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A Predictive Investment Scheme for Dhaka Stock Exchange

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Abstract: Stock market plays a vital role in industrial development of a country. People invest money to make profit from market. Inexperience investors cannot yield profit due to their weak predictions. This research tries to understand the nature of those investors and their demands. Most investors first analyze the prospect of companies based on rate of up-down in prices of share, given bonus, companies' goodwill, temptation by others, etc.. This research presents a good prediction methodology for the stock market investors and thus, will help them to achieve a profit. It will improve the stability of a market.

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1. Introduction

Business is regarded as the key to prosperity. Doing business requires money as well as time to be invested. There are many people who have idle money in their hand, but feel risk in investing in business. Again, a good number of them do not have enough time to spend their money in a business. They, instead, look for a place where they could invest their money sparing a little time from their busy schedule. Stock market could be a suitable place for such people.

A stock exchange is like an institution, organization or association which presents a virtual market for trading financial instruments, e.g., stocks, bonds ^[1]. Almost all countries have their own market for trading shares.

Though most of them are open to their country people ^[1-3], several of them are exposed to any investor in the world ^[4]. Modern stock exchanges, like Dhaka stock exchange (DSE) ^[1], the New York stock exchange ^[2], have their own trading floor from where they work. Electronic trading system makes the market attractive to all. Electronic trading is a very easy system to trade for buying or selling share. Moreover, it reduces the cost of entry into the market ^[1,5-8]. Like the other markets in the world, DSE allows electronic trading system. DSE has a good platform, i.e., a website, to check last traded price of shares, their dividends, wealth and earning of each company and related historical data of last three years. That platform also allows to place a selling and buying order through online.

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DSE market is a big place for the investors. It supports electronic trading system. So, it is like a virtual market. As it is open to all, anyone can do trading business staying at home^[9-12]. Consequently, by the last ten years, per day trading amount ranges from 3000-30000 million Taka, i.e., currency of Bangladesh, and market capital is 68.5 billion US dollar^[1]. There are about 1.5 million active investors in the market. Therefore, it is a large market place. But many cheat people work to grab the money from the market^[13-16]. Those people make the market risky, especially for the new investors. If the investors could get a computerized system to analyze the share and the behavior of the market before buying it, that could be a great help for them. The current DSE system does not give any prediction method to estimate the future profitability of a share^[17-20]. Realizing the issue, we have developed that system for DSE investors. Our system has proposed a good prediction method for the investors of DSE market.

Literature states that AI related algorithms are the mostly used methods that are applied for predicting good share in the stock market^[21-24]. However, these take time to learn the market. Moreover, it is hard to consider diverse parameters like cash bonus, dividends and earning per share in the learning state whereas bonus and dividend attract investors significantly^[25,26]. Investor does not understand all issues related to a learning system. They cannot select proper parameters for learning and testing properties of shares. On the other hand, if the investors find a system that works on fewer and easy parameters, e.g., today's price of share, prices of last one month, three month, six month, an year, etc, and if the system is given the ability to predict good investable shares depending on up and down trends of those parameters, the investors will accept it gladly. Considering those issues, we have developed a method of predicting DSE share. It is a new amendment in this field. Though it is not exercised in the stock market of other countries, we believe that it would be a contributory system for those markets as well.

2. Proposed Prediction Method

The proposed model works in two steps. First, it acquires data from DSE website. Second, the method applies its prediction policy to estimate the prospect of the share. These two steps are explained in the following.

2.1 Data Acquisition from DSE Website

DSE has an organized website which provides various historical data of last three years for all of its registered companies. We designed an interface to read these data

from the DSE site. We used python technology to grab these data. We first analyzed the site to find the parameters that held these historical data of DSE. Then, we scraped those data from DSE to our system. We made a database to store those scrapped data. While scrapping, we, first, collected all listed short names of tradable companies from DSE site. Thereafter, we gathered all previous traded information for each of the companies, e.g., total trades in number, traded amount in Taka, today's close price, given cash bonus and/or dividend, maximum and minimum traded values of last three months, six months, one year, two years, three years, etc.. We stored all short names of the companies and their related historical data in our database.

DSE site contains two types of values-current values and historical values. The last traded values are considered as current values and these are found in 'current price table' of database of DSE site. Next day, those current values either move to or adjust with historical data according to data pattern by the DSE site. We found these historical data at 'historical info table' of DSE site. We developed two scrapping script to acquire these two types of values. Each day, one scrapping script was allowed to run automatically at a pre-defined time to adjust historical values of our database with the DSE site. Similarly, another scrapping script employed for scrapping today's current prices.

2.2 Make Prediction Based on Acquired Data

We made prediction from four different perspectives. These are long term prediction, short term prediction, price sensitive alert, projecting to highly profitable shares.

2.2.1 Long Term Prediction

The long term prediction method generates four suggestions for the investors based on its analysis. These are highly profitable, profitable, may be profitable, high risk. The estimation method works as follows.

Highly Profitable

First, consider two variables A and B as lowest and highest price of a share, respectively, within a target period, e.g., one year. Let C be the today's price of the same share. Considering these, in the system, we computed lowest deviation LD by $LD=C-A$ and highest deviation HD by $HD=B-C$. We, then, calculated the ratio R of the highest deviation and lowest deviation by Equation (1).

$$R = \frac{HD}{LD} \quad (1)$$

$$Suggestion = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{if } 0 \geq R \leq 0.25 & \text{highly profitable} \\ \text{if } 0.25 > R \leq 0.50 & \text{profitable} \\ \text{if } 0.5 > R \leq 0.75 & \text{may be profitable} \\ \text{if } R > 0.75 & \text{highrisk} \end{array} \right\} \quad (2)$$

That R is applied in Equation (2) to get an investment suggestion.

2.2.2 Short Term Prediction

Short term prediction is useful for those investors who wish to invest in a share for a short period of time. That type of investors wishes to generate a small profit within a short time. To help these investors, we calculate moving average of prices of last one month of a target share and projected the results as ‘may be profitable’, ‘may not be profitable’ and ‘moderate’.

If moving average price is less than today’s price of a share, we marked it as ‘may not be profitable’. In other cases, we apply a threshold to quantize the level as profitable or moderate.

2.2.3 Price Sensitive Alert

Price sensitive alert is designed to understand whether the trend of moving average curve of prices of a share is upward or downward for last one month, three months and six months. That estimation is useful for greedy investors.

Price sensitive alert of yesterday

That feature is designed to help the investor to take a good buying and selling decision. If price of a desired share increases by an amount regarding the price of yesterday, that is closed to 10%, the system then alerts the investor so that the investor can take a decision to sell the current share. The same is done to help in buying share while decreasing a price that is close to 10%.

2.2.4 Show Highly Profitable Shares

The shares which are highly profitable are measured by Equation (2). The data of three months, six months, one

year and two years are utilized in Equation (2) as a target period to classify the highly profitable shares.

3. Results Analysis

3.1 Analysis of Proposed Method

Our developed system was tested by us for one year. To test the system, we invested 100000 Taka (about 980USD) in the DSE share market. We bought different shares from DSE market to test short and long term prediction methods, price sensitive and highly profitable estimation methods. During this period, we invested 20000-30000 Taka in each testing section. Most of the time, we realized a good gain. The statistics of loss and profit is provided in Table 1.

Though a good gain is observed in Table 1, a loss was realized from highly profitable prediction and a small profit was earned from price sensitive prediction. This is because, these two are greedy methods. Sometimes, such estimation gives a wrong direction to investors because that is done from fewer data. Additionally, the market in 2000 was unstable. However, the overall gain applying our proposed prediction method is 15.1%, which is an attractive figure for the trade market investors. Thus, the proposed prediction method proves its efficiency.

3.2 Description of the Components of System

The interface for short and long term investment is depicted in Figure 1. There, one can check the shares which are promising for short and long term investment. If the user selects short term prediction option, the interface will ask for a name of a company. After taking the trade name from a user, the system computes its short term investment probability. The system, then, estimates the prospect of investment by Equation (2) and depicts the result in an interface, as shown for ACI company in Figure 2. The same is done for long term prediction option. A prediction result for long term perspective is shown in Figure 3.

Table 1. Realized gain from investment

Category	Number categories of different shares	Amount in Taka	Loss in categories of Shares	Total profit	Overall gain in %
Long term	3	30000	1	6800	15.1
Short term	8	30000	2	7800	
Price sensitive	11	20000	5	1500	
Highly profitable	12	20000	4	-1000

Figure 1. Short and long term prediction interface

Figure 2. Long term prediction result for ACI company

Figure 3. Short term prediction result for ACI company

Figure 4 gives a snapshot of the interface that is used for estimating price sensitive and highly profitable shares. The interface helps investors to know the price sensitive information of a single share as well as to separate a list of highly profitable shares.

The interface for price sensitive information is given in Figure 5. According to user's selection, the interface

extracts related data from DSE interface; analyzes these information based on data of last one day, one month, three months or six months; and present them accordingly. It shows results in both increasing and decreasing trends as well. Figure 6 shows the results for last three month's data as a sample of an execution moment.

Figure 4. Price sensitive alerting and highly profitable share measuring interface

Figure 5. Price sensitive alert interface

Investment Projection Of DSE

Price Sensitive Alert of Last 3 Months

Price Sensitivity (Increasing)		Price Sensitivity (Decreasing)	
Attribute	Result	Attribute	Result
BDAUTOCA	76.122		
BDLAMPS	34.871		
CONFIDCEM	26.368		
ATLASBANG	24.345		
ABBANK	23.313		
ACTIVEFINE	14.595		
AZIZPIPES	13.636		
AL-HAJTEX	13.571		
ARAMITCEM	12.830		
APEXFOOT	11.731		
BSCCL	10.962		

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Figure 6. Price sensitive alert based on last three months

4. Conclusions

Stock market plays an important role in business and industry development of a country. People invest their money in stock market to earn a profit. However, it is not so easy to realize positive gains from such investment. Investors should be aware of their investments. At the same time, an automated system is desired to direct the investors toward profitable shares. Therefore, this proposed system would be a useful one for any investor. The system will guide them to invest their money in promising shares. If the investor use that proposed system, it is expected that they would achieve a good gain at the year end. Consequently, the system will attract more investor to invest in the market. At the same time, it will increase the stability of the stock market.

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