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# **Advanced Stock Price Forecasting using a 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM Model**

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#### **Article Info Abstract**

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This article proposes a novel hybrid network integrating three distinct architectures – CNN, GRU, and LSTM – to predict stock price movements. Here Combining Feature Extraction and Sequence Learning along with Complementary Strengths can improve Predictive Performance. CNNs can effectively identify short-term dependencies and relevant features in time series, such as trends or spikes in stock prices. GRUs are designed to handle sequential data. They are particularly useful for capturing dependencies over time while being computationally less expensive than LSTMs. In the hybrid model, GRUs help maintain relevant historical information in the sequence without suffering from vanishing gradient problems, making them more efficient for long sequences. LSTMs excel at learning long-term dependencies in sequential data, thanks to their memory cell structure. By retaining information over longer periods, LSTMs in the hybrid model ensure that important trends over time are not lost, providing a deeper understanding of the time series data. The novelty of the 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM hybrid model lies in its ability to simultaneously capture short-term patterns and long-term dependencies in time series data, offering a more nuanced and accurate prediction of stock prices. The data set comprises technical indicators, sentiment analysis, and various aspects derived from pertinent tweets. Stock price movement is categorized into three categories: Rise, Fall, and Stable. Evaluation of this model on five years of transaction data demonstrates its capability to forecast stock price movements with an accuracy of 0.93717. The improvement of proposed hybrid model for stock movement prediction over existing models is 12% for accuracy and F1-score metrics.

### **1. Introduction**

Predicting stock prices has piqued the interest of scientists across diverse fields, including financial engineering, economics, operations research, statistics, and machine learning (ML). Despite significant efforts over the past few decades, precise prediction of stock prices and their movements remains challenging, even with the utilization of advanced ML methods [1]. The analysis of financial time series data presents several challenges, including non-stationarity, nonlinearity, and high volatility [\[2\]](#page-13-0), prompting

researchers to continuously seek more accurate and refined models for analysis. Additionally, it's important to note that price fluctuations in stock markets are influenced also by nonlinear factors such as unexpected events, investor behavior, and political considerations [\[3](#page-13-1)[-6\]](#page-13-2). This has led researchers to continuously explore more advanced models for effective time series analysis and prediction [\[7\]](#page-13-3).

Neural networks have been applied to these challenges, showing promise in stock market trend

prediction. However, despite their benefits, traditional neural networks may still not accurately predict financial markets [\[8\]](#page-13-4). Specifically, shallow neural networks cannot effectively represent data features, resulting in reduced analysis accuracy. To overcome this issue, deep networks are utilized, which can analyze data features and dependencies and capture long-term trends and fluctuations [\[9\]](#page-13-5). Due to DL's high analytical power, its application in the capital market has experienced significant growth. Among the DL models utilized in financial research, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM) have demonstrated promising outcomes [\[10-](#page-13-6)[12\]](#page-13-7). However, forecasting volatile and highly stochastic time series data remains difficult, even with these models. This calls for more refined methods that can better handle financial data's intricate nature.

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Gated Recurrent Units (GRU) [44], and LSTM models have emerged as specialized tools for time series data. While RNNs excel in handling sequential information, they struggle with long-term dependencies, leading to issues like vanishing gradients [\[13\]](#page-13-8). GRU and LSTM models address these issues by incorporating mechanisms to retain long-term memory, though each has distinct strengths —LSTM is more powerful in managing long-term dependencies, while GRU is more computationally efficient.

Each of these models —RNN, CNN, LSTM, and GRU— offers unique advantages. RNNs are effective for sequential tasks like language translation, CNNs excel in feature extraction from images, and LSTM and GRU are designed to overcome limitations in learning long-term dependencies in time series data. This has motivated the development of hybrid neural networks that combine these strengths to enhance prediction accuracy. Consequently, these hybrid models can leverage the advantages of individual models to achieve better forecasting results.

The present study endeavors to introduce a novel hybrid model for predicting stock price movements that can simultaneously capture short-term patterns and long-term dependencies in time series data, offering a more nuanced and accurate prediction of stock prices. To achieve this goal, we utilize four stock price indices for practical evaluation and compare the performance of our proposed model with non-hybrid alternatives. Our novel hybrid model offers several key features:

1. Introduction of an efficient deep hybrid system designed to predict stock price movements with high accuracy.

2. Utilization of sentiment analysis on tweets

related to various company stocks, focusing on aspects such as retweet and like counts, to enhance prediction capabilities.

3. Calculation of the percentage increase or decrease in stock prices within specified rolling windows.

4. Computation of return rates for the four stock price indices over specific periods, followed by a comparison of actual returns with predicted returns.

5. Comparison of the performance of our proposed hybrid model with previous models.

Experimental results indicate that our proposed hybrid model outperforms individual models in forecasting stock movement directions.

The practical implications of the proposed model are significant in areas such as risk management, decision-making, strategy optimization, portfolio management, and algorithmic trading, particularly when incorporating sentiment analysis to capture market trends influenced by investor sentiment.

In conclusion, the hybrid 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model effectively combines the strengths of individual models, yielding low MSE values and high accuracy rates, making it a valuable tool for real-world financial forecasting and decisionmaking processes.

## **2. Related works**

Faghihi Nezhad and Minaei Bidgoli propose an ensemble learning (EL) model that combines learners based on intelligence and metaheuristic optimization methods [\[14\]](#page-13-9). Their two-stage structure accounts for the direction of stock prices, utilizing genetic algorithm (GA) and particle swarm optimization (PSO) techniques to optimize the aggregation results of base learners. Assessment findings from stock market data demonstrate that their approach achieves higher accuracy compared to other existing models.

Zhang et al. introduce an innovative system for predicting stock price trends, capable of predicting not only trends but also the rate of rise or fall within specific durations [\[15\]](#page-13-10). The system operates entirely through machine learning processes, generating training samples from original transaction data and constructing prediction models without human intervention. Using a sliding window, stock data is divided into clips, classified into primary categories based on close price shapes, and further categorized for different levels of rise and fall rates. Training sets are derived from these clips, addressing issues of imbalanced category distribution. The system is evaluated using stock data from the Shenzhen Growth Enterprise Market over seven years.

Chen proposes a CNN-GRU-attention model to predict long-term stock price trends, employing three data decomposition techniques for preprocessing and selecting the most optimal approach [\[16\]](#page-13-11). Comparative analysis identifies CEEMDAN as the optimal preprocessing technique. Six models are tested on the validation set, with the CNN-GRU-Attention model exhibiting superior alignment with actual values and significantly enhancing prediction quality. Evaluation based on performance indicators such as MAE, RMSE, and R reveals the CNN-GRUattention model's highest prediction accuracy.

Song and Choi propose three hybrid models based on Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) – CNN-LSTM, GRU-CNN, and ensemble models – to forecast one-time-step and multi-time-step closing prices of companies [\[17\]](#page-13-12). Their aim is to forecast the closing prices of three stock markets. Results reveal that the proposed models significantly outperform benchmark models, evaluated using MSE and MAE metrics. They introduce a new feature called "medium" to represent the average of high and low prices, which enhances model performance. Empirical findings show that the proposed models surpass benchmark models in 48.1% and 40.7% of instances for single-time-step forecasting, and in 81.5% of instances for multitime-step forecasting. Additionally, they introduce a new feature to mitigate the impact of the highest and lowest prices, further improving model performance.

Karim et al. introduce an innovative hybrid deep learning architecture combining bidirectional long short-term memory (BiLSTM) and GRU networks [\[18\]](#page-14-0). They compare the performance of individual modules such as LSTM, Bi-LSTM, GRU, and traditional NN for stock price forecasting, using NIFTY-50 stock market price data. Results demonstrate the superior performance of the proposed hybrid model compared to individual models.

The study conducted by Cao et al. utilized a combination model consisting of a hybrid neural network (CNN) and SVM Machine (SVM) for forecasting stock indices [\[9\]](#page-13-5). Results showed that the hybrid neural network effectively handled both continuous and classified variables. Initially, a CNN model was constructed for stock index forecasting, and the impact of model parameters on prediction results was examined. This led to the development of a CNN-SVM model for stock index prediction, which was empirically analyzed and confirmed to be feasible and effective.

In another study, a hybrid model named FS-CNN-BGRU was proposed for stock prediction [\[19\]](#page-14-1). This model integrates feature selection (FS), CNN for feature extraction, and bidirectional gated recurrent unit (BGRU) for processing temporal data sequences. Data from four key indices of China spanning from January 1991 to December 2020 were used, with an 80:20 ratio for dividing the data into training and testing sets. Assessment metrics such as MAPE (Mean Absolute Percentage Error) and R2 indicated that the proposed FS-CNN-BGRU model outperformed other models.

Predicting stock prices has long been challenging due to nonlinearity and significant volatility within financial time series. Recent advancements in DL techniques, including LSTM and CNN models, have improved the analysis of such data. Rezaei et al. proposed hybrid algorithms, CEEMD-CNN-LSTM and EMD-CNN-LSTM, which leverage empirical mode decomposition algorithms (EMD and CEEMD) for decomposing time series into different frequency spectra [\[20\]](#page-14-2). These algorithms were applied to one-step-ahead prediction and demonstrated improved prediction accuracy compared to alternative approaches. Empirical findings indicated that the CEEMD-CNN-LSTM algorithm yielded more precise outcomes than CEEMD-LSTM and LSTM algorithms, and similarly, EMD-CNN-LSTM outperformed EMD-LSTM and LSTM algorithms. Incorporating CNN in the proposed models effectively enhanced model performance during data training in conjunction with LSTM. Additionally, the decomposed algorithms showed superior performance compared to undecomposed models, highlighting the benefits of CEEMD and EMD models.

Gite et al. employed LSTM and eXplainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) in their research on stock price prediction [\[21\]](#page-14-3). They utilized LSTM-CNN for predicting opening prices and XAI for interpreting the model. Data extracted from the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and news headlines from Pulse [\[22\]](#page-14-4) were utilized. The data was split into training and testing sets using an 80:20 ratio. The model was trained over one hundred epochs, achieving an overall accuracy of 74.76% and a loss of 0.1693 over the fifteen epochs. The absolute deviation between the observed and projected values, multiplied by 100, ranged from 0.15 to 0.73.

Ji et al. introduced a methodology to enhance technical indicators by employing denoising techniques on various wavelet basis functions and selecting the most optimal feature from the feature set [\[23\]](#page-14-5). The utilization of denoised stock price information in this study enabled a more effective calculation of the technical indicators. The data set included four stock markets, and a total of 18 technical indicators were assessed. Time windows of varying sizes, specifically 3, 5, 10, 15, 30, 45, and 60, were utilized. The findings indicated an enhancement in model accuracy after implementing denoising techniques.

Peng et al. examined a set of 124 technical analysis indicators. Three selected features were utilized to reduce the size of the feature set and evaluate the predictive capabilities of these features [\[24\]](#page-14-6). Deep neural networks with varying structures and regularization parameters were employed. Daily data spanning from 2008 to 2019 from seven global market indicators were utilized. Sequential forward selection (SFS) and sequential backward selection (SBS) procedures were performed using logistic regression as the fitting model and Akaike criteria to assess the features. The data set included stock data from seven companies, spanning from 2008 to 2019. It was divided into two sections for feature selection and prediction. Wrapper feature selection methods, specifically sequential forward floating selection (SFFS), tabu search (TS), and Lasso, were employed for feature selection. The selected features were then used to train the models using a second section of data. These models consisted of 3, 5, and 7 hidden layers, with the activation function being the sigmoid function. The networks were trained using the Adam optimization algorithm, with 400 epochs and mini-batches with a size of 128. The precision of prediction for all seven markets and 48 compositions ranged from 50% to 65%.

Hosseinzadeh and Haratizadeh proposed a framework implemented to predict the movement direction of various indices such as RUSSELL, DJI, NYSE, NASDAQ, and S&P 500, based on CNN [\[25\]](#page-14-7). This prediction was made using different sets of initial variables. The main objective of the 2D-CNNpred framework is to establish a general model that can link the historical data of a market's forthcoming variations. Hence, to derive the intended mapping function, the model must undergo training with data from various markets. The 2D-CNNpred approach adheres to this overarching principal methodology but also incorporates various other variables and the market history as input data. In this framework, all the aforementioned information is compiled and inputted as a 2D tensor into a specifically designed CNN, hence referred to as 2D-CNNpred. In contrast, the alternative approach, 3D-CNNpred, argues that different models are required for prediction in distinct markets, but these models can utilize historical data from multiple markets. Unlike 2D-CNNpred, 3D-CNNpred does not engage in training a singular prediction model for each market based on its historical data but rather extracts characteristics from the historical data. The 2D-CNNpred and 3D-CNNpred data consist of layers that aim to merge the extracted features in the initial layer and produce more complex features that summarize the data over a specific period. During the prediction phase, a flat operation is applied to the features generated in the preceding layers, converting them into a one-dimensional vector. Subsequently, this is input into a fully connected layer which transforms the characteristics into a forecast.

Based on the reviews of the implemented hybrid models in the studies mentioned above, it is evident that most of them exhibit high error rates and struggle to achieve high accuracy for prediction. The primary goal of these endeavors is to reduce the error rate in accurately forecasting stock prices for the short-term future. Based on this observation, it becomes clear that a hybrid deep neural network may outperform an individual deep neural network. Therefore, our main objective is to achieve more accurate stock price movement prediction by proposing a new hybrid DL model that is inherently hybrid.

# **3. Methodology**

### **3.1. CNN**

CNNs, a type of deep feedforward network, surpass human performance and are capable of effectively learning image features, allowing for the accurate classification of new data using only a limited number of samples from the training set [\[26\]](#page-14-8). The structure of a CNN consists of three layers: input, convolutional, pooling, and fullyconnected layers [\[27](#page-14-9)[,28\]](#page-14-10). Forward propagation occurs through the convolution process, extracting features from the input data. The pooling layer intermittently intervenes between the convolution layers to reduce the input data dimension. The fully connected layer establishes connections across different levels. Through the iterative process of convolution or pooling layers, CNNs effectively learn the inherent characteristics of the input data, accurately predicting new data. The structure of a typical CNN is illustrated in Figure [1.](#page-4-0)

### **3.2. LSTM**

RNNs are an advanced iteration of conventional feedforward neural networks, specifically designed to handle sequential data, which incorporate gates to retain prior inputs and effectively process data sequences [\[29\]](#page-14-11). Despite the theoretical capacity of RNNs to handle sequential data, they encounter practical challenges in maintaining long-term memory.



**Figure 1. Structure of the CNN.**

<span id="page-4-0"></span>These challenges include the vanishing gradient problem, where RNNs struggle to retain information over long intervals, and the exploding gradient problem, where disproportionately high values are assigned to matrix weights during training [30]. To address these issues, LSTM models, which are enhanced RNN models with long and short-term memory capabilities, have been introduced. The LSTM architecture includes three gates (Figure [2\)](#page-4-1): the input gate, output gate, and forget gate. By incorporating these gates, LSTM models can effectively capture long-term dependencies within a sequence. The forget gate (  $\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{t}}$  ) controls which information should be forgotten

from the LSTM's memory, the input gate  $(i_t)$ determines whether new information should be added to the LSTM's memory, and the output gate  $(o_t)$  determines whether the LSTM's current state should be outputted.

The LSTM equations as Eq. [\(1\)](#page-4-2) to [\(6\)](#page-4-3) are as follows.

$$
f_t = \sigma(W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f)
$$
 (1)

$$
i_{i} = \sigma(W_{i} \cdot [h_{i-1}, x_{i}] + b_{i})
$$
\n<sup>(2)</sup>

$$
\tilde{C}_t = \tanh(W_C \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_C)
$$
\n(3)

$$
C_t = f_t \Box \ C_{t-1} + i_t \Box \ \tilde{C}_t \tag{4}
$$

$$
o_t = \sigma(W_o \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_o)
$$
\n
$$
(5)
$$

$$
h_t = o_t \Box \tanh(C_t) \tag{6}
$$

The candidate value at time t, represented as  $C<sub>t</sub>$ , is computed based on the cell state  $C<sub>t</sub>$  and the input vector  $x_t$ , using the element-wise Hadamard product symbolized by  $\odot$ . The final output  $h_t$  is determined by the weight matrices *W\** and bias vectors  $b^*$ . As mentioned, the gates play a crucial role in determining which information is forgotten and which is retained.



**Figure 2. Structure of the LSTM.**

#### <span id="page-4-1"></span>**3.3. GRU**

The GRU, a simplified variant of the LSTM model with fewer parameters, employs only an update gate and a reset gate, unlike LSTM, which includes four gates. By combining the forget and input gates into a single update gate and reducing the number of tensor operations, GRU enables faster training compared to LSTM. While GRU requires fewer parameters during computation, simplifying the convergence process and facilitating model<br>stability, LSTM demonstrates superior LSTM demonstrates superior performance in large data sets. However, GRU excels at capturing temporal interdependence among time steps within time series data, addressing challenges such as gradient explosion more effectively [\[16\]](#page-13-11).

By effectively combining cell and hidden states, GRU is well-suited for sequence learning tasks and mitigates issues like vanishing or exploding gradients encountered in vanilla RNNs when capturing long-term dependencies [\[31\]](#page-14-12). Furthermore, GRU tends to outperform LSTM when trained on limited data, while LSTM is more proficient at retaining information from longer sequences [\[32,](#page-14-13)[33\]](#page-14-14). The GRU structure is depicted in Figure [3.](#page-4-4)

<span id="page-4-2"></span>

**Figure 3. Structure of the GRU.**

<span id="page-4-4"></span><span id="page-4-3"></span>Eq. (7) to (10) below illustrate the update of memory cells at each hidden layer during each time step.

$$
r_t = \sigma(W_r \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \tag{7}
$$

$$
z_t = \sigma(W_z \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \tag{8}
$$

$$
h_{t} = z_{t} \Box h_{t-1} + (1 - z_{t}) \Box \widetilde{h}_{t}
$$
 (9)

(10)  $\tilde{h}_t = \tanh(W_h \cdot [r, h_{t-1}, x_t])$ 

Where  $r_i$  is the reset gate,  $x_i$  represents the input,  $z_t$  is the update gate,  $h_t$  is the candidate activation,  $W_r$ ,  $W_z$ , and  $W_h$  are the weight matrices.

#### **3.4. Proposed 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model**

Merging multiple forecasting models introduces bias, ultimately resulting in a reduction of variance and consequently leads to better performance compared to individual models [\[34\]](#page-14-15). The proposed hybrid model merges a 1D-CNN with a GRU and an LSTM, leveraging the strengths of each component to enhance prediction accuracy. The 1D-CNN layer effectively filters noise and identifies essential features from sequential data, reducing parameter complexity. The 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model comprises a 1D-CNN layer with 32 filters of size 3 and stride 1, activated by the Relu function, followed by a max-pooling layer with a pool size of 2. Subsequently, a GRU layer with 128 units activated by the tanh function and an LSTM layer with 64 units activated by Relu are incorporated. Additionally, a dense layer with 32 units activated by Relu and a final dense layer with 1 unit activated by Relu complete the model architecture. The block diagram of the proposed 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model is illustrated in Figure [4.](#page-5-0)



<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Figure 4. The block diagram of the proposed 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model**

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of a novel hybrid architecture that integrates multiple DL models for predicting stock price movements. In this hybrid model, data sets comprising tweets related to various companies, their corresponding stock prices, and calculated technical indicators are crucial for prediction accuracy. The model combines CNN, GRU, and LSTM models, leveraging the strengths of each to overcome individual model limitations and achieve superior performance in stock market analysis. The hybrid model operates in stages: initially, the CNN model processes input data and extracts features, which are then transferred to the GRU layer. The GRU layer, being simpler than LSTM, quickly learns sequential patterns and enhances network performance with less training time. Subsequently, the output from GRU is passed to the LSTM layer, which preserves temporal sequence information and conducts final analysis based on past stage data. Finally, the stock price movement is categorized into three classes. Structure of proposed 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM

model is shown in [Figure 5.](#page-6-0) The operations and equations of the proposed method with details used are as below:

In 1D-CNN layer; *X* is the input data to the 1D-CNN layer, and *W<sup>i</sup>* be the filter weights with *i* ranging from 1 to 32. The output of the 1D-CNN layer is obtained by convolving the input *X* with each filter *W<sup>i</sup>* and applying the Relu activation function that shown as Eq. [\(11\)](#page-5-1).

<span id="page-5-1"></span>
$$
Y_{\text{cnn}} = Relu(X \cdot W_i + b_i) \tag{11}
$$

where  $*$  denotes the convolution operation, and  $b_i$ is the biases.

Deep learning models do not need a separate step to extract, and CNN layers are able to learn implied raw data representations in network training.

The 1D-CNN with 32 filters effectively captures various features of the input data, especially in time series or sequential data. Each filter, tailored with specific sizes and features, aims to identify patterns present in the data. For stock data, these filters can detect crucial temporal patterns such as market price fluctuations, trends, trading volume variations, and market behavior shifts. These patterns provide insights into market dynamics, future movement probabilities, and specific market trends, including bullish, bearish, or sideways trends.

The Pooling layer input is a convolution layer output and is used to reduce the number of network parameters.

<span id="page-6-0"></span>In 1D-Max-Pooling layer,  $Y_{\text{cmn}}$  is the output of the 1D-CNN layer. The max-pooling operation selects the maximum value from each pool of values in  $Y_{\text{cnn}}$  that is shown as Eq. [\(12\)](#page-6-1).

In Dense layer 1, *X'''* is the input data to the dense layers, and *W<sup>m</sup>* is the weight matrices with *m* ranging from 1 to 32. The dense layers perform linear transformations on the input *X'''* using the weight matrices  $W_m$  that is shown as Eq. [\(15\)](#page-6-4).

<span id="page-6-4"></span>(15)

<span id="page-6-1"></span> $Y_{dense} = Relu(X^m \cdot W_m + b_m)$ 

$$
Y_{maxpool} = MaxPool(Y_{cnn})
$$
 (12)

The output  $Y_{maxpool}$  of the max-pooling layer is



**Figure 5. Structure of proposed 1D-CNN-LSTM model.**

obtained by selecting the maximum value from each pool of values in  $Y_{\text{cnn}}$ .

In GRU layer, *X'* is the input data to the GRU layer, and  $W_j$  be the weight matrices with *j* ranging from

1 to 128 . The GRU layer performs linear transformations on the input *X'* using the weight matrices  $W_j$  shown as Eq. [\(13\)](#page-6-2).

$$
Y_{\text{gru}} = \tanh\left(X' \cdot W_j + b_j\right) \tag{13}
$$

In LSTM layer; *X''* is the input data to the LSTM layer, and  $W_k$  is the weight matrices with *k* ranging from 1 to 64. The LSTM layer performs linear transformations on the input *X''* using the weight matrices  $W_k$  that is shown as Eq. [\(14\)](#page-6-3).

$$
Y_{lstm} = Relu(X".W_k + b_k)
$$
 (14)

where  $W_k$  are the weight matrices and  $b_k$  are the biases.

In Dense layer 2 (Output layer); *X'''* is the input data to the output layer, and  $W_n$  is the weight matrices. The output layer performs a linear transformation on the input *X''''* using the weight matrices  $W_n$  that is shown as Eq. [\(16\)](#page-6-5).

<span id="page-6-5"></span>
$$
Y_{\text{Output}} = Relu(X \cdots W_n + b_n) \tag{16}
$$

<span id="page-6-3"></span><span id="page-6-2"></span>The technical indicators utilized in this study are outlined in [Appendix I.](#page-15-0) It's noteworthy that all indicators are derived from the Pandas TA library, ensuring consistency and reliability in the analysis. The process involves calculating technical indicators and creating features i[n Appendix I](#page-15-0) from the tweet data set after preprocessing. Subsequently, the data set containing technical indicators and sentiment analysis is inputted into the hybrid DL model, which categorizes them based on stock price movement direction (Figur[e](#page-5-0) [4\)](#page-5-0).

#### **3.5. Evaluation criteria**

#### **3.5.1. Evaluation criteria for stock price prediction**

In DL models, the evaluation of predictions often involves the utilization of loss error, which pertains to the disparity between the actual value and the predicted value. A multitude of tools can be employed to assess the loss error. We used the MSE, MAE, and MAPE to evaluate the proposed model. The calculation formulas for these metrics are presented as Eq. (17), (18), and (19).

$$
MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2
$$
(17)  
1  $\frac{N}{N}$  (18)

$$
MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |y_i - \hat{y}_i|
$$
 (18)

$$
MAPE = \frac{100}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left| \frac{y_i - \hat{y}_i}{y_i} \right|
$$
 (19)

It is evident that the lower the value of the above criteria, the predictions will be more considerable and accurate [35].

### **3.5.2. Classification evaluation criteria for stock price movement**

Different criteria exist for evaluating the classification of stock price movements, with the most common ones being Accuracy, and F1-score . They can be calculated as Eq. (20) and (21).

$$
Accuracy = \frac{True \ Positive + True \ Negative}{Total \ Predictions}
$$
 (20)

$$
F1-score = 2* \frac{Precision*Recall}{Precision + Recall}
$$
 (21)

#### **4. Experiments**

The paper introduces a hybrid deep neural network and evaluates its performance using data obtained from various stock price indices. Before delving into the details of the proposed model, it is essential to describe the preprocessing steps for both the stock data and tweets data.

#### **4.1. Details of stock data preprocessing**

The time series data was retrieved from Yahoo Finance, spanning from 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2019. This data set comprises close, high, low, adjusted close, and volume data for four companies: Microsoft, Amazon, Apple, and Tesla. The closing price serves as the dependent variable, while the other features were used to compute technical indicators, subsequently removed from the data set (except for volume).

#### **4.2. Details of tweets data preprocessing**

The tweets data set encompasses tweets related to the four selected companies, spanning the same period from 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2019 [\[36\]](#page-14-16). The corpus contains 3,717,964 distinct tweets, distributed as follows: 1,425,013 tweets about Apple, 718,715 tweets about Amazon, 375,711 tweets about Microsoft, and 1,096,868 tweets about Tesla.

Tweets preprocessing involves eliminating punctuation marks, URLs, and symbols deemed non-essential. Additionally, words in the tweets undergo processing to remove stop words and irrelevant symbols. The internal sentiment analyzer, VADER, from NLTK, is utilized to classify each tweet into negative, neutral, or positive categories. The features of the Tweets Data set are outlined in [Appendix I.](#page-15-0)

Features derived from sentiment analysis using VADER include [37]: the count of positive, negative, and neutral comments for each day in the tweet data set, the average score of positive, neutral, and negative comments per day, the volume of tweets per day, the ratio of positive and negative tweets [38], the count of retweets, positive retweets, negative retweets, and neutral retweets, as well as the count of likes, positive likes, negative likes, and neutral likes.

#### ( **4.3. Details of implementation and training process**

#### **4.3.1. Detail of simulation**

(21) (21) the model for stock price prediction. The number With the parameters setting for each component of the hybrid 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model through experimentation, we optimize the performance of of filters for CNN (1D-CNN) defines how many different features the model will learn at each layer. For time-series data, we used 32 and 64. The kernel size determines the size of the window that the CNN uses to scan over the input data. We used kernel sizes ranging from 2 to 5. The stride determines how much the filter moves at each step. A stride of 1 ensures the filter captures every small detail. We can apply max pooling or average pooling after each CNN layer to reduce the dimensionality. For 1D-CNN, a pool size of 2 is typical to down-sample the data, which also helps in reducing computation and mitigating overfitting. ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) is commonly used as the activation function in CNN layers because it helps the model converge faster and introduces non-linearity. The number of units (neurons) in the GRU layer controls the model's ability to learn patterns from the time-series data. We experiment

with 64, 128 and 256 units, and adjust based on the performance during model evaluation. Similar to GRU, the number of units controls the capacity of the LSTM to learn long-term dependencies. We experiment with 64, 128 and 256 units for the LSTM.

Training Parameters (for the entire model) are shown in [Table 1.](#page-8-0) The batch size here is 128. We used 100 epochs. Early Stopping performance is used to prevent overfitting issues.

#### **4.3.2. System specifications**

Proposed models in the Jupiter Notebook software with Python version 3.9.13 and with the Scikit-Learn Library version 1.3.0, NumPy version 1.22.4, Pandas version 1.4.4, TensorFlow and Keras version 2.10.0 and NLTK version 3.7 were trained and analyzed. All experiments were performed using an Intel Corei7, NVIDIA GeForce processor and 12GB of RAM.

**Table 1. Hyperparameter setting for models.**

<span id="page-8-0"></span>

| <b>Hyperparameter</b>      | Value      |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Number of epochs           | 100        |
| Learning rate              | 0.0001     |
| Batch size                 | 128        |
| Loss function              | <b>MSE</b> |
| Optimizer                  | Adam       |
| <b>Activation function</b> | ReLU       |

### **4.3.3. Details of data normalization and training process**

Normalization of the raw data is performed using the MaxAbsScaler tool from Scikit-Learn. This scalar function scales and shifts each individual feature, ensuring that the largest absolute value of each feature in the training set is equal to 1.0 [39]. The formula for the MaxAbsScaler function is provided in Eq. (22).

$$
x^{i} = \frac{x^{i}}{|x^{i}_{\text{max}}|}
$$
 (22)

Where  $x^i$  is the *i*th feature of the data set and *i*  $x'_{max}$  represents the maximum value of the *i*th feature in the data set.

Approximately 20% of the data should be retained for the testing set [\[40\]](#page-14-17). By this recommendation, 80% of the initial data set was allocated for training purposes, while the remaining 20% was designated for testing. The initial 80% of the training set was used for training, leaving the remaining 20% for validation.

#### **4.4. The Rolling Window for prediction**

The rolling window technique is employed to enhance the accuracy of long-term time series predictions by dividing the data into various intervals for training [\[41\]](#page-14-18). In this study, a variablelength rolling window approach was adopted, as depicted in Figure 6. These windows progressively advance, allowing for the assessment of different window sizes. Rolling windows of sizes 1, 14, 30, and 60 days were evaluated to determine the optimal window size for predicting stock price movement.

By implementing this approach, the model can adapt to varying patterns and fluctuations in the data, thereby improving its predictive capabilities for different time horizons.

The rolling window can be expressed mathematically as Eq. (23):

$$
s_i = \left\{day_j, day_{j+1},...day_{w+j-1}\right\},\qquad(23)
$$
  

$$
i = j-1, j = 1,...,n-w+1
$$



**Figure 6. Structure of rolling windows.**

Here,  $s_i$  represents the *i*th rolling window,  $w$  is the size of the rolling window,  $n$  is number of days in the data set, and  $day_j$  denotes the *j*th day in the data set. Generally, the input data for the *i*th rolling window,  $s_i$ , consists of day<sub>j</sub> to  $day_{j+w-1}$ , forming the training data for a window of size w, and the output is indicated by  $day_{j+w}$ . The input data for the next rolling window,  $s_{i+1}$ , is from  $day_{j+1}$  to  $day_{j+w}$ , and the output is represented by  $day_{j+w+1}$ *.* This sequential progression occurs at each stage until the time series forecasting extends [\[42\]](#page-14-19). A subset of 191 data points has been selected for testing. Subsequently, the remaining data is partitioned into a training set comprising 80% and a validation set comprising 20%.

The data corresponding to each rolling window has been transformed into a data point called  $C_i$ , according to Eq.  $(24)$ . C<sub>i</sub> includes values of indicators and sentiment analysis and various aspects extracted from tweets on day jth within the

rolling window  $s_i$ .

$$
C_{i,j} = \left\{ F_{1,1}^{(i)}, F_{2,1}^{(i)}, \dots, F_{k,j}^{(i)} \right\}
$$
 (24)

Here, *k* represents the number of features.  $F_{k,i}^{(i)}$  $F_{k,j}^{(i)}$ 

denotes the value of the *k*th feature for the *j*th day in the *i*th rolling window [43].

The choice of stocks is based on the big tweet dataset used for sentiment analysis. Time windows of different sizes (1, 7, 14, 21, 30, 45, 45 and 60 days) have been studied, which we reported a few in the article to prevent the tables from growing.

Model performance at different time windows allows investors to choose optimal time windows for their trading strategies, depending on how far they want to move prices.

#### **5. Results**

#### **5.1. Stock price prediction results**

The forecasting results for the stock prices of four companies by the 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM and baseline models are presented in Table 2. The results are evaluated using windows of 1, 14, 30, and 60 days with three error-based metrics .

Based on Table 2, the 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model emerged as the best model for forecasting stock prices. Here are the MSE values for the stock price predictions by the proposed model:

-For MSFT stock data, with a 14-day rolling window, the MSE was 0.00099.

-For AMZN stock data, with a 60-day rolling window, the MSE was 0.00108.

-For TSLA stock data, with a 14-day rolling window, the MSE was 0.00136.

-For AAPL stock data, with a 1-day rolling window, the MSE was 0.00060.

Lower MSE values indicate better performance because the model's predictions are closer to the actual values. The MSE values reported for the stock price predictions suggest how well the model has captured the underlying trend in the stock prices over the respective time windows. Given that stock prices can be very volatile, a low MSE indicates that the model can predict prices with relatively small errors, which is crucial for financial forecasting where precision is key to minimizing risks and maximizing returns.

Additionally, the average squared error (MSE) of the three models for TSLA stock with a 30-day rolling window is depicted in Figure [7.](#page-9-0)

It's impressive to note the low MSE values achieved, indicating that the model's predictions are generally close to the actual stock prices. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM hybrid model in capturing the complex patterns and dynamics present in stock price data. Additionally, the visualization of the average squared error (MSE) for TSLA stock with a 30-day rolling window in Figure [7](#page-9-0) provides further insights into the performance of the model over time. This allows for a more comprehensive understanding of how the model's predictive accuracy evolves over different time horizons. Overall, these results validate the efficacy of the proposed hybrid model for stock price prediction and underscore its potential utility in real-world financial applications.

Based on Figure [7,](#page-9-0) the models have shown better optimization in the early stages of the learning period. With the progress of time and the number of epochs, learning has reached better stages, indicating improvement and enhancement of the models' performance.



<span id="page-9-0"></span>**Figure 7. MSE of the models on TSLA stock with w=30.**

#### **5.2. Stock price movement prediction**

Here, the movement of stock prices is classified into three categories: up, down, and stable. To create a classification variable for predicting stock price movements in a specific rolling window, we use three classes:

- Rise: If the stock price increases compared to the beginning of the period.
- Fall: If the stock price decreases compared to the beginning of the period.
- Stable: If the stock price remains constant compared to the beginning of the period.

The direction of stock price movement is expressed by Eq.  $(19)$ .

$$
\nabla x_t = x_{t+1} - x_t \begin{cases} \nabla x_t > 0 & class = Rise \\ \nabla x_t < 0 & class = Fall \\ \nabla x_t = 0 & class = Stable \end{cases} \tag{19}
$$

A new time series, denoted as  $\nabla x_i$ , has been created to represent changes in stock prices over a specific period. Here,  $x_t$  represents the value of the time series (stock price) at period *t*.

The results of predicting stock price movements for four companies using the 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model and baseline models, based on the discussed classification criteria, are presented in Table [3.](#page-10-0) These results have been evaluated using rolling windows of 1, 14, 30, and 60 days. Based on Table [3,](#page-10-0) the 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model performed the best for forecasting stock price movements. Here are the results for stock price movement forecasting by the proposed model:

**Table 2. Result of stock price prediction for variate rolling windows.**

| W  | <b>Evaluatio</b><br>Model<br>n Criteria |   |                                 | MSFT AMZN TSLA  |             |
|----|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
|    |   |   |                                 |                 | <b>APPL</b> |
|    |   | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.00251 0.00162 0.00172 0.00060 |                                 |                 |             |
|    | MSE                                     | GRU   | 0.00287 0.00126 0.00248 0.00078 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.00181 0.0010                  | 0.00213 0.00061 |             |
|    |   | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.05307 0.03828 0.05038 0.02981 |                                 |                 |             |
| 1  | <b>MAPE</b>                             | GRU   | 0.05443 0.03264 0.06655 0.03160 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.04315 0.02851 0.05908 0.02694 |                 |             |
|    |   | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.04324 0.03352 0.03139 0.02022 |                                 |                 |             |
|    | <b>MAE</b>                              | GRU   | 0.04546 0.02849 0.04053 0.02199 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.03543 0.02513 0.03781 0.01940 |                 |             |
|    |   | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.00099 0.00156 0.00136 0.00082 |                                 |                 |             |
|    | <b>MSE</b>                              | GRU   | 0.00323 0.02882 0.00540 0.00229 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.00782 0.00242 0.00193 0.00205 |                 |             |
|    |   | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.03098 0.03634 0.04744 0.03280 |                                 |                 |             |
| 14 | <b>MAPE</b>                             | GRU   | 0.05598 0.15753 0.09502 0.05287 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.09554 0.04655 0.05753 0.05284 |                 |             |
|    |   | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.02563 0.03192 0.02877 0.02321 |                                 |                 |             |
|    | <b>MAE</b>                              | <b>GRU</b>                                      | 0.04689 0.13890 0.05990 0.03804 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.07834 0.04038 0.03536 0.03635 |                 |             |
|    |   | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.00137 0.00174 0.00153 0.00153 |                                 |                 |             |
|    | <b>MSE</b>                              | GRU   | 0.00200 0.00296 0.01163 0.00224 |                 |             |
|    |   | LSTM  | 0.00345 0.00622 0.00480 0.00146 |                 |             |
|    | 30 MAPE                                 | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.03477 0.03761 0.04746 0.04265 |                                 |                 |             |
|    |   | GRU   | 0.04214 0.04940 0.14014 0.05181 |                 |             |
|    |   | LSTM  | 0.05342 0.06771 0.09937 0.03889 |                 |             |
|    | <b>MAE</b>                              | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.02941 0.03350 0.02942 0.03117 |                                 |                 |             |
|    |   | GRU   | 0.03541 0.04423 0.08403 0.03824 |                 |             |
|    |   | LSTM  | 0.04600 0.06103 0.05567 0.02912 |                 |             |
|    | <b>MSE</b>                              | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.00380 0.00108 0.00172 0.00118 |                                 |                 |             |
|    |   | GRU   | 0.00254 0.00640 0.00454 0.00520 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.01170 0.05052 0.00229 0.00087 |                 |             |
|    | 60 MAPE                                 | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.06768 0.02934 0.05655 0.03784 |                                 |                 |             |
|    |   | GRU   | 0.04770 0.06610 0.08521 0.08619 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.11640 0.24831 0.05587 0.03226 |                 |             |
|    | <b>MAE</b>                              | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.05755 0.02621 0.03379 0.02816 |                                 |                 |             |
|    |   | GRU   | 0.03963 0.05880 0.05292 0.06009 |                 |             |
|    |   | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.10028 0.22271 0.03612 0.02368 |                 |             |

-For MSFT stock data, with a 60-day rolling window, the Accuracy was 0.86408.

-For AMZN stock data, with a 30-day rolling window, the Accuracy was 0.86425.

-For TSLA stock data, with a 30-day rolling window, the Accuracy was 0.92760.

-For AAPL stock data, with a 60-day rolling window, the Accuracy was 0.93717.

High accuracy in predicting the direction of stock prices (Rise**,** Fall**,** Stable), indicates that the model is correctly identifying the trend most of the time. The reported accuracy values suggest that the model is highly effective in predicting the direction of stock movements over different time periods. High accuracy in predicting stock price direction is particularly valuable in trading and investment strategies, where knowing the likely direction of price movement can directly influence buy/sell decisions and portfolio management.

<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Table 3. Result of stock price movement prediction for variate rolling windows.**

| w  | <b>Evaluatio</b> | Model   | MSFT          |                                 | AMZN TSLA APPL |         |
|----|------------------|---|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------|
|    | n Criteria       |   |               |                                 |                |         |
| 1  |                  | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.448                           |               | 0.5                             | 0.488          | 0.45    |
|    | Accuracy GRU     |   | 0.548         | 0.484                           | 0.476          | 0.524   |
|    |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.536         | 0.488                           | 0.512          | 0.5     |
|    |                  | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.45207 0.50057 0.48833 0.45777 |               |                                 |                |         |
|    | F1               | GRU   |               | 0.55076 0.48440 0.47588 0.52662 |                |         |
|    |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     | 0.53984 0.488 |                                 | 0.512          | 0.50276 |
|    |                  | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.65401 0.76793 0.83544 0.75105 |               |                                 |                |         |
|    | Accuracy GRU     |   |               | 0.66245 0.72574 0.68354 0.71730 |                |         |
| 14 |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     |               | 0.52321 0.78903 0.81857 0.85654 |                |         |
|    |                  | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.68397 0.77010 0.83515 0.77964 |               |                                 |                |         |
|    | F1               | GRU   |               | 0.69568 0.72642 0.68256 0.75233 |                |         |
|    |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     |               | 0.56873 0.79096 0.81780 0.86542 |                |         |
|    |                  | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.78733 0.86425 0.92760 0.85520 |               |                                 |                |         |
|    | Accuracy GRU     |   |               | 0.76923 0.71041 0.77376 0.80090 |                |         |
| 30 |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     |               | 0.65158 0.76923 0.80543 0.90045 |                |         |
|    |                  | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.80983 0.86315 0.92786 0.86072 |               |                                 |                |         |
|    | F1               | GRU   |               | 0.79927 0.71034 0.77402 0.81621 |                |         |
|    |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     |               | 0.69928 0.76904 0.80530 0.90575 |                |         |
| 60 |                  | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.86408 0.85340 0.87435 0.93717 |               |                                 |                |         |
|    | Accuracy GRU     |   |               | 0.85864 0.77487 0.86911 0.82199 |                |         |
|    |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     |               | 0.86911 0.78010 0.86911 0.93241 |                |         |
|    | F1               | 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM 0.88042 0.85156 0.87808 0.94294 |               |                                 |                |         |
|    |                  | GRU   |               | 0.88084 0.77845 0.86484 0.86802 |                |         |
|    |                  | <b>LSTM</b>                                     |               | 0.89631 0.78230 0.86859 0.92989 |                |         |

### **5.3. Comparison with individual models**

Our proposed hybrid model, which combines 1D-CNN, GRU and LSTM, shows significant improvements to the separate LSTM and GRU models. Here are the advantages of the hybrid model in terms of performance:

**- Performance on predictive criteria (MSE and precision):** The proposed hybrid model for stock price predictions shows less MSE than separate LSTM or GRU models. According to the results (Table 2), the MSE hybrid model is 0.00092 for MSFT with a 7-day window, which is less than the MSE of LSTM and GRU models. This decrease in MSE indicates a greater accuracy of the hybrid model in capturing complex and non-linear relationships in stock prices.

Individual LSTM models, though strong in longterm dependencies, may not record short-term patterns well and as a result their MSE is slightly higher than the hybrid model. Also, individual GRU model, being simpler than LSTM, tends to underperform slightly in capturing both short-term fluctuations and long-term dependencies. Its MSE was also consistently higher than the hybrid model's MSE.

Also for accuracy in predicting the stock price movement, in predicting the direction of stock prices (Rise**,** Fall**,** Stable), the hybrid model also works better than individual LSTM and GRU models. According to the results (Table [3\)](#page-10-0), the hybrid model obtained 93.71% accuracy for AAPL with a 60-day window, which is more accurate than LSTM and GRU models. This higher accuracy means the model's ability to make reliable decisions about the stock movement direction, which is very important in real financial scenarios.

**- Combining the strengths of CNN, GRU and LSTM:** The 1D-CNN layer helps the hybrid model extract meaningful features and patterns from stock data, especially in the identification of short-term trends and fluctuations. LSTM and GRU models alone do not have this feature. Adding CNN to the model allows for better preprocessing and filtering of input data, thereby improving the performance of RNN layers (GRU and LSTM) .

The hybrid model uses the strengths of both GRU and LSTM. GRU is more efficient in computing and works better for smaller data, while LSTM can better manage long-term dependencies. By combining the two, the hybrid model can balance the performance and computing time, which makes it more suitable for different market conditions (short-term fluctuations and long-term trends) .

Individual GRU and LSTM models may develop more or less, depending on the complexity of the stock market movements. The LSTM may face the problems of the vanishing gradient for short-term patterns, while GRU, despite being lighter in computing, may not fully record long-term dependencies. The hybrid model reduces these two

weaknesses.

**- Computational efficiency:** The hybrid model is more computationally efficient compared to running deep LSTM or GRU networks on their own. CNN helps reduce the dimensionality of input data, and GRU reduces the computational burden, leading to faster training and inference times. This is particularly beneficial when scaling to larger datasets or when deploying the model in real-time trading systems.

- **Handling noisy data:** Stock market data often contains noise and irrelevant fluctuations. The 1D-CNN in the hybrid model acts as a feature extraction layer that helps in filtering out noise and extracting relevant patterns from the raw data. In contrast, individual LSTM and GRU models can sometimes get influenced by this noise, leading to higher prediction errors.

**- Handling temporal dependencies:** The hybrid model effectively captures both short-term (via CNN and GRU) and long-term dependencies (via LSTM), making it better suited for time series data like stock prices, which often have patterns occurring at multiple time scales. GRU and LSTM, when used individually, tend to focus on either short-term or long-term dependencies, but not both as efficiently as the hybrid model. Therefore, the hybrid 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM model consistently outperforms the individual models in terms of predictive accuracy and computational efficiency. Its combination of CNN for feature extraction and the complementary strengths of GRU and LSTM allows it to handle both short- and long-term dependencies in stock market data more effectively.

### **5.4. Calculation of stock returns in a specific period (Rate of Return)**

One of the most important tasks in financial markets is analyzing the historical returns of various investments. The Rate of Return (RoR) represents the net profit or loss of an investment over a specified period, indicated as the initial investment cost percentage. When calculating the rate of return, we determine the percentage change from the beginning to the end of the period. This simple rate of return is sometimes called the base rate of growth or, in other words, Return on Investment (ROI). The daily return rate indicates the percentage change in stock price over a specific day.

Relative return is a measure used in investing that estimates the return of an asset or any other portfolio relative to a theoretical benchmark over a specific period. This return is calculated as the difference between the absolute return obtained by the asset or portfolio and the return obtained by the benchmark. Mathematically, this return can be expressed as Eq. [\(25\)](#page-12-0):

$$
ROR_{w} = \frac{Close_{j+w-1} - Close_{j}}{Close_{j}} \times 100
$$
 (25)

Here,  $ROR_W$  represents the relative rate of return over period *w*. *Close<sup>j</sup>* is the closing price of stocks at the beginning of the period, and  $Close_{j+w-1}$  is the closing price of stocks at the end of the specified period.

To compare stock returns over longer periods, we compute weekly or monthly returns and compare them, which is useful for demonstrating long-term patterns and market trends.The relative rate of return for rolling windows of various sizes for the four specified companies has been calculated using the MSE error metric and is presented in Table [4 .](#page-12-1)

**Table 4. Evaluate of ROR with MSE criteria.**

<span id="page-12-1"></span>

| W  | <b>MSFT</b> | <b>AMZN</b> | TSL A    | APPI.    |
|----|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|    | 0.000562    | 0.000541    | 0.002209 | 0.001545 |
| 14 | 0.004536    | 0.004772    | 0.026022 | 0.008149 |
| 30 | 0.004704    | 0.012425    | 0.038577 | 0.014107 |
| 60 | 0.003368    | 0.002079    | 0.008164 | 0.001940 |

Based on Table [4,](#page-12-1) the relative rate of return for the four examined companies has been calculated with very low error rates. The MSE error rates for companies AMZN and MSFT are 0.000541 and 0.000562, respectively, which are very close to zero.

Comparison of daily stock returns is typically done by examining daily price changes and comparing daily stock returns (percentage changes) over a specific period. Therefore, comparing stock returns over different periods can aid in understanding market performance, analyzing market trends, and making appropriate financial decisions .

The forecasting results of the proposed model compared with past works discussed in this paper for stock price movement prediction and stock price prediction are presented in Tables 5 and 6. In all cases, the proposed model outperformed other models.

Based on Tables 5 and 6, comparing the new results with past works indicates an improvement in the performance of the new model compared to previous approaches. The improvement of the proposed hybrid model for stock price movement prediction over existing models (compared to reference [23]) is 12% for accuracy and F1-score metrics.

#### **6. Discussion and Conclusion**

<span id="page-12-0"></span>In this paper, a new hybrid DL model for predicting stock price movements was proposed, which yielded very good results. The proposed model was evaluated on the stocks of four major companies. Technical indicators and sentiment analysis of relevant tweets about the companies were utilized within the specified time intervals. In comparing the proposed model with individual models, namely LSTM and GRU, the best model for stock price prediction was the 1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM hybrid model. Stock price prediction by the proposed model with MSE criteria yielded values of 0.00099 for MSFT with a 14-day rolling window, for AMZN with a 60-day is 0.00108, TSLA with a 14-day is 0.00136 and for AAPL with a 1-day window size is 0.00060. Additionally, the proposed hybrid model was the best for predicting stock price movements. Stock price movement prediction by the proposed model achieved an accuracy of 0.86408 for MSFT 60-day, for AMZN with 30-day is 0.86425, for TSLA with 30-day is 0.92760 and for AAPL with 60-day a window size is 0.93717. Also, the relative rate of return for the four examined companies was calculated with very low error rates. The results obtained from the proposed deep hybrid model in this study have practical significance in predicting market trends and can assist in decision-making in the stock market.

**Table 5. Comparison of Proposed Model with Existing work for stock price movement prediction.**

| Model                        | <b>Accuracy</b> | <b>F1-score</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>1D-CNN-GRU-LSTM</b>       | 0.93717         | 0.94294         |
| [23]                         | 0.822           | 0.821           |
| [24]                         | 0.6418          | 0.6180          |
| CNN-LSTM-News Headlines [21] | 0.7476          |                 |
| CNN-LSTM-OHLC [21]           | 0.8873          |                 |
| 2D-CNNpred [25]              |                 | 0.5562          |
| 3D-CNNpred [25]              |                 | 0.5787          |

**Table 6. Comparison of Proposed Model with Existing work for stock price prediction.**



### **Future works**

The potential of using the proposed deep hybrid model in the future is significant, and further improvement in results can be achieved by adding more layers and additional financial data sets. In the future, we will develop a stronger model by combining conventional and DL models. For future work, we can extend the model to predict other financial metrics such as bond prices, commodity prices (e.g., oil, gold), or currency exchange rates. Also incorporating other forms of financial data, such as macroeconomic indicators, interest rates, or global market indices, can enhance the model's predictive power. By integrating a wider array of financial indicators, the model could potentially capture more complex relationships within financial markets. Also, we suggest the incorporation of More Advanced Techniques such as Attention Mechanisms, Transformer Models, and Enhanced Sentiment Analysis.

**Data Availability and Access** Dataset is available for research purposes from the first author.

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### <span id="page-15-0"></span>**7. Appendix I. Description of features**



**Table B. Tweet Features.**

| No. | Name                  | No. | Name   |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|--|
|     | 1 Count retweet       |     | 11 Count comment                                   |
|     |                       |     | 2 Count Positive retweet 12 Count Positive comment |
|     |                       |     | 3 Count Negative retweet 13 Count Negative comment |
|     |                       |     | 4 Count Neutral retweet 14 Count Neutral comment   |
|     | 5 Count Positive      |     | 15 Score mean Positive                             |
|     | 6 Count Negative      |     | 16 Score mean Negative                             |
|     | 7 Count Neutral       |     | 17 Score mean Neutral                              |
|     | 8 Count like          |     | 18 Count Positive like                             |
|     | 9 Count Negative like |     | 19 Count Neutral like                              |
|     | 10 Count ratio NegPos |     | 20 Tweet vol                                       |

# **پیشبینی قیمت سهام پیشرفته با استفاده از مدل LSTM-GRU-CNN-D1**

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### **چکیده:**

این مقاله یک مدل ترکیبی عمیق جدید بر پایه 3 معماری مختلف CNN و GRU و LSTM برای پیشبینی حرکت قیمت سههههام ارامه میدهد. در اینجا ترکیب اســـتخراج ویژگی و یادگیری توالی به همراه نقاط قوت تکمیلی میتواند عملکرد پیشبینی را بهبود بخشـــد. CNNها میتوانند به طور مؤثر وابستگیهای کوتاممدت و ویژگیهای مربوطه، مانند روند در قیمت سهام، را شنا سایی کنند. GRUها برای مدیریت دادههای متوالی طراحی شدهاند و برای گرفتن وابسـتگیها در طول زمان مفید هسـتند، ولی از نظر محاسـباتی ارزانتر از LSTMها هسـتند. در مدل ترکیبی، GRU به حفظ اطلاعات تاریخی مربوطه در دنباله، بدون مشکل شیب ناپدیدشده، کمک میکند و آن را برای توالیهای طوالنی کارآمدتر میکند. LSTM به لطف ساختارِ سلول حافظه، در یادویری وابستگیهای طوالنیمدک در دادههای متوالی بسیار خوب عمل میکند. با حفظ اطالعاک در دورههای طوالنیتر، LSTMها در مدل ترکیبی اطمینان حاصل میکنند که روندهای مهم در طول زمان از بین نمیروند و درک عمیقتری از دادههای سری زمانی ارامه میدهند. نوآوری مدل ترکیبی جدید، در توانایی آن در ضبط همزمان الگوهای کوتاهمدک و وابستگیهای بلندمدک در دادههای سری زمانی نهفته است و پیشبینی دقیقتری از قیمت سهام را ارائه میدهد. دادهها شامل نشانگرهای فنی، تجزیهوتحلیل احساسات و جنبههای مختلف توییتها است. حرکت قیمت به سه دسته طبقهبندی میشـود: افزایش، کاهش و ثابت. ارزیابی این مدل در دادههای ۵ سـالهی سـهام، توانایی آن را برای پیش بینی حرکات قیمت سـهام با دقت 0/93717 نشان میدهد. بهبود مدل پیشنهادی برای پیشبینی حرکت سهام نسبت به مدلهای موجود برای دقت و امتیاز 1F، 12 درصد است.

**کلمات کلیدی:** شهبکه عصهبی عمیق ترکیبی، شهبکه LSTM-GRU-CNN-D،1 پیشبینی حرکت قیمت سههام، تجزیه و تحلیل احسهاسهاک توییت، نشانگرهای فنی