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# Algorithmic Trading Patterns in Xetra Orders

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Computerized trading controlled by algorithms - “Algorithmic Trading” - has become a fashionable term in investment banking. We investigate a set of Xetra order data to find

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## Notes

1. The time span from the moment an order is generated in the electronic system of an exchange member to the time when a confirmation signal from the exchange arrives back at the order submitter is called roundtrip time.
2. In our dataset containing all order entries of all DAX-30 stocks between 8 and 15 December 2004 and between 5 and 12 January 2005, such a volatility break occurred only twice.
3. For a treatment of cancellations with lifetime lesser or equal two seconds, see Hasbrouck and Saar [\(2005\)](#).
4. Intuitively, kernel density estimates can be understood as histograms with infinitely fine classes smoothed by moving averages. Formally, kernel density estimates are functions

where  $K$  and  $h$  were used, i.e., all kernels



For an excellent survey on kernel density estimation, see [Engel et al. \(1994\)](#).

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