

## REGIME A — Monetary Credibility

### What must be true

- Central bank can keep real rates positive
- Bonds hedge equities reliably
- Inflation risk is controlled

| Variable                      | Source                    | Why                  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Ex-post real policy rate      | FRED (FEDFUNDS – CPI YoY) | Proof of credibility |
| Inflation expectations (5y5y) | FRED                      | Anchoring            |
| Bond–equity correlation       | Market data               | Hedge validity       |
| Term premium                  | FRED (ACM)                | Policy transmission  |

### Mathematical Mapping

Regime A score increases when:

- Real rate percentile > 70%
- Eq–bond corr < -0.3
- Inflation vol < growth vol

Use a **thresholder linear score**

## REGIME B — Disinflationary Growth

### What must be true

- Inflation falling credibly
- Rate cuts not forced by debt
- Bonds still work

| Variable              | Source      |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| CPI YoY & momentum    | FRED        |
| GDP growth & momentum | FRED        |
| Yield curve slope     | FRED        |
| Eq–bond correlation   | Market data |

### Mapping Logic

Regime B dominates when:

- Inflation momentum < 0
- Growth momentum < 0
- Eq–bond corr still < 0

This is a transitional regime, not a destination.

## REGIME C — Fiscal Dominance / Financial Repression

| Variable                       | Source          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ex-post real rates             | FRED            |
| Debt/GDP & interest expense    | FRED / Treasury |
| Equity–bond correlation        | Market          |
| CB gold accumulation           | WGC             |
| Inflation vs growth volatility | FRED            |

### Mapping Logic

Regime C probability rises when:

- Real rates capped near zero
- Debt servicing rising
- Eq–bond corr  $\geq 0$
- CB gold z-score  $> +1$

This is structural, not cyclical.

## REGIME D — Crisis / Trust Shock

### What makes this different

- It is **non-linear**
- Short-lived
- Overlaps others temporarily

| Variable                    | Source |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Credit spreads              | FRED   |
| Funding stress (TED / SOFR) | FRED   |
| VIX / MOVE                  | Market |
| FX volatility               | Market |

### Mapping Logic

Regime D spikes when:

- Funding spreads explode
- Volatility exceeds thresholds
- Correlations go to 1

This regime must **decay fast**.

## How the optimizer consumes regimes

The optimizer **never sees the data.**

It only sees: Blended allocation bands, Adjusted covariance matrix, Mild return tilts

**This is critical.**

### A. Allocation bands

Effective bounds:

$$LB_i = \sum_r P_r \cdot LB_{i,r} \quad UB_i = \sum_r P_r \cdot UB_{i,r}$$

### B. Covariance adjustment

Each regime carries a correlation template:

- Regime A/B → historical correlations
- Regime C → bond hedge weakened
- Regime D → correlation spike

Blend them by regime probabilities.

### Expected return tilts (minimal)

Only enough to stop optimizer from zero-weighting:

$$E[R_i] = E[R_i^{base}] + \sum_r P_r \cdot \delta_{i,r}$$

## How regimes should be *detected vs expressed*

This is the key architectural separation.

### Regime detection (GLOBAL)

- Uses FRED + global plumbing
- Determines **which assumptions are broken**

### Regime expression (LOCAL)

- Uses Indian macro + market data
- Determines **how the regime manifests**

### Indian inputs (mandatory):

- EPS growth & revisions
- Nominal GDP growth
- Credit growth

- Domestic liquidity (M3, system liquidity)
- FII flows (not sentiment — funding)

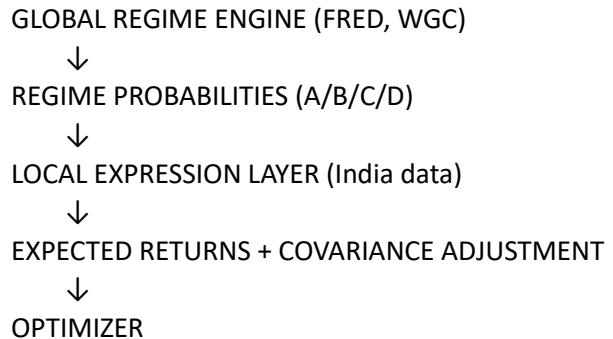
This determines:

- Equity allocation *within* regime
- Large vs mid vs small tilt

### **Indian inputs (dominant):**

- RBI policy stance
- CPI vs WPI gap
- Fiscal deficit trajectory
- G-Sec supply calendar
- Banking system liquidity

Indian bonds **do not behave like USTs** under Regime C. Don't copy-paste logic.



### **Sanity checks (must pass)**

Before moving to India layer, your regime engine must pass:

- 1970s → C dominant
- 2008 → D spike → C aftermath
- 2010–13 → C
- 2017–19 → A/B mix
- 2020 → D → C
- 2022–25 → C dominant

If not → **fix this first**

India Specific Expression layer

Indian data required

| Variable                    | Why it matters        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nominal GDP growth          | Equity revenue anchor |
| CPI (headline & core)       | Policy reaction       |
| Credit growth (bank + NBFC) | Earnings leverage     |
| Fiscal deficit (% GDP)      | Bond supply pressure  |
| Current account balance     | FX stability          |

### Indian market and Liquidity Data

| Variable                             | Why                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| System liquidity (₹ surplus/deficit) | Bond behaviour      |
| G-Sec yield curve                    | Duration expression |
| FII net flows (rolling)              | Funding pressure    |
| Equity valuation percentiles         | Return asymmetry    |
| Corporate profit/GDP                 | Margin regime       |

Expression logic by asset class this is the important regime by regime.

### REGIME A — Monetary Credibility (India Expression)

Global truth:

- Tight policy works
- Bonds hedge equities

Indian expression:

- RBI conservative
- Liquidity tight
- Equity multiples compress

Portfolio implications:

Equity

- Large caps preferred
- Mid/small caps penalized
- Lower equity risk premium

Debt

- Duration rewarded
- Long bonds viable
- Credit spreads stable

Hybrids

- Traditional 60:40 works

## **REGIME B — Disinflationary Growth (India Expression)**

Global truth:

- Easing credible
- Growth slowing

**Indian expression:**

- RBI cuts with confidence
- Liquidity improves
- Earnings growth decelerates gently

**Portfolio implications:**

Equity

- Stable returns
- Broad participation
- Valuation support

Debt

- Duration performs
- Accrual + duration sweet spot

Hybrids

- Balanced advantage thrives

## **REGIME C — Fiscal Dominance (India Expression)**

Global truth:

- Real rates capped
- Bond hedge broken
- Financial repression

**Indian expression:**

- Nominal growth resilient
- RBI prioritizes stability
- Duration risky
- Gold demand persistent

**Portfolio implications:**

Equity

- Earnings hold up
- Multiples capped
- Quality bias critical

Debt

- Short duration preferred
- Long duration volatile
- Accrual > duration

Hybrids

- Dynamic allocation valuable
- Static 60:40 breaks

## **REGIME D — Crisis / Trust Shock (India Expression)**

Global truth:

- Liquidity stress
- Correlations spike

**Indian expression:**

- FII outflows
- FX pressure
- RBI intervenes

**Portfolio implications:**

Equity

- Sharp drawdowns
- Large caps relatively resilient

Debt

- Flight to safety
- Only highest quality holds

Hybrids

- Equity-light positioning essential

## **Liquidity constraint mapping (India-specific)**

Use system liquidity to:

- Penalize leverage
- Penalize mid/small caps in tight regimes
- Cap duration when liquidity tight

This keeps portfolios realistic.

From this layer, we export:

1. Expected return adjustment vectors (by asset)
2. Covariance overrides (India-specific)
3. Regime-conditioned allocation **preferences** (not weights)

## **Sanity checks (must pass)**

- Strong Indian growth + Regime C → equities don't explode
- RBI cuts + Regime C → long bonds still risky
- FII outflows + Regime D → hybrids de-risk automatically

If not → expression logic flawed.

## **Debt Structure Bands (India-specific)**

| Regime | Short | Medium | Long  |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| A      | 5–15  | 10–20  | 10–25 |
| B      | 5–15  | 10–20  | 15–30 |
| C      | 15–30 | 10–20  | 0–10  |
| D      | 20–40 | 5–15   | 0–5   |

