

Goal - Construct portfolio of Nifty 50 by leveraging GCN & Spectral Graph Theory

① GCN - learn relationship of stock's and use it to allocate weights.  
- optimize return and risk

② GCN & Spectral Graph Theory

→ 1.) Stock market as network  
2.) Spectral graph theory

#. Stocks - nodes

#. Correlation - edges.

③ Use spectral graph techniques to cluster (here simple k - mean's clustering) → to get diversified stocks.

② GCN for feature engineering (learning)

1) aggregate info from stock neighbors

2) enable stock to learn from co-related peers

3) This capture pattern in stock relationships and assign weight

Algorithm :-

Step 1 :- Data

\* Fetch data for Nifty 50, (market cap);

\* Compute daily returns.

\* Analyze correlation matrix for daily returns.

Step 2 :- Graph.

→ \* Stock as node; Edges - correlation bw,  
[ apply threshold: computationally manageable ]  
→ essential for GCN.

Step 3 :- Spectral clustering :- (optional).

\* Graphs Laplacian (or adjacency) cluster highly correlated using eigenvalue and eigenvectors and find strong connections



Step 4 :- Train:- GCN to learn graphs

⊛ layers that learn node (stock) embeddings by aggregating info from neighbouring nodes

⊛ trained to output representation for each stock :-

⊛ this output is used for portfolio weighting :-

→ GCN captures dependencies b/w stocks  
→ learn a representation ?

Process :- 1.) Train and validate.

Step 5 :- Generate Portfolio weights using node embedding :-

⊛ Extract node embedding - from GCN (based on position & connections).

⊛ Node embedding ~ proxy ~ weights.

⊛ Convert embedding to weights :  
[take mean and normalise ... to 1 ; over 100%]

Process :- ① Use validation data, where weights are applied to get returns over the validation period



## ④ Step 6 :- Back testing :-

⑦ Calculate weighted portfolio return on validation data (from assigned weights)

⑧ Evaluate performance metrics

→ Cumulate returns :- total growth

→ Annualized volatility → Risk

→ Sharpe ratio → Risk adjusted return

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Notes:-\* Spectral Analysis (Clustering)

- Find laplacian matrix ;  $L = D_{ii} - \text{Adjacency matrix}$   
or normalised laplacian //
- Compute eigen values & eigen vectors
- Smallest -  $k$  - eigen vectors (those corresponding to smallest non-zero eigen values) will represent the graph in lower dim space.
- This eigen vector tells all properties.
- Form a matrix  $U$  from this small - eigen - vectors  
row - node ; column - corresponds to an eigen vector  
↳ low dim representation of a node  
Captures graph - ) (tells 'strong connections').
- Apply  $k$ -means clustering: on each row treating it as data point in lower dim space
- Resulting clusters corresponds to groups in original graph.

\*  $k$ -means clustering:-


- \* Unsupervised Machine learning algo
- \* Create  $k$ -clusters.
- \* Initial  $k$ -centroids ; calculate closed centroid using Euclidean distance and repeat.



## \* GCN

→ trained to learn individual characteristic & correlation relationship

Individual characteristics : Return, Volatility, Indicator, Sentiment Analysis.  
(Node features).

→ Forward pass + Loss calculation using node embedding regularisation  
Backpropagation +   
(compute gradients using Adam).

\* After training; each stock has a learned embedding

\* Use this embedding to assign weights by normalising

\* Embedding :- Low dim → representation of high dim data. capturing key features in numerical form (stock characteristic)

\* In this project :- vector form of self and correlations of stocks are embedding (outer layer)  
(50 stocks, 8 nodes) ∴ output layer.  
pattern "

From here aggregate (take mean) -