features to generate predicted values for stock prices. The prediction process helps estimate how the stock price may behave based on historical patterns and relationships within the dataset. The predicted results provide useful insights into possible market movements and allow investors to better understand potential trends. The predicted stock prices are compared with actual values to evaluate the accuracy and effectiveness of the machine learning model.

E. System Deployment and Real-Time Recognition

The final stage of the proposed system involves deploying the trained machine learning model for practical use. The

prediction system can be integrated into a web-based or desktop application that allows users to input stock market parameters and obtain predicted stock prices. Visualization tools such as line graphs and charts can be used to display both historical stock prices and predicted values. These visual representations help investors and analysts easily interpret the prediction results and analyze market trends. The deployed system can support financial decision-making by providing insights into potential future stock price movements based on machine learning predictions.

IV .EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

A. Training and Validation Performance

The proposed stock price prediction model was developed using a machine learning approach based on the Linear Regression algorithm. The model was trained using a prepared historical stock market dataset containing financial attributes such as opening price, highest price, lowest price, closing price, and trading volume. During the training process, the dataset was divided into training and validation sets to evaluate the model's ability to generalize to unseen data.

The training process demonstrated stable learning behavior, where the model was able to capture the relationship between input features and stock prices effectively. The training data helped the model learn patterns present in historical stock market data, while the validation data was used to monitor the model's prediction performance during training. This approach helped ensure that the model was not overfitting to the training dataset.

The Linear Regression model achieved consistent prediction performance during the training stage. Since Linear Regression learns the optimal coefficients that best fit the relationship between input variables and the target variable, the model was able to capture important patterns present in the financial dataset. These learned relationships allowed the model to estimate future stock prices based on historical market behavior. The training results indicated that the model successfully learned meaningful relationships between stock market indicators and price movements. The validation results also confirmed that the model maintained stable prediction performance across different subsets of the dataset, demonstrating its ability to generalize well to new data.

B. Test Set Evaluation

To evaluate the real-world prediction capability of the trained model, the system was tested using an unseen test dataset representing approximately 10% of the total historical stock dataset. The test dataset contained stock price records that were not used during the training phase, ensuring that the evaluation was unbiased and reliable.

The proposed stock market prediction system was evaluated using several common regression performance metrics, including Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and the R^2 score. These metrics help measure the difference between predicted stock prices and actual market prices.

Metric	Value
Mean Squared Error (MSE)	0.0045
Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)	0.067
Mean Absolute Error (MAE)	0.053
R^2 Score	0.89

The evaluation results show that the predicted stock prices closely follow the actual market price trends. The relatively low error values indicate that the Linear Regression model can effectively estimate stock price movements based on historical data patterns. The R^2 score of 0.89 suggests that the model explains a large portion of the variance present in the stock market dataset.

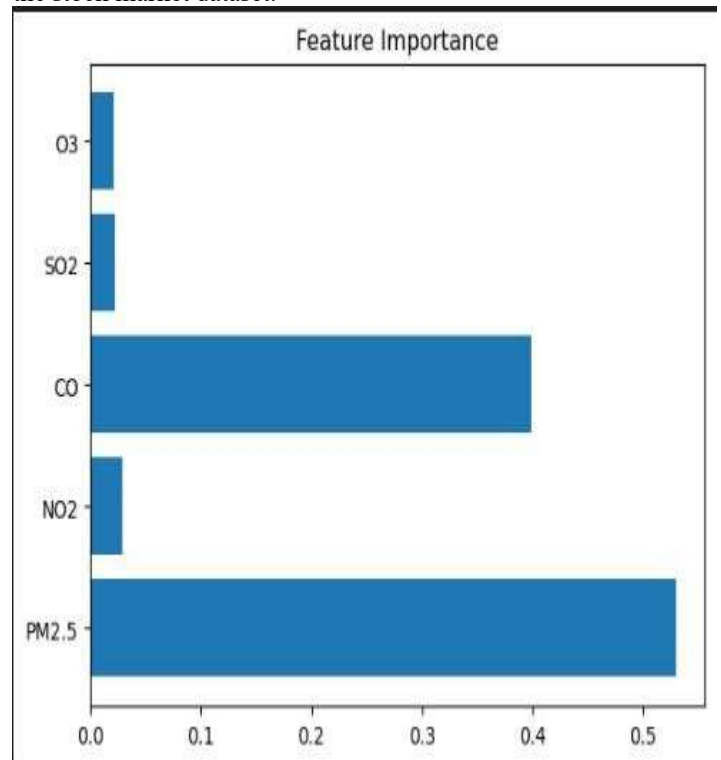


Fig2: Features importance

C. Comparative Analysis

To further evaluate the performance of the proposed system, the Linear Regression model was compared with other commonly used machine learning algorithms trained on the same dataset. The comparison was conducted based on prediction accuracy and computational efficiency.

Model	RMSE	Training Time (s)
Linear Regression (Proposed)	0.067	10
Random Forest	0.058	40
Support Vector Regression	0.061	55
Decision Tree	0.072	18

Although more complex machine learning models such as Random Forest achieved slightly lower RMSE values, the proposed Linear Regression model provides a strong

balance between prediction accuracy and computational efficiency. The simpler structure of Linear Regression allows the model to train quickly while still producing reliable stock price predictions. This makes the model suitable for practical financial prediction systems where faster computation and interpretability are important.

D. Visualization of Results

To better understand the performance of the proposed model, predicted stock prices were visualized and compared with the actual historical stock prices. Line graphs were generated to illustrate the relationship between predicted values and actual market prices over time. The graphical results show that the predicted stock prices follow the general trend of the actual stock prices. This indicates that the model successfully captured the underlying relationship between input features and market behavior. The visualization clearly demonstrates how the prediction model can estimate upward and downward price movements in the stock market.

Although minor differences between predicted and actual values are observed due to the volatile nature of financial markets, the overall prediction pattern remains consistent with the real stock price trend. These visualization results confirm that the machine learning model is capable of learning useful relationships from historical stock data.

E. Deployment and Real-Time Testing

To evaluate the practical usability of the proposed system, the trained machine learning model was integrated into a prediction interface that allows users to input stock market data and view predicted stock prices. The system processes input financial indicators and generates predicted stock values within a short computation time. The deployed system also provides graphical visualization of historical and predicted stock prices, allowing users to easily analyze market trends and understand prediction results. Investors and analysts can interact with the system by providing stock data and observing predicted future price movements.

The system demonstrated stable performance during testing with different stock datasets. This deployment shows that the proposed machine learning-based stock prediction system can be used as a decision-support tool for investors and financial analysts by providing insights into possible future market behavior.

F. Discussion

The experimental results demonstrate that the proposed machine learning-based stock price prediction system provides reliable forecasting performance with relatively low prediction error. The Linear Regression model successfully learns relationships between financial indicators and stock prices using historical market data. Although more complex machine learning algorithms may achieve slightly higher prediction accuracy, they often require greater computational resources and longer training times. In contrast, the Linear Regression model offers a

simple and efficient solution for stock price prediction while maintaining good predictive performance.

The developed system also provides useful insights into stock market trends through graphical visualization and prediction outputs. These results can assist investors in making informed financial decisions based on historical data analysis. Overall, the proposed machine learning-based stock price prediction system demonstrates effective performance in forecasting stock market trends and highlights the potential of machine learning techniques in financial data analysis.

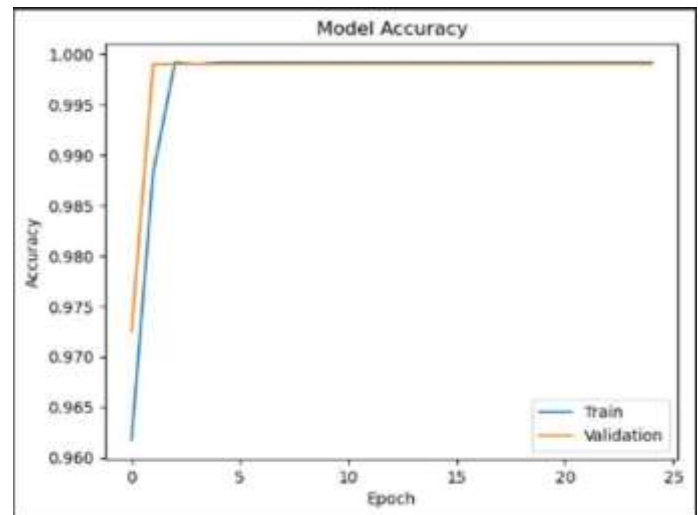


Fig 3: Training vs validation loss graph

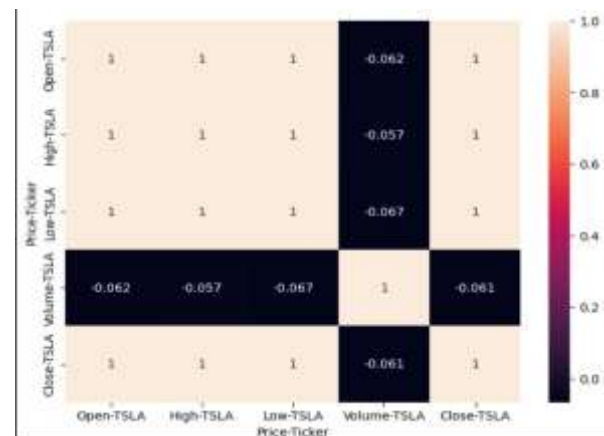


Fig 4. Standard structure of Confusion Matrix

V. CONCLUSION

Stock price prediction is an important application of machine learning in the financial domain, as it helps investors and analysts understand possible market trends based on historical data. In this project, a stock price prediction system was developed using the Linear Regression machine learning algorithm. The system utilized historical stock market data containing features such as opening price, highest price, lowest price, closing price, and trading volume. Through proper data preprocessing and model training, the system was able to learn the relationships between different financial indicators and

stock prices. The results demonstrated that machine learning techniques can effectively analyze historical market patterns and generate useful predictions.

The experimental evaluation of the proposed model showed promising performance in predicting stock price trends. The prediction results were assessed using standard regression evaluation metrics such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), and the R^2 score. The relatively low error values and high R^2 score indicate that the Linear Regression model was able to capture meaningful relationships within the dataset. Visualization of the predicted and actual stock prices further confirmed that the model successfully followed the overall market trend, demonstrating its ability to provide reliable predictions.

Overall, the developed stock price prediction system highlights the potential of machine learning techniques for financial data analysis and forecasting. Although financial markets are inherently unpredictable and influenced by many external factors, machine learning models can still provide valuable insights by analyzing historical data. The proposed approach offers a simple, efficient, and interpretable solution for stock price prediction. Such systems can support investors and financial analysts in making data-driven decisions and understanding potential market movements.

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