

Colloquium

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The Dynamics of High Frequency Trading in the Stock Market

The electronic stock market is organized by exchanges hosting an electronic “limit order book”, where limit orders and market orders are collected. This evolves on the millisecond time-scale by computerized trading at a speed too fast for human reactions. The dynamics and stability of this system are naturally of great interest but little understood. We describe a well-known machine learning method called the Support Vector Machine and apply it to real-time short-term forecasting of price movements.