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# ABSTRACT

In financial market, stock market plays a vigilant role. To forecasts the estimation of worldwide stock market is not an easy work. Unstable and assumptive aspects of the securities make it hard to predict the next day stock prices. There is no particular indicator for financial forecasting but there are many technical indicators to elaborate a stock trend.

In this Project, we implement a combination of different base kernels to predict the direction of stock prices going up or down in future, which comprises a 2-tier framework.

- In first tier, we prepare the data and compute some technical indicators and normalize a data set into a MKL data representation.
- In second tier, design a model which has three sub-tasks :
  - Construct different base kernels on the extracted featured set.
  - For the different base kernels, the weights are first learned and then tuned, and then these base kernels are combined.
  - Performing Multiple kernel Learning through walk forward approach and predict the movement of daily stock prices going up or down

As compared to single kernel methods, Multiple Kernel Learning methods are more accurate and there are fewer chances of wrong prediction. It will be beneficial for stock market as compared to other existing prediction methods.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Stock Market

In financial market, stock market prediction is a substantial issue in mathematics, finance engineering due to its financial hide and seek. A huge amount of money is invested in stock market, this is one of the reasons why stock market can be seen on peaks, but still financial market is unpredictable, still you can't predict what will be next day price. People have studied a lot to evaluate and forecast the stock price, involving statistics and other prediction method based on ancestral stock price or volume abstract and technical analysis. For the frugality of a country, share market plays a substantial role. It is the only places where investor can buy share and get benefited, at many have become millionaire in stock market. .and also company can also raise their fund without taking any loan or without any interest. The stock market is marking an substantial augmentation to frugatile growth, is one of the most vigorous area in the monetary system. Buyers and sellers of stocks in the stock market securities, bonds, debentures etc. can enter into a purchase and sale transaction or we can say stock market is a Scaffold for dealing certain collateral and descendants. In addition, through this community concern to accrete possessions for their companies and corporate business ventures, enabling entrepreneurs have a substantial role.

In many areas of machine learning algorithm for analyzing price pattern, a lot of studies or work has been done for forecasting stock prices and change in index. Today mostly all the prediction was mostly based on intelligence business system. Which help them in forecasting prices based on various conditions and salutation, which help in taking quick investment decision? Stock market changes dynamically and there are quick changes. .in a single moment only stock price can show huge variation. Company not only gives share to the investor but it also gives the ownership of the company. Many people are still confused about stock market. Some people believe that investing money in stock market is like gambling. The people, who have this thinking, actually don't understand stock market. It's not gambling, it's an investment and analysis finding patterns in the past time series data. Through stock market, a person can grow a

small amount of money into a large sum. A person can become wealthy without starting a business with huge investment. Stock market is an accretion of buying and selling.

Changes are very quick in the stock market due to essential disposition of dominion because of brew of criterions(closing price of previous day, p/e ratio etc.) and some factors that are not known like (Election Results ,Rumors etc) A good trader is the one who can estimate the rise or fall of the stock market. .and he buy the shares before its rate gets high and sell his share before the share fall. In short is able to get maximum benefit. .although it is very difficult to do correct prediction but a correct or accurate forecasting of stock market can give you lot of gain and in the blinking of eye sometimes you can become millionaire.

Stock market is unpredictable as it's very difficult to predict the stock price of any stock. By doing some analysis on the market, researchers find some patterns in the historical data. There are two types of analysis in the market – fundamental analysis and technical analysis.

### **1.1.1 Fundamental Analysis**

These are anxious with the companies that influence the stock itself. They estimate on the basis of a company's performance in the past and also the integrity of its account. Many performance ratios like P/E ratio are erected to aid the fundamental analysis with estimating the existence of the stock. One of most famous Fundamental analyst is Warren Buffet. It is made on fact criteria that company invest the money of the people; if company is getting profit the company shares the profit with its share holders.

### **1.1.2 Technical Analysis**

In stock market analysis there are two approaches first approach includes analysis of graphs where analysts try to find out certain patterns that are followed by stock but this approach is very difficult and very complex. In second approach analyst make use of quantitative parameters like trend indicators, daily ups and downs, highest and lowest values of a day, volume of stock, indices, put/call ratios, etc. It also includes some averages which is nothing more than mean of prices for particular window. Simple Moving Average (EMA) of last n days and Exponential Moving Average (EMA) where price of recent days has more weight in average. Analyst tries to find out some mathematical formula which can map this input to the desired output. That why

most of the machine learning techniques prefer technical analysis data over fundamental analysis data as input to system.

## 1.2 Support Vector Machine

SVM is the state-of-art approach for classification problems [6, 3] SVM is a supervised learning method used for classification, regression and other tasks. Basic principle is that given a set of training data points, the task is to divide these training data points into two classes by finding the separating hyper plane which maximizes the distance or margin to the nearest training data points of any class (called functional or geometric margin). This will be ensuring the classification of unseen points to be better that is a better generalization. Clearly explain by the figure 1.1, there are three hyper planes shown in the diagram. S3 hyper plane does not classify well all the training data points. S1 classifies all the training data points but it is not at the maximum margin from their nearest training data points. S2 hyper plane classifies all the training data points well and it is the maximum margin separating hyper plane.

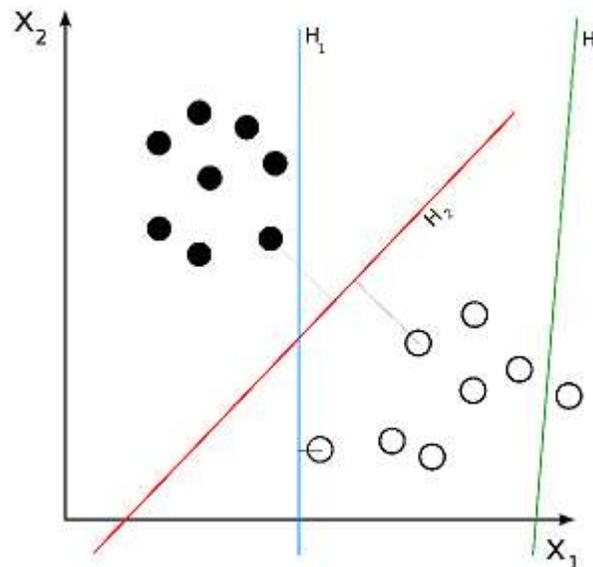


Figure1.1. Separating Hyper planes

The key characteristics of SVM are that they simultaneously maximize the functional margin and minimizes the structural risk error. The advantages of SVM are:

- SVM method is efficiently work in high dimensional space.

- If number of dimensions or features is greater than the number of training data points, SVM method is still effective in these cases.
- SVM method used the main memory efficiently, by learning their parameters and decision function from the subset of the training data points, these training points are called the support vectors.
- SVM are versatile because different kernel functions available for decision function.

### Disadvantages of SVM:

If number of training data points is much less than the number of dimensions or features, then the performance of SVM method will be reduced.

The probability estimation cannot provide directly by the SVM, it can find out by some other technique (five-fold cross validation or 10-fold), by which the model's performance suffer.

### Mathematical Formulation of SVM-

A set of points some training data is given -

$$\mathbf{T} = \left\{ (\mathbf{x}_i, c_i) \mid \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, c_i \in \{-1, 1\} \right\}_{i=1}^m$$

Where  $c_i$  denoting two different classes 1 or -1 to which  $\mathbf{x}_i$  belongs,  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is a n-dimensional real vector. Find the separating hyper plane which maximizes the margin between two parallel hyper planes shown in the figure and divide the points into their classes in which they belongs see in figure 1.2

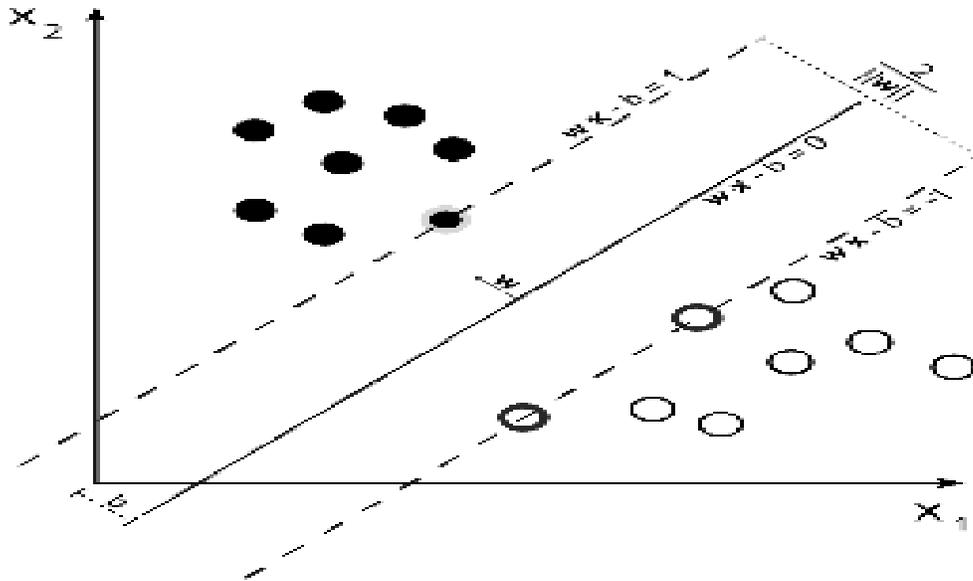


Figure1.2: Maximal separating hyper plane

The equation of any hyper plane is given as –

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$w$  is a normal vector perpendicular to the hyperplane . The offset of the hyperplane from the origin in the direction of normal vector  $w$  is calculated by the parameter  $\frac{b}{\|w\|}$  . To maximize the margin , choose a suitable values of normal vector  $w$  and  $b$ . In the figure see the two parallel hyperplanes , these can be represented as:

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} = 1 \quad , \text{ and}$$

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b} = -1$$

If given data is linearly separable, select two parallel hyper planes is such a way that no point lies between them. Distance between two parallel hyper planes is find out  $\frac{2}{\|w\|}$  by geometry, minimize  $\|w\|$  to maximize the distance between two parallel hyper planes.

### Primal Form

In the above section, discussed about optimization problem is difficult to optimize due to its dependency on the absolute value of  $|w|$ . In mathematical form actual reason is that, it's a problem of non-convex optimization which is very difficult to solve. Favorably it is

conceivable to change the equation by replacing  $\|w\|$  with  $\frac{1}{2}\|w\|^2$  without alter the solution of the equation the minimum of the original and modified equation have the equal value of  $w$  and  $b$ . It is a quadratic programming (QP) optimization

$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{2}\|w\|^2$$

$$\text{Subject to: } c_i(w \cdot x_i - b) \geq 1, \forall: 1 \leq i \leq n$$

For mathematical convenience the factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  is used. This problem can now be solved by standard quadratic programming techniques and programs.

The rule of classification in corrupted or unconstrained form disclose the maximum separating hyper plane, so the classification problem is a function of only support vectors, training points that lie on the margin . The dual of the SVM shows as:

$$\text{Maximize: } \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \alpha_i \alpha_j c_i c_j x_i^T x_j$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i c_i = 0$$

Where a weight vector in terms of the training set conditions for forming a duple enactment in  $\alpha$  terms.

$$w = \sum_i \alpha_i c_i x_i$$

### Soft Margin

In 1995, Corinna Cortes and Vladimir Vapnik gave a Maximum modified margin which allows misclassified examples. No such hyper plane exist which can divide "yes" or " no" class but soft margin hyper plane choose that hyper plane can split examples cleanly as possible while still maximizing the distance.

# 1.3 Multiple Kernel Learning

Multiple Kernel learning is a method which manage with the issue of a kernel choice [2][3]. This technique decreases the risk of wrong selection of a kernel to some extent by adopting a set of kernels and for each kernel determined its weight such that every prediction are built on weighted aggregate of various kernels. The multiple kernels increase the performance of the model and interpretability of the results.

Suppose  $k_m$  ( $m=1, \dots, M$ ) are  $M$  positive definite kernels on the same input data  $.X$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{d_m} \|F_m\|_{H_m}^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \quad \dots\dots\dots(1) \\ & y_i \sum_{m=1}^M F_m(x_i) + y_i b \geq 1 - \xi_i, \quad \forall i, m \quad \xi_i \geq 0 \\ & \sum_{m=1}^M d_m = 1, d_m \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $d_m$  are weights of sub-kernel  $m$ , and  $\xi$  represents the loose variables and  $C$  is used to control the generalization error of the classification. The resulting kernel,

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \sum_{k=1}^m \beta_k K_k(x_i, x_j) \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

It has been known that L1 norm regularization tends to produce sparse solutions which means during the learning most kernels are assigned virtually zero weights. This behavior may not always be desirable because the information carried in the kernels that get zero weights is completely discarded. A non-sparse version of multiple kernels is proposed by KLoft et al.in [7], where an L2 norm regularization is imposed instead of L1 norm.

**Algorithm** Simple  $l_{p>1}$  norm MKL wrapper-based training algorithm. The analytical updates of  $\theta$  and the SVM computations are optimized simultaneously.

**Input:** feasible  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

**While** optimality conditions are not satisfied **do**

Compute  $\alpha$  (SVM Parameter)

Compute  $\|w_m\|^2$  for all  $m=1, \dots, M$  according to equation (1)

Update  $\beta$  according to equation (2)

**End while**

## 1.4 Motivation

Millions of the people in the world are earning a lot from a stock market. Capitalist wants to earn more and more to get high dividends whole day, they monitor all the stocks of the companies, as every moment they have hope to earn a profit, they seek for every possible opportunity. Broker is a middle man between buyer and seller. But their job is also not that much easy. Daily brokers have to keep eye on every activity of the company. They keep track on company's performance, any political issues that can affect the frugality, international market etc. Because on the basis of their experience or research only or using their sixth sense they buy or sell shares Its very difficult or we can say nobody is able to come. However overall trend i.e. weekly or monthly can be predicted by some great minds to which the challenge of prediction increases. In fact there are many fields like financial organization is mutual funds they want to spend maximum in the stock market as to get maximum profit. These companies invest money on the basis of prediction model. Exact predictions are still not possible that's why people say stock market is unpredictable. If broker or any financial organization is able to detect or forecast the stock market, they will be able to gain maximum profit and stock market will be of great value to them. Now days everywhere people are working to predict the stock prices, they are making trading models, used machine learning techniques and data mining algorithms to predict the behavior of stock market. After a lot of research still there is no model which can do accurate prediction of stock market that's why still it is an active area for research.

## 1.5 Thesis Objectives and Thesis Outlines

The Objective of this thesis is to increasing the performance of stock prediction model , As we know stock market is unpredictable. In this experiment we will make several combination of kernels, using different norms and window sizes to find norms which work accurately for financial data. In order to predict future stock market more precisely

Thesis is organized into 6 chapters, chapter 1 describes about the stock market, Technical analysis, fundamental analysis and then some background of Machine learning techniques. Chapter 2 is all about the literature survey which describes the various trading models used different technique, comparison of Support vector machine with other techniques, and different norms for MKL. Chapter 3 describes problem statement and proposed solution. For chapter 4 explain about the experimental work we have carried out and in chapter 5 show their results and analysis. Chapter 6 for conclusion and future work we listed respectively.

# Chapter 2

## Literature Survey

### 2.1 Stock Market Movement

To eradicate advantageous patterns and forecast their movement, stock market has been lucubrating over and over again. Researchers have a great appeal towards stock market prediction, many scientists and researchers have made many models and done many experiments but they were not able to predict stock price movement accurately. To forecast the stock price movement, there are many approaches and stock market analysts have applied many prediction techniques to forecast the stock market movement. Here we are describing two substantial theories for stock market prediction. On the basis of these theories, for financial market two accustomed avenues have transpired - fundamental analysis and technical analysis.

Theories of Stock market prediction- When we are forecasting the future prices of stock substantial theories are available. (1) Efficient Market hypothesis (EMH) it is introduced in 1964 by Fama. (2) Random Walk Theory it is introduced by Malkei in 1996. Now we will see the differentiation between two common theories.

#### 2.1.1 Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH)

EFFICIENT MARKET HYPOTHESIS (EMH) Fama's contribution in predicting stock price movement is significant. Today's stock market movement flashes the absorption of all the available information. So, we can say that by the information we have only cannot predict the stock market movement. When new information is entered, it get balanced with the previous information and quickly removes the prior prediction and gives a new prediction. In short we can say by the information we had in the past and information we have in the present, we can predict the future stock price movement. Fama's further said that his theory can be broken into three forms- Weak, strong and semi strong.

In weak EMH only the archival information and past price is inherent in the contemporary price. It can be used at any kind of prediction because it is based on the random walk in the consecutive changes having zero correlation. The semi strong form is same as weak EMH but it also has

trading information like fundamental data (profit chances and sales prediction) and volume data. In the strong form include archival information, private information and also the insider information.

There was a time when weak and semi strong EMH has been supported by a lot of researchers but now the publisher report says that the prediction from the EMH is far from the contemporary price. In a way, this hypothesis is considered false to such an extent. And about the strong form of EMH , it has also been difficult due to shortage of abstract or data

## **2.1.2 Random Walk Theory**

Random Walk Theory shows a different overview to predict the stock price movement. In this theory, to forecast stock market prices and how the market is performing randomly, it is determined to be absurd, which is believed to be impossible. The random walk Theory is like public information which is available to all the people interested to know and it is based on the same theoretical base as it is strong EMH. However the random walk Theory with such information future prediction that declares to be useless.

## **2.2 Literature overview of Technical analysis**

Brock et.al [14] in 1992 examined using daily stock prices of 90 years and 26 technical business axioms from the Daw Jones Industrial moderate daily layout or stock and commence that they surpass the market. LeBaron[16] in 1999 exhibit that in the period after the removal in which the Federal Reserve is vigilant, the exchange rate prediction is consistently decreased using technical indicators in trading rules.

Lo et al. in 2000 [17] investigate the accomplishment of US assets technical analysis(1962-1996) and commence many technical indicators are advisory. Fernandez-Rodryguez [18] et al in 2000 use a acoustic positioned technical indicators in trading rules for stable forecasting of appraisal in Madrid stock market and elicit that a technical indicators surpass a simple sell and purchase layout for buck and market but not bull ones. Neely and Weller[19] in 2001 uses genetic programming computation to develop technical indicators in trading rules that are beneficial during US foreign exchange intervention.

Kavajecz and Odders-White [20] in 2004 demonstrate that technical analysis abstraction assist and detention levels coexist with crest in declination on the limit order book and order book arousing moderate prediction are advisory concerning declination.

## **2.3 Literature review of some trading models**

In Han & Yien[23] using SVM trained by LC perceptron a multilayer back propagation algorithm is studied in comparison with the financial forecasting . The subject of Prodera Was the S&P 500 daily index in the Chicago Mercantile. SVM program better than BP. As such there is no organized or precise way to select free criterion or guidelines of SVM. SVMs abstraction absurdities with respect to the free criterion are inquired in this experiment. According to this article they have little effect on the clarification of solution.

For adumbrating of four chief evidence in Kuala lumper stock exchange by CH.et.al[25] SVR model was considered in detail. RBF kernels and SVR with polynomials were distinguished and consummate that the accomplishment of polynomial kernel is superior to RBF. In addition, FFNN with BP was correlated with SVR. Polynomial kernel with SVR was found to be better than FFNN too.

In the year 2000, Theodre [26] compared FFNN with SVR to forecast the stock prices of AOL, YAHOO and IBM. They also applied the different model of SVRs and FFNNs. IOL models and best values of MSE for the SVM and FFNN were 2.0573 and 2.3512 respectively. MSE for IBM for SVM and FFNNs, with a great margin AOL and YAHOO came out to be winners, while SVCs FFNNs beat IBM with a small margin.

The use of FFNN financial forecast report, along with original series, technical indicators were used as reported in which ameliorated the performance. Even better Results than basis information about the companies is also reported [21, 22 ] .

Chi & Liang[24,25] use hidden Markov model to predict stock data in real time at speeds two approaches is presented. However, both algorithms show their random performance better than average, with respect to the dataset. Initial conditions of their unstability make it unsuitable for practical use. Benefit analysis of algorithms confirms this statement. HMMs due to the instability in stock market data that may exist between different types of patterns that is not able to detect

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The accomplishment of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange has also been sculpted as a neural network, called the JSE-system [9]. It had 63 recommendation indicators ranging from the common price/hustle ratio, moving averages, market indices for gold, metals, etc. to worldwide exchange rates, interest rates, imports, exports, etc. After the investigation it was found that many inputs were irrelevant. Thus, all the indicators did not have a great imprint or collision on the consequences

## **2.4 Literature survey of SVM and Multiple Kernel Learning**

In Jinfeng Zhuang, Ivor W. Tsang and Steven C.H. Hoi gives the structure of Multi-layer Multiple Kernel Learning (MLMKL) that intends to apprentice “deep” kernel machines by scrutinizing the consolidation of multiple kernels in a multilayer fabrication which goes beyond the conventional MKL. It has higher affinity than the normal MKL for verdict in the matchless kernel for applications. The kernel in a kernel method defines the dot product between any two points in some Hilbert space [2,3] is the most clamorous part of a kernel method. It is not an accessible task to choose a suitable kernel function, which usually require some domain knowledge. To address such limitations, recent years have agile exploration of learning influential kernels inevitably from abstract

In Mehmet Gonen and Ethem Alpaydin rather than choosing a single kernel a multiple kernel learning (MKL) framework has introduced a combined kernel which used a convex combination of kernels. It gives equal weight to kernels over the complete input space. It gives an algorithm which uses a gating model for choosing the convenient kernel function locally [5].

In Han Qin, Dejing Dou and Yue Fang[6], In MKL the weight of each kernel from the distinct(various/several) data sources and the relationship (interrelationship/relativity) between them learned explicitly. The original MKL framework assumes that the same distribution held in training and testing data while it is not valid in financial data due to its non-stationary behavior.

In many empirical analysis studies it has been found that a single function has been insufficient to explain the pricing behavior of option. In Hierarchical Kernel Learning (HKL) our aim is to find a function which suitably approximates the process underlying the stock pricing scenario. The essence of the approach is that instead of approximating the required function by a single function we choose a set of kernels and their convex combination which serve as the approximating function for the underlying process. HKL provides a structured sparse modification to MKL; it is a convex combination of the basis kernels, which can be thought of as a single kernel. Using a single optimization function we can then find all parameters. More precisely, a positive definite kernel is expressed as a large sum of positive definite basis or local kernels. However, the number of these smaller kernels is usually exponential in the dimension of the input space and applying multiple kernel learning directly in this decomposition would be intractable. HKL assumes that kernel decomposes into a large sum of individual basis kernels which can be embedded in a directed acyclic graph (DAG) and performs kernel selection through a hierarchical multiple kernel learning framework, in polynomial time in the number of selected kernels. This framework is mostly applied to non linear variable selection

By doing this literature survey, after studying various technical models, MKL and SVM we found that there is no model worldwide that can predict the stock market accurately. We come know how we can use MKL. We also observed that if we use some good technical indicators with historical data, it can increase our performance or prediction. By MKL and SVM, we come to know the behavior of different kernels on different data domains. We also found that using RBF kernels and poly kernels are good for stock market prediction rather than sigmoid or linear kernel. We also saw different trading models. We also studied the value of different norms. By using different combination of kernels instead of using single kernel, performance can be increased. One can refer to Figure 2.1 for better understanding of what is exactly the scope of this research and what would be the literature review mainly about. Figure implies the main of

this research on the importance of Technical analysis and the Machine Learning techniques, Multiple Kernel Learning.

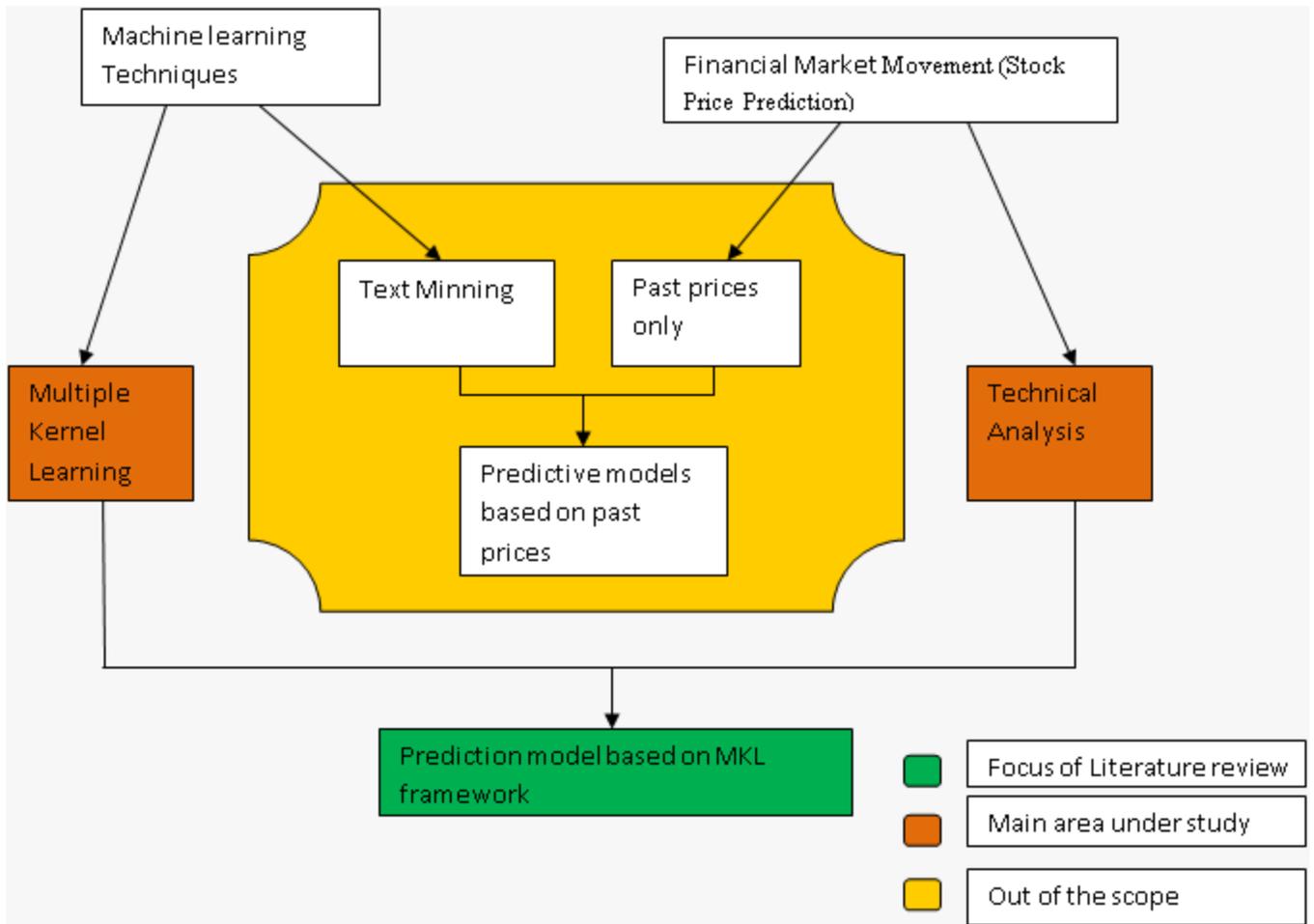


Figure 2.1. The scope of Literature review

# Chapter 3

## Problem Statement

### 3.1 Problem Definition

Unstable and assumptive aspects of the securities make it hard to predict the next day stock prices. The purpose of this research work is to predict the direction of stock prices going high or low in future by the optimal combinations of different sub-kernels in Multiple Kernel Learning Framework.

### 3.2 Proposed Methodology

We propose a combination of different base kernels to predict the direction of stock prices going up or down in future, which comprises a 2-tier framework.

- In first tier, we prepare the data and compute some technical indicators and normalize a data set into a MKL data representation.

In second tier, design a model which has three sub-tasks :

- Construct different base kernels on the extracted featured set.
- For the different base kernels, the weights are first learned and then tuned, and then these base kernels are combined.
- Performing Multiple kernel Learning through walk forward approach and predict the movement of daily stock prices going up or down

This model is then used to predict stock direction. We make two kinds of predictions for direction of stock prices: Predicting Daily Stock direction and Predicting a future trend.

Figure3.1 represents the diagram of our proposed model; it is made up of 3 components.

- 1) Preprocessing component
- 2) Prediction component
- 3) Performance component

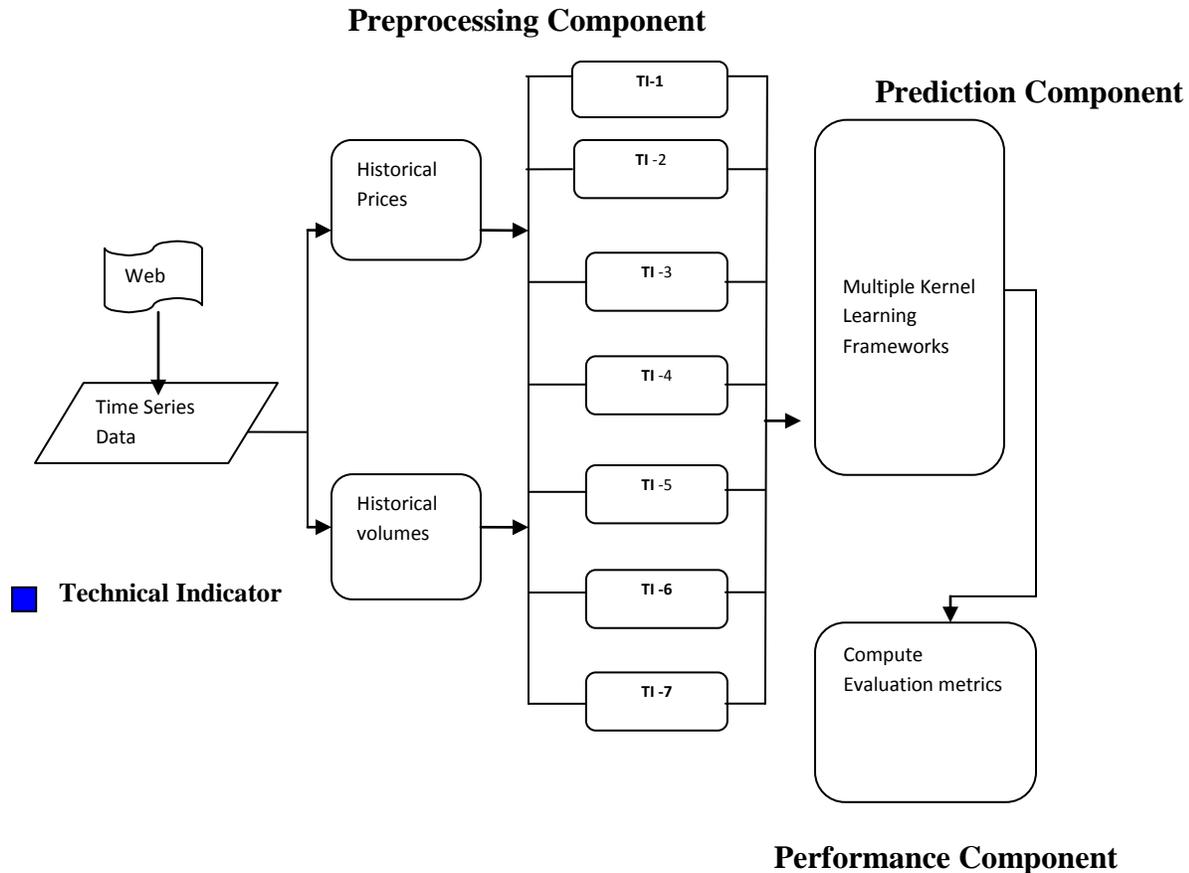


Figure 3.1: Proposed Model

### Preprocessing component

In preprocessing component, firstly we collected the raw data from the market and processed it and then extracted some technical features or indicators based on the historical stock prices and trading volume and then we finally normalized the whole features set.

### Prediction component

In prediction component, first we built different base kernels (RBF and Polykernel) on normalized data set and then combined these base kernels through Multiple Kernel Learning Framework, we then predicted the movement of daily's stock trend such as up and down for the next trading day from the previous day.

### Performance Component

In performance component, we computed some prediction measures such as Prediction accuracy, F1-score, Harmonic Accuracy and Uncertainty score to evaluate the performance of proposed and baseline methods.

# Chapter 4

## Experimental Setup

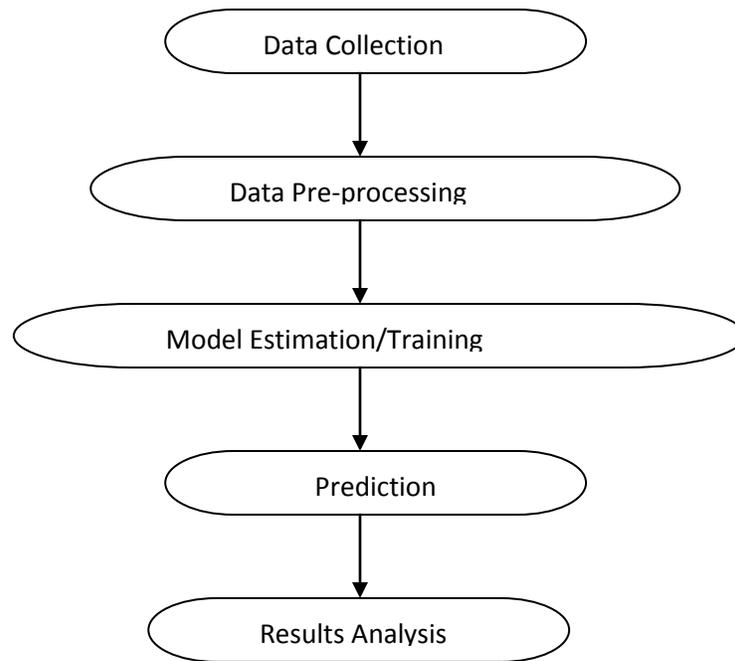


Figure4.1: Methodology

The details of experimental design are given in this chapter. Figure 4.1 gives the overview of methodology used.

### 4.1 System Requirements:

**Hardware** Processor Intel i3, Ram 4 +GB, Storage 160 GB, Frequency 2.93 GHz.

**Operating System** Ubuntu 12.04 LTS 32 bit.

**Programming Language** Implementation is in python language

**IDE** Programming is done in Eclipse IDE environment.

**SHOGUN Toolbox** API for machine learning tool version 3.2.0.

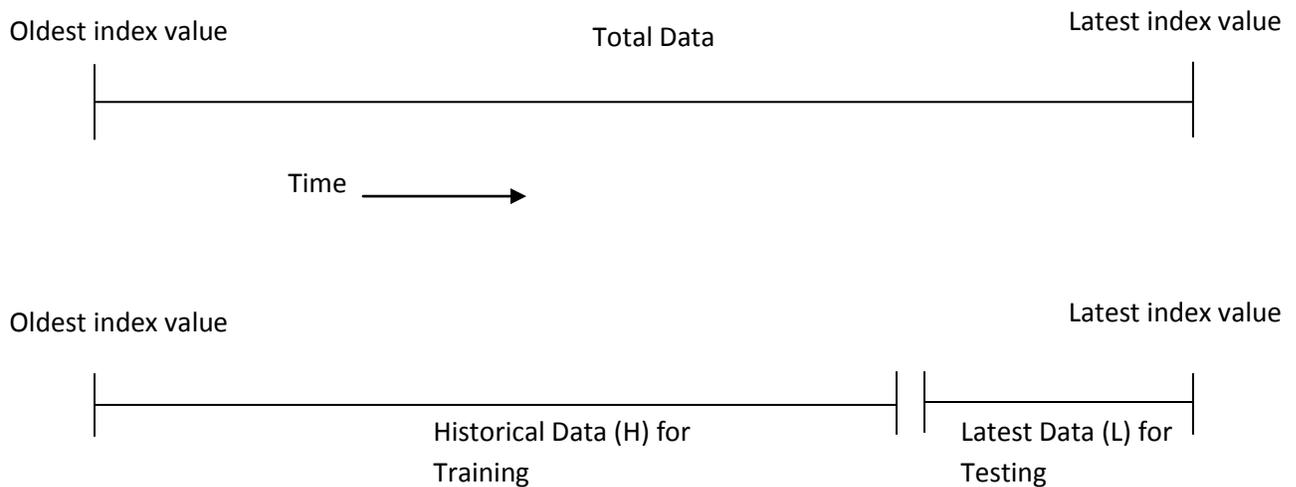
### 4.2 Data Collection and Data preprocessing

The data set for our thesis have been provided by AlgoAnalytics Financial Consultancy Pvt Ltd[23] it is proprietary data set comprising of three different stock from commodity market the data set are namely FDATA and NDATA .Table1 give description about each data set some info about used dataset.

Data set	Number of rows
FData	1740
NData	2610

**Table 4.1 Experimental Data**

From the historical quotes of the data, compute some technical indicators based on it. The preprocessing needed on the data for MKL framework and SVM was the normalization in the range of [0,1]. Each of these dataset were then partitioned into two sets shown in the Figure 4.2



**Figure 4.2: Data Partition**

Historical data is used for model estimation/training, and then latest data was used for the prediction performance. To use historical or latest data for MKL and SVM, it needed to be further processed to convert it into the form of vector sets. For both MKL and SVM, the data needs to be in the format of set of input-output vector. i.e. each vector contains the input for the model and the output that the model should produce. This is the basic requirement of supervised learning.

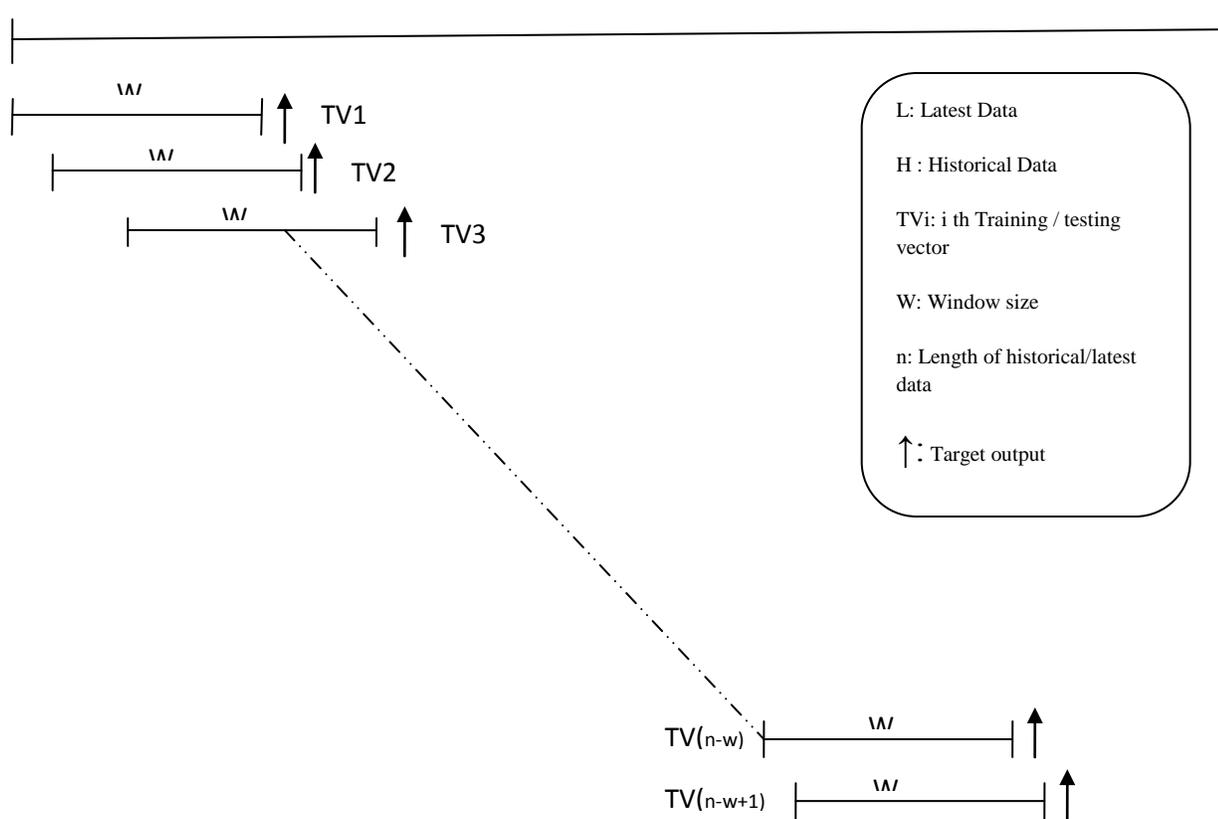


Figure 4.3 Preparation of Vector sets for MKL and SVM

### 4.3 Model Estimation/Training:

After pre-processing of historical data, used it to train the model for MKL and SVM. We did many experiments to choose best kernel for stock data. We first choose linear kernel, sigmoid kernel, Radial basis function kernel and Poly kernel. But we found that linear and sigmoid kernels were not giving good results. . So we didn't investigate linear and sigmoid kernels further. Then we used various combinations of Rbf kernel to find some best combinations. And then we find out the combinations of Poly kernels. And after that we combined all these kernels to get mix kernel methods. In which we used 11 kernels, out of which 8 were RBF kernels and remaining 3 were poly kernels. We found a good result on our dataset. And then we learned hyper parameters of these kernels from grid search. Then we fed it in MKL method in SHOGUN toolbox. There is one more parameter on which performance of MKL method is dependent i.e. Norms. We tried several norms with MKL kernels with walk forward approach with different

window sizes. And then we noticed the individual effect on the performance of both and their combined effect on our datasets. Table4.2 shows the methods which we used in our experiments.

Methods	Definition
MKL-1	Used 5 RBF kernels with sigma .25, .5, 1, 2, 4
MKL-2	Used 5 RBF kernels with sigma 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 40
MKL-3	Used 10 kernels in which 7 are RBF kernel with sigma .25,2.5,1,4,10,16,20 and 3 are poly kernels of degree 1,3,5.
MKL-4	Used 3 polykernel with degree 1,2,3
MKL-5	Used 3 polykernel with degree 1,2,3,4,5
SVM	Support vector machine with C=1

**Table 4.2 Details of each method.**

In all of these methods SVM is the baseline method, MKL-3 is our proposed method which is known as mix kernel approach and rest all are experimental method.

After learning the hyper parameters of MKL-3, train the model with walk forward approach and evaluate its performance and compare with baseline method. Below discuss the walk forward approach.

### **Walk Forward method for training and testing**

We Used walk forward method for training and testing since underlying dynamics might change rapidly in stock markets. In Walk Forward method, we made a window of k rows, first we trained on k rows and then predicted (k+1)th day stock price. It will show movement (up and down) from kth day stock price.. Now, we moved the window 1 row ahead, we have taken the k rows again and trained again. Figure4.4 represents the walk forward approach. In our experiment, for walk forward method we have used a window of three sizes: 400, 700 and 1000 training rows, for each window size we performed different MKL combination and computed their performance at different norms.

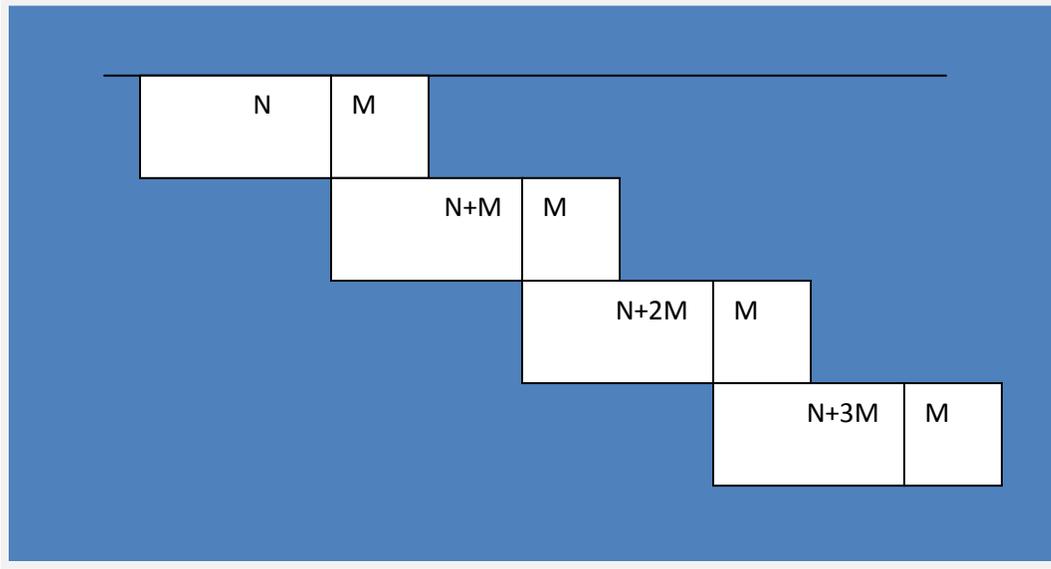


Figure 4.4 Walk Forward Method.

In figure 4.4  $N$  is the size of the training window,  $M$  is the size of testing data before window moves forward.

## 4.4 Evaluation metrics

### Confusion Matrix:

The columns of the confusion matrix represent the pre-dictions, and the rows represent the actual class. Correct predictions always lie on the diagonal of the matrix. True Positive(TP)-True Positives (TP) indicate the number of instances of the minor-ity that were correctly predicted

False Positive(FP)-Indicate the number of instances of the majority that were incorrectly predicted as minority class instances

True Negative(TN)- Indicate the number of instances of the majority that were correctly predicted.

False Negative(FN)- Indicate the number of the minority that were incorrectly predicted as majority class instances

Though the confusion matrix gives a better outlook on how the classifier performed than accuracy, a more detailed analysis is preferable which are provided by the further metrics .

Figure 4.5 shows the general structure of confusion matrix.

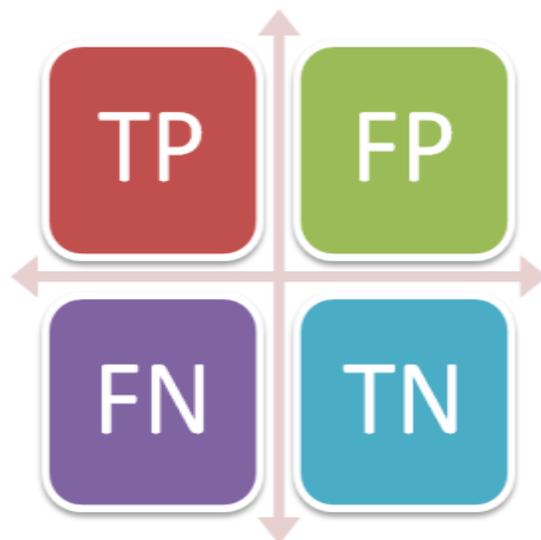


Figure 4.5 Confusion Matrix

Other measures used to evaluate the classifier:

$$\text{Prediction Accuracy} = \frac{\mathbf{TP + FP}}{\mathbf{TP + FP + FN + TN}}$$

$$\text{F1-Score} = \frac{\mathbf{2TP}}{\mathbf{2TP + FP + FN}}$$

$$\text{Harmonic score} = \frac{\mathbf{2 * (TP + FN) * (TP + FP)}}{\mathbf{2 * TP + FN + FP}}$$

# Chapter 5

## Results and Analysis

In this chapter shows the results of different methods on different datasets and analyze the results. Given tables shows the result of different experiments, columns represents norms and rows are metrics used in evaluation component.

**5.1 F Data Results:** We have experiment 6 different methods on F Data, results are shown below: **MKL-1** method have combined 5 different RBF kernel with sigma .25, .5, 1, 2, 4, and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different value of a norm.

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.526087	0.518667	0.519536	0.516435	0.514377
F1-score	0.52399	0.503884	0.501474	0.493764	0.490264
Harmonic accuracy	0.496972	0.484983	0.481845	0.477609	0.476345

Table 5.1.1: MKL-1 results on F Data with windows size 450

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
Accuracy	0.535652	0.527507	0.526116	0.518377	0.51687
F1-score	0.562964	0.533097	0.525745	0.513127	0.50884
Harmonic accuracy	0.525816	0.504386	0.498634	0.494019	0.491411

Table 5.1.2 MKL-1 result on F Data with window size 750

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.530667	0.528551	0.524696	0.525275	0.526029
f1-measure	0.561644	0.534288	0.52585	0.521307	0.52075
Harmonic accuracy	0.529093	0.504541	0.500099	0.495178	0.493911

Table 5.1.3 MKL-1 result on F Data with window size 950

**MKL-2** have combined 5 different RBF kernel with sigma 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 40 and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm.

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.547507	0.546464	0.545478	0.538609	0.536
f1-measure	0.365432	0.364486	0.363208	0.353242	0.350272
Harmonic accuracy	0.315472	0.315991	0.316095	0.315758	0.316432

**Table 1.1.4 MKL-2 results on F Data with window size 450**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.539217	0.540087	0.54058	0.537623	0.533797
f1-measure	0.297929	0.300674	0.303848	0.312117	0.31353
Harmonic accuracy	0.260164	0.261573	0.263979	0.276555	0.283505

**Table 5.1.5 MKL-2 result on F Data with window size 750**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.549536	0.549101	0.547072	0.539275	0.537652
f1-measure	0.30574	0.306031	0.307112	0.314664	0.328124
Harmonic accuracy	0.252154	0.253127	0.25736	0.276643	0.292303

**Table 5.1.6.MKL-2 results on F Data with window size 950**

**MKL-3** method have combined 11 different kernels in which 7 kernels are of RBF with sigma .25,2.5,1,4,10,16,20 and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.528551	0.547159	0.548957	0.546116	0.544493
f1-measure	0.529383	0.510879	0.504853	0.486573	0.48202
Harmonic accuracy	0.499796	0.462451	0.454394	0.43916	0.436439

**Table 5.1.7 MKL-3 results on F Data with window size 450**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.536319	0.547304	0.546696	0.539333	0.534986
f1-measure	0.5685	0.520125	0.510348	0.490462	0.481531
Harmonic accuracy	0.530644	0.471608	0.46242	0.450606	0.446563

**Table 5.1.8 MKL-3 results on F Data with window size 750**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.530841	0.551478	0.552783	0.545594	0.544203
f1-measure	0.575393	0.533607	0.526034	0.508727	0.507902
Harmonic accuracy	0.542302	0.480818	0.471712	0.461988	0.462667

**Table 5.1.9 MKL-3 results on F Data with window size 950**

**MKL-4** results method have combined 3 Poly kernels with degree (1,2, 3) and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.531971	0.536029	0.536116	0.537217	0.537797
f1-measure	0.538169	0.532765	0.530454	0.526709	0.525896
Harmonic accuracy	0.50503	0.495782	0.493424	0.488634	0.487248

**Table 5.1.10 MKL-4 results on F Data with window size 450**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.533362	0.534493	0.533768	0.531072	0.530957
f1-measure	0.540514	0.53265	0.5287	0.520311	0.518507
Harmonic accuracy	0.505981	0.497186	0.494033	0.488524	0.486886

**Table 5.1.11. MKL-4 results on F Data with window size 750**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.539188	0.538116	0.538261	0.538174	0.538609
f1-measure	0.573574	0.570474	0.569343	0.565562	0.564797
Harmonic accuracy	0.533024	0.530942	0.529692	0.526039	0.524877

Table 5.1.12. MKL-4 results on F Data with window size 950

**MKL-5** method have combined 3 Polykernels with degree (1,2, 3,4,5) and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm.

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.534638	0.530551	0.529304	0.53342	0.534696
f1-measure	0.503602	0.501447	0.501029	0.507993	0.509218
Harmonic accuracy	0.468574	0.470716	0.471594	0.474135	0.474018

Table 5.1.13. MKL-5 results on F Data with window size 450

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.536377	0.527043	0.524928	0.522609	0.523101
f1-score	0.505457	0.501451	0.499908	0.498141	0.499802
Harmonic accuracy	0.468574	0.474312	0.474972	0.475615	0.476709

Table 5.1.14 MKL-5 results on F Data with window size 750

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.549478	0.546377	0.543768	0.537623	0.53513
f1-score	0.52265	0.523331	0.5219	0.520327	0.520022
Harmonic accuracy	0.471831	0.47582	0.47713	0.48193	0.484167

Table 5.1.15 MKL-5 results on F Data window size 950

**SVM** with C=1, getting results by changing the window size in walk forward approach.

### Evaluation metrics

Window Size	Accuracy	f1-score	Harmonic accuracy	Uncertainty Score
ws=450	0.522754	0.392637	0.374645	0.509506
ws=750	0.507101	0.372579	0.374516	0.50337
ws=950	0.50371	0.366696	0.373077	0.502187

Table 5.1.16 SVM results on F Data

For analysis purpose we draw two types of Graphs, first with constant window size and second with constant norm and see its effects on the performance of the proposed method (**MKL-3**) with relative to the other methods.

Following graphs show the effect of changing the window size in Walk Forward approach on the performance of the different methods.

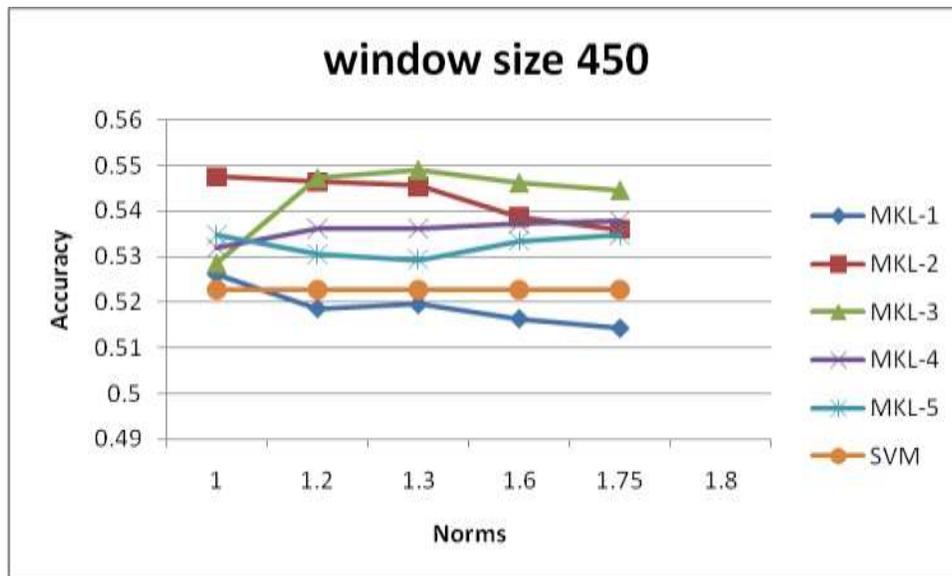


Figure 5.1.1. Analysis of different methods on F Data with window size 450

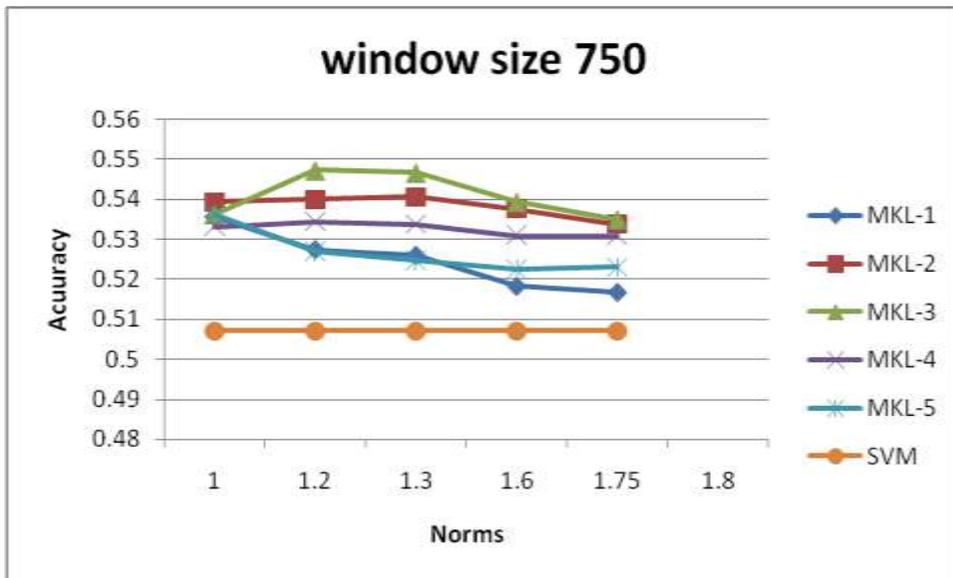


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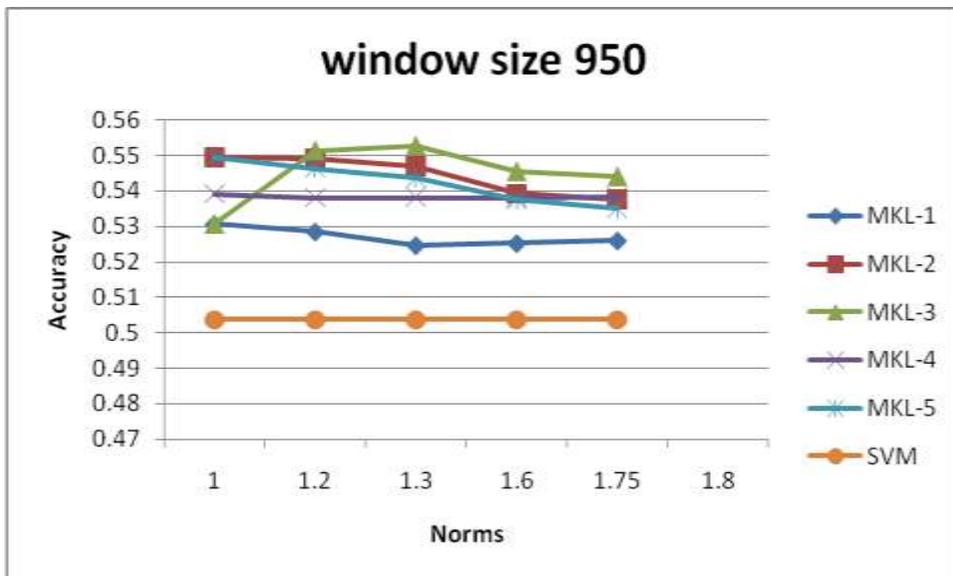


Figure5.1.3. Analysis of different methods on F Data with window size 950

In above figures 5.1.1,5.1.2 & 5.1.3 our proposed method MKL-3 performs better than other methods with different window sizes. For window size 450 MKL-3 perform good at norm 1.3, for window size 750 MKL-3 perfrom good at 1.2 and 1.3 norms and for window size 950 MKL-3 performs better for all norms. Next, we show the graphs with constant norms , x-axis represent different window size and y-axis represent Prediction Accuracy.

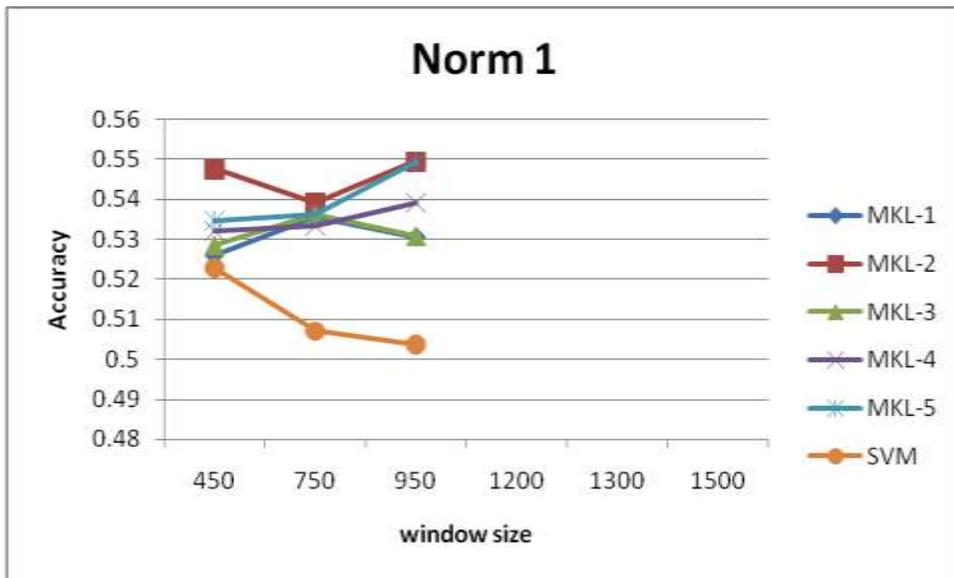


Figure 5.1.4. Analysis of different methods on F Data at Norm 1

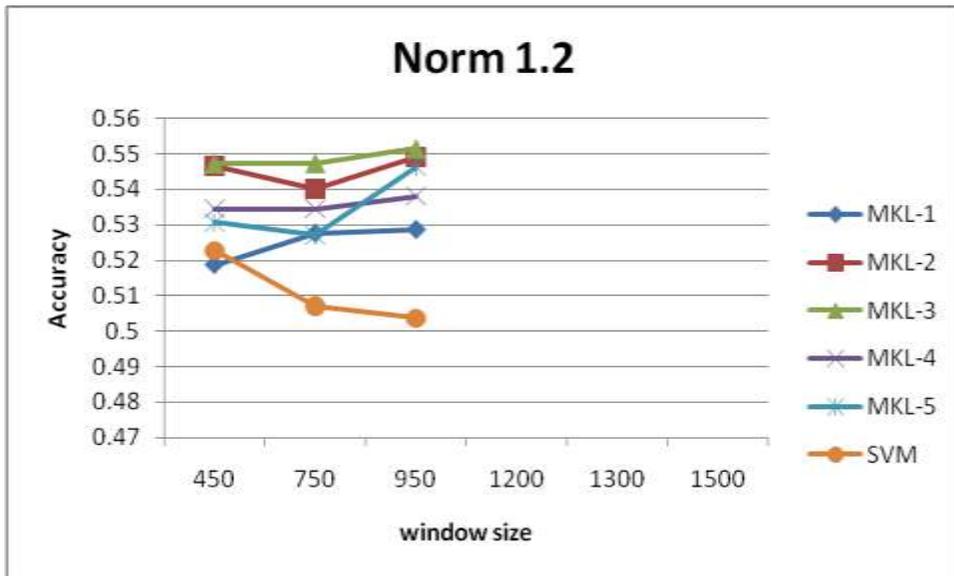


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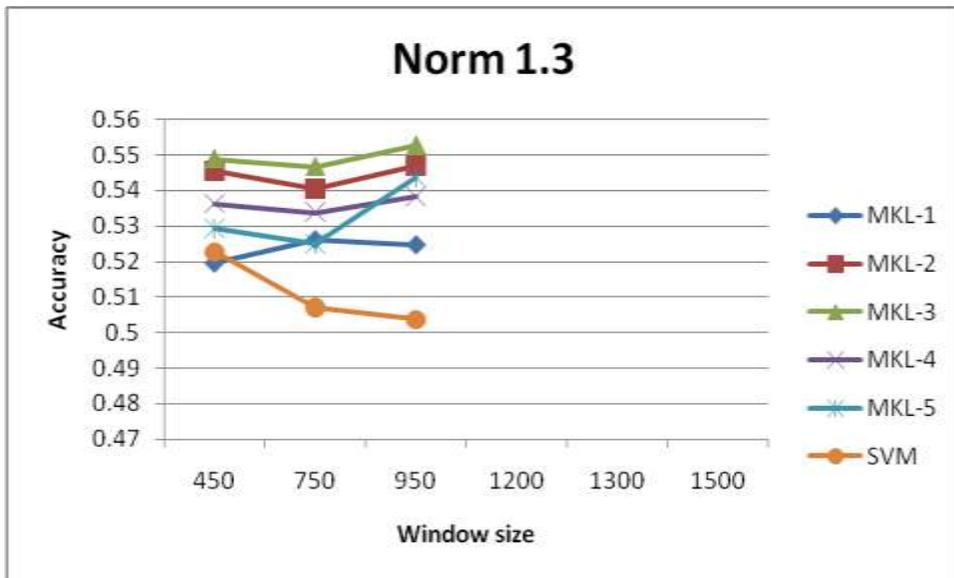


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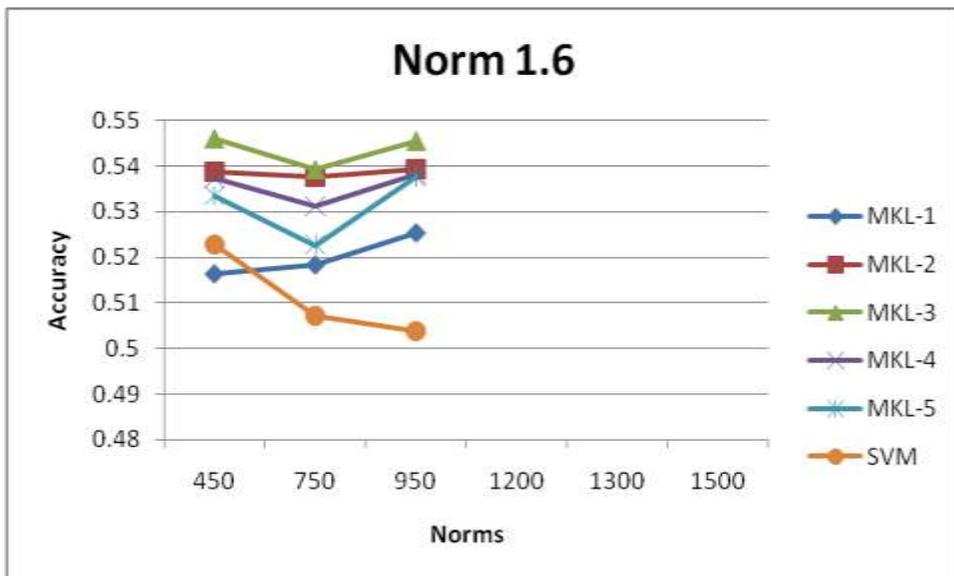


Figure 5.1.7 Analysis of different methods on F Data at Norm 1.6

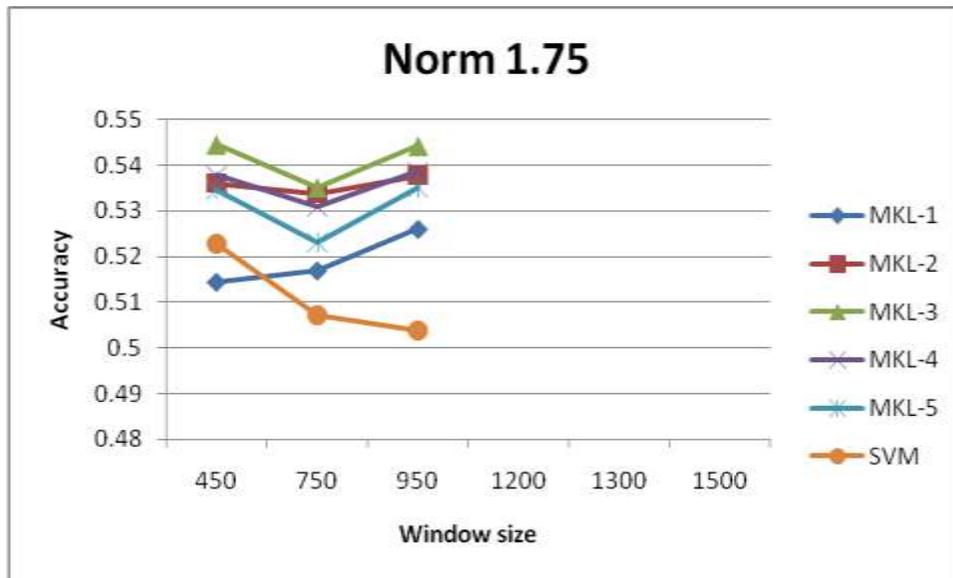


Figure 5.1.8. Analysis of different methods on F Data at Norm 1.75

Above figures shows the behavior of individual method at different norms. For most of the norm MKL-3 performs better than other methods used in the experiment.

## 5.2 N Data results:

We have done experiments of 6 different methods on N Data, results are shows below.

**MKL-1** have combined 5 different RBF kernel with sigma .25, .5, 1, 2, 4, and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different value of a norm.

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.529474	0.529141	0.527782	0.525385	0.525821
f1-measure	0.491852	0.459173	0.452745	0.440041	0.436361
Harmonic accuracy	0.460835	0.427267	0.422226	0.411999	0.407672

Table 5.2.1 MKL-1 results on N Data with window size 450

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.548667	0.543769	0.54359	0.544513	0.54309
f1-measure	0.511774	0.472519	0.466251	0.455843	0.450041
Harmonic accuracy	0.459963	0.423562	0.417068	0.404734	0.400343

**Table 5.2.2. MKL-1 results on N Data with window size 750**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.554474	0.549462	0.549013	0.545885	0.544333
f1-measure	0.513802	0.479886	0.473375	0.458783	0.452341
Harmonic accuracy	0.455293	0.424415	0.417916	0.406136	0.401205

**Table 5.2.3 MKL-1 results on N Data with window size 950**

**MKL-2** have combined 5 different RBF kernel with sigma 2.5, 5, 10, 20, 40 and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm.

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.541769	0.548462	0.549923	0.548231	0.548756
f1-measure	0.548883	0.541251	0.541745	0.53711	0.536229
Harmonic accuracy	0.507532	0.49213	0.491053	0.4879	0.486362

**Table 5.2.4 MKL-2 results on N Data with window size 450**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.55309	0.557654	0.556064	0.553744	0.553641
f1-measure	0.549235	0.545648	0.543799	0.542842	0.542773
Harmonic accuracy	0.495721	0.486666	0.486428	0.487992	0.488032

**Table 5.2.5. MKL-2 results on N Data with window size 750**

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.543321	0.546	0.548282	0.554974	0.5535
f1-measure	0.535623	0.531686	0.530951	0.538097	0.537594
Harmonic accuracy	0.491696	0.484521	0.481176	0.481392	0.482518

**Table 5.2.6. MKL-2 results on N Data with window size 950**

**MKL-3** method have combined 11 different kernels in which 7 kernels are of RBF with sigma .25,2.5,1,4,10,16,20 and 3 kernels are of Poly kernel with degree 1,3,5 the following results are

generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm.

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.549436	0.560987	0.561295	0.559731	0.558872
f1-measure	0.57532	0.568896	0.566612	0.55925	0.556724
Harmonic accuracy	0.528035	0.50875	0.505867	0.499406	0.497558
Uncertainty score	0.525135	0.532164	0.532357	0.531403	0.530879

Table 5.2.7 MKL-3 results on N Data with window size 450

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.557462	0.563756	0.563705	0.564051	0.563077
f1-measure	0.579602	0.568191	0.565804	0.563122	0.561379
Harmonic accuracy	0.524408	0.504911	0.502292	0.498896	0.498039

Table 5.2.8 MKL-3 results on N Data with window size 750

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.560846	0.561333	0.564103	0.566667	0.567513
f1-measure	0.574696	0.565202	0.566824	0.567332	0.567734
Harmonic accuracy	0.515363	0.504253	0.502993	0.500691	0.50019

Table 5.2.9 MKL-3 results on N Data with window size 950

**MKL-4** method have combined 3 Poly kernels with degree (1,2, 3) and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.524526	0.532603	0.532756	0.536615	0.537321
f1-measure	0.507025	0.512144	0.50997	0.510058	0.5096
Harmonic accuracy	0.481939	0.478533	0.476089	0.471911	0.470639

Table 5.2.10 MKL-4 results on N Data with window size 450

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.523692	0.529487	0.532244	0.531564	0.528897
f1-measure	0.476791	0.481008	0.48461	0.483824	0.481677
Harmonic accuracy	0.451783	0.449549	0.450136	0.450098	0.450919

Table 5.2.11 MKL-4 results on N Data with window size 750

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.519577	0.521718	0.523769	0.523795	0.522923
f1-measure	0.476934	0.47598	0.478755	0.479513	0.478488
Harmonic accuracy	0.45653	0.453171	0.453713	0.454463	0.454388

Table 5.2.12 MKL-4 results on N Data with window size 950

**MKL-5** have combined 3 Poly kernels with degree (1,2, 3,4,5) and the following results are generated by changing the window size in walk forward approach and by adjusting the different values of a norm

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.552218	0.552308	0.551154	0.549551	0.549654
f1-measure	0.551188	0.545514	0.542137	0.536398	0.535449

Table 5.2.13 MKL-5 results on N Data with window size 450

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.549756	0.554654	0.555026	0.553769	0.55241
f1-measure	0.550661	0.552422	0.551286	0.544853	0.541042
Harmonic accuracy	0.500922	0.497488	0.49583	0.490167	0.487518

Table 5.2.14 MKL-5 results on N Data with window size 750

Norms					
Evaluation metrics	1	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.75
accuracy	0.543551	0.545987	0.545833	0.546179	0.545577
f1-measure	0.542337	0.544603	0.543133	0.537728	0.535336
Harmonic accuracy	0.498638	0.498449	0.497032	0.490832	0.488918

Table 5.2.15MKL-5 results on N Data with window size 950

SVM with C=1, getting results by changing the size of window in walk forward approach

Evaluation metrics			
window size	accuracy	f1-score	Harmonic accuracy
ws=450	0.514397	0.357222	0.341644
ws=750	0.510949	0.211631	0.200617
ws=950	0.509808	0.187406	0.178282

Table: 5.2.16 SVM Results on NData

Following graphs shows the effect of changing the window size in Walk Forward approach on the performance of the different methods.

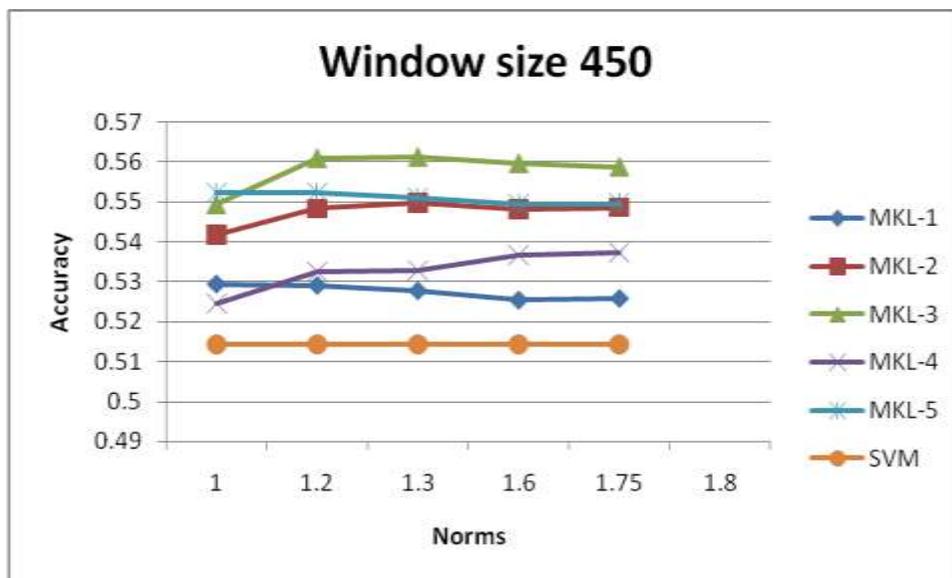


Figure 5.2.1 Analysis of different methods on N Data with window size 450

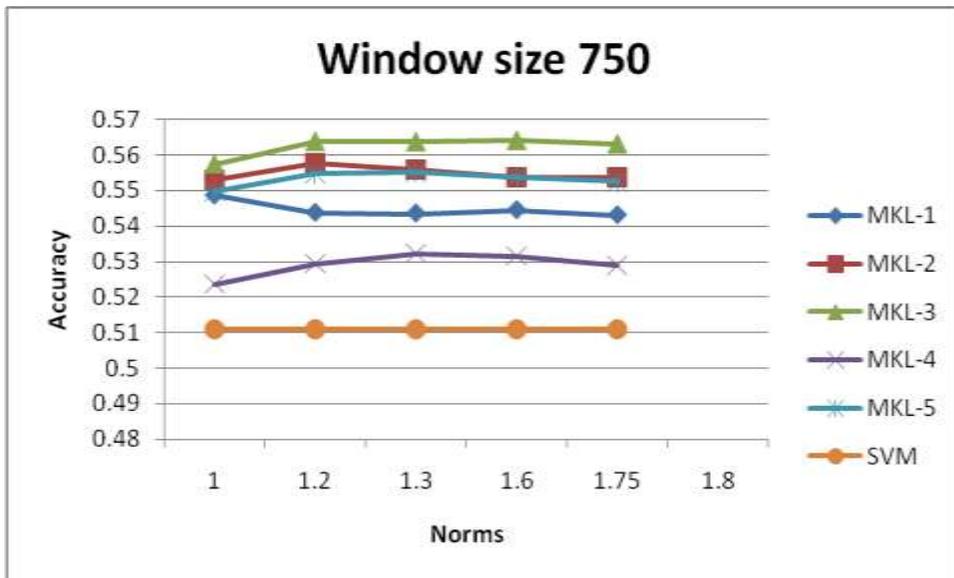


Figure 5.2.2 Analysis of different methods on N Data with window size 750

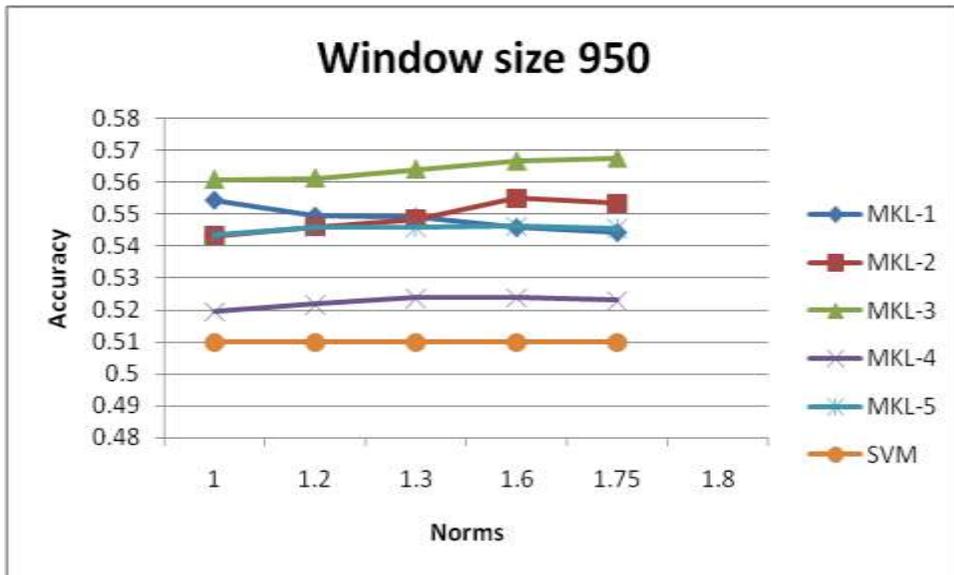


Figure 5.2.3 Analysis of different methods on N Data with window size 950

In above figures 5.2.1, 5.2.2 & 5.2.3 our proposed method MKL-3 performs better than other methods for all norms with different window sizes

Next, we show the graphs with constant norms, x-axis represents different window size and y-axis represents Prediction Accuracy

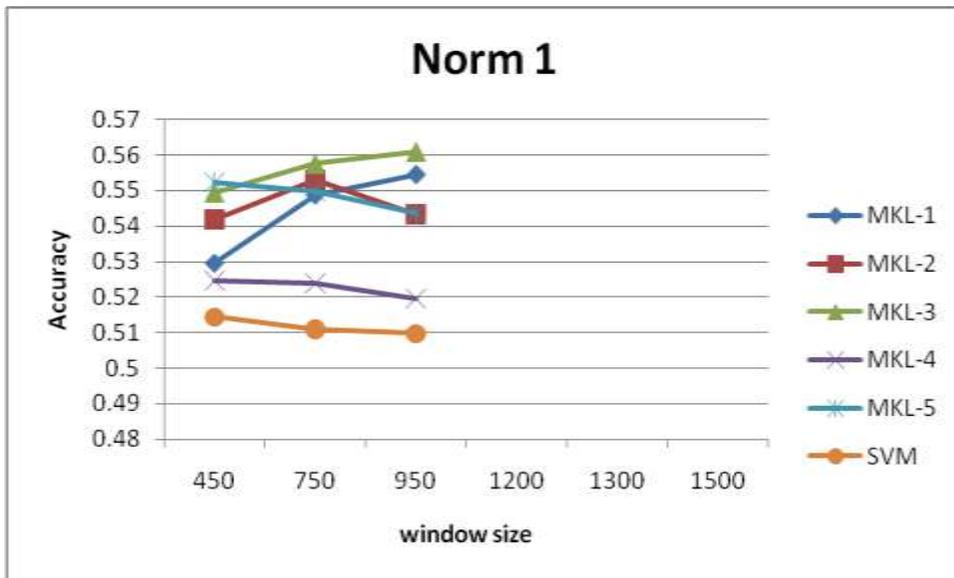


Figure 5.2.4 Analysis of different methods on N Data at Norm 1

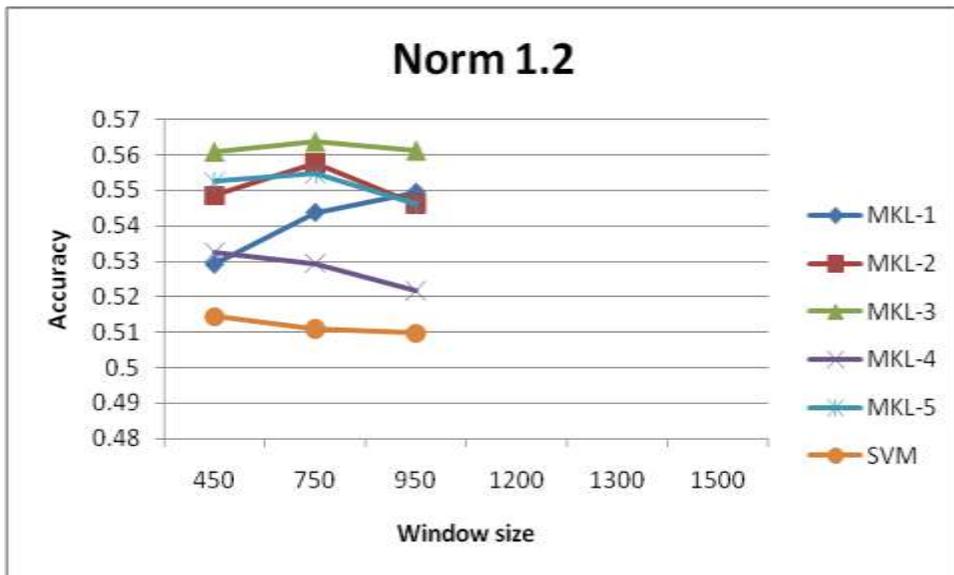


Figure 5.2.5 Analysis of different methods on N Data at Norm 1.2

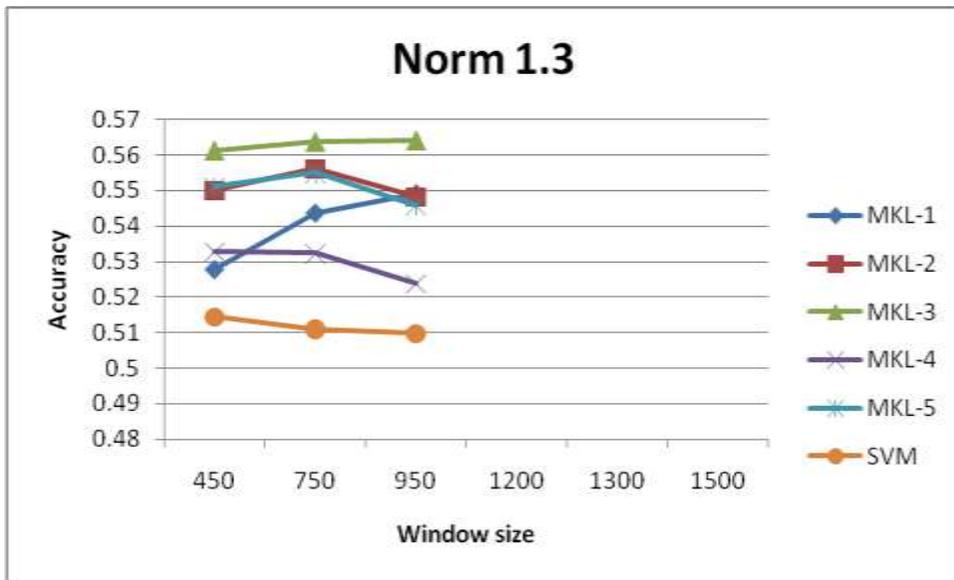


Figure 5.2.6 Analysis of different methods on N Data at Norm 1.3

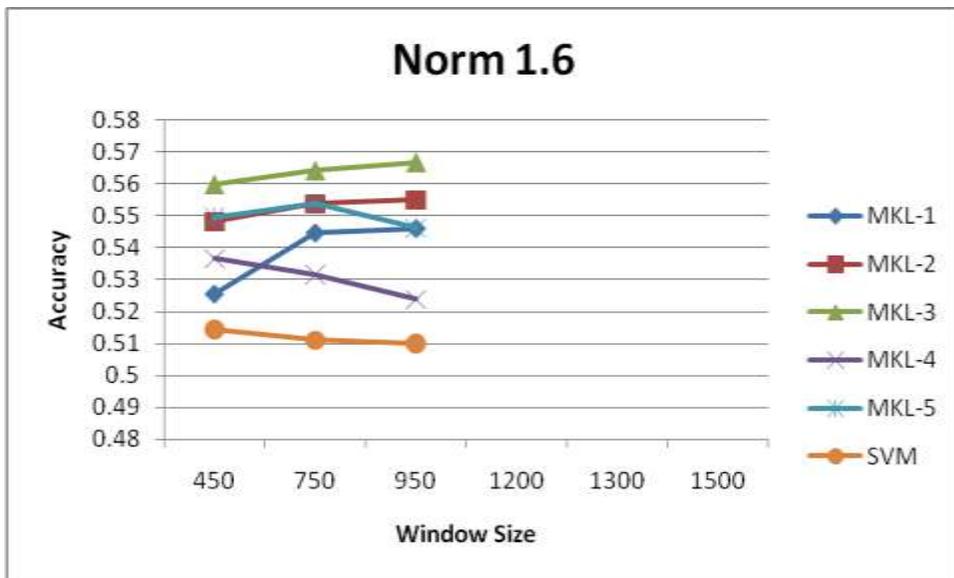


Figure 5.2.7 Analysis of different methods on N Data at Norm 1.6

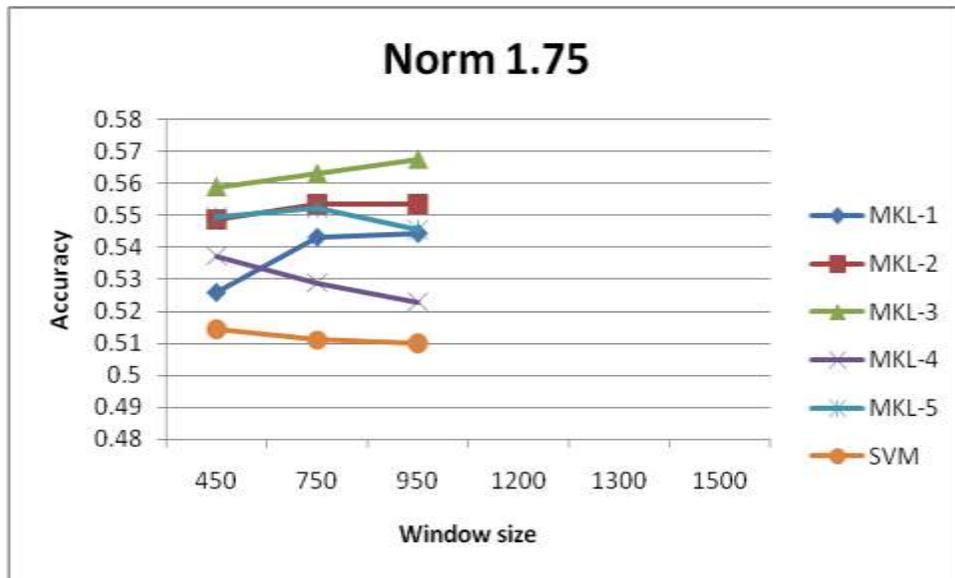


Figure 5.2.8 Analysis of different methods on N Data at Norm 1.75

In the graphs of both datasets, MKL-3 proposed method performs better than other methods. But for both datasets we cannot find a particular norm at which MKL-3 perform better for both the datasets.

# Chapter 6

## Conclusion & Future Work

Stock Market is difficult to predict precisely because the financial abstract has certain non stationery characteristics or properties which make it difficult to predict. In this project, we have learned and tuned the weights using several combination of kernels. In Algorithm proposed solution of mix kernel we have combined 11 kernels. Out of which 8 were RBF kernels and remaining 3 were polynomial kernels. Now, one more parameter can be changed i.e. norms. We have tried 5 to 7 different norms and 3 different window sizes. According to our result, worldwide there is no norm that behave accurately for all securities. If a particular norm is better for a particular security, it is not important that it will work better for other securities too. So, it is difficult to find a particular norm or model that behave accurately for all securities in stocks. And our model ' Mix Kernel is showing better behaviour than other baseline methods in our experiments. For the monetary analyst, individual and for people who invest in corporate , it will be very useful. We can easily forecast the stock market movement with such miniature and by taking some appropriate action, maximum profit can be gained.

This chapter throws light on the future enhancements that can be carried out. Some of the further enhancements would be to implement the approach for parallel computing platform for training MKL which would help reduce the time required for the approach.

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