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I. INTRODUCTION

Although the ARCH process controls the short-run dynamics of stock return, the long-run dynamics are controlled by regime shifts in unconditional variance, while an unobserved Markov switching process drives the regime changes. Hamilton and Susmel (1994) propose a switching ARCH model in which they allow the parameters of the ARCH process to come from one set of several different regimes.¹ Regime switching models can match the tendency of financial markets to often change their behavior abruptly and the phenomenon that the new behavior of financial variables often persists for several periods after such a change. While the regimes captured by regime switching models are identified by an econometric procedure, they often correspond to different periods in regulation, policy, and

other secular changes^{2,3}. Suppose the variable u_t is governed by

$$u_t = \sigma_t v_t \quad (1)$$

Where $\{v_t\}$ is an i. i. d sequence with zero mean and unit variance. The conditional variance of u_t is specified to be a function of its past realization

$$\sigma^2 = g(u_{t-1}, u_{t-2}, \dots) \quad (2)$$

Often it is assumed that $u_t \rightarrow (0, 1)$ and that $g(\cdot)$ depends linearly on the past squared realization of u .

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^q a_i u_{t-i}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^p b_i \sigma_{t-i}^2 \quad (3)$$

This is a Gaussian GARCH (p, q) specification introduced by Belterstev (1986). When $p = 0$ it becomes ARCH (q) specification of Engle (1982). The popular approach to modelling stock volatility is the autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity (ARCH) specification introduced by these authors. These authors argue that the variance ratio test that is often used for analyzing mean reversion⁴ may need to be

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¹ Contagion plays a crucial role in the short-term transmission of a currency crisis. Its effects rely primarily on liquidity effects experienced by international investors. Thus, the drop in asset values after the Russian crisis represented a capital loss for investors, with the ensuing liquidity problems being countered by a reallocation of their respective portfolios

² For example, interest rate behavior markedly changed from 1979 through 1982, during which the Federal Reserve changed its operating procedure to targeting monetary aggregates. Other regimes identified in interest rates correspond to the tenure of different Federal Reserve Chairs..

³ The notion of regimes is closely linked to the familiar concept of good and bad states or states with low versus high risk, but surprising and somewhat counterintuitive results can be obtained from equilibrium asset pricing models with regime changes. Conventional linear asset pricing models imply a positive and monotonic risk-return relation. In contrast, changes between discrete regimes with different consumption growth rates can lead to increasing, decreasing, flat or non-monotonic risk-return relations as shown by, e.g., Backus and Gregory (1993), Whitelaw (2000), Ang and Liu (2007), and Rossi and Timmermann (2011).

⁴ After the seminal studies by Summers (1986), Poterba & Summers (1988), an ongoing debate has emerged in the literature as to whether stock prices and stock returns are mean-reverting or not. The substantial amount of recent publications in this field (Goyal & Welch 2008, Spierdijk et al. (2012) illustrates that the mean-reverting behavior of stocks is still an important issue

modified to take into account the changes in variance due to changes in regimes⁵. The cause of the debate lies in the fact that testing for mean reversion is inherently difficult due to a lack of historical data on stock prices. Accurate estimation of the degree of long-run mean reversion requires very long stock price series, which are not available. For example, if stock prices were to revert back to their fundamental value every twenty years, one would need at least 1,000 to 2,000 yearly observations to obtain reliable estimations. Moreover, the likely structural breaks during long sample periods further complicate statistical analysis of mean reversion (Spierdijk et al. 2012). These methodological difficulties explain why mean reversion is a controversial issue in the economic literature.

Analyses suggest that the speed at which stocks revert to their fundamental value is faster in periods of high economic uncertainty, caused by major economic and/or political events. The highest mean reversion speed is found for the period including the Great Depression and the start of World War II. Furthermore, the early years of the Cold War and the period containing the Oil Crisis of 1973, the Energy Crisis of 1979 and Black Monday in 1987 are also characterized by relatively fast mean reversion.

II. THE MODEL

We will to begin with assume that the return series is drawn from a mixture of normal distributions as in Kim and Nelson (1998). These authors have shown that the Markov switching heteroscedasticity model of stock return is a good approximation of the underlying data generating process. This leads us to formulate the return series as follows:

$$r_t = \rho m_t + x_t \quad (4)$$

$$\rho m_t = \mu + (Q_0 + Q_1 \omega_{1,t}) \Psi_t \quad (5)$$

$$x_t = \phi x_{t-1} + (h_0 + h_1 \omega_{2,t}) \zeta_t \quad (6)$$

Where $\zeta_t \rightarrow N(0, 1)$

In this model we use x_t to represent the temporary part of the return and not the prices directly. We include ϕ simply reflecting the fact that the temporary component of the return could be auto

correlated. $\omega_{1,t}$ and $\omega_{2,t}$ are unobserved state variables that evolve independently as two state Markov processes. These state variables determine the underlying regime at any given time. Their associated transitional probability matrices govern the evolution of these state variables. We define the transitional probability of the Markov process as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & 1 - p_{22} \\ 1 - p_{11} & p_{12} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

The parameters h_1 and Q_1 help us identify any shift in variance during periods of uncertainty. The estimation of this model would allow us to comment on the time series behavior of the return volatility and how this is influenced by the switching probability of the transitory component.

The two Markov switching variables are independent of each other and the respective transition probabilities are defined as.

$$\text{prob}(\omega_{1t} = 0 \mid \omega_{1t-1} = 0) = \rho_{00}, \quad (8)$$

$$\text{prob}(\omega_{1t} = 1 \mid \omega_{1t-1} = 1) = \rho_{01} \quad (9)$$

$$\text{prob}(\omega_{2t} = 0 \mid \omega_{2t-1} = 0) = q_{00}, \quad (10)$$

$$\text{prob}(\omega_{2t} = 1 \mid \omega_{2t-1} = 1) = q_{11} \quad (11)$$

In order to estimate such a model that involves unobserved components and is subject to Markov switching shocks, we use the procedure used by Kim and Nelson (1999).⁶ This involves generating a probability weighted likelihood function and a recursive algorithm to update the probabilities as new observations become available. This has been written with computer programming in mind. The parameters to be estimated are, therefore,

⁵ The standard sensitivity analysis shows that the choice of the variance ratio may have substantial impact on investment decisions. If the variance ratio is high – meaning that stock prices are strongly mean-reverting – stocks become relatively less risky in the long run, making it optimal to invest a relatively large share of wealth in stocks. However, if the true variance ratio is lower than the assumed value, the perceived risk exposure is lower than the actual risk exposure. Hence, too much wealth is allocated to stocks, resulting in a non-optimal overexposure to risk.

⁶ The Markov switching ARCH features and Markov switching autoregressive features could, in principle, be combined into a single univariate specification, through using such a large set of parameters to describe the non-linear dynamics of a single series might pose numerical problems for finding a global maximum of the likelihood function. Moreover, given the limited predictability of stock returns, it is surely a mistake to overparameterize the mean. By the same token, evidence of the ARCH effects in industrial production is rather weak. By contrast, the tendency of stock market volatility (as distinct from the mean) to exhibit variation and the periodic shifts in mean output growth associated with economic recessions, are fairly significant and well-documented features of these two series. The goal of the paper is not to capture the nature of the link between a process for industrial production and a process for stock returns.

$$[\rho_{11}, \rho_{00}, \omega_0, \omega_1, \mu, q_{11}, q_{00}, h_0, h_1, \phi] \quad (12)$$

III. DATA AND METHODOLOGY

The stock price index is obtained from the Morgan Stanley Capital International Index, MSCI's All Country World Index (ACWI) is the industry's accepted gauge of global stock market activity. Composed of over 2,400 constituents, it provides a seamless, modern and fully integrated view across all sources of equity returns in 46 developed and emerging markets. The company has used eight factors in developing its indexes: momentum, volatility, value, size, growth, size nonlinearity, liquidity and financial leverage.

The rate of return on stocks for India is calculated as $x_t = (P_t - P_{t-1}) \times 100 / P_{t-1}$ where P_t is the stock price index at time t . The rates of return on stocks are obtained for the period from January 1980 to April 2010. Table 1 summarizes statistics on the rate of return in India, including descriptive statistics on the mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis and the P -value of the Jarque – Bera test statistic (JB test) for testing the normality of the series. Under the null hypothesis, the Jarque – Bera statistic has a chi-square distribution with two degrees of freedom. When the required probability for the Jarque – Bera statistic is small, the null hypothesis of a normal distribution is rejected. The mean and standard deviation is quite high and the null hypothesis of normal distribution is rejected at the 5 % significance level

Table 1.1: Summary Statistics

Mean(%)	Std dev	Skewness	Kurtosis	JB Test
1.786	7.453	2.312	9.654	.0000

Note: the hypothesis of normal distribution is rejected at the 5 % level of significance if the P value for the JB test is less than .01

⁷ A key issue in regime switching models is whether the same regimes repeat over time, as in the case of repeated recession and expansion periods, or if new regimes always differ from previous ones. If "history repeats" and the underlying regimes do not change, all regimes will recur at some time. With only two regimes this will happen if $p_{00} < 1$, $i = 0, 1$. Models with recurring regimes have been used to characterize bull and bear markets, calm versus turbulent markets, and recession and expansion periods. Alternative to the assumption of recurring regime is the change point process studied in the context of dynamics of stock returns by Pastor and Stambaugh (2001) and Perez-Quiros, and Timmermann, A (2012). This type of model is likely to be a good approximation of regime shifts related to technological change. Our model has abstracted from such technological changes.

IV. RESULTS

Table 1.2 shows the parameter estimates of the Markov switching heteroscedasticity model for the sample for our given time⁷. The results are computed using the algorithm used by Kim and Nelson (1998). The initial values for the filter are obtained from the observations on January 1980 ending through December 1980.

Table 1.2: Permanent and Transitory Components of Equity Return (Markov Switching Heteroscedasticity Model)

p_{11}	0.9898* (0.0004)
p_{00}	0.8767* (0.1034)
ω_0	1.5236* (0.2341)
ω_1	1.3458* (0.6451)
μ	1.5621 (0.6945)
q_{11}	0.7658* (0.1342)
q_{00}	0.9868* (0.0666)
h_0	0.0423 (0.0541)
h_1	6.7832* (3.4571)
ϕ	-0.3214 (0.3461)

Note: Standard Errors Given In Parenthesis. Significance At The 5% Level Is Indicated By*

The estimates of the transition probability p_{11} (high variance state of the permanent component) and the probability p_{00} (low variance state of the permanent component) are both highly significant for India. The low variance state estimate ω_0 appears to be statistically significant. In contrast the additional variance (ω_1) of the permanent component due to the high volatility regime is also significant. It is also interesting to find that the magnitude of the overall variance of the permanent component during the high volatility state, i.e., $\omega_0 + \omega_1$ says very little for the Indian market. The

parameters relate to the transitory components of our model. The transitional probabilities q_{11} (high variance state of the transitory component) and q_{00} (low variance state of the transitory component) are highly significant for India. This is an indication that the low volatility state dominates in India. The expected duration of the high volatility state is 4.41 months and the expected duration of the low volatility state is 26.12 months. The average duration of the low volatility state is 54.32 months while the average duration of the high volatility state is 11 months. This means that the high volatility transitory state fades in about 11 months on average for India. In order to check for the performance of the table, we analyze the residuals from the model using a variety of diagnostic tests.

The test results are presented in Table 1.3

Table 1.3: Residual Diagnostics Tests

Portmanteau	0.412
ARCH	0.333
KS	0.013
RB Test	0.041
MNR	0.889
Recursive T	0.771

Entries are P values for the respective statistics. The residuals in the portmanteau test is that the residuals are serially uncorrelated. The ARCH test residuals are for no serial correlation in the squared residuals up to lag 18. MNR is the Von Neuman ratio test using recursive residuals for model adequacy. If the model is correctly specified then Recursive T has a standard t -distribution. (Harvey (1990)). KS statistic represents the Kolmogorov Smirnov test statistic for normality. 95% confidence level in this test is .071. When KS statistic is less than 0.071 the null hypothesis of normality cannot be rejected at the given level of significance. We also applied a pair of tests specifically designed for the recursive residuals produced by the state space system used in this study. The first, the modified Von Neuman ratio, test against serial correlations of the residuals; the second, the recursive t test to check for correct model specification. The adequacy of the model is overwhelmingly supported.

V. CONCLUSION

We applied the Markov switching heteroscedasticity model to stock returns in India. The modelling approach is superior to GARCH model. In particular, the Markov switching model explicitly considers the possibility of regime switch whereas the GARCH model does not. In terms of our estimate the high variance state of the transitory component lasts for an average of only 4 months.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Internet banking creates unprecedented opportunities for the banks in the ways they organize financial product development, delivery, and marketing via the Internet (wu, et al, 2006) and provides number of benefits to its customers like reduce physical presence in the branch, anywhere and anytime banking (Geetha, K.T. & Malarvizhi, V.). It also provides various Internet e-channels to the customers i.e. ATM, Credit card, Debit card, Internet banking, Mobile banking, Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), Tele-banking and core banking solution (CBS) that enables banks to extend the full benefits of ATM. However, as per Indian e-banking scenario ATM is most preferable e-banking channel as compare to other e-channels and allowing banks to offer a multitude of customer-centric services on a 24x7 basis from a single location, supporting retail as well as corporate banking activities (Kumbhar, V.M., 2011).

Customer satisfaction is an ambiguous and abstract concept. Actual manifestation of the state of satisfaction will vary from customer to customer, product to product and service to service. The quality of service

is one of the major determinants of the customer satisfaction, which can be enhanced by using ICT to survive and grow. The banks in India are using Information Technology (IT) not only to improve their own internal processes but also to increase facilities and services to their customers (Kumbhar, V.M., 2011). In recent years, many banks try to provide a quality online service to satisfy their customers. These banks are introducing e-banking as an assurance to their customers that they will be able to maintain a competitive quality of service in the future, in efforts to avoid losing their customers or retain good customers' base. Offering e-banking is no longer regarded as a competitive advantage but a competitive necessity for banks to retain their customers (Khalil, K. M., 2011)

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

a) Accuracy

Accuracy refers to the aspects such as how quickly and accurately customers can perform their banking transactions through the bank's website" (Dhurup, Surujal & Redda, 2014, p. 592). Vivekanandan and Jayasena (2012) in their research have reveals that the accuracy is the top most services demanded from the bank customers.

H1: Accuracy has a relationship on customer satisfaction toward Internet banking.

b) Ease of Use

Ease of use is refers to the easy to accessing and using the bank's website for searching, navigating and transacting" (Dhurup, Surujal & Redda, 2014, p. 592). Kumbhar (2011) in their research have showed that ease of use had significant impact on customers' satisfaction.

H2: Ease of use has a relationship on customer satisfaction toward Internet banking.

c) Cost Effectiveness

Cost effectiveness is an important factor in the transition to the employment of online banking services; lower price for banking service and lower cost for internet access leads to adopting internet banking service. Generally customers compare new services with old ones. If they realize that the new services are more cost effective than old services, they adopt new

services (Kumbhar, 2012, p. 15). Kumbhar (2011) in their research have showed that cost effectiveness were important factors in determining the customers' satisfaction in internet banking.

H3: Cost effectiveness has a relationship on customer satisfaction toward Internet banking.

d) Security & Privacy

Security can be defined as a form of protection to ensure the customers' safety and to prevent hackers from invading the customers' privacy (Dixit and Datta, 2010). It can be assured by providing a privacy statement and information about the security of the shopping mechanisms and by displaying the logos of trusted third parties" (Ahmad & Al-Zu'bi, 2011, p. 52). "Privacy risk means customers may sacrifice their privacy when they are required to provide personal information in making e-banking transaction" (Chaung and Hu, 2011, p. 4). Kaur *et al* (2013) in their research have showed that Security & privacy had a major factor that strongly led to customer satisfaction in the online bank.

H4: Security and privacy have a relationship on customer satisfaction toward Internet banking.

e) Overall Customer Satisfaction

Customer satisfaction is defined as a customer's overall assessment of the performance or experience that the bank has offered to them. This overall satisfaction across the products and services is provided by e-banking has a strong positive effects on customer loyalty (Ping, Suki & Suki, 2014, p. 743).

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

a) Sample and Data Collection

A structured questionnaire that was adapted from prior research (Prameela, 2013; Maheswari, 2011;

Dharmalinga & Kannan, 2011; Mohideen, 2011; Nupur, 2010; Dixit & Datta, 2010; Kumbhar, 2011; Siu & Mou, 2005; Jun & Cai, 2001) was used to obtain relevant data for this study. The questionnaire was randomly distributed to 216 full time working adults who worked in Delhi, India. The data gathered were analyzed using various statistical methods such as Descriptive analysis; reliability test and multiple linear regression tests were used.

b) Respondents' Demographic Profile

In this study, the respondents comprised 46.0% of females and 54% males. Majority of the respondents in this study, that is, 44%, were in the age group between 20 years old to 29 years old. In terms of their education levels, 43.1% of the respondents have obtained a Masters degree. It is also interesting to note that, in this study, 22.2% of the respondents were earning in between 10000 to 20000 per month.

c) Usage of Internet Banking

All the respondents that involved in this survey had experience in using Internet banking. In fact, 24.4% of the respondents are using Internet banking for more than four years. Most of the respondents used Internet banking on fund transfers because it can be done at anytime and anywhere. The data showed that only 9.7% of the respondents are using Internet Banking from 6 to 12 months.

d) Measurement of Constructs

A reliability test was performed with the Cronbach's alpha value for all the variables were above 0.6 as shown in Table. Therefore, all the variables in this study are at the acceptable level.

Table 1: Cronbach's Alpha for each variable

S. No	Variables	Cronbach's alpha (α)
1.	Accuracy	0.791
2.	Ease of Use	0.819
3.	Cost Effectiveness	0.873
4.	Security & Privacy	0.862
5.	Overall Customer Satisfaction	0.821
	Overall Reliability	0.932

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The table 2 shown the result from regression analysis of the overall independent variables in the model used to describe the satisfaction level in the study. The Adjusted R Square is .406 which means that 40.6% variation is explained by dimensions of e-banking i.e. Accuracy, Ease of Use, Cost Effectiveness and Security & Privacy. The F value is 30.353 and Sig. Value

is .000, which is less than 0.05, which indicates that the independent variables have statistically significant effect on Customer Satisfaction (Zafar et al 2012). Therefore, H1 is not supported in this study. However, the other three independent variables are significant in this study and therefore H2, H3 and H4 were supported in this study.

Table 2: Summary of Regression Analysis

Variables	t-value	Sig.	Results
Accuracy	1.868	.063	Not Supported
Ease of Use	2.840	.005	Supported
Security & Privacy	3.747	.000	Supported
Cost Effectiveness	3.362	.002	Supported

R Square = .406

 $\alpha = .000$

The finding in this research matches with Ahmad and Al-Zu'bi (2011). Ease of use was positively related to customer satisfaction toward Internet banking too. The outcome shows H2 is supported. The results proved that Ease of use has a relationship with customer satisfaction toward Internet banking. An increase in the degree of Ease of use to customer will increase the level of customer satisfaction.

The finding in this research matches with Kumbhar (2011) in their research have showed that cost effectiveness were important factors in determining the customers' satisfaction in internet banking. The results show that H3 is supported.

The finding in this research matches with Ahmad and Al- Zu'bi (2011) in this research have showed that Security and Privacy had a positive significant influence on customer satisfaction toward Internet banking. According to Zhao & Saha (2005), the results show that H4 is supported. This shows that Internet banking users realize that Internet banking providers play an important role to protect the consumers' privacy.

V. CONCLUSION

In this research Ease of Use, Security & Privacy and Cost Effectiveness have a relationship with Overall Customer Satisfaction towards Internet banking. Internet banking providers should put more effort to improve on these three factors in order to increase overall customer satisfaction. Even though accuracy variables do not have a relationship with customer satisfaction in this research, the importance of this one variable cannot be ignored by Internet banking providers because prior research had shown that accuracy variable is important in fulfilling customer satisfaction toward Internet banking. This research can help Internet banking providers to know Internet banking users' opinion and find the solution through customers' perspective. It can help Internet banking providers easily achieve customer satisfaction.

There are several recommendations that can help in overcoming this research. The problem of constraints on time can be solved by increasing the range of time in conducting a research in the future. The sample size of the research should be increased because the sample size may affect the reliability of the research. Sample size can help to improve the reliability between independent variables and dependent variable.

Since one hypothesis had been rejected, a broader sample size should be used to ensure the reliability and generalizability of the research results. Increase in sample size can help researchers to choose more working adults who work in different areas in NCR. In addition; this research study is geographically restricted to NCR due to time and financial constraints and also restricted to Public & private banks only. Co-operative & foreign banks are not included in the study. These are some of limitations in this research but they can be solved by applying the recommendations mentioned above. After the limitations are solved an accurate and reliable result can be generated in the future research.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The co-operative banks in India play an important role in even today in rural financing. These are registered under the Co-operative Societies Act and also regulated by the RBI. They are governed by the "Banking regulation Act-1949" and Banking Laws (Co-operative societies) Act 1965. The business of co-operative banks in urban area also have increased in recent years due to sharp increase in the number of primary co-operative banks. The co-operative movement was stated in India largely with a view to providing agriculturists funds for agricultural operations, at low rates of interest and protect them from the clutches of money lenders.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To study the role and performance of PACS in respect of agricultural credit and rural development.
2. To find out reasons for poor recovery of loans in PACS
3. To offer suggestions to improve the performance of PACS

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III. METHODOLOGY

The study is based on Secondary data. The data has been collected from books, magazines and websites.

a) Role of Pacs

A co-operative credit society, commonly known as Primary Agricultural Co-operative Society (PACS) may be stated with 10 or more persons, normally belonging to a village. The value of each share is generally nominal so as to enable even poorest farmer to become a member. PACS occupy a predominant position in the co-operative structure and form its base. A Primary Agricultural Credit Society is organized at grass-root level of a village or a group of small villages. It is the basic unit which deals with rural (agricultural) borrowers, gives those loans and collects repayments of loans given. It serves as the final link between the ultimate borrowers on the one hand and higher financial agencies, namely the RBI/ NABARD on the other hand.

At the end of June 1989 there were 87000 PACS. These societies covered about 90% of 5.8 lakh villages. There membership of 9 crores covered about 65% of the total estimated population of about 14 crore of rural households. More than half of members of PACS are persons of small means- small farmers, agricultural labourers, rural artisans, and 25% of them belongs to SC/ST.

The working capital of the PACS derived mainly from borrowings from Central Co-operative Banks (CCBs) and the small proportion from owned funds and deposits. That the PACS have failed to attract deposits is not so much a reflection of low savings habits of the rural population as a reflection of the availability of better assets to rural savers of both rate of return and riskiness.

High net borrowings from CCBs shows that PACS act mainly as distribution channel for funds mobilized elsewhere. Only the members of a PACS are entitled to borrow from it. Most loans are for agricultural purpose and are such purpose of machinery (mostly pump sets for irrigation) and cattle are also given. But, consumption loans given

mostly to landless labourers, artisans, and marginal farmers. The share of loans given going to weaker sections is usually about 40% of loans. A varying number of PACS also undertake non-credit activities such as handling the supply of farm requisites, distribution of consumer goods, among their members, constructing godowns and marketing of agricultural produce and process of it.

The management of the society is under an elected body consisting of President, Secretary and a Treasurer. The management is honorary, the only paid membership being normally, the accountant. Loans are given for short period normally for one year, for carrying out agricultural operations, and the rate of interest is low. Profits are not distributed as dividends to shareholders but are used for the construction of the well or maintenance of the village school and so on.

The PACS have stepped up their advances to the weaker sections particularly the small and marginal farmers. This progress has been quite spectacular but not accurate considering the demand for finance from farmers. However, the primary credit society has continues to remain the weakest link in the entire co-operative structure.

b) *Objectives of Pacs*

1. For the membership of co-operatives credit society members should belong to located at village of co-operative societies.
2. The work of PACS should limited to its village only.
3. The liability of PACS should be unlimited.
4. PACS is liable for to the deposits and loans on its account.
5. PACS provides loans to its members only.
6. Loans repayment schedule can be decided by the co-operative society as per the significance purpose of the loans.
7. PACS provide the loan only for medium and short term purpose.

c) *Functions of Pacs*

1. It promotes economic interest of members in accordance with the co-operative principle.
2. It provides short term and medium term loans.
3. It promotes savings habits among members.
4. It supplies agricultural inputs like fertilizers, seeds, insecticides, and implements.
5. It provides marketing facilities for the sale of agricultural products and
6. It supplies domestic products requirements such as sugar, kerosene etc.

d) *Management, Membership And Share Capital of Pacs*

The general body elects a managing committee which consists of 5 to 9 members and

elects a president, secretary, and treasurer to look after the day today functioning of the society. All the office bearers render honorary service. The RBI has given a directive to appoint a full time paid secretary to maintain the accounts for each society.

All agriculturists, agricultural labourers, artisans and small traders in the village can become member of the society. PACS issue ordinary shares of small value depending upon the particular society i.e. Rs.10 and Rs .50 each to their members. The ownership of shares decides the right and obligations of the holder to the society. Share capital forms an important form or part of the working capital. Members borrowing capacities were determined by the number of shares held by them. Initially, societies were form with unlimited liability. The All India Rural Credit Review Committee pointed out that unlimited liability operates as a restraints on the willingness of the society to liberalize its loan policies, to admit new members and to extend its area of operation. Besides, it hinders the society to receive contribution from the State government, whose liability inevitably has to be limited. In view of these reasons, the societies were formed with limited liability and existing societies were converted into limited liability societies.

To make all Primary Agricultural Society viable and ensure adequate and timely flow of co-operative credit to the rural areas the RBI, in collaboration with State Government's had been taking a series of steps to strengthen the PACS and to correct regional imbalances in co-operative development. These efforts are being intensified by providing larger funds to weak societies to write off their losses, bad debts and overdue.

e) *Reasons for Poor Recovery of Loans in Pacs*

<p>A. INTERNAL REASONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. laxity in internal control system 2. poor management information system 3. low motivation and involvement of staff 4. poor industrial relations climate 5. improper identification of borrower 6. under or over financing 7. lack of post disbursement follow up 8. lack of appraisal skills 9. failure to ensure adequate, rapport with govt agencies 10. perception of bank as a charity institution 11. delay in loan sanctioning 12. insufficient gestation or repayment period 13. lack of borrower contact and poor understanding of rural clientele 14. no thrust on recovery 15. Personal accident, death etc. 16. misutilisation of loan 17. willful default 18. diversion of funds 19. shifting of place of residence or business 20. lack of technical and management skills 21. poor maintenance of assets 	<p>B.EXTERNAL REASONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. change in policy environment 2. inadequate market linkages 3. change in economic conditions 4. change in technology 5. political interference 6. target approach under government sponsored programmes 7. legal process 8. geographical factors 9. loan waiver, write off etc. <p>C. EXCLUSIVE REASONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. lack of transparency 2. lack of professional management 3. inadequacy of non-official and member education 4. imbalance among tiers
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IV. FINDINGS

1. Rural credit is mainly focused on the agro sector and PACS plays a major role in rural finance.
2. The society provides only short-term and medium-term loan.
3. It supplies short-term credit on the personal security of the borrowers, while medium-term credit is given by charge on their immovable assets.
4. The society provides loans only relate to agricultural credit to farmers
5. Deposit mobilization in society is less. Because of lack of awareness among the people about the different schemes of the society.
6. The members deposit money for the purpose of compulsion made by banker to open account.
7. The amount of loan distributed to members were in inadequate time.
8. Use of computer is less in these societies.

V. SUGGESTIONS

1. The society should provide long-term loan also to farmers to meet their financial requirements.
2. As society provide loans only related to agricultural credit to farmers it is suggested that it should also provide other types of loans so that it can help the farmers and maintain good standard of living.
3. To improve the deposit mobilization, the society should conduct awareness programs from time to time. This will popularize the different schemes of the society and there by attract new customers and educating the farmers relating to different services provided by society.
4. To help farmers the society should adopt easy procedures for distributing and recovering the loan from farmers.
5. To develop self employment in the rural areas the society should provide training to the rural unemployed people.
6. The adequate amount of loan should be distributed to farmers at adequate time.

7. Political interference in lending operation should be eliminated as per as possible.
8. For early retrieval of information use of computer should also be introduced for maintaining mechanized accounting system safely.
9. Society should educate the farmers relating to different services provided by society.
10. The society should provide quality necessary agricultural items at reasonable price to the farmers
11. The staff member of society should maintain good co-operative relationship with members by providing all information to farmers.

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VI. CONCLUSION

Primary Agricultural Credit Society is actually organized at the grass-roots level a village or a group of small villages. It is the basic unit which deals with rural credit to farmers for meeting their financial requirements. It provides short-term and medium-term loan to farmers which helps to meet their short-term financial requirements. It supplies agricultural inputs and provides marketing facility for the agricultural products. For the development of agricultural sector and allied activities adequate and timely finance are essential. But many financial problems are cropping up in the process of development of co-operative system they are lack of adequate and trained staff, lack of necessary funds, poor industrial relations climate, lack of professional management, political interference, change in economic conditions, over dues and limited source of income of the farmers and so on these societies are unable to provide adequate finance to the members and they are making delay in the sanctioning of loan. Therefore to increase the efficiency of the society and to serve the rural agricultural people in a better perspective the co-operative banking should be strong and efficient to face the challenges in competitive environment and it needs to take necessary measures.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Economic development of a country to a large extent is dependent on the smooth functioning of its financial markets. A financial market that is robust is expected to foster economic growth and social welfare (Singh, 1991). Financial markets pose a great risk to the investor's in spite of its high returns. The market risk can be reduced by portfolio insurance (Wikipedia). Derivative markets help in increasing the trading volume in financial markets because the objective of trading is not only for investment purposes but also for risk management objectives of market participants (Madhumathi & Ranganatham, 2012). Adams and Montesi, (1995) found that corporate managers prefer futures to options by virtue of the large transaction costs in option trading. Investors recognize that there is a close relationship between changes in the index and changes in the values of their portfolios. This makes index futures contract is used as a tool to show how movements in the market affects the value of a portfolio (Grant, 1982). Forecasting hedge ratio is

important for hedgers in derivative market, as forecasting is an important tool in decision making. (Koenker & Bassett, 1978). Hedge ratio can be determined with different models derived by econometrics - OLS, ARCH, GARCH and VECH models to name a few. Ederington (1979) and Johnson (1960) employed portfolio theory to derive the minimum variance hedge ratio (HR) as the "average relationship between the changes in the cash price and the changes in the futures price". Engle (1982) suggested ARCH model. If an autoregressive moving average model (ARMA model) is assumed for the error variance, then the model is known as generalized autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity GARCH model (Bollerslev 1986).

Individual and institutional investors are exposed to equity risk. Predicting the movement of market is not an easy task as rightly proved by the Nobel laureate (Eugene Fama, 2013 & 1966). Stock prices are extremely difficult to predict in the short run, and that new information is very quickly incorporated into prices. In order to minimize the risk due to the adverse movement in the market there is a need for the investors to protect their portfolio value. For investors in India it is even more challenging as the volatility in Indian market is not constant and it varies over time (Securities and Exchange Board of India, 1998). Mary & Vishwanath, (2013) proved that in high PE stock portfolios, capital can be protected by hedging. With this background, this research examines whether hedging the portfolio with Index futures gives economic benefit to the investors.

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

a) Data collection

The research is done with only secondary data obtained from periodicals, journals, website and magazines. Period of study is from January 2008 – December 2012 and daily stock and nifty index futures closing prices were taken. 2007 data is used for determining the hedge ratio.

b) Population

Population taken for the study is Nifty 50. Nifty consists of 50 companies chosen on the basis of certain parameters set by the National Stock Exchange and it broadly describes the performance of the Indian market.

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c) *Sampling Framework*

Based on prefixed parameter ten High Market cap stocks are drawn from the population using a non probability sampling technique, judgement sampling method. The sample consists of 10 stocks constituting a

portfolio worth 1 crore (10 million) rupees. Each stock is given an equal weightage of rupees 10 lakhs (1 million) worth.

Table 1 : List of sample – High Market cap Portfolio

1	Reliance
2	Infosys
3	HUL –Hindustan Unilever Ltd
4	HDFC
5	HDFC Bank
6	ONGC- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
7	NTPC
8	Tata Consultancy Services
9	ITC
10	SBI – State Bank of India

Source: www.nse.com

d) *Financial Analysis*i. *Calculation of Unhedged Portfolio return*

Table 2: Equal weightage portfolio representing 10 stocks (10 lakhs each)

Reliance 351 shares	Infosys 572 shares	Airtel 1033 shares	SBI 420 shares	BHEL 387 shares	ICICI 814 shares	ONGC 800 shares	NTPC 3884 shares	TCS 948 shares	RCOM 1352 shares
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Source: Authors compilation.

Table 3: Representative table showing calculation of Unhedged Portfolio Return on 1/2/2008

Companies	No. of shares	Value of shares on 1/2/2008 in Rs.
Infosys	572	912111
Airtel	1033	939462
SBI	420	917532
BHEL	387	799155
ICICI	814	975294
ONGC	800	836720
NTPC	3884	798745
TCS	948	881166
RCOM	1352	826275
Reliance	351	892505
Unhedged Portfolio return		8778965

As on 1/1/2008 the portfolio was constructed for 1 crore rupees by giving equal weightage of 10 lakhs (1 million) rupees to each stock. Number of shares bought for a value of 10 lakhs for each stock is as follows:

In similar way unhedged portfolio return is calculated every month for 5 years

ii. *Hedged Portfolio return*

The number of nifty futures contract required to hedge the portfolio worth Rupees 1 crore is determined by calculating the hedge ratio. In this study hedge ratio is obtained using two different econometric methods i) Ordinary Least squares -OLS ii) GARCH, and the results are compared to find out the method which gives better returns. The hedge ratio for 2/1/2008 is calculated using previous one year data i.e daily closing price of stock and closing price of nifty index futures from 1/1/2007 to 31/12/2007. Hedge ratio is calculated for every 3 months. So, for each stock every year hedge ratio is determined 4 times and for the total period of study it was determined 20 times for rebalancing of the portfolio. Likewise, hedge ratios were calculated for all the stocks in each sample set based on two methods OLS and GARCH with the help of Eviews software.

Hedge ratio calculation:

$$\beta = \rho (\sigma_S / \sigma_F)$$

where

σ_S is the standard deviation of ΔS , the change in the spot price during the hedging period, σ_F is the standard deviation of ΔF , the change in the futures price during the hedging period, ρ is the coefficient of correlation between ΔS and ΔF .

Rebalancing is done every three months to adjust the number of contracts to be hedged and the trading profit is calculated.

Number of contracts to be hedged: $V_p \times h^* / V_i$

V_p – Value of the portfolio.

h^* - Hedge ratio.

V_i – Value of one index future.

The portfolio value without hedging and the hedged portfolio value is compared to prove the hedging effectiveness. For proving this statistical tests are done with the help of SPSS software.

Table 4: Representative table showing calculation of Market Cap portfolio returns using OLS Hedge ratio.

Date	1- Jan-08	1-Feb-08	3-Mar-08
Portfolio Value in Rs.	9998896.1	8778964.8	7977702.3
Hedge ratio	0.7015	0.7015	0.7015
Nifty	6144.35	5317.25	4953
Value of nifties to be hedged in Rs.	7014226	6069806	5736569
Profit/ Loss in Rs.	0	429521	421874.68
Value of extra nifties hedged in Rs.	0	88637.4	-140211
tot hedge in Rs.		6158444	5596358
Un hedged value in Rs.	9998896.1	8778964.8	7977702.3
Trading profit in Rs.		944178.89	1366053.6
Hedged value in Rs.	9998896.05	9723143.69	9343755.82

Source: Authors research output using data from www.nse.com

Table 5: Representative table showing calculation of Market Cap portfolio returns using GARCH Hedge ratio

Date	1-Jan-08	1-Feb-08	3-Mar-08
Portfolio Value in Rs.	9998896.1	8778964.8	7977702.3
Hedge ratio	0.6802	0.6802	0.6802
Nifty	6144.35	5317.25	4953
Value of nifties to be hedged in Rs.	6801249	5885506	5562387
Profit/ Loss in Rs.	0	429521	409065.1
Value of extra nifties hedged in Rs.	0	85946.06	-135954
tot hedge in Rs.		5971452	5426433
Unhedged value in Rs.	9998896.1	8778964.8	7977702.3
Trading profit in Rs.	0	915510.3	1324575
Hedged value in Rs.	9998896.05	9694475	9302278

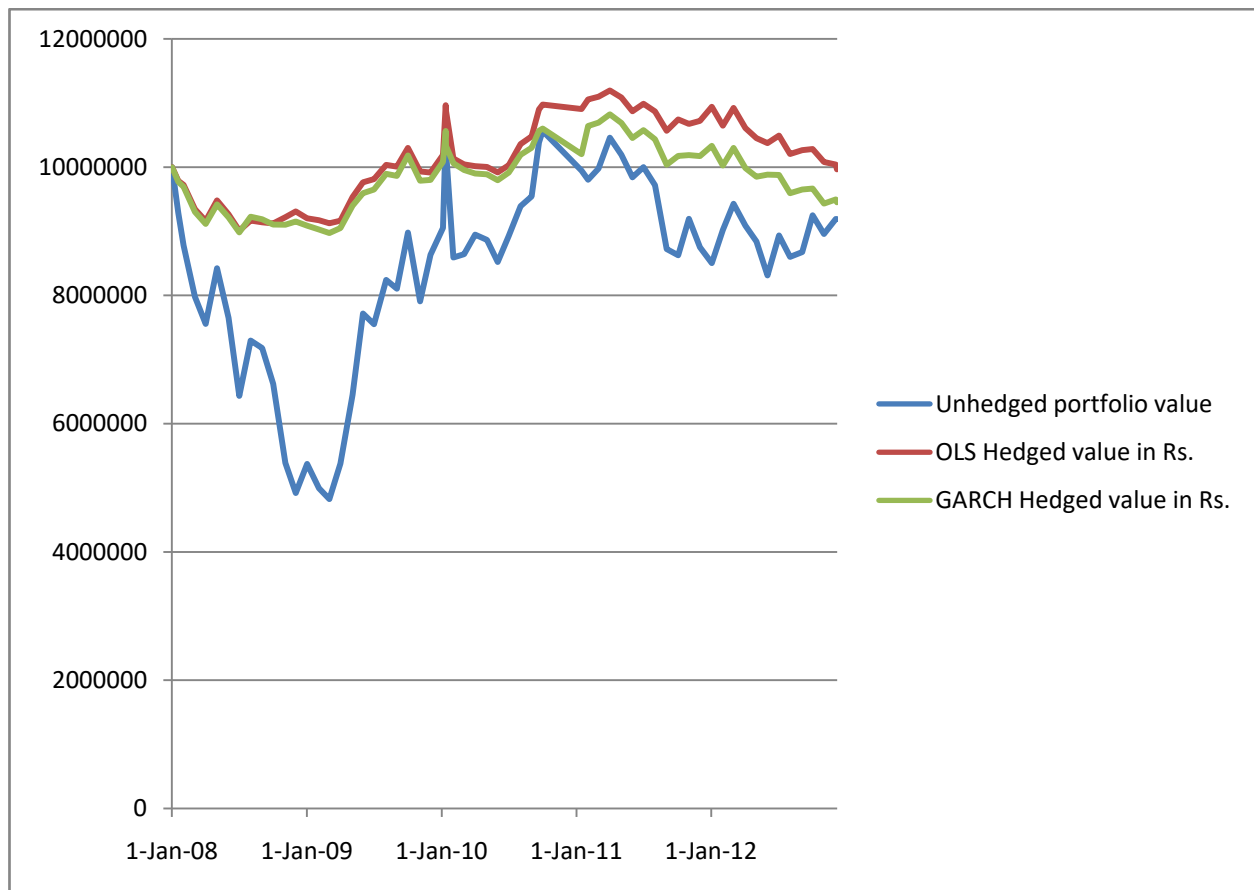
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Table 6: Comparison table of unhedged portfolio value with OLS/GARCH hedged portfolio values

Date	Unhedged portfolio value	OLS Hedged value in Rs.	GARCH Hedged value in Rs.
1-Jan-08	9998896	9998896	9998896
1-Feb-08	8778965	9723144	9694475
3-Mar-08	7977702	9343756	9302278
1-Apr-08	7555383	9162612	9113811
2-May-08	8424073	9480263	9419544
2-Jun-08	7651525	9264630	9215956
1-Jul-08	6433563	9009214	8981359
1-Aug-08	7296548	9167081	9227024
1-Sep-08	7178987	9138187	9187090
1-Oct-08	6620391	9122432	9103742
3-Nov-08	5387486	9218522	9101810
1-Dec-08	4918888	9308613	9150694
1-Jan-09	5374288	9201967	9085503
2-Feb-09	4993423	9170367	9027243
2-Mar-09	4824524	9124227	8971733
1-Apr-09	5377937	9163493	9050244
4-May-09	6449779	9534188	9398719
1-Jun-09	7717239	9762530	9594129
1-Jul-09	7550233	9811931	9650388
3-Aug-09	8241071	10034082	9895867
1-Sep-09	8105053	10007535	9863872
1-Oct-09	8979411	10298128	10183521
3-Nov-09	7907787	9932823	9787841
1-Dec-09	8633103	9913832	9800858
4-Jan-10	9051016	10188779	10081953
1-Feb-10	8590524	10134538	10060727
2-Mar-10	8642354	10041111	9955496
1-Apr-10	8948289	10014283	9901625
3-May-10	8866261	10002144	9887423
1-Jun-10	8520929	9918298	9795859
1-Jul-10	8926718	10030060	9916299
2-Aug-10	9392359	10358432	10193533
1-Sep-10	9543286	10478217	10301716
1-Oct-10	10563767	10974948	10603327
1/11/2010	10524647	10964823	10564207
1/12/2010	10258371	10874342	10329223
14-Jan-11	9945800	10905671	10202263
1-Feb-11	9802455	11055185	10642861

1-Mar-11	9977395	11096714	10695383
1-Apr-11	10460052	11194389	10824778
2-May-11	10192184	11084961	10690578
1-Jun-11	9840062	10871062	10455069
1-Jul-11	9999376	10986559	10577416
1-Aug-11	9718616	10867920	10436079
2-Sep-11	8722504	10565943	10036920
3-Oct-11	8626524	10742418	10175251
1-Nov-11	9193299	10673808	10186926
1-Dec-11	8750042	10721520	10172601
2-Jan-12	8503163	10939784	10332090
1-Feb-12	9019488	10644507	10024511
1-Mar-12	9429049	10921624	10299620
2-Apr-12	9087347	10608430	9986859
2-May-12	8839367	10450895	9850908
1-Jun-12	8312360	10374691	9882290
2-Jul-12	8933901	10491976	9879232
1-Aug-12	8600267	10205241	9592587
3-Sep-12	8675457	10264616	9651932
1-Oct-12	9249876	10280517	9666759
1-Nov-12	8957466	10079923	9430342
3-Dec-12	9192079	10038634	9496697
6-Dec-12	9190658	9964966	9451217

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Figure 1: Comparison chart of unhedged portfolio value with OLS/GARCH hedged portfolio values.

e) Statistical Analysis

T-Test - Mcap OLS hedged return and Mcap GARCH hedged return

H1: There is a significant difference between the Mcap OLS hedged portfolio returns and GARCH hedged portfolio returns.

H_0 : There is no significant difference between the Mcap OLS hedged portfolio returns and GARCH hedged portfolio returns.

Table 7: Mean and standard deviation of Mcap OLS hedged return and Mcap GARCH hedged return

	Mean	N	Std. Deviation
MCAPOLS	1.01E7	63	642885.676
MCAPGARCH	9.847235E6	63	5.0545330E5

Source: Authors research output using data from www.nse.com

Table 8: T-Test: MCAP OLS hedged return and MCAP GARCH hedged return

Differences		t	df	Sig (2-tailed)
Mean	Std. Deviation			
2.8910411E5	2.2931995E5	10.007	62	.000

Source: Authors research output using data from www.nse.com

Result: Table 7 & 8 show that the Market Cap hedged portfolio calculated using OLS Beta is Rs.1,01,00,000 while that of Market Cap hedged portfolio calculated using GARCH Beta is Rs.98,47,200. Significant value is 0.000 which indicates that Market Cap OLS hedged portfolio and Market Cap GARCH hedged portfolio are significant (i.e) H_0 is rejected and H_1 is accepted.

Inference: The T-Test confirms that there is a significant difference between Market Cap OLS hedged portfolio return and Market Cap GARCH hedged portfolio return.

As Market Cap OLS hedged portfolio value is Rs.1,01,00,000 and it performs better than Market Cap GARCH hedged portfolio which is Rs.98,47,200. So, Market Cap OLS hedged portfolio is taken for further analysis. *Mcap unhedged portfolio value and Mcap hedged portfolio value*

H_0 : There is no significant difference between the Mcap unhedged portfolio value and hedged portfolio value.

H_1 : There is a significant difference between the Mcap unhedged portfolio value and hedged portfolio value.

Table 8: Mean and standard deviation of Mcap OLS unhedged return and hedged return

	Mean	N	Std. Deviation
Unhedged Portfolio	8.4935E6	63	1.44986E6
Hedged Portfolio	1.0136E7	63	6.42886E5

Source: Authors research output using data from www.nse.com

Table 9: T-Test : Mcap OLS unhedged return and hedged return

Differences		t	df	Sig (2-tailed)
Mean	Std. Deviation			
-1.64282E6	9.76155E5	-13.358	62	.000

Result: The table 8 & 9 shows that Market Cap unhedged portfolio value is Rs.84,93,523 while that of Market Cap hedged portfolio(OLS) value is Rs.1,01,00,000. The null hypothesis H_0 is rejected and alternate hypothesis H_1 is accepted as sigma value is 0. **Inference:** The objective of hedging the portfolio and effectiveness is achieved as the Market Cap hedged portfolio (OLS) return is around the expected value which is proved by the rejection of null hypothesis. There is 16% gain over the unhedged value which is contributed by the hedge.

III. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Indian equity investors can hedge their portfolio with nifty index futures as hedging reduces loss to a great extent based on this study. Even during the worst of times hedged portfolio value remains unscathed compared to the unhedged open portfolio. Use of complex heteroscedastic models are discouraged as simple OLS model is giving better results than complex heteroscedasticity GARCH models as observed. Even when there are differences in performance, they are very minimal which can be ignored. It can be noticed that when a portfolio is hedged it can withstand harsh bearish conditions like that of 2008 crash.

Though we have ignored the transaction cost it can affect the portfolio performance if more churning is

done or if the transaction costs are prohibitive. However in the current low cost (brokerage) scenario the impact of transaction cost will be minimal in the Indian context. Fund managers can use either fundamental factors or technical tools to decide when to hedge the portfolio. This study is useful for Investors in selecting the right kind of stocks for the portfolio. In this study it is proved that high Mcap stocks can be hedged effectively using index hedging. Investors can invest in high Mcap stocks as they provide the best appreciation even during uncertain periods and hedging is very effective.

IV. CONCLUSION

The research proves that the equity risk of a portfolio can be offset by hedging the portfolio with nifty index futures. The hedged value determined based on OLS (Ordinary least squares) method is high for Market Cap stock portfolios than GARCH (Generalized autoregressive conditional heteroscedasticity) model. So, the traditional simple OLS model is preferable to complex GARCH model in calculating hedge ratio/beta. During periods of financial crisis like 2008-2009 maximum loss covered by hedging the portfolio is up to 68%. The protection of a portfolio through hedging should not encourage investors to use it indiscriminately for unwarranted situations. Only Unhedged portfolio can fulfill the objective of the portfolio by giving good returns.

Hedging should be used as an anchor in a sailing ship charting risky waters. Hence use of hedging should be restricted to special situations where there is an inherent risk of market crash and the portfolio should be unhedged under normal circumstances. This spring's another question; when to hedge or whether to hedge or not?. This situation is a tricky one as further research is needed to find out the suitability of stop loss or other models to initiate hedging. Both fundamental and technical analysis tools may be employed to arrive at the decision.

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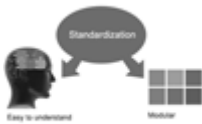
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