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ABSTRACT

For the assets' prices analysis proposed on the financial markets, it is common to use big amounts of data. By making those observations, the movement of the prices can be predicted. Working with big data sets requires more complicated forecasting methods based on numerical methods for solving ordinary, partial, and stochastic differential equations. This paper presents a modified ordinary differential equation approach with different forms of polynomials and periodic functions. The coefficients of the studied forms are calculated using Weighted Least Squares Method. Different variants of parameter settings are considered depending on the time of the horizon chosen by the researcher and the weight function assigned to the observations. Of the set of possible solutions about the model coefficients, those that give the best approximation on the test data are suggested, with the help of a weighted error. This approach is empirically tested to forecast the trends in the stock prices. A validation is made that allows to be chosen the best decision from the whole set of possible decisions, which are calculated by the Nonlinear Least Squares Method. That method is used for finding the coefficients of the model. The presented approach gives the opportunity to choose from a huge set of parameters, which makes it widely applicable. A Matlab programming code is developed for the purposes of the study. The code could be applied in the practice of portfolio managers and investors.

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