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CHRONOLOGY OF DIVERGENCES & REVERSALS IN RALLIES & REACTIONS OF NIFTY STOCKS BETWEEN 1ST JANUARY 2002 & 31ST DECEMBER 2011 ON DAILY CHARTS

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ABSTRACT

Momentum oscillators are devised for identifying acceleration & deceleration of price progression. Overbought & oversold ranges, bull & bear ranges, bullish, bearish divergences & reversals (overt & covert), patterns as well as advance breakouts are the crucial signals analyzed in momentum analysis. This paper is focused on confirmation of chronological sequence in the occurrence of divergences & reversals to enhance efficacy of this technique in trading & investing.

KEYWORDS

divergences, momentum, reversals, technical analysis.

INTRODUCTION

ver the period of last six decades, technicians & researchers have devised numerous momentum oscillators to suit their requirements. However, Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD), The Relative Strength Index (RSI), ROC & %Stochastics have remained the most extensively used oscillators. In this paper, Relative Strength Index [RSI] is used to test the chronological sequence in the occurrence of divergences & reversals. The rationale is that the RSI is a banded, centered, tried & tested oscillator used over the period of 35 years, ever since its introduction in 1978 by Wells Wilder¹. Andrew Cardwell², John Hayden³, Constance Brown⁴ & Baeyens Walter⁵ have done intensive research on RSI. In my Ph.D. thesis, I had to do a lot of work on RSI to develop my 'Theory of Triple Trend Integration'⁵ & confirm that it is more reliable than most of the widely-used momentum oscillators.

Momentum oscillators measure the velocity of price movement in up, sideways or down trend. A trend reversal of momentum is a reversal of momentum, not of price. Actual entry and exit signals come only from reversal of price trend. Normally, the momentum oscillators are expected to mark peaks and troughs at roughly the same time as price, but often it's not the case & oscillators turn ahead of price. The discrepancy between price and momentum oscillators arising out of acceleration and deceleration gives rise to divergences.



It's an established fact that only bullish & bearish divergences do not indicate acceleration and deceleration in the price velocity but the bullish or bearish reversals also appear before trend reversals. In fact, bullish & bearish reversals not only confirm change in trend but also indicate the conservative price projections with remarkable consistency. All these divergences & reversals may be conceptually overt or covert as explained by John Hayden?.

Constance Brown[®] has referred to Andrew Cardwell's statement - "Bearish Divergence is Bullish" and "Bullish Divergence is Bearish". This statement clearly indicates the chronology of divergences are bearish divergences are followed by the bullish reversals & bullish divergences are followed by the bearish reversals. In this paper I wish to practically test this chronology on all the 50 stocks of NIFTY⁹ during the period of 10 years between 1st Jan. 2002 & 31st December 2011 on Daily charts. The rationale of choosing this period is the fact that during this time markets have clearly passed through the ranging & trending phases. The objective is to evaluate this chronology & make it an important principle of divergence analysis.

Following is the daily chart of NIFTY (cash) for the period between August 2010 & March 2012. This chart depicts two cases of overt divergences & reversals sequentially unfolding the order suggested by Andrew Cardwell.

Case 1: point A > point B (red line) on the closing price chart but correspondingly, point C < point D (green line) on underneath 14 RSI. This typical bullish divergence is followed by a bearish reversal. Point G > point H (red line) on the closing price chart but correspondingly, point E = point F (red line) on underneath 14 RSI.

Case 2: point A = point B (sky-blue line) on the closing price chart but correspondingly, point C < point K (green line) on underneath 14 RSI. This typical bullish divergence is followed by a bearish reversal. Point I > point J (red line) on the closing price chart but correspondingly, point E = point F (red line) on underneath 14 RSI.

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RESULTS

Following table indicates the similar 589 Bullish Divergence & 466 Bearish Divergence cases of 50 stocks of NIFTY between 1st Jan. 2002 & 31st December 2011 on Daily charts.

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16. I	HIND UNILVR	12 [8]	9	7	9 [8]	6	6
17. I	HDFC	13 [7]	9	6	11 [8]	7	6
18. I		12 [8]	11	7	13 [9]	10	8
19. I	ICICI BANK	13 [9]	9	6	9 [8]	6	6
20. I		12 [7]	8	6	10 [8]	7	7
		11 [8]	9	7	13 [9]	8	7
22. I		14 [9]	10	8	10 [8]	8	7
		13 [5]	8	5	11 [8]	6	5
		12 [7]	7	6	9 [7]	7	6
24. J 25. l			12	6		9	8
		11 [7]			9 [7]	5	
		11 [5]	9	5	10 [5]		3
		13 [8]	9	8	9 [7]	8	7
_		12 [9]	8	7	10 [8]	9	7
		11 [6]	13	5	9 [7]	8	6
_		13 [7]	9	5	10 [5]	7	5
31. F	POWER GRID	13 [8]	8	7	11 [6]	7	5
32. F	PNB	11 [8]	8	7	9 [7]	9	6
33. [RANBAXY	11 [6]	9	6	9 [5]	8	5
34. r	REL CAPITAL	12 [7]	7	6	10 [7]	9	7
35. r	RCOM	11 [8]	6	6	9 [7]	8	6
36. I		12 [9]	9	8	10 [6]	8	6
		13 [9]	8	8	10 [6]	7	5
		12 [9]	9	8	9 [7]	8	6
_		10 [8]	7	5	10 [6]	7	5
40.		16 [7]	11	7	9 [7]	9	7
_		13 [8]	9	7	8 [6]	7	5
41. 5				6			
		11 [7]	9 11	5	9 [7]	9	6 7
_		13 [8]			11 [7]		-
		11 [8]	9	7	9 [6]	8	5
45. 1		14 [9]	8	6	10 [6]	7	5
	TATA MOTORS		12	7	9 [8]	9	8
_		13 [9]	10	8	8 [6]	9	5
		12 [9]	9	8	9 [8]	8	7
49. I	UNITECH	11 [5]	8	4	10 [5]	7	5
		13 [6]	10	5	9 [6]	8	6
I		589 [384]	472	317	466 [339]	366	295

Chronology Confirmed: 80.13% [82.55 %] Chronology Confirmed: 78.54% [87.02 %]

FINDINGS

The table indicates that in 384 [80.13%] cases out of 589, a bullish divergence has led to the formation of bearish reversals. This result, has great significance to the traders & investors. I also tested the impact of one technical filter, based on the research findings of Andrew Cardwell.

It's proven by Andrew Cardwell that 14 RSI remains between 35–100 in a major bull trend, seen on the higher time frame (weekly charts in this case). If bearish reversals are to be confirmed, the major trend must be either overbought (> 80) or bearish (< 35). When this filter is used, the results improved from 80.13% to 82.55 %. This has been shown in the brackets (bullish divergences column).

Similarly, the table indicates that in 366 [78.54 %] cases out of 466, bearish divergences have led to the formation of bullish reversals. This result, has great significance to the traders & investors.

It's also proven by Andrew Cardwell that 14 RSI remains between 65–00 in a major bear trend seen on the higher time frame (weekly charts in this case). If bearish reversals are to be confirmed, the major trend must be either overbought (< 65) bearish on higher time frame. When this filter is used, the results are improved from 78.54 % to 87.02 %. This has been shown in the brackets (bearish divergences column).

CONCLUSION

The findings of this research paper are enough to confirm that there is consistency in the appearance of divergences & reversals and if the filter of tidal 14 RSI is used in the manner described earlier, there is still higher chronological consistency in the appearance of divergences & reversals.

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