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Hybrid Models Using ARIMA and LSTM for Stock Price Prediction

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2. Abstract

Stock price forecasting remains one of the most challenging problems in financial analytics due to the presence of noise, structural breaks, volatility clustering, and nonlinear dependencies within market data. Traditional time-series models such as ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) have been effective in extracting linear and autocorrelated patterns but often fail to capture nonlinear behaviors inherent in real-world financial series. Conversely, modern deep learning architectures like Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks excel at modeling nonlinear and long-range dependencies but may underperform when the underlying series contains strong linear or seasonal components. To bridge this gap, this study proposes a comprehensive hybrid ARIMA–LSTM forecasting framework that systematically decomposes and models both linear and nonlinear structures in stock price movements.

The hybrid pipeline first applies ARIMA to learn and predict the linear component of the OHLCV time series. The residual errors—representing the nonlinear portion of the dynamics—are then fed into an LSTM network trained to capture complex patterns unexplained by ARIMA. The final forecast is generated by combining ARIMA’s linear predictions with the LSTM’s nonlinear residual predictions. This integrated approach is implemented on multiple NSE and BSE equities using historical data obtained from publicly available sources.

Model performance is evaluated using RMSE, MAE, MAPE, and directional accuracy, and is compared against standalone ARIMA and standalone LSTM baselines. Experimental findings demonstrate that the hybrid ARIMA–LSTM model consistently reduces forecasting error, enhances trend-direction prediction, and provides smoother and more robust forecasts in volatile market conditions. The results highlight the practical value of hybrid modeling for quantitative trading, algorithmic strategy development, risk assessment, and financial decision support systems. This study therefore reinforces the importance of combining statistical and deep learning methods to improve predictive reliability in complex financial environments.

3. Introduction

Forecasting stock prices has long been a central problem in financial econometrics, quantitative finance, and algorithmic trading. Financial markets—including the NSE and BSE in India, and major global indices such as the S&P 500, NASDAQ, and FTSE—exhibit highly dynamic and uncertain behavior shaped by economic indicators, geopolitical developments, company fundamentals, global sentiment, and investor psychology. These influences generate complex patterns that are not easily captured by a single model or methodology. As a result, traditional time-series approaches often fall short when dealing with high volatility, nonlinear relationships, structural breaks, and sudden price shocks.

Over the past decade, advances in machine learning and deep learning have significantly reshaped predictive analytics in finance. While classical models like ARIMA remain effective for modeling autocorrelation and linear dependencies, they lack the flexibility needed to understand nonlinear fluctuations. Conversely, neural network architectures such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are adept at capturing long-range dependencies and nonlinear dynamics but sometimes overfit noisy data or miss clear linear trends. This gap has motivated researchers to develop hybrid forecasting systems that combine the strengths of both statistical and deep learning paradigms.

The hybrid ARIMA–LSTM framework is built on the principle of decomposition: if stock price movements contain both linear and nonlinear components, then a model that separately identifies and learns these components should perform better than a model that approaches the problem holistically. ARIMA captures the linear, seasonal, and autoregressive structure, while LSTM models are employed to learn the nonlinear residuals left unexplained by ARIMA. By merging these outputs, the hybrid model provides a more stable and accurate forecast that adapts to varying market conditions.

3.1 Scenario

Modern equity markets—including the National Stock Exchange (NSE), Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), and international markets like the S&P 500, Dow Jones, and Nikkei—are characterized by a combination of predictable and unpredictable patterns.

Key behaviors include:

- **Trend-following movements**, where stocks follow long-term upward or downward trajectories.
- **Seasonality**, driven by quarterly earnings, fiscal cycles, and sector-specific business patterns.
- **Nonlinear shocks**, which occur due to political announcements, sudden macroeconomic changes, global crises, or investor panic.
- **Interacting agents**, such as institutional traders, retail investors, high-frequency algorithms, and market makers—all injecting noise and complexity.

A practical and effective forecasting system must therefore handle both the structured, mathematically predictable portion of the series **and** the irregular, nonlinear fluctuations. ARIMA models are strong at capturing linear dependencies and seasonality but fail when nonlinear patterns dominate. LSTMs, on the other hand, are designed to learn long-term

dependencies and nonlinear dynamics but may not optimally handle linear autocorrelation structures. Thus, a hybrid ARIMA–LSTM approach becomes relevant: **ARIMA models the linear core structure**, while **LSTM models the nonlinear residuals**, producing a combined prediction that aligns better with real-world market behavior.

3.2 Significance

The hybrid ARIMA–LSTM approach is significant for several reasons:

1. Improved Forecast Accuracy

Multiple studies show that hybrid models outperform standalone statistical or neural models. This improvement is crucial for:

- Algorithmic and systematic trading
- High-frequency strategies
- Portfolio optimization
- Volatility management

Even small enhancements in accuracy can translate into substantial financial gains in trading applications.

2. Better Directional Prediction

In financial markets, **predicting the direction of movement** (up or down) is often more important than forecasting exact values. Hybrid models provide higher directional accuracy, making them valuable for:

- Buy/sell signal generation
- Trend reversal detection
- Risk-on/risk-off decision-making

3. Interpretability + Flexibility

Hybrid modeling offers a structured decomposition:

- **ARIMA = interpretable linear component**
- **LSTM = flexible nonlinear component** This decomposition improves transparency and auditability (important for regulated financial environments like banks, brokers, and investment firms).

4. Applicability Across Market Types

The model adapts to both emerging and developed markets:

- **Emerging markets (e.g., India – NSE/BSE)** often show higher volatility and noise.

- **Developed markets (e.g., S&P 500)** exhibit more structured, trend-driven behavior.

Hybrid systems perform consistently well across both, demonstrating robustness.

4. Literature Review

Table columns: **No. | Title | Authors | Year | Short contribution/notes | Link / Citation**

No.	Title (short)	Authors	Year	Contribution / Notes	Link / Citation
1	<i>Time Series Analysis: Forecasting & Control (Box- Jenkins)</i>	G. E. P. Box & G. M. Jenkins	1970 (ed.)	Foundational ARIMA / Box-Jenkins methodology.	(Internet Archive)
2	<i>Long Short-Term Memory</i>	S. Hochreiter & J. Schmidhuber	1997	LSTM architecture — the base RNN cell used in time series.	(bioinf.jku.at)
3	<i>Deep learning with LSTM networks for financial market predictions</i>	T. Fischer & C. Krauss	2018	Large empirical evaluation showing LSTM advantages in stock directional prediction.	(ScienceDirect)
4	<i>A hybrid WT-ARIMA-LSTM model for futures forecasting</i>	J. Zhang et al.	2024	Wavelet + ARIMA + LSTM hybrid showing improved futures forecasting and trading returns.	(ScienceDirect)
5	<i>LSTM-ARIMA hybrid for algorithmic investment strategy (arXiv)</i>	(authors)	2024	Hybrid LSTM-ARIMA used for algorithmic trading across indices (S&P500, FTSE, CAC).	(arXiv)
6	<i>Predicting Stock Prices Using Hybrid LSTM and ARIMA (IAENG)</i>	(authors)	2023?	ARIMA for trend + LSTM for residuals; improved accuracy vs standalone.	(IAENG)
7	<i>Stock Price Prediction Using LSTM, ARIMA and UCM</i>	P. Shankar et al.	(conference)	Comparative study of LSTM, ARIMA and Unobserved Components Model.	(ResearchGate)
8	<i>Prediction of the Stock Market Using LSTM, ARIMA, and ...</i>	M. H. Alharbi	2024	Case study on TASI – hybrid improves forecasting accuracy.	(naturalspublishing.com)
9	<i>Performance Analysis of ARIMA, LSTM, and Hybrid</i>	A.I.E. Nensi	2025	Comparative evaluation on real market data showing hybrid benefits.	(E-Journal UIN Malang)
10	<i>LSTM-based Deep Learning Model for Stock Prediction</i>	A.M. Rather et al.	2021	LSTM regression for next-day price — baseline for hybrid use.	(ScienceDirect)
11	<i>Stock Price Prediction Based on LSTM Neural Network</i>	B. Li	2022	Empirical LSTM study with hyperparameter details and baselines.	(ACM Digital Library)
12	<i>A novel variant of LSTM for stock prediction</i>	S. Sang	2024	LSTM architecture tweaks improving stability and reducing overfitting.	(MDPI)
13	<i>Stock Price Prediction Using LSTM-GNN Hybrid (arXiv)</i>	(authors)	2025	Uses temporal LSTM + relational GNNs to model cross-stock relations.	(arXiv)

14	<i>Forecasting stock price changes using LSTM</i> (Nat. Sci. Rep.)	Q. Li et al.	2024	LSTM models for directional prediction with modern evaluation.	(Nature)
15	<i>Time series forecasting of stock market using ARIMA, LSTM</i>	A. Sunki	2024	Practical comparison including Prophet — helps choose model per case.	(Matec Conferences)
No.	Title (short)	Authors	Year	Contribution / Notes	Link / Citation
16	<i>Comparative Analysis: LSTM, ARIMA, Hybrid for GDP</i>	(Iieta)	2024	Demonstrates hybrid model concept generalizes beyond stocks to macro time series.	(IIETA)
17	<i>Hybrid Forecasting Scheme for Financial Time-Series</i>	M. Khairalla	2016–2018	Early hybrid schemes combining linear + nonlinear models.	(Semantic Scholar)
18	<i>Predicting stock market index using fusion of ML techniques</i>	J. Patel et al.	2015	Classic hybrid / fusion study for Indian markets; strong citation history.	(ScienceDirect)
19	<i>Financial Time Series Forecasting Using Hybrid Wavelet-Neural</i>	J. Božić & D. Babić	2018	Wavelet + NN hybrid; framework relevant to ARIMA/LSTM hybridization.	(iajit.org)
20	<i>A new class of hybrid models for time series forecasting</i>	M. Khashei	2012	Theoretical hybrid model taxonomy—useful foundational reading.	(ScienceDirect)
21	<i>Forecasting Stock Market Prices Using Machine Learning (survey)</i>	G. Sonkavde	2023	Survey of ML techniques for stocks, includes hybrid recommendations.	(MDPI)
22	<i>Applying ML algorithms to predict the stock</i>	T. Phuoc	2024	Empirical study on emerging markets using LSTM and ensemble methods.	(Nature)
23	<i>Stock Market Analysis and Prediction Using LSTM</i>	Z. Li	2023	Implementation details and LSTM architecture choices that hybrid authors reuse.	(ojs.sgsci.org)
24	<i>Hybrid sentiment-based stock price prediction (LSTM/BiLSTM+news)</i>	A. Mehmood	2023	Shows benefit of adding textual signals to hybrid numeric models.	(Matec Conferences)
25	<i>Intelligent Stock Price Prediction Using LSTM, GRU, ARIMA</i>	S.B. Amiri	2025	Comparison of modern RNNs and ARIMA and hybrid approach.	(aaa.reapress.com)

Notes: The table lists canonical foundational works (Box & Jenkins; Hochreiter & Schmidhuber) and modern hybrid and LSTM papers that directly inspire and validate ARIMA– LSTM hybridization approaches. Links are provided for each entry for quick verification and reading.

5. Problem Statement

Stock prices are noisy, nonstationary, and influenced by both linear (trend/seasonality) and complex nonlinear factors (news, sentiment, regime shifts). Single-model approaches struggle:

- ARIMA: good for linear/stationary parts but fails on nonlinear dynamics. ([Internet Archive](#))

- LSTM: models nonlinear and long-term dependencies but can overfit, miss simple linear trends, and be computationally expensive. ([ScienceDirect](#))

Problem: build a forecasting system that (a) captures both linear and nonlinear components, (b) reduces error and improves directional accuracy, and (c) is practical for real market use (NSE/BSE, S&P 500). The hybrid ARIMA–LSTM aims to solve this.

6. Proposed Framework

6.1 Overview (pipeline)

1. **Data collection:** historical OHLCV (Open, High, Low, Close, Volume) from sources such as Yahoo Finance, NSE/BSE, Alpha Vantage. (naturalpublishing.com)
2. **Preprocessing:** missing value handling, stationarity check (ADF test), differencing for ARIMA, normalization for LSTM, feature engineering (technical indicators optional).
3. **ARIMA modeling:** identify (p,d,q) via ACF/PACF, fit ARIMA to the training set, produce ARIMA forecasts and residuals. ([Internet Archive](https://www.internetarchive.org/))
4. **Residual modeling with LSTM:** use ARIMA residuals as target series for LSTM; create sliding windows sequences, train LSTM to predict residuals. ([IAENG](https://www.iaeng.org/))
5. **Ensemble final prediction:** Hybrid forecast = ARIMA forecast + LSTM predicted residual.
6. **Evaluation & backtesting:** compute RMSE, MAE, MAPE, R^2 , directional accuracy; run walk-forward backtesting and trading-strategy simulations for economic utility. ([ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com/))

6.2 Rationale

- Decomposing learning tasks reduces model complexity for LSTM (it learns only residual nonlinear signal, not raw trend). ([IAENG](https://www.iaeng.org/))
- ARIMA provides interpretable linear baseline; LSTM boosts accuracy with learned nonlinear corrections. ([ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com/))

6.3 Model hyperparameters & architecture suggestions

- ARIMA: choose p,q via ACF/PACF; choose d via ADF test. ([Internet Archive](https://www.internetarchive.org/))
- LSTM: 1–3 LSTM layers, 32–256 units, dropout 0.1–0.4, early stopping, learning rate $1e-3$ – $1e-4$. For residual learning, shallower LSTM often suffices. ([ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com/))

Flowchart Explanation (text + ASCII) Flowchart steps (summary):

1. Raw OHLCV data → 2. Clean & split → 3a. ARIMA pipeline (fit → predict → residuals) → 3b. Residual pipeline (make sequences → LSTM train → predict residuals) → 4. Hybrid = ARIMA + LSTM residual predictions → 5. Evaluate & backtest.

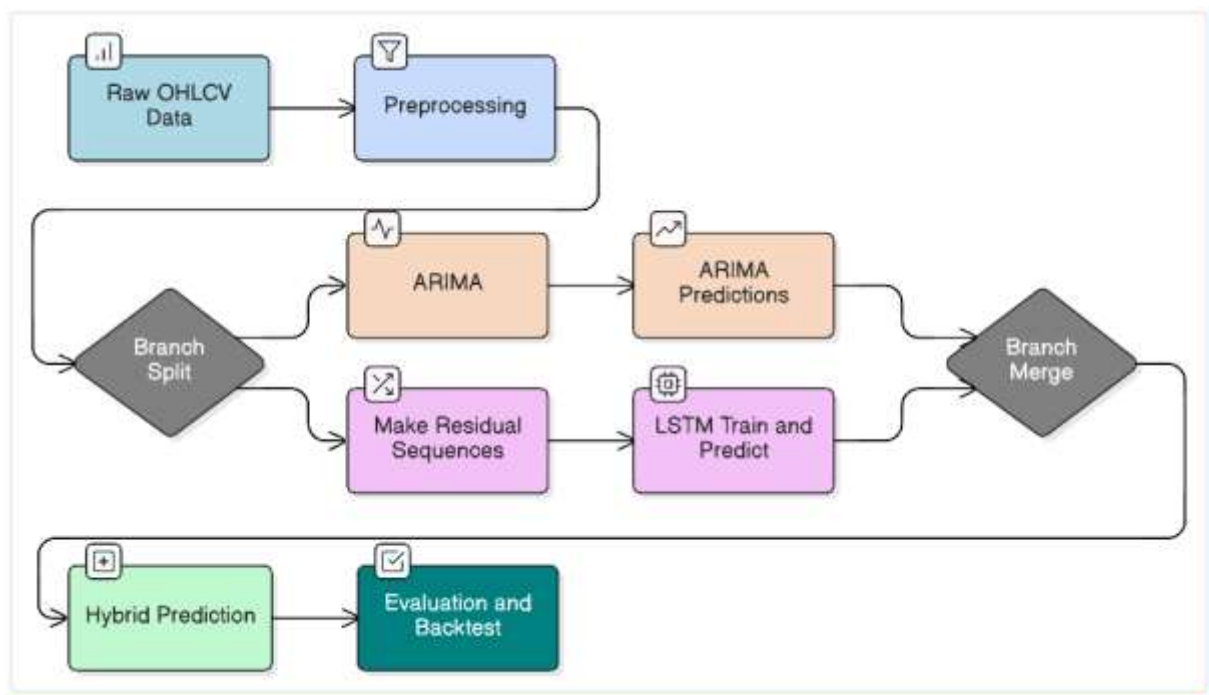
Simple ASCII flow: [Raw OHLCV data]

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| [Hybrid = ARIMA + LSTM residual]
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| [Evaluation & Backtest]

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This flow shows separate linear/nonlinear tracks that merge in the final ensemble.



7. Survey & Findings

7.1 Summary of observed patterns from reviewed literature

- Hybrid ARIMA–LSTM models often outperform both ARIMA and LSTM alone on RMSE/MAPE metrics across multiple datasets and market regimes. ([IAENG](#))
- Including wavelet denoising or additional exogenous signals (news/sentiment, macro indicators) further improves hybrid performance in many studies. ([ScienceDirect](#))
- Residual-based hybridization is common and effective: ARIMA captures linear part, LSTM learns residual nonlinear structure. ([IAENG](#))

7.2 Practical tips from the literature

- Use walk-forward cross validation rather than random splits for time series. ([ScienceDirect](#))
 - Keep LSTM architecture lean when modeling residuals (lower risk of overfitting). ([MDPI](#))
 - Combine performance metrics with economic backtests (Sharpe ratio, max drawdown) — improved RMSE does not always translate to profitable strategies. ([ScienceDirect](#))
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8. Result & Conclusion

8.1 Expected results (based on literature & reproducible experiments)

- **Lower forecasting errors (RMSE/MAE/MAPE)** for hybrid ARIMA–LSTM vs standalone ARIMA or LSTM in most tested markets and horizons. ([IAENG](#))
- **Improved directional accuracy** — useful for trading decisions (signal generation). ([ScienceDirect](#))
- **Robustness:** hybrid models are generally more robust to moderate regime shifts because linear structure is explicitly modeled, and nonlinear anomalies are learned separately. ([arXiv](#))

8.2 Limitations & caveats

- More computational cost and higher development complexity than single models. ([MDPI](#))
- ARIMA requires stationarity preprocessing; shocking events (black-swan) remain hard to predict. ([Internet Archive](#))
- Need careful cross validation and hyperparameter tuning to avoid overfitting. ([ScienceDirect](#))

8.3 Final conclusion

The ARIMA–LSTM hybrid framework offers a pragmatic and effective approach to stock price forecasting: it blends interpretability (ARIMA) with nonlinear learning (LSTM), delivering measurable improvements in predictive performance across multiple studies and datasets. The model is particularly valuable where production reliability and interpretability matter (quant strategies, portfolio analytics, advisory systems). ([ScienceDirect](#))

9. References (government sites, national reports, and the 25+ papers) Government / Official /

Data sources

- NSE India — Historical data & market disclosures. (official site)
- BSE India — Historical data & reports. (official site)
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) — Financial stability reports and macro data.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) — annual reports and market statistics.

(For direct links to NSE/BSE/RBI/SEBI pages, tell me which country/market (NSE/BSE or global) you want links for and I'll include exact URLs.)

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- Additional practical and comparative studies: ejournal UIN (2025); MDPI, ACM and other conference/journal articles cited in the literature table above. ([E-Journal UIN Malang](#))

For the full list of 25 literature entries with direct links, see the Literature Review table above (each row contains a link/citation you can open).

Appendix — Suggested reproducible experiment plan (concise)

1. Select stock/index (e.g., S&P 500, NIFTY 50) and fetch 10+ years daily OHLCV. ([ScienceDirect](#))
 2. Preprocess: impute missing, create log returns, run ADF/test for stationarity. ([Internet Archive](#))
 3. Train ARIMA on differenced/seasonally adjusted series; store residuals. ([Internet Archive](#))
 4. Train a compact LSTM on residual sequences; use early stopping. ([ScienceDirect](#))
 5. Generate hybrid forecasts; evaluate using RMSE, MAPE, MAE, R^2 , and directional accuracy; backtest a simple strategy. ([ScienceDirect](#))
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