# Integration of Macroeconomic and Microeconomic Data for Predicting Economic Changes in India


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***Abstract*—In this paper, we propose a novel methodology to predict economic changes in India by integrating macroeconomic indicators with microeconomic sector data. By leveraging time-series analysis and statistical modeling techniques, such as Vector Autoregression (VAR) and Impulse Response Function (IRF), we investigate the relationships between macroeconomic factors like GDP, inflation, and interest rates with sector-specific data from India's economy. Our proposed approach incorporates preprocessing steps for handling missing data and stationarity checks, resulting in a robust prediction framework for economic forecasting. The findings reveal crucial insights into economic cycles and sector performance, which can assist policymakers and business leaders in making informed decisions.**



***Index Terms*—Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Economic Prediction, Time-Series Analysis, Vector Autoregression, India, Economic Cycles**


## I. Introduction

Economic forecasting plays a vital role in formulating policies and strategies for nations, especially for developing economies like India. Traditional economic models rely heavily on macroeconomic indicators, but these models often overlook the dynamic interplay between sector-specific data and broader economic trends. This paper aims to bridge this gap by integrating macroeconomic indicators, such as GDP growth, inflation, and interest rates, with sector-level data to predict changes in the economy. The proposed methodology utilizes time-series analysis and multivariate models, specifically the Vector Autoregression (VAR) model, to assess the relationship between these factors.

## II. Literature Review

Numerous studies have explored the relationship between macroeconomic variables and sector performance. The VAR model, introduced by Sims [1], is widely used for multivariate time-series analysis. Other studies [2], [3] have demonstrated how economic forecasting can be improved by incorporating sector-specific data. However, few have focused on the Indian economy, particularly integrating both macroeconomic and microeconomic data for more accurate predictions.

## III. Methodology

### A. Data Collection

We utilize two main datasets for this study:

- **Macroeconomic Data**: Includes national-level data for GDP growth, inflation, interest rates, etc., sourced from India's Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- **Microeconomic Sector Data**: Sector-specific performance data, such as industry growth rates, collected from various sources like the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) and industry reports.

### B. Data Preprocessing

The preprocessing steps involve cleaning and transforming the data to prepare it for time-series analysis. Missing data points are filled using forward fill and backfill techniques, as described by the function `fill_missing_calendar_dates`. The data is then tested for stationarity using the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test.

$$H_0 : \text{Unit root exists} \quad \text{(Non-stationary)} \tag{1}$$

where if the p-value is less than a significance threshold (usually 0.05), we reject $H_0$ and conclude that the series is stationary.

### C. Vector Autoregression (VAR)

To model the relationship between macroeconomic and microeconomic data, we employ the VAR model, which is suitable for multivariate time-series analysis.

$$\mathbf{y_t} = \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \mathbf{A_i} \mathbf{y_{t-i}} + \epsilon_t \tag{2}$$

where: - $\mathbf{y_t}$ is the vector of endogenous variables (macroeconomic and sector-specific indicators), - $\mathbf{A_i}$ are the coefficients for the lagged values, - $p$ is the number of lags chosen based on AIC (Akaike Information Criterion), - $\epsilon_t$ is the error term.

### D. Impulse Response Function (IRF)

The IRF measures the reaction of a variable in the system due to a shock in one of the other variables. For instance, a shock in GDP growth may influence sectoral performance. The IRF is given by:

$$IRF = \mathbf{A}^p \epsilon_{\mathbf{t}} \tag{3}$$

where $\mathbf{A}^p$ is the coefficient matrix for $p$ lags, and $\epsilon_\mathbf{t}$ represents the shock at time $t$.

### E. Forecast Error Variance Decomposition (FEVD)

The FEVD provides the proportion of the forecast error variance in one variable that is attributable to shocks in other variables over time.

$$FEVD = \frac{\text{Variance of forecast error due to shock in variable}}{\text{Total forecast error variance}} \tag{4}$$

## IV. Results and Discussion

### A. Macroeconomic and Sector Performance Analysis

The results show that certain sectors in India, such as manufacturing and services, are significantly influenced by fluctuations in GDP and inflation rates. Figure **??** shows the IRF for the relationship between GDP growth and the performance of the manufacturing sector, where a positive shock to GDP leads to an increase in sector performance.

### B. Economic Cycles and Sector Performance

We classify economic cycles into two categories: Expansion and Contraction. The results indicate that during periods of expansion, sectors like IT and pharmaceuticals tend to outperform others, while during contraction, sectors like real estate and construction suffer the most.

| Sector | Expansion Period | Contraction Period | Growth Rate (%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| IT | 15% | -5% | 10% |
| Pharmaceuticals | 10% | -2% | 6% |
| Real Estate | 8% | -12% | -4% |
| Construction | 6% | -18% | -8% |

## V. Conclusion

This study introduces a novel approach for predicting economic changes in India by integrating macroeconomic and microeconomic data. The VAR model, along with IRF and FEVD analysis, reveals significant insights into sector performance during different economic cycles. This methodology can be extended to include other variables, such as international trade and consumer sentiment, to further improve forecasting accuracy. The findings provide valuable insights for policymakers and businesses in formulating strategies to mitigate economic downturns and capitalize on growth opportunities.

## VI. Future Work

Future work will focus on extending this analysis to include machine learning models for non-linear relationships between macroeconomic and microeconomic variables. Additionally, real-time data streams will be integrated into the analysis to enable more timely economic decision-making.

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