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ABSTRACT

This project presents the development of a Stock Prediction System aimed at forecasting short-term stock prices using the ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) model. The system is designed to assist investors in making data-driven decisions by analyzing historical NEPSE stock data. The backend is built with Django and integrates a Python-based ARIMA forecasting module that handles data preprocessing, model training, and prediction generation. The frontend, developed using React.js, enables users to upload CSV data and visualize predictions through interactive graphs. The prediction logic and backend functionality have been fully implemented, and the frontend has also been successfully integrated and tested.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

API Application Programming Interface

ARIMA Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average

DFD Data Flow Diagram

ER Entity Relationship

JSON JavaScript Object Notation

MAE Mean Absolute Error

MAPE Mean Absolute Percentage Error

NEPSE Nepal Stock Exchange

NRB Nepal Rastra Bank

ORM Object-Relational Mapping

REST REpresentational State Transfer

RMSE Root Mean Squared Error

UI User Interface

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1. Introduction

One of the vital elements of a market economy is stock market. The reason behind this is mainly because of the foundation it lays for public listed companies to gain capital via investors, who invest to buy equity in the company. With the aid of refinements in the industries, stock market is expanding rapidly. The stock market is volatile in nature and the prediction of the same is not an easy task. Stock prices depend upon a variety of factors including economic, political, psychological, rational and other important aspects. Although, the stock trend is difficult to predict, investors seem to find new techniques in order to minimize the risk of investment and increase the probability of profiting from the investments.[1]

This project aims to develop a stock price prediction system using the ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) model, a widely used statistical method for time-series forecasting. By analyzing historical stock data, the system will provide short-term price predictions, enabling investors to make informed decisions based on data-driven insights rather than speculation.

1.2. Problem Statement

Stock prices are highly volatile, making it difficult for investors to predict market trends. Many traders rely on intuition rather than analytical tools, increasing financial risks. This project aims to address this challenge by implementing ARIMA-based stock price forecasting, providing a reliable and systematic approach for predicting short-term price movements. By leveraging statistical modeling, the system will offer investors a structured approach to market analysis, helping them make informed decisions and navigate stock market fluctuations more effectively.

1.3. Objectives

- To develop an ARIMA model for stock price forecasting.
- To enhance investment decisions with data-driven predictions.

1.4. Scope and Limitations

1.4.1. Scope

• Predict stock prices using ARIMA model.

- Use historical NEPSE data for forecasting.
- Display results in graphs and tables.

1.4.2. Limitations

- Only supports time-series prediction using ARIMA
- Requires clean, preformatted CSV with date and close price; won't handle raw or noisy data well.
- Prediction accuracy declines with irregular or highly volatile data.
- Only supports short-term forecasting (typically up to 7 days).
- No live NEPSE data fetching—users must upload data manually.

1.5. Development Methodology

The Stock Prediction System uses the iterative waterfall methodology for development. This model combines the linear phases of the traditional waterfall model—requirements, design, implementation, testing, and maintenance—with the ability to revisit each phase in cycles. Feedback from each stage is used to refine the next iteration, allowing continuous improvement of the forecasting model and user interface. This approach is suitable for developing a data-driven system that requires ongoing adjustments based on evaluation metrics and test results.

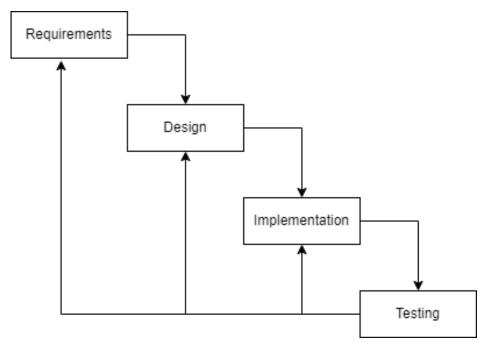


Figure 1.1: Iterative Waterfall Methodology

1.6. Report Organization

This report is structured into the following chapters:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Provides an overview of the project, defines the problem statement, outlines the objectives, scope, limitations, and briefly discusses the development methodology used.

Chapter 2: Background Study and Literature Review

Covers the foundational knowledge of stock market prediction and time series forecasting. Reviews research and models related to ARIMA and their applications in financial data analysis.

Chapter 3: System Analysis and Design

Describes the requirement analysis, feasibility study, and design of the system, including architecture, system flowcharts, and algorithm explanation. It focuses on the design considerations for implementing ARIMA.

Chapter 4: Implementation and Testing

Details the development of each module—data uploading, preprocessing, model training, and result visualization. It also includes testing methodologies, unit test cases, and system-level test results to validate system functionality.

Chapter 5: Conclusion

Summarizes the outcomes of the project.

References

Lists all academic, technical, and web-based resources cited during the project.

Appendices

Includes supplementary materials such as code snippets, screenshots.

CHAPTER 2: BACKGROUND STUDY AND LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Background Study

Initially it should be noted that due to the proprietary nature of many financial forecasting systems, detailed implementation specifics are often not publicly available. So, time series forecasting and prediction utilizing ARIMA model was studied for this project to understand how existing systems approach stock price prediction. Specifically, models used by platforms like Yahoo Finance and Google Finance, which often incorporate ARIMA or related time-series techniques, were analyzed to an extent. These systems often utilize historical stock data, including price and volume, to train and forecast future trends. A common approach involves pre-processing data to ensure stationarity, a critical requirement for ARIMA models, and then fitting the model to historical data to generate forecasts. The evaluation of these systems typically involves metrics like Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) to assess the accuracy of predictions.

2.2. Literature Review

Past studies have consistently demonstrated the application of ARIMA models for stock price prediction. Foundational work [2] established the theoretical framework for ARIMA, emphasizing the importance of stationarity and autocorrelation in time series analysis. This methodology has been widely adopted in financial forecasting.

Research has shown that ARIMA models can effectively capture temporal dependencies in historical stock data. Numerous studies have explored the application of ARIMA, sometimes in conjunction with other techniques, to forecast stock prices. These studies typically utilize historical price and volume data obtained from sources like Yahoo Finance and Google Finance. A common practice involves preprocessing the data to ensure stationarity, a crucial requirement for ARIMA models.

Furthermore, studies like the one by the Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) [3] have specifically explored the usefulness of ARIMA models for analyzing and forecasting the Nepalese stock market (NEPSE) index. The NRB study, using data from mid-2012 to the end of 2015, demonstrated that ARIMA models can effectively explain variations, trends, and fluctuations in the NEPSE index. This research confirms the applicability of time series techniques, particularly ARIMA, for modeling and forecasting daily stock index values.

While ARIMA models have limitations, including assumptions of linearity and stationarity, they remain a valuable tool for understanding and predicting stock market trends based on historical data.

CHAPTER 3: SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DESIGN

3.1. System Analysis

3.1.1. Requirement Analysis

I. Functional Requirements:

- The system should be able to load and analyze historical data.
- The system should apply ARIMA for short-term stock prediction.
- The system should display predicted stock prices.

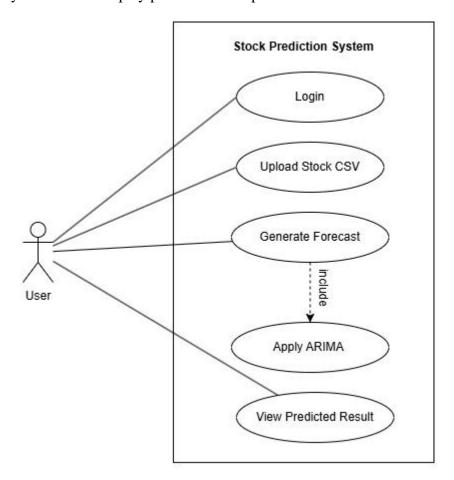


Figure 3.1: Use Case Diagram of Stock Prediction System

II. Non-Functional Requirements:

- The system should have simple and intuitive interface.
- The system should be able to provide quick and efficient predictions.
- The system should maintain accuracy in forecasting.

3.1.2. Feasibility Analysis

I. Technical

This project requires a single system where users interact with a stock prediction application. The system loads stock data and preprocesses the data, automatically selects ARIMA parameters, trains the model, and generates stock price forecasts. Users receive visualized results in the form of graphs and tables. The system is built using Python and its libraries, all of which are widely used open-source tools, ensuring no technical difficulties in development.

II. Operational

The system is designed to be simple, intuitive, and user-friendly. A user can select a stock, initiate a forecast, and view results without requiring prior technical knowledge of ARIMA models. The application will be accessible via a web interface, making it easy for users to interact with predictions in real time. No advanced configuration is needed, as the system will automatically optimize the forecasting model based on statistical tests and data characteristics.

III. Economic

This project is cost-effective since it leverages open-source tools. Since no proprietary software or paid tools are required, there are no additional costs involved in its development.

IV. Schedule

This project was scheduled as:

2025	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Remarks
Requirement Gathering							Complete
System Design							Complete
Development Phase							Complete
Development Phase II							Complete
Testing							Complete
Documentation							Complete

Figure 3.2: Gantt Chart

3.1.3. Data Modelling

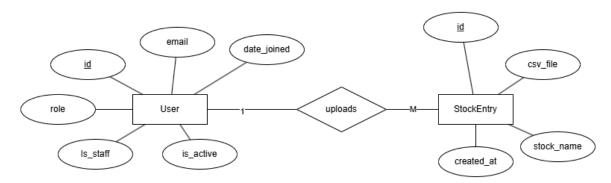


Figure 3.3: ER Diagram for Stock Prediction System

The Entity Relationship (ER) diagram illustrates the logical structure of the database for the Stock Prediction System. It consists of two main entities: User and StockEntry.

- The User entity stores information such as ID, email, role, date joined, and status fields like is_active and is_staff.
- The StockEntry entity includes fields such as ID, stock name, CSV file path, and creation timestamp.

The relationship between the entities is one-to-many, where one user can upload multiple stock entries. This is represented by the uploads relationship, with a cardinality of 1 to M (many).

Each attribute is connected to its respective entity, and the primary keys (id) are clearly identified. This data model ensures that uploaded stock files are always linked to a valid user and provides a structured way to organize and retrieve stock-related data.

3.1.4. Process Modelling

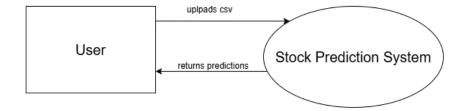


Figure 3.4: Context Level DFD of Stock Prediction System

The context-level DFD shows how the user interacts with the Stock Prediction System. The user uploads a CSV file, and the system processes it to return stock price predictions.

The diagram highlights two main data flows:

• Uploads CSV to the system

Receives predictions from the system

This high-level model gives a clear overview of the system's main functionality.

3.2. System Design

3.2.1. Architectural design

The Stock Prediction System follows a client-server architecture that separates the frontend interface from the backend processing logic. The backend is developed using Django, which handles API endpoints, CSV data processing, ARIMA model execution, and database interactions. The frontend is built with React.js and communicates with the backend through RESTful APIs.

Users interact with the system through the web interface, where they can upload historical stock data in CSV format. This file is sent to the backend, where the system preprocesses the data, runs the ARIMA model, and returns the forecast results. The frontend then visualizes the results using graphs and tables. PostgreSQL is used to store user data and file information.

This layered architecture promotes modularity, scalability, and ease of maintenance. Each component is loosely coupled, enabling independent updates or replacements if needed in the future.

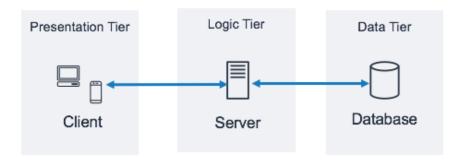


Figure 3.5: Architecture Design of Stock Prediction System

3.2.2. Database Schema design

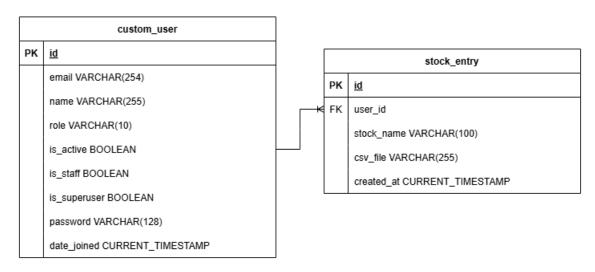


Figure 3.6: Database Schema for of Stock Prediction System

The database schema of the Stock Prediction System is designed using a relational structure to ensure data integrity, simplicity, and scalability. It consists of two main tables: custom_user and stock_entry.

The custom_user table stores user-related information. Each user has a unique ID and fields such as email, name, role (either staff or user), and authentication-related fields like password, active status, and date joined. The role field is used to differentiate between system users and administrative staff.

The stock_entry table records the uploaded stock data files for each user. Each record includes the stock name, the path to the uploaded CSV file, and the timestamp when it was uploaded. The user_id is a foreign key referencing the custom_user table, which ensures that every stock entry is linked to a valid user.

The schema follows a one-to-many relationship where one user can have multiple stock entries. This is achieved using a foreign key (user_id) in the stock_entry table that points to the id in the custom_user table.

This structure is optimized for modularity, simplifies user-specific data retrieval, and is fully compatible with Django's ORM system.

3.2.3. Interface design (UI/UX)

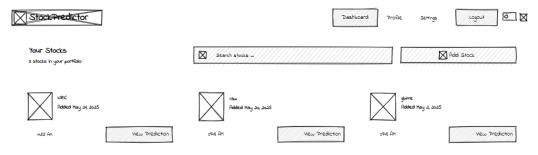


Figure 3.7: Wireframe for dashboard

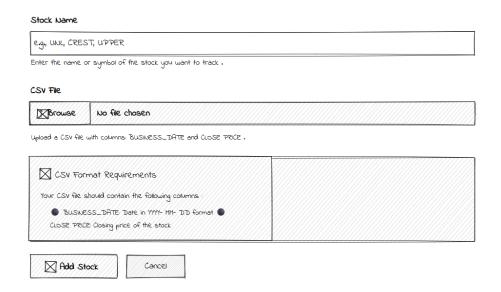


Figure 3.8: Wireframe for add stock page

The system has a simple and clean interface built for ease of use. The dashboard shows all uploaded stocks in a card layout with options to filter, search, and view predictions.

The Add Stock page includes a form to enter the stock name and upload a CSV file. It also shows format instructions to guide the user.

The prediction made that is also made shows relative metrics and graphs.

3.2.4. Physical DFD

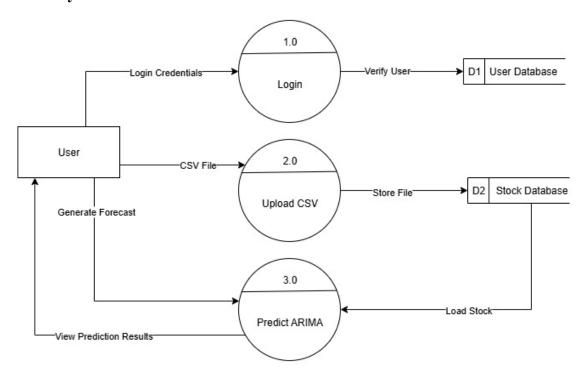


Figure 3.9: Level 1 DFD of Stock Prediction System

This Level 1 DFD represents a stock forecasting system using the ARIMA model. The process starts with the user logging in by submitting their credentials, which are verified using the User Database (D1). After successful login, the user uploads a CSV file containing stock data. This data is stored in the Stock Database (D2). When the user requests a forecast, the system loads the relevant stock data from the database, applies the ARIMA prediction model, and returns the prediction results to the user.

3.3. Algorithm Details

ARIMA is a widely used statistical model for time series forecasting. It works by capturing different aspects of a time-dependent structure: the autoregressive relationship (AR), the differencing to make the data stationary (I), and the moving average component (MA).

The ARIMA model is denoted as ARIMA (p, d, q), where:

- p is the number of lag observations included in the model (autoregression),
- d is the number of times the raw observations are differenced (integration),
- q is the size of the moving average window (moving average).

The model works by first transforming the original data to remove trends and make it stationary, then identifying and estimating the optimal values for p, d, and q, and finally using the fitted model to forecast future values based on past data and error terms.

Working Steps of auto_arima():

The auto_arima() function from the pmdarima library simplifies the ARIMA modeling process by automating the selection of the best p, d, and q parameters.

- Input Time Series: The function takes a univariate time series, typically stock closing prices.
- Stationarity Check: It applies statistical tests (such as the Augmented Dickey-Fuller test) to determine the optimal value of d (the order of differencing).
- Model Selection: It iterates through multiple combinations of p and q, fitting ARIMA (p, d, q) models for each. The best model is selected using information criteria such as AIC (Akaike Information Criterion) or BIC (Bayesian Information Criterion).
- Model Fitting: The chosen ARIMA model is trained on the dataset.
- Forecast Generation: Once fitted, the model can forecast future values using methods like .predict().

CHAPTER 4: IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

4.1. Implementation

4.1.1. Tools used

• Programming Languages:

- Python: Used for implementing the ARIMA prediction algorithm and backend logic.
- JavaScript (React.js): Used for developing the interactive and responsive frontend interface.

Backend Framework:

 Django: Powers the backend server. It handles user interaction, API endpoints, CSV uploads, model execution, and serves processed prediction data to the frontend.

• Frontend Framework:

• **React.js:** Used to build a dynamic single-page application where users can upload stock data and view prediction results with interactive graphs.

Python Libraries:

- o **pandas** For data loading and preprocessing.
- o **numpy** For numerical operations.
- o **matplotlib** For graph generation (optional server-side).
- pmdarima For training the ARIMA model and predicting future stock prices.
- o sklearn.metrics For calculating performance metrics (MAE, RMSE, R²).

• Database Platform:

PostgreSQL: Used as the main database to store user data, uploaded CSV file path. Integrated with Django ORM.

• IDE (Integrated Development Environment):

 Visual Studio Code: Used for both backend and frontend development with plugins for Python and JavaScript.

• CASE Tools:

- Draw.io: Used to design system diagrams including flowcharts, ER diagrams, and architecture.
- o **MS Word:** Used for creating and compiling the full project documentation.

• Documentation Tool:

 MS Word: Used to write all report sections, insert diagrams and figures, and format the final submission.

4.1.2. Implementation details of modules

The Stock Prediction System is divided into several key modules, each responsible for a specific part of the application. The following describes the major components and their implementation logic:

• CSV Upload Module (Django + React):

- Frontend allows users to upload CSV files containing stock data (BUSINESS_DATE, CLOSE_PRICE).
- React handles the file input and sends the file to the backend via a POST request.
- Django receives the file, validates format, and passes it to the prediction module.

• Data Preprocessing Module (Python):

- o Parses the uploaded CSV file using pandas.
- Converts BUSINESS_DATE to datetime format.
- o Sorts and groups data by date.
- o Infers time-series frequency and fills missing values with forward-fill.

ARIMA Prediction Module (run_arima_on_csv_file()):

- o Splits the data into training and validation sets.
- Fits the ARIMA model using pmdarima.auto_arima() with parameter optimization.
- Predicts the validation set and calculates evaluation metrics: MAE, RMSE,
 R².
- o Retrains the model on full data and generates a 7-day future forecast.
- Returns structured JSON data containing train/test data, predictions, and metrics.

• API Layer (Django Views):

 Handles endpoints which receives the uploaded file, invokes the prediction function, and returns the result to the frontend in JSON format.

• Frontend Display Module (React.js):

- Sends CSV to the backend and receives the prediction data.
- o Displays the actual vs. predicted stock prices using graph libraries.
- o Shows forecasting results and evaluation metrics in a readable format.

Each module is separated by function and interacts via clear interfaces (REST API + JSON), making the system modular, scalable, and easy to maintain.

4.2. Testing

4.2.1. Test cases for Unit testing

Table 4.1: Test cases for Unit Testing

Test	Description	Input	Expected	Actual	Status
Case ID			Output	Result	
TC_U1	CSV upload	Valid CSV with	File accepted	File	Pass
	validation	BUSINESS_DATE,	and saved	uploaded	
		CLOSE_PRICE		successfully	
TC_U2	Date parsing	CSV with date in	Parsed as	Dates	Pass
		%Y-%m-%d format	datetime	parsed and	
			objects	sorted	
TC_U3	ARIMA	Clean time series	Optimal	Selected:	Pass
	parameter		(p,d,q)	(2,1,1)	
	tuning		selected		
			automatically		
TC_U4	Forecast	Forecast 7 days	Array of 7	7	Pass
	output		predicted	predictions	
	length		values	returned	
TC_U5	Metric	Actual and	MAE,	MAE: 9.3,	Pass
	calculation	predicted values	RMSE, R ²	RMSE:	
				12.7, R ² :	
				0.83	

4.2.2. Test cases for System testing

Table 4.2: Test cases for System Testing

Test Case	Description	Input Expected		Actual	Status	
ID			Output	Result		
TC_S1	User login	Valid email Redirect to		Dashboard	Pass	
		& password	dashboard	loaded		
TC_S2	CSV upload	Valid	Success	File saved,	Pass	
	from	NEPSE	message +	user notified		
	frontend	stock CSV	file saved			
TC_S3	Forecast	Click	Forecast	Graph and	Pass	
	generation	"Predict"	graph with 7	metrics		
		after upload	points	shown		
TC_S4	Graph	Valid	Display	Chart	Pass	
	rendering	prediction	actual vs	displayed		
		response	predicted	with tooltips		
			line chart			
TC_S5	Upload and	New stock	New entry	New card	Pass	
	forecast for	CSV file	added, new	created with		
	new stock		forecast	prediction		
			result			
TC_S6	Multiple	2 different	Each sees	User-based	Pass	
	user file	users	only their	data isolated		
	uploads	uploading	own uploads	correctly		
		CSVs	and results			
TC_S7	Backend	Corrupted	Meaningful	"Internal	Pass	
	fails during	CSV or	error	server error"		
	prediction	backend	message	caught		
		down	shown to	gracefully		
			user			

CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSION

5.1. Conclusion

The Stock Prediction System has been fully developed and completed. All core components, including data uploading, ARIMA-based forecasting, backend processing, and the frontend interface, have been successfully implemented, integrated, and tested. The system enables users to upload historical stock data and receive short-term predictions in a clear and visual format.

The project has achieved its intended goals, such as implementing the forecasting logic, building a robust Django backend, and developing a user-friendly frontend using React. All modules now work together seamlessly to provide a smooth end-to-end experience. The system has been tested to ensure functional accuracy and reliability in real-world use cases.

5.2. Lesson Learnt

During the development of the Stock Prediction System, the following key lessons were learned:

- Clean and well-structured data is essential for accurate forecasting.
- ARIMA works well for linear and stationary time series but has limitations.
- Building a full-stack system improved understanding of API integration.
- Error handling and user feedback are crucial for system reliability.
- Iterative development allowed continuous improvement of features and UI.

5.3. Future Recommendations

To enhance the Stock Prediction System further, the following improvements are recommended:

- Integrate Live NEPSE Data: Automate data fetching from official NEPSE sources via APIs to remove manual CSV uploads.
- Support More Models: Add other forecasting models like SARIMA, LSTM, or Prophet to compare results and improve accuracy.
- **Enable Long-Term Forecasting**: Extend the prediction period beyond 7 days with improved algorithms and seasonal handling.
- Add User Analytics: Track user activity and prediction history for personalized recommendations.

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APPENDICES

