MULTI-FACTOR FORECASTING OF STATISTICAL TRENDS FOR DATA SCIENCE PROBLEMS

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Abstract. The article deals with the processes of multi-factor forecasting of statistical trends for Data Science problems. Most of the classic approaches to data processing consist of studying the consequences of phenomena rather than the factors of their appearance. At the same time, the factors affecting the behavior of the investigated process are assumed to be random and are not investigated. The article discusses the approach to forecasting the parameters of the trend of statistical time series, which consists of the study of factors that lead to changes in the dynamics of the studied process. This approach potentially has better indicators of adequacy, accuracy, and efficiency in obtaining final solutions than classical approaches. The implementation of this approach is shown using an example of the analysis of exchange rate changes. The obtained results show the practicality of considering multifactoriality in forecasting tasks.

Keywords: Data Science, multi-factor forecasting, statistical trends, currency rate forecasting.

INTRODUCTION

The development of information technologies has led to their implementation in many areas. One of the leading directions is the prediction of the indicators behavior of a certain controlled event. The examples of that can be: forecasting fluctuations in currency markets; control of changes in economic performance indicators of trading companies; forecasting the development of the epidemiological situation; forecasting parameters of the technical state of equipment of production lines, aviation systems, etc. All the listed applied tasks have the technological unity of Data Science stages: data acquisition (measurement): their accumulation (storage); data processing for the purpose of obtaining information about the models and behavior of the researched process (processing, forecasting); extraction of knowledge and its manipulation [1; 2]. Currently, the focus of Data Science issues is not on accumulation (measurement, storage), but on data processing with the aim of extracting from them adequate, accurate and operational information and knowledge. These processes in applied aspects of information technologies (IT) take place in the field of Big Data arrays and are manifested in the development of Back-End components of distributed ERP / CRM software systems with intellectual properties.

The key requirement of consumers for the final IT product is high quality indicators of the source information, which are manifested in strict requirements for the adequacy, accuracy and efficiency of the final solutions. It is possible to implement this only in the direction of applying effective mathematical models for processing Big Data arrays.

© О. Pysarchuk, Т. Andreieva, О. Grinenko, D. Baran, 2024 Системні дослідження та інформаційні технології, 2024, № 2 The experience shows that most classical approaches to data processing, regardless of their classes, directions of improvement and effective implementation to applied software systems, show their limitations [3–5]. They consist in the study of the consequences of phenomena, and not the factors of their appearance. For example, determining the trend and forecasting changes in the exchange rate based on the results of a retrospective analysis of their behavior. At the same time, the factors affecting the exchange rate are assumed to be random and are not investigated.

Therefore, there is a need to implement R&D processes for the development of mathematical support for modern ERP / CRM software systems capable of meeting the high demands of consumers regarding the adequacy, accuracy and efficiency of final solutions.

The article will consider an approach to predicting parameters of the trend of statistical time series, which potentially has better indicators of adequacy, accuracy and efficiency of obtaining final solutions, compared to classical approaches.

Analysis of existing approaches. In its formulated form, we have the classic task of applied statistical analysis / statistical learning: to build a mathematical model based on a statistical sample of data, that ensures the determination of predictive values for the process being studied [1–5]. The key hypothesis in this is the assumption of the random nature of the factors that affect the stochastic fluctuations of each discrete dimension and, accordingly, determine the behavior of the studied process outside the observation interval. As a rule, this happens due to the complex and sometimes unknown nature of cause-and-effect relationships, which determine the actual appearance of stochastic deviations and the development of the situation in the future. Overcoming this a priori uncertainty is classically implemented through assumptions about the general appearance of the trend model and the determination of its variables using complex algorithms, but the principle hypothesis of randomness remains unchanged. That is, the primary stochastic formalization of the problem has certain limitations in the accuracy of the final result, which are determined by data processing methods.

Formulation of the problem. Therefore, the task of improving the methods of statistical analysis / training in the direction of a detailed description and study of factors that lead to the essence of the change in consequences – the dynamics of the researched process – is urgent. The article examines the processes for multifactor forecasting of statistical trends for Data Science tasks. This is implemented in the applied field of economic analysis of exchange rate changes. The transition in statistical education from the analysis of consequences to factors requires the implementation of a complex of R&D processes: the formation of an informational model of factors that influence the change in currency rates; the establishment of indicators (indicators describing change) of factors and criteria; the measurement of statistical characteristics, construction of a trend line, forecasting).

Thus, the goal of the article is the implementation of a complex of R&D processes for multifactor forecasting of statistical trends for Data Science tasks using the example of currency exchange analysis.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN MATERIAL

1. To form the infographic model of factors that influence on the change of the currency exchange rates. The ratio of the dollar (USD) to the hryvnia (UAH) was chosen as the exchange rate (hereinafter referred to as the exchange rate). On the basis of the cognitive analysis of primary sources [6-13] and the practice of currency trading, the factors affecting the exchange rate were determined.

Table 1. An infographic model of factors that influence the change in cur	rrency
rates	

N	Factor group	N	Factor in the group	Indicator	Data source, frequency of measurement								
1	Sale/ purchase of foreign currency	1	Volume of sale/purchase of foreign currency	The official exchange rate of the hryvnia against the US dollar Saldo of transactions of the natural person on the sale/purchase of foreign currency	The official website of the NBU[10], daily								
				Saldo of NBU interventions	The official website of the NBU[10], weekly								
			Volume of the main Ukrainian export goods	Wheat export volume	Website								
		1		Barley export volume	of the Ministry								
				Rye export volume	of Agrarian Policy and Food								
				Corn export volume	of Ukraine[8], daily								
			Export prices for the main	Wheat export price	Fenix Agro								
•	Export of goods	2		Barley export price	company website:								
2				agricultural products of Ukraine	Corn export price	fenix-agro.com; weekly							
			Export prices	Hot-rolled steel export price	Information and								
		3	for the main metal products	Armature export	analytical resource								
				Scrap steel export price	about industry:								
			of Ukraine	Iron ore raw materials export	gmk.center, daily								
	Import		Global prices	Oil global price	The website								
3	3 of goods 1		goods 1 for the main imported goods Natural gas global pr		of the Ministry of Finance [12], daily								
4	Foreign investments ¹	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0	0	U I	1	1	1	1		The volume of hryvnia government bonds in circulation at nominal and amortized cost with non-residents	The official website of the NBU[10], daily
					bonds of the The amount domestic state loan in the state bu	The amount of funds involved in the state budget for placement of domestic government bonds	Website of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine [9], weekly						
	Interest rates		1	The level of inter- est rates on the	Interest rates on deposits in the national currency	The official website							
5		1	interbank market	Interest rates on deposits in US dollars	of the NBU[10], daily								
			Interest rates	NBU Key Policy Rate	The website								
		2	2	on deposits	Ukrainian Overnight I ndex Average (UONIA)	of the Ministry of Finance [12], daily							
6	Stock Market		1	Stock indices of Ukraine	UX index	The website of the Ministry of Finance [12], daily							
		2	World stock indices	Dollar index	Investing.com, daily								

2. To set the indicators (parameters which describes the change) of factors and criteria is implemented as a result of the transformation of Table 1, based on the essence of a specific factor.

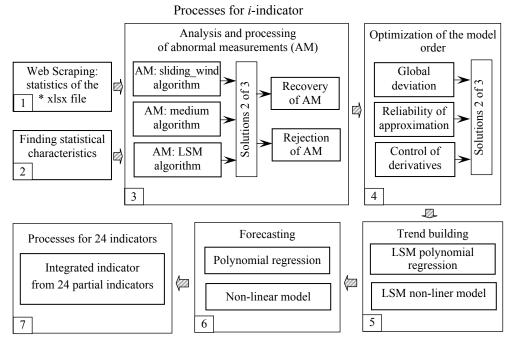
№	Group of factors	№	Indicators	Denotation	Criterion
1	Sale/ purchase of foreign currency	1	The official exchange rate of the hryvnia against the US dollar	Ψ	ψ→min
		2	Saldo of transactions of the natural person on the sale/ pur- chase of foreign currency	φ	φ→max
		3	Saldo of NBU interventions	χ	χ→min
		4	Wheat export volume	E_{VW}	$E_{VW} \rightarrow \max$
		5	Barley export volume	E_{VB}	$E_{VB} \rightarrow \max$
		6	Rye export volume	E_{VR}	$E_{VR} \rightarrow \max$
		7	Corn export volume	E_{VC}	$E_{VC} \rightarrow \max$
	Export	8	Wheat export price	E_{PW}	$E_{PW} \rightarrow \max$
2	of goods	9	Barley export price	E_{PB}	$E_{PB} \rightarrow \max$
	of goods	10	Corn export price	E_{PC}	$E_{PC} \rightarrow \max$
		11	Hot-rolled steel export price	E_{PS}	$E_{PS} \rightarrow \max$
		12	Armature export	E_{PA}	$E_{PA} \rightarrow \max$
		13	Scrap steel export price	E_{PJ}	$E_{PJ} \rightarrow \max$
		14	Iron ore raw materials export	E_{P0}	$E_{P0} \rightarrow \max$
2	Import	15	Oil global price	I_{POIL}	$I_{POIL} \rightarrow \min$
3	of goods	16	Natural gas global price	IPGAS	$I_{PGAS} \rightarrow \min$
4	Foreign investments	17	The volume of hryvnia government bonds in circulation at nominal and amortized cost with non-residents	INV_V	<i>INV_V</i> →max
		18	The amount of funds involved in the state budget for placement of domestic government bonds	INV_M	$INV_M \rightarrow max$
5	Interest rates	19	Interest rates on deposits in the national currency	R_{DG}	$R_{DG} \rightarrow \max$
		20	Interest rates on deposits in US dollars	R_{DD}	$R_{DD} \rightarrow \min$
		21	NBU Key Policy Rate	Р	P→max
		22	Ukrainian Overnight Index Aver- age (UONIA)	UONIA	UONIA→max
6	Stock Market	23	UX index	UX	UX→max
6	Stock Market	24	Dollar index	DX	<i>DX</i> →min

Table 2. Indicators / parameters that describe the change of the factors and criteria

3. *The indicators in Table 2 were measured* on June 1, 2021. – November 1, 2022 according to the sources and frequency (discreteness) specified in Table 1. The result is a multidimensional Big Data array of a statistical training sample of 24 indicators of 156 values, 5 (weekly monitoring) – of 36 values. Technological

efficiency of further processing processes is ensured by saving the received data segment in the * format. xlsx file.

4. *The statistical processing* of indicators / parameters is implemented in the sequence of classical stages of statistical training: determination of statistical characteristics, construction of a trend line, forecasting. To increase the effectiveness of statistical training, a hierarchy of interconnected alternative and innovative stages is proposed (see the structural diagram in Figure). The structural scheme takes into account the features of multi-factor forecasting of statistical trends for Data Science tasks.



Structural diagram of the multi-factor forecasting process of statistical trends for Data Science tasks

The data obtaining (block 1 of the diagram, Figure) is implemented quickly from external sources using Web Scraping technologies.

Determination of the statistical characteristics of the obtained samples (block 2) is carried out a posteriori in the format of calculation: expected value, dispersion, standard deviation (SD), construction of a histogram of the law of distribution of the obtained samples. At the same time, the presence of a trend line is taken into account, which is removed using the Least Square Method (LSM) with a polynomial regression model [4].

Block 3 is intended for cleaning the statistical sample from anomalies. The use of three algorithms for detecting and cleaning anomalies [15] increases the reliability of the implementation of this process. Depending on the number of anomalies, the strategy of rejecting them is used (up to 10% of anomalous measurements – empirically obtained limits) and the recovery strategy (in other cases).

Optimizing the selection of the order of the trend line model (block 4) [14] is implemented with the control of the values of three indicators, which also increases the reliability of the final decisions.

The global linear deviation of the estimate is one that compares across multiple options:

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} |y_i - \hat{y}_i|.$$

The accuracy of approximation R^2 (coefficient of determination) varies within 0...1 and should be minimal:

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \hat{y}_{i})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_{i} - \overline{y})^{2}},$$

where *n* is a sample size; $\overline{y}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$, y_i is a measured value; \hat{y}_i is LSM of

estimating the measured value.

The derivatives of the higher orders are the controls of obtaining small values:

$$y_{j}^{(p)} = \frac{y_{j+1}^{(p-1)} - y_{j}^{(p-1)}}{\Delta t}, \quad j = \overline{1...m}, \quad p = \overline{1...n}$$

Determination of the trend line and forecasting (blocks 5, 6) is carried out using the algorithm of the least squares method (LSM) in classical polynomial [3; 4] or R&D nonlinear forms [4; 5].

For the presented research results, a nonlinear in parameters – transcendental model was chosen

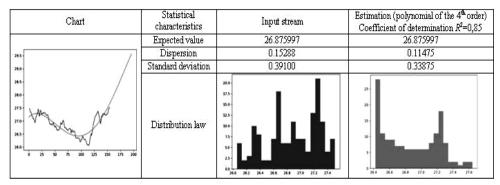
$$f(t,c) = a_0 \cos \omega t + b_0 \sin \omega t ,$$

where $c = \{a_0, b_0, \omega\}$ are the unknown parameters of the model. The procedure for determining the parameters of a nonlinear model consistent with the measured values is discussed in detail in [4; 5].

The calculation of the integrated assessment (unit 7) of the effect of factors on the controlled parameter — the exchange rate is carried out according to the scheme of multi-criteria / multi-factor assessment (SCOR) according to the nonlinear scheme of compromises [16]. The data format is a multidimensional discrete set of functions of 24 indicators.

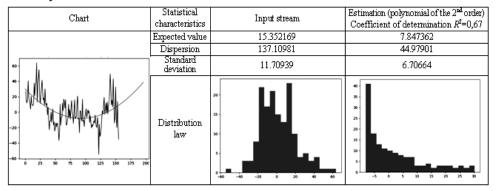
According to the structural diagram of Fig. 1, an alpha version of the computing unit (Backend component) of the ERP system layout was created to support currency trading processes. The software component is implemented in the high-level python programming language with the use of technologies and libraries: Web Scraping, pandas — for obtaining data; numpy — for "raw" programming of data processing algorithms; matplotlib — for visualization of calculation results.

THE RESULTS OF THE CALCULATIONS AND THEIR ANALYSIS



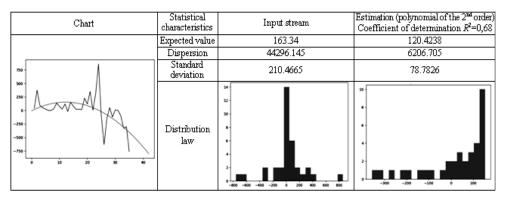
1. The official exchange rate of the hryvnia against the US dollar

2. Saldo of operations of physical persons on the sale/purchase of foreign currency



The indicator is calculated as the difference between the sale of foreign currency and its purchase.

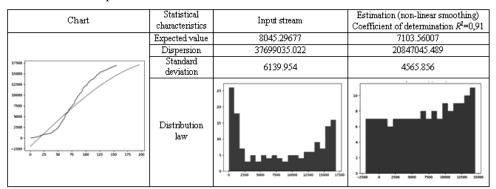
3. Saldo of NBU interventions



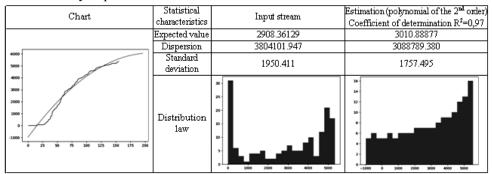
The indicator is calculated as the difference between the purchase of US dollars and their sale.

The volume of the main agricultural products of Ukrainian exports (indicators 4, 5, 6, 7) was calculated as the total volume of exported products, starting from June 1, 2021 (the beginning of the study)).

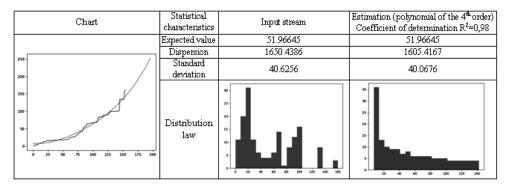
4. Wheat export volume



5. Barley export volume



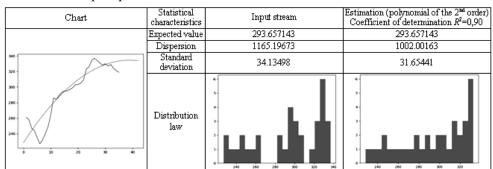
6. Rye export volume



7. Corn export volume

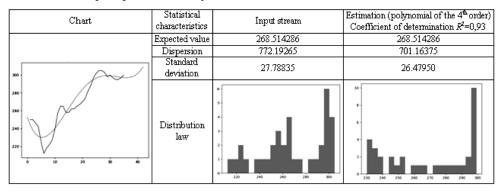
Chart	Statistical characteristics	Input stream	Estimation (polynomial of the 4^{th} order) Coefficient of determination R^2 =0,99
	Expected value	4433.81935	4444.55952
	Dispersion	11837263.3093	11682804.9816
8000	Standard deviation	3440.5324	3418.0118
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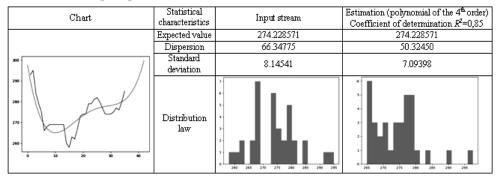


8. The export price of wheat

9. The export price of barley

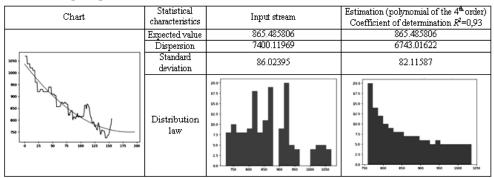


10. The export price of corn



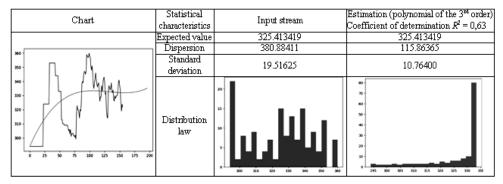
The export prices for all key agricultural products of Ukraine currently have a positive trend.

11. Export price of hot rolled steel

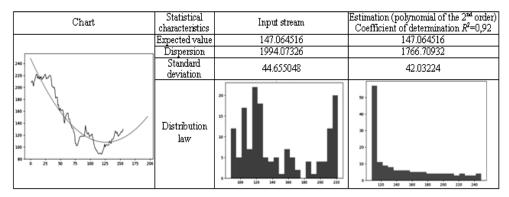


- Estimation (polynomial of the 3nd order) Coefficient of determination R²=0,84 Statistical Chart Input stream characteristics Expected value Dispersion 753.474387 753.474387 1145.28174 785.42695 Standard 33.84201 28.02547 deviation 825 800 775 750 21 Distribution ж 725 law 15 700 621
- 12. The export price of armature

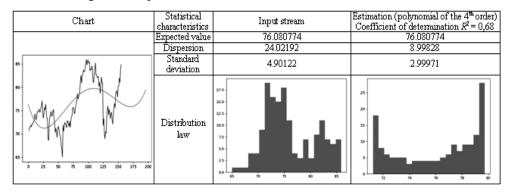




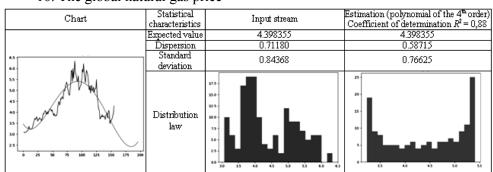
14. Export price for raw iron ore



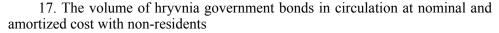
15. The global oil price

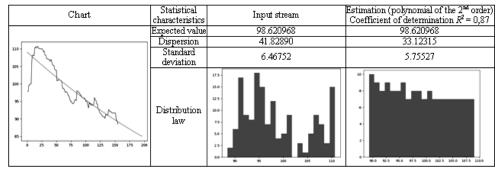


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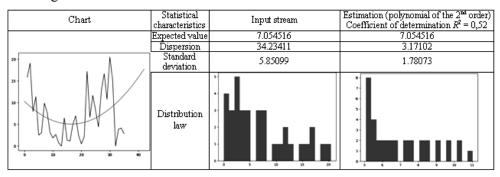


16. The global natural gas price

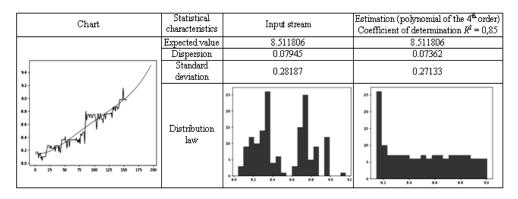


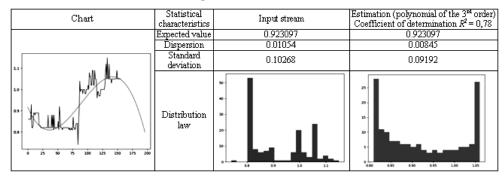


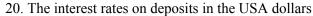
18. The amount of funds involved in the state budget for placement of domestic government bonds



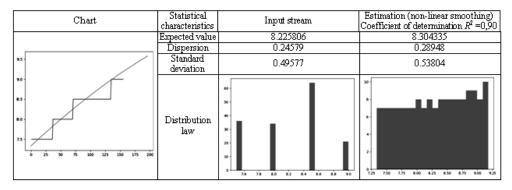
19. The interest rates on deposits in the national currency



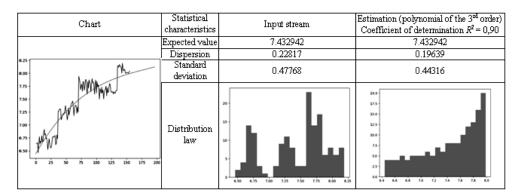




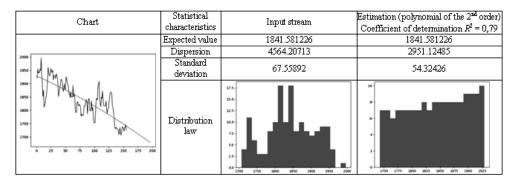
21. NBU Key Policy Rate



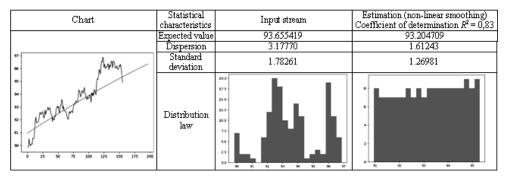
22. Ukrainian Overnight Index Average (UONIA.

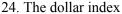


23. UX index



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CONCLUSIONS

The real data obtained and processed allow us to identify useful features. Statistical properties: parameters 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 23 (see histograms of distribution laws) are characterized by a normal distribution law, the others have combinatorial laws. This demonstrates the decomposition of the factors influencing the exchange rate into unitary and combinatorial components. Inherent natural presence of anomalous values of controlled parameters. The trend of the studied indicators is non-linear, and the dynamics of change may be conflicting according to the minimax analysis; that is, the improvement of certain indicators may be accompanied by the deterioration of others. So, once the infological model is formed, multifactorial consideration of an integrated indicator from partial factors and a comparison of its dynamics with the dominant effect, the exchange rate. At the same time, one should expect an increase in the accuracy and adequacy of predictive estimates of the studied parameters.

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БАГАТОФАКТОРНЕ ПРОГНОЗУВАННЯ СТАТИСТИЧНИХ ТРЕНДІВ ДЛЯ ЗАДАЧ DATA SCIENCE / О.О. Писарчук, Т.В. Андреєва, О.О. Гріненко, Д.Р. Баран

Анотація. Розглянуто процеси багатофакторного прогнозування статистичних трендів для задач Data Science. Більшість класичних підходів до оброблення даних полягають у дослідженні наслідків явищ, а не факторів їх появи. При цьому фактори, що впливають на поведінку досліджуваного процесу, вважаються випадковими та не досліджуються. Розглянуто підхід до прогнозування параметрів тренду статистичних часових рядів, який полягає в дослідженні факторів, що призводять до зміни динаміки досліджуваного процесу. Такий підхід потенційно має кращі показники адекватності, точності і оперативності отримання кінцевих рішень порівняно з класичними підходами. Наведено реалізацію цього підходу на прикладі аналізу зміни курсу валют. Отримані результати розрахунків показують доцільність розгляду багатофакторності у задачах прогнозування.

Ключові слова: Data Science, багатофакторне прогнозування, статистичні тренди, прогнозування курсу валют.