

ANALYSIS OF NIFTY FIFTY STOCKS BASED ON K-MEANS CLUSTERING TECHNIQUE FOR STOCK MARKET PREDICTION

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this research paper is to construct clusters of Nifty companies for better investment. In this study, is used in stock market prediction for removing the redundant and outlier data to form Clusters, as a result the prediction data is reduced.

Key Words: Stock market, Clustering Analysis, K-mean Clustering, Prediction

1. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, stock markets are an important component of the most countries' economies and play a major role in the international financial system. The stock markets are important from both the industry's point of view as well as the investor's point of view, but there are several uncertainties involved in the movement of the markets. Many factors interact in the stock market including political events, Economic Factors, and traders' expectations. Therefore, predicting market price movements is quite difficult. In response to such difficulty, clustering techniques have been introduced and applied for financial prediction.

Cluster is collection of objects with similarity between them and dissimilarity to the objects in other clusters. Clustering is an unsupervised classification process. The aim of clustering is to find structure in data set. Clustering has applications in several fields like math, multimedia, marketing, meteorology, geology, medical, etc. First time, Tryon in 1939 used this term for grouping similar objects. There are some papers within literature that used various clustering methods in the field of financial markets and showed comparison of various clustering techniques. For example, Basaltoa et al. (2005) apply a pair wise clustering approach to the

analysis of the Dow Jones index companies, in order to identify similar temporal behavior of the traded stock prices. Tola et al. (2008) underlined the importance of clustering technique in the advancement of the reliability of the portfolio considering the ratio between predicted and realized risk. Chen and Huang (2009) applied cluster analysis to group the huge amount of equity mutual funds based on four evaluation indices in order to help investment decisions. In addition, they offered a fuzzy model which gives the optimal investment proportion of each cluster. Narayan et al. (2011) examined share price clustering on twelve largest companies listed on Mexican stock exchange and pointed out that volume and risk impact price clustering negatively. Babu et al. (2012) analyzed the main clustering techniques to compare the performances and apply to 35 randomly selected stocks from a number of different sectors in India in order to be able to propose an effective method to predict the stock price movements. They indicated that the hierarchical agglomerative outperforms in terms of accuracy. D'Urso et al. (2013) handled the clustering of financial time series and proposed a new approach which combines fuzziness and GARCH models.

According to the literature reviewed, we could see that there are very few studies and researches in clustering stock market companies. In this paper, we demonstrate well known clustering technique namely K-means as well as some validity indexes to obtain the optimal number of clusters. The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 explains methodology and discuss about algorithm used in this research of research. Section 3 shows main findings. Finally, in Section 4 conclusion is presented. Some recommendation for further research will be given in the last section.

2. METHODOLOGY

2.1. Data Selection

The behavior of the stock prices of the company plays the important role while taking investment decision. In present study, attempt is made to find the variance of the stock market returns of CNX Nifty companies. Nifty 50 is a well diversified 50 stock index accounting for 22 sectors of the economy and it represents about 70.14% of the free float market capitalization of the stocks listed on NSE as on March 31, 2014. CNX Nifty is owned and managed by India Index Services and Products Ltd. (IISL).

The historical period of stock market data can be chosen in a wide range. The more number of training cases is used for predicting the stock. To create enough training cases, the historical period has to be long enough. On the other hand, too big historical period can diminish the accuracy of forecast due to the changing character of data (outdated patterns can make input data too noisy for neural network to extract useful information). The optimal Prediction depends on High Price, Low Price and Traded Data factors; normally, the dataset is in a range from 1000 to 12000. The number of possible training cases n_{cases} is calculating using formula:

$$n_{cases} = m_{no} * 360 = n_{out},$$

Where: m_{no} - total number of historical trading years; n_{out} - number of outputs days to predict.

2.2. K-Means Clustering Algorithm

K-means is one of the simplest unsupervised learning algorithms that solve the clustering problem. The algorithm executes in simple way by classifying a given data set through a certain number of clusters (say k clusters) fixed apriori. The basic concept is to define k centers; one for each cluster. These centers should be placed in a tricky way because of different location causes different result. So, it is better way to place them as much as possible far away from each other. In next step it takes each point belonging to a given data set and associates it to the nearest center. When no point remains, the first step is completed and an early grouping is done. Here we need to re-calculate k new centroids as bary center of the clusters obtained from the previous step. After this there are k new centroids. At this point a new binding has to be done between the same data set points and the nearest new center. A loop is generated. As a result of this loop the k centers change their location step by step until no more changes are done. Finally, this algorithm aims at minimizing an objective function known as squared error function given by:

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$$J = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{i=0}^n \|x_i^j - c_j\|^2 \quad (1)$$

Where $\|x_i^j - c_j\|^2$ is a chosen distance measure between a data point $x_i^{(j)}$ and the cluster centre c_j , $\sum \|\cdot\|$ is an indicator of the distance of the n data points from their respective cluster centers. The algorithm to find the center for each equal pattern is composed. However, this is sometimes a reasonable criterion and gets a simple algorithm; the K-means has still a number of limitations and problems. To getting accurate results, means that to achieve this goal, given a set

of objects with their attributes and grouping these objects into K cluster which the objects lying in one cluster should be as close as possible to each other, we are implementing in this study this algorithm.

2.3. Algorithm

The algorithm consists of the following steps:

- (a) Place K points into the space represented by the objects that are being clustered. These points represent initial group centroids.
- (b) Assign each object to the group that has the closest centroid.
- (c) When all objects have been assigned, recalculate the positions of the K centroids.
- (d) Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until the centroids no longer move. This produces a separation of the objects into groups from which the metric to be minimized can be calculated.

Although it can be proved that the procedure will always terminate, the k-means algorithm does not necessarily find the most optimal configuration, corresponding to the global objective function minimum. The algorithm is also significantly sensitive to the initial randomly selected cluster centers. The k-means algorithm can be run multiple times to reduce this effect.

3. RESULTS & ANALYSIS

Stock market values keeps on changing day by day, so it is very difficult to predict the future value of the market. Although there are various techniques implemented for the prediction of stock market values, but the predicted values are not very accurate and error rate is more. Hence an efficient technique is implemented for the prediction of the stock market values using hybrid combinatorial method of clustering and classification. The dataset is taken and first clustered using K-means clustering algorithm and this clustered value into sub-clusters so that most feature vectors in each sub cluster belong to the same class. Then, for each sub cluster, we choose its centroid as the representative feature vector. Finally, we employ the representative feature vectors to predict the stock price movements.

The experimental data set is collected from NSE-NIFTY, which is a popular stock market index movement data. The information about the data sets contains names of dataset, the number of objects and number of Attributes, which are given in Table .1. In clustering

stock market index data, the open, close, high, low values were treated as attributes and every day are treated as objects.

Data Set	Objects	Attributes	URL
Nifty Fifty	144315	4	http://www.nseindia.com/products/content/equities/indices/historical_data.htm

Table .1. Dataset

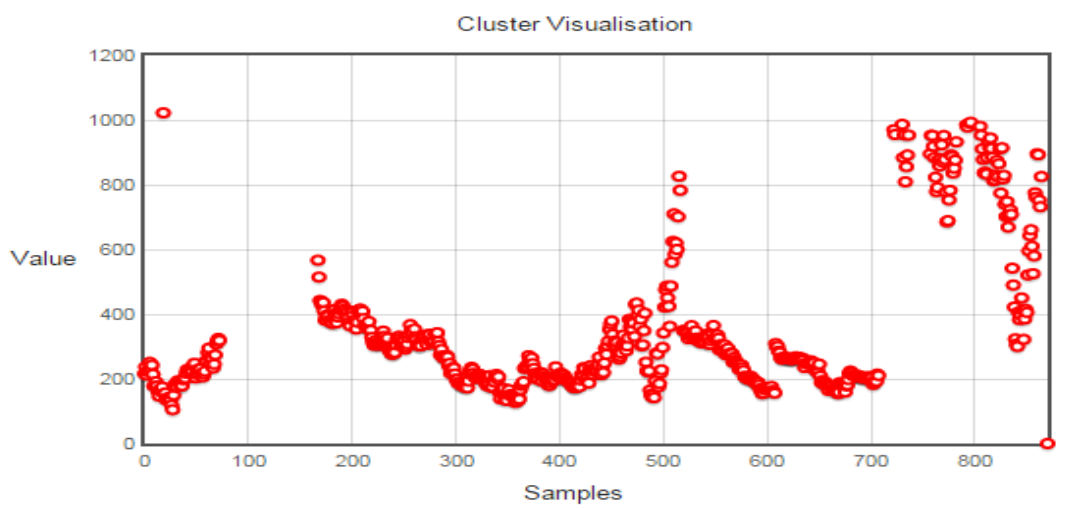


Figure 1 Cluster Visualization of Nifty Fifty Input Samples

The Figure 1 indicates the Clustering of Stock Market Data from Jan 2008 to Sep 2014. The X-Axis represents the No of Sample Data and Y-Axis represents the Stock Market Value. In X-Axis 1 Unit = 100 Values and in Y-Axis 1 Unit = 200 Values

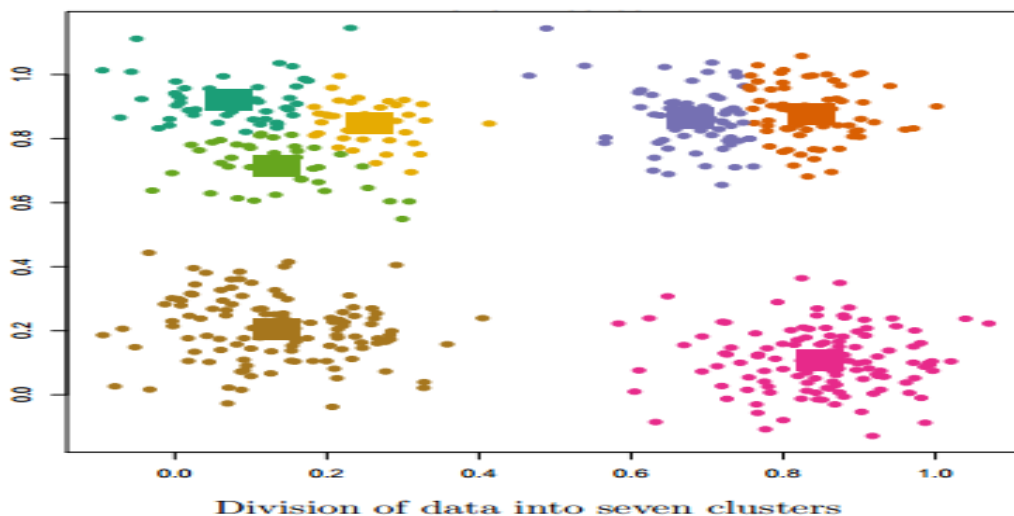


Figure 2 K Means Clusters of Nifty Fifty Input Sample

The Figure 2 indicates the Clustering of Stock Market Data from Jan 2008 to Sep 2014. The Sample Data is clustered into 7 clusters based on the value k in $k - Means$ Algorithm.

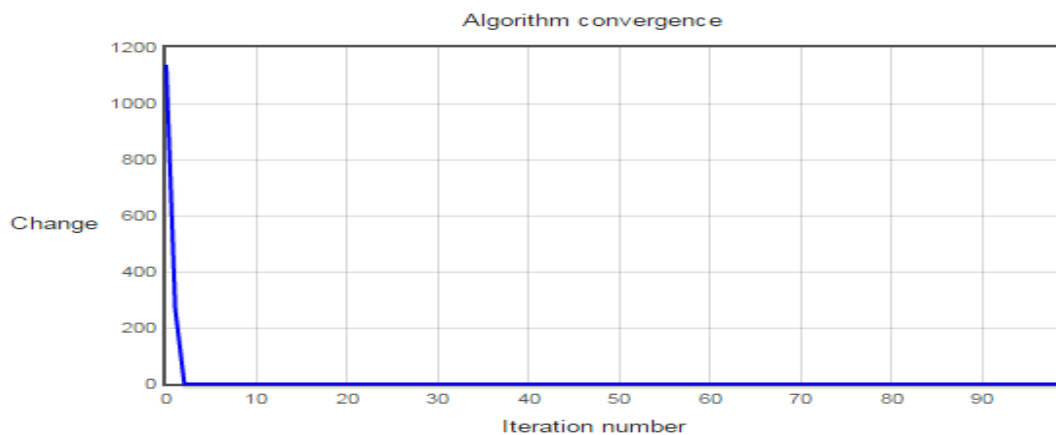


Figure 3 Convergence of Nifty Fifty Input Sample by K-Means Clusters

The Figure 3 indicates the Convergence after Clustering of Stock Market Data Nifty Fifty data from Jan 2008 to Sep 2014 with respect to the 7 Clusters by K-Means Algorithm.

Attribute (Predictors)	Cluster						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Open Price	5649	13560.25	3205	9995	16785.9	10	14560
High Price	5161.1	13560.25	1925	8590	16399.75	10	9850
Low Price	5540.05	13560.25	3200	9990	16399.75	10	9850
Close Price	5238.35	13560.25	2481.6	8882.7	16490.85	10	14107.5

Table 2 Performance of K-Means based on Nifty Fifty Index

Iteration	Number of Cases in each Cluster						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1416.37	923.33	1552.3	1552.3	1872.001	997.763	2460.365
2	1094.21	365.97	266.39	486	272.021	37.724	1218.169
3	707.825	483.84	217.77	1313.2	0	33.368	677.614
4	523.036	193.39	184.6	1852.4	0	27.905	450.204
5	504.491	193.39	192.47	1106.9	0	24.064	316.658
6	367.078	184.1	183.73	2420.3	0	25.905	312.298
7	395.47	434.39	177.99	2263.5	0	26.901	578.365
8	374.645	305.63	176.74	1072.4	0	27.983	304.805
9	248.344	0	153.96	581.52	0	27.723	270.517
10	198.261	0	129.12	475.28	0	27.533	518.683

Table 3 Iteration Samples in Clustering by K-Means Algorithm

The goal of stock market data clustering algorithm to market data and showed the results (Table .2) based on the stock market index. The clustering algorithms were successfully applied to cluster stock market data comprising into K-means clustering.

4. CONCLUSION

The K-means approach is to perform clustering to form the number of specified clusters as far as possible. The k-means method first selects a set of n points called cluster seeds as a first guess of the means of the clusters. Each observation is assigned to the nearest seed to form a set of temporary clusters. The seeds are then replaced by the cluster means, the points are reassigned, and the process continues until no further changes occur in the clusters. The K-means approach is based on Centroid approach which means assigning points

to closest clusters. The K- means Centroid Method is used in Stock market Prediction for removing the redundant and outlier data to form Clusters, as a result the prediction data is reduced.

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