

# Changes in Elasticity of Substitution $\sigma$ in KEWT 3.09, with Seven Vital Aspects: 58 Countries and Three Areas by Sector, 1990–2007

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This paper, using the endogenous-data of KEWT 3.09 by country, focuses on how the endogenous wage rate,  $w = W / L$ , changes with the rate of return by year (or, how the marginal rate of substitution,  $MRS = \frac{\Delta(r/w)}{r/w}$ , changes), against the change in the capital-labor ratio, i.e., how the elasticity of substitution  $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma = \frac{\Delta k / k}{\Delta(r/w) / \Delta(r/w)}$ , changes. Without the change in  $\sigma$ , the author's 'endogenous' does not exist. In the endogenous-equilibrium, price level is shown by the 'relative' price = 1.0 by year, but independently between two years. The price-equilibrium in the literature holds with actual prices  $P$  by year, but it is difficult to measure  $P$ . In both equilibriums, therefore, the differences of prices between two years must be commonly estimated by using external consumers' price index,  $CPI$ , or the similar.

The conventional Cobb-Douglas production function is based on the price-equilibrium and holds by year. However, it is unable to measure the elasticity of substitution consistently over years. The endogenous Cobb-Douglas production function, on the other hand, is based on the endogenous-equilibrium, where the endogenous-data are consistent over years so that the elasticity of substitution is measured consistently over years. In short, the elasticity of substitution changes by year in accordance with the endogenous-equilibrium. Assume that the price-equilibrium equals the endogenous-equilibrium in the long run. Even in this case, price changes between two years must depend on

external indicators such as *CPI*.

The endogenous-data also shows the transitional path at one fiscal year by using endogenous recursive programming. In this recursive programming, the relative price is also 1.0, where  $P \cdot Y = r \cdot K + w \cdot L$  and  $p = 1.0 = P \cdot Y / Y$ . Then, the elasticity of substitution remains 1.0, continuously by time/year (for the proof, see Figure 21 at the end of this paper): the rate of change in the capital-labor ratio  $k = K / L$  is negatively equal to the rate of change in the *MRS*.

The author's endogenous model is based on the (conventional) Cobb-Douglas production function under constant returns to scale. This Cobb-Douglas production function, however, has hidden parameters such as *beta*, *delta*, and *lambda*. ' $1 - \beta^*$ ' determines a base for the rate of technological progress, as the ratio of qualitative investment to total investment:  $g_A^* = i_A^* = i(1 - \beta^*)$ . The coefficient of diminishing returns, *delta*, is measured using the capital-output ratio  $\Omega^* = K / Y$  and  $B = (1 - \beta^*) / \beta^*$ :  $\delta_0 = 1 - \frac{LN(1/\Omega^*)}{LN(B^*)}$ . The endogenous speed of convergence,  $1 / \lambda^*$ , is:  $\frac{1}{\lambda^*} = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha)n + (1 - \delta_0)g_A^*}$  while externally,  $(1 - \alpha)(n + g_{A(EXTERNA)})$  was earlier formulated for the denominator (see, e.g., Barro and Sala-i-Martin, 1989). Using these endogenous parameters, data and model are consistent with each other by year and over years.

This paper, before showing *sigma* and *MRS*, illustrates six most influential aspects of the endogenous-data. These aspects are: endogenous taxes and given deficit related to equilibrium (S1 in Figures S1 to S12, below), government deflation rate related to huge deficit (S2), the difference between the growth rate of the current technology level and the endogenous rate of technological progress (S3), *alpha* hyperbolic curve convex to downwards, which is the product of the capital-output ratio and the rate of return at convergence (S4), the government sector's *alpha*, similarly to S4, but rigorously reflecting huge deficit (S5), and the private sector's national taste as the ratio of the discount rate of

Hideyuki Kamiryō: Changes in Elasticity of Substitution  $\sigma$  in KEWT 3.09, with Seven Vital Aspects consumption goods to that of saving/capital goods (S6).

The above six aspects overwhelmingly imply that budget surplus/deficit determines the economic power by country and under different national taste (see S6). And, a country maintains sustainability with environmental ‘technology and investment’, which strengthen the endogenous-data most consistently. Improvement in ‘eco and green’ is not costs but the everlasting promoter to maintaining better endogenous equilibrium. Typically, if the capital-output ratio goes up due to government deficit and its investment as in Japan (see S5), it damages the base for economic growth miserably. One more, throughout countries, the relationship between growth and inequality becomes robust by appropriate policies taken by country, as strongly suggested by S6 (Figure S11 and 12). The shift from capital investment to human investment in education and welfare helps an economy to stop inequality as a whole.

$MRS = \frac{\Delta(r/w)}{r/w}$  and  $\sigma = \frac{\Delta k/k}{\Delta(r/w)/\Delta(r/w)}$  integrate the above six aspects although each aspect is interrelated to each other. The endogenous model is never ‘partial’ and as a result, guarantees full employment with a low inflation rate. Endogenous equilibrium is a base for full employment. This implies that deficit is a vital clue to determine the future of an economy. Figures in this paper remind past policies in 1990/1995 to 2007 by country. Each country has taken different policies and the results differ surprisingly. Nevertheless, numerical system/mechanism is common to each country. National taste still holds by country: National taste of the total economy uses a common taste function to its propensity to consume. Government neutral taste uses the same taste function to its propensity to consume. As a result, private taste function to its propensity to consume differs surprisingly. National taste coexists with culture and system.

Results reflect philosophy, culture, and will of policy-makers. When the lines and curves of the above seven aspects (including  $\sigma$  and  $MRS$ ) are simple,

smooth, and robust, these imply that endogenous equilibrium holds without extra manipulation. When these lines and curves are rather complicated and irregular, endogenous equilibrium holds but with changing policies in the short run and/or instability of political situations. In other words, if economic, fiscal, and financial policies are consistent with each other in the long run, sustainability of an economy is strengthened, regardless of whether government is apparently democratic or not. The target of sustainability is the welfare of people including next generations. Even in a democratic society, if its level is selfish, group-oriented, and short-sighted, the level of democracy is inferior to an economy whose philosophical target is steady and robust. Figures of seven aspects give readers a real image of democratic level by country.

Finally, the author stresses, it is required for policy-makers to publish rough results obtained from such as the above seven aspects with clear-cut explanations by year: First endogenous results, second, disclosures and explanations, and third understanding of people's will in accordance with each own culture. Global cooperation will be strengthened towards sustainable economy by country.





Figure S1 Endogenous taxes, deficit, and the propensity to save: the US, Canada, the UK, Germany, Norway, and Sweden

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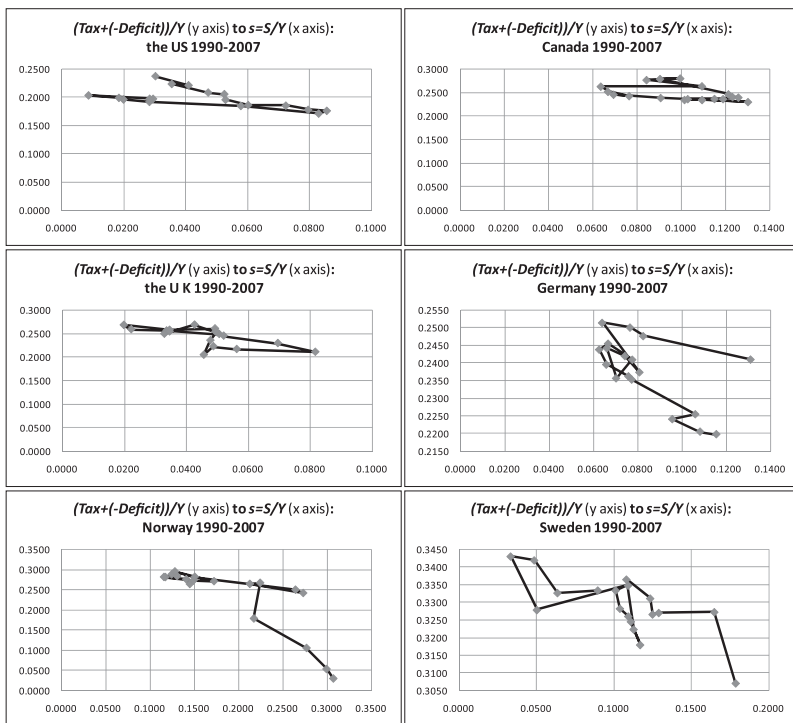
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Figures 11 to 20: F11, Euro currency countries, Austria, and Belgium; F12, Finland, France, and Germany; F13, Greece, Ireland, and Italy; F14, Luxemburg, Netherlands, and Portugal; F15, Slovenia, Spain, and 15 Non-Euro countries on average; F16, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Denmark; F17, Hungary, Ireland, and Latvia; F18, Norway, Poland, and Romania; F19, Russia, Slovak, and Sweden; F 20, Switzerland, Turkey, and the UK

Figure 21 Proof of elasticity of substitution,  $\sigma = 1.0$ , in recursive programming

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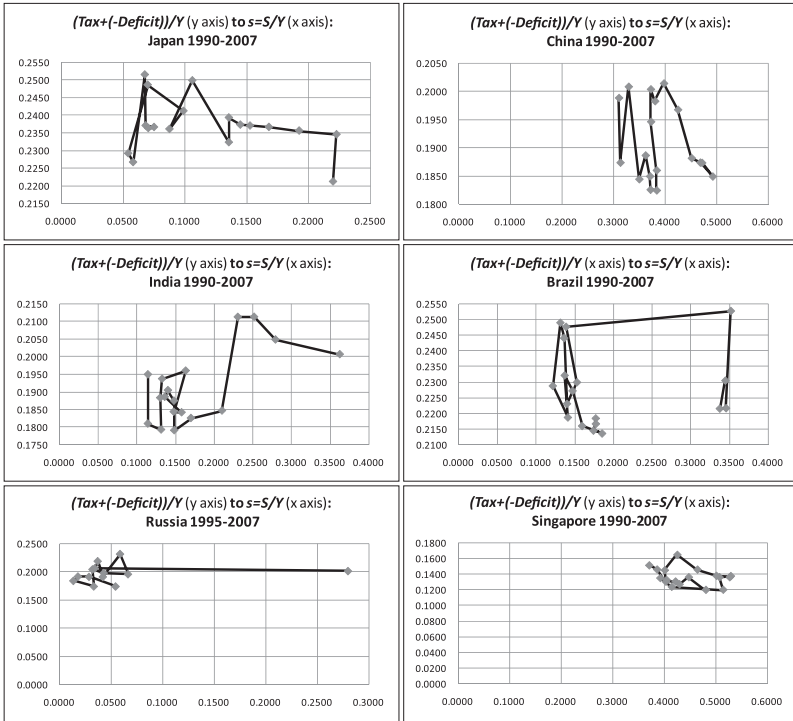


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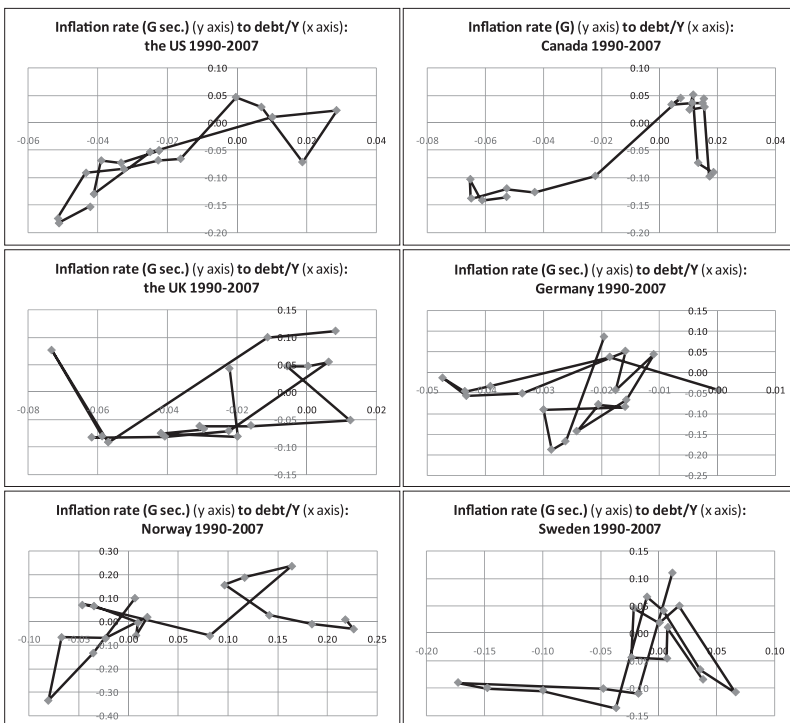


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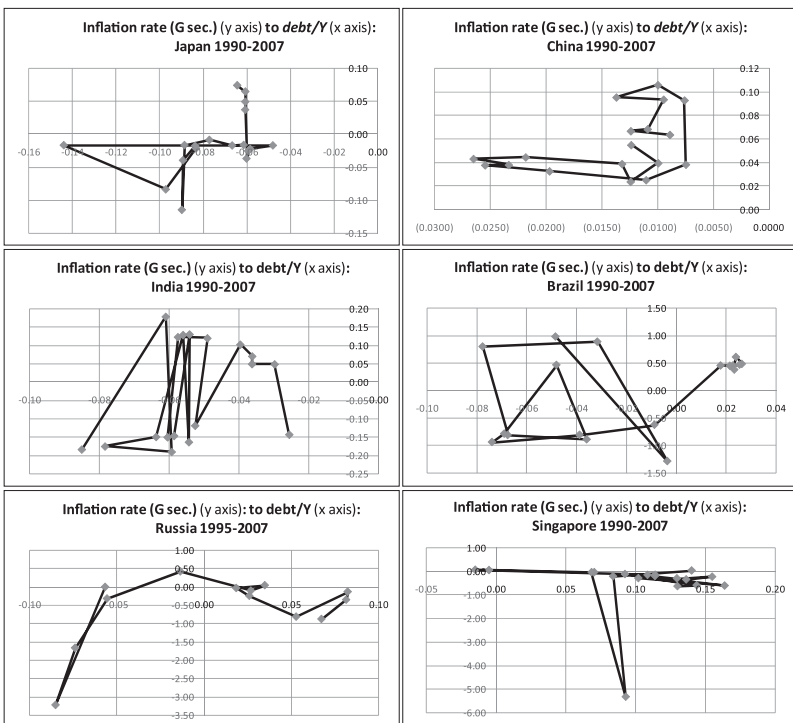
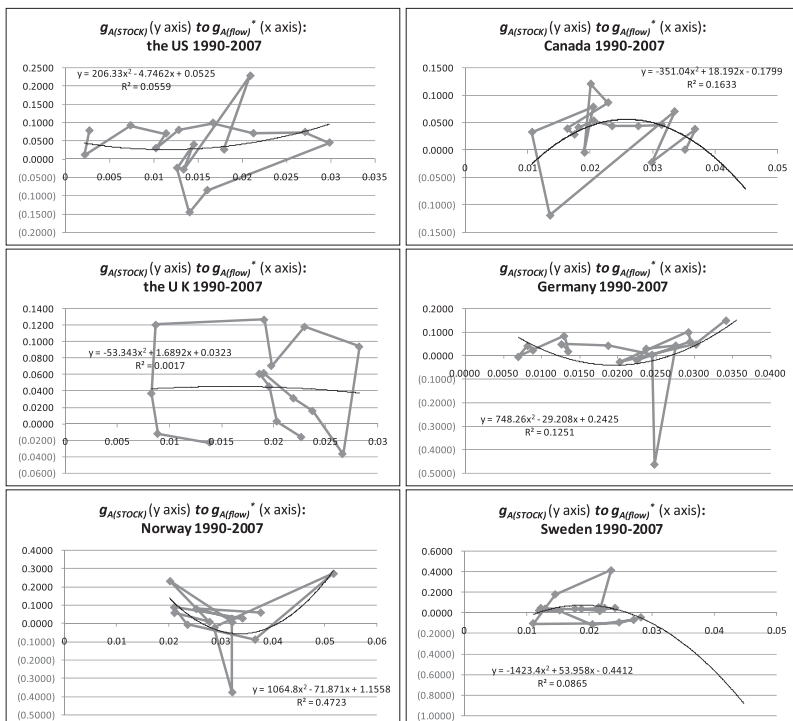


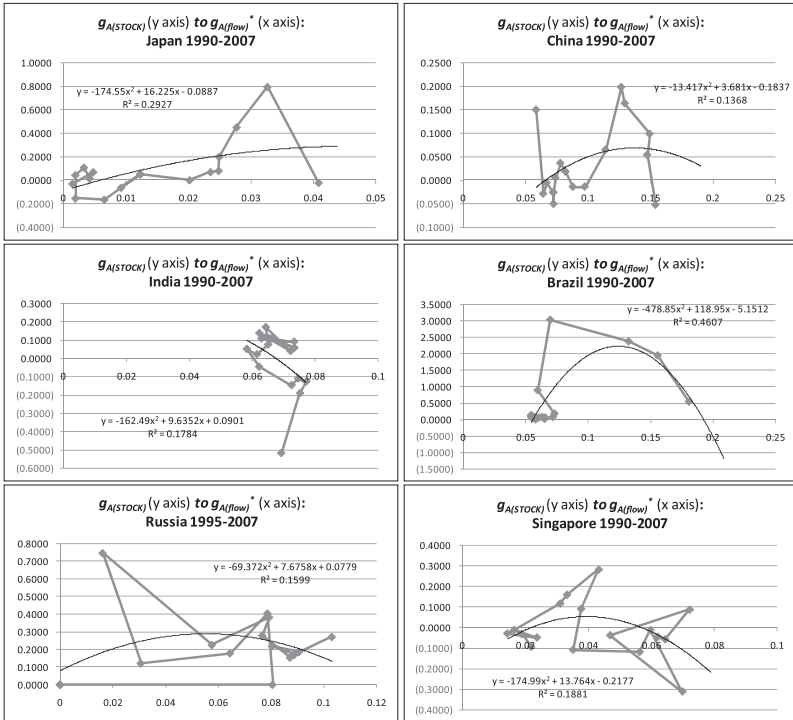
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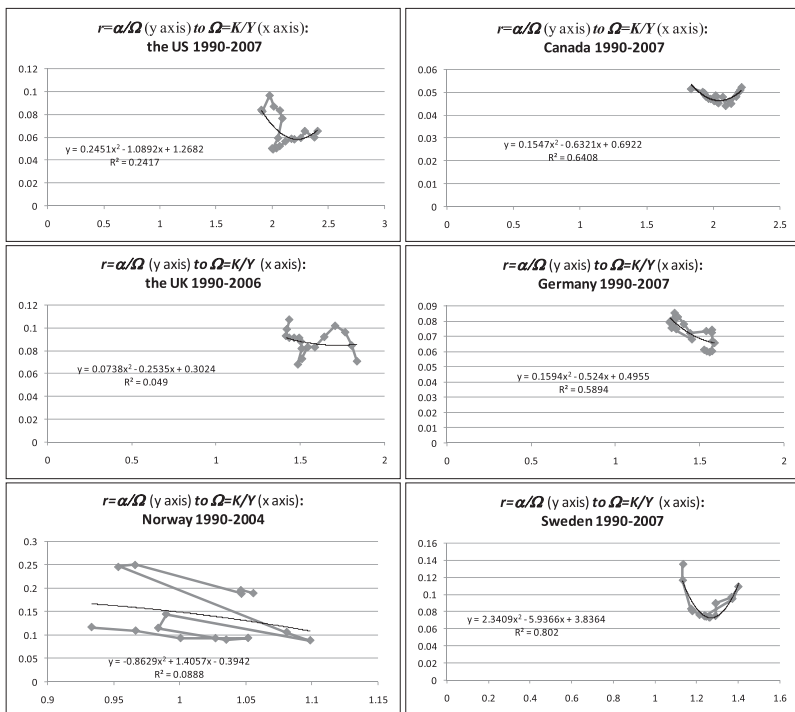
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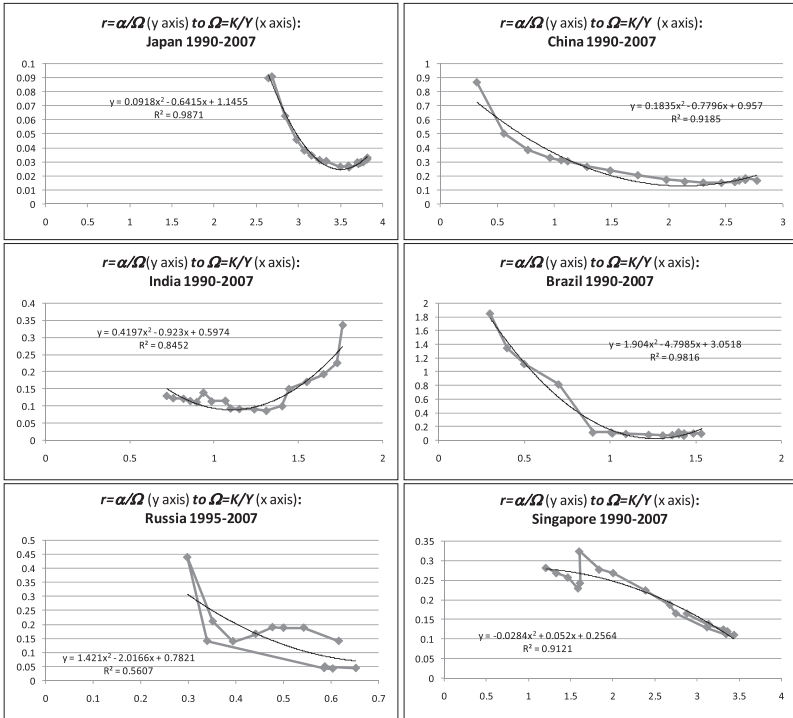


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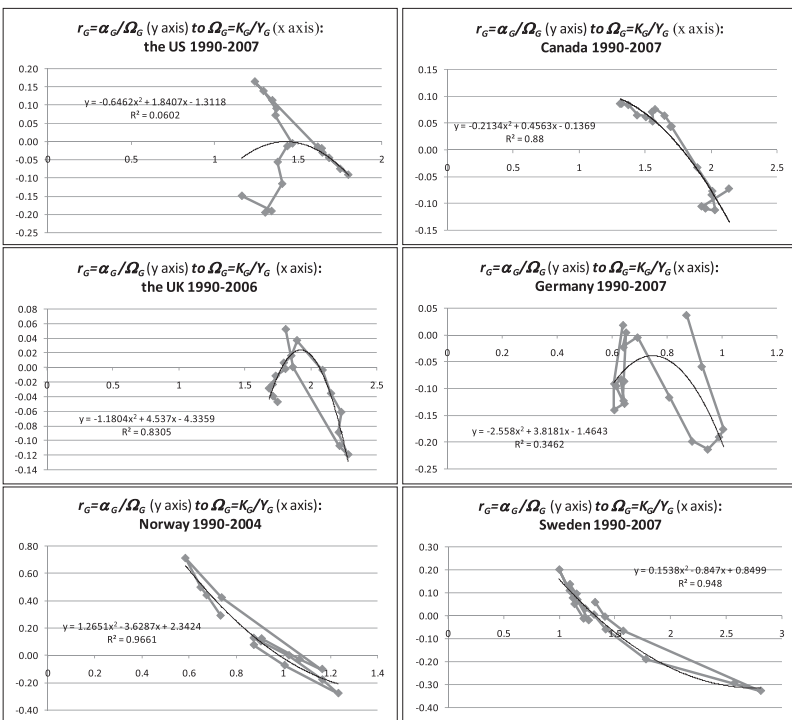
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**Figure S8**  $\alpha$ 's curve as the product of the rate of return and the capital-output ratio: Japan, China, India, Brazil, Russia, and Singapore

Government  $\alpha$  through government deficit (1)



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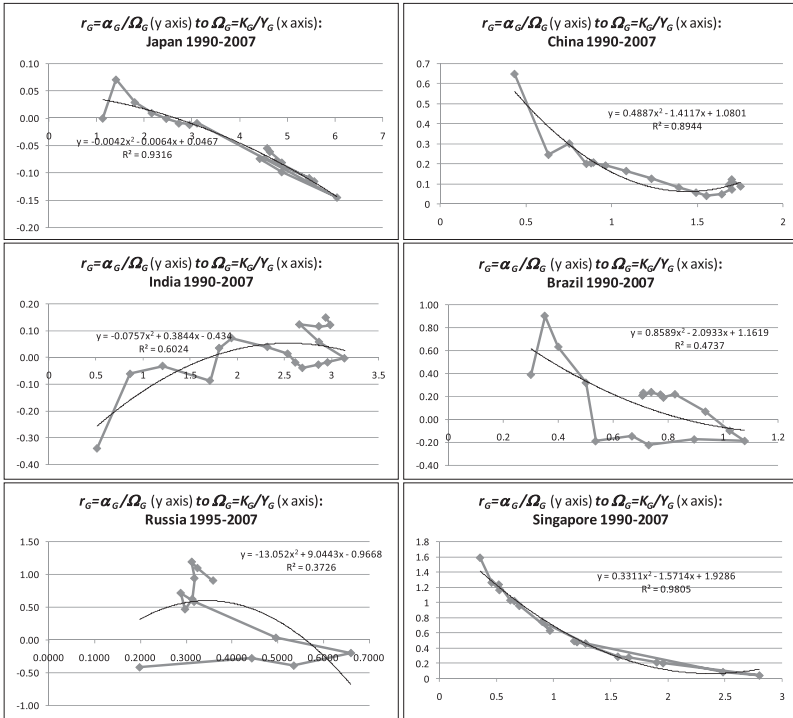
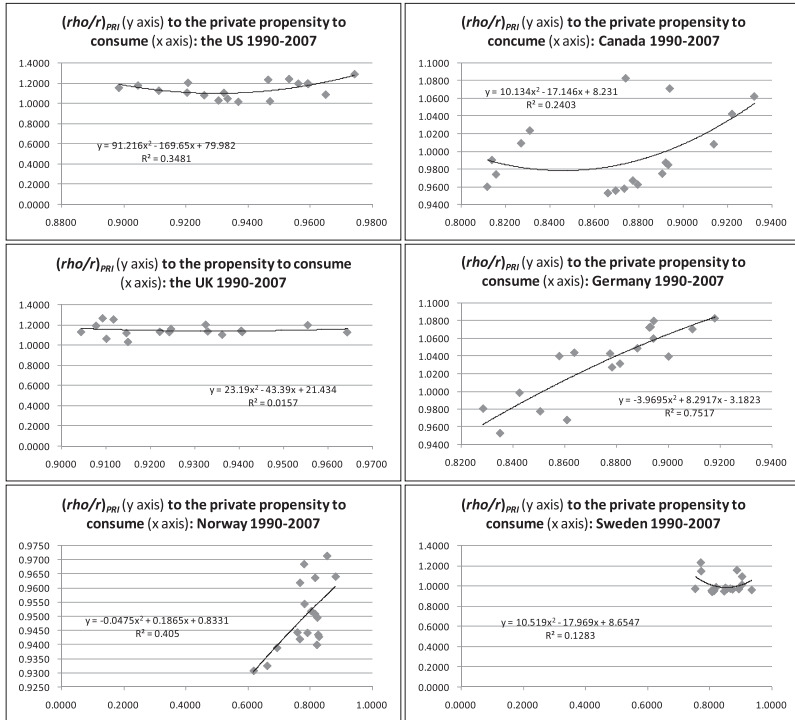


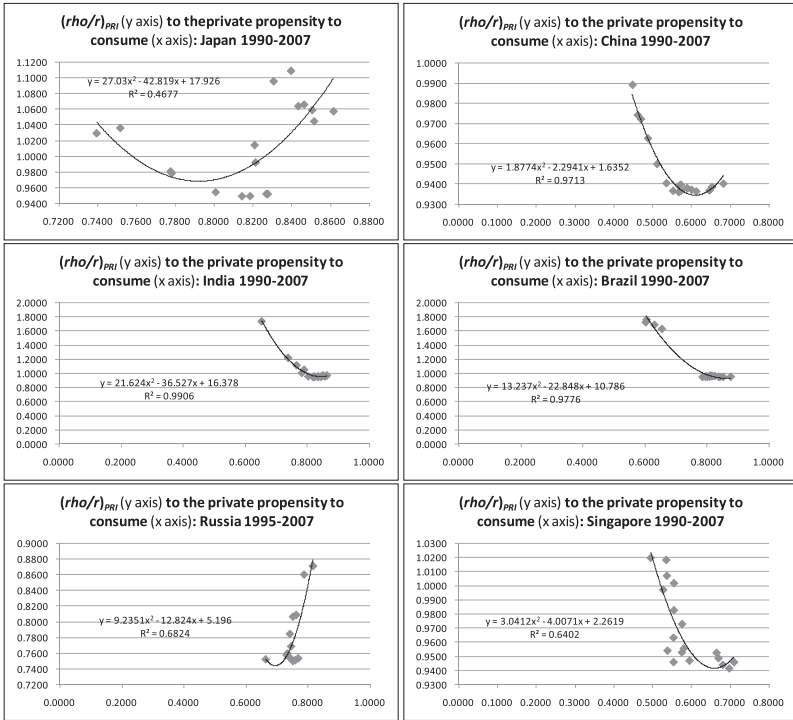
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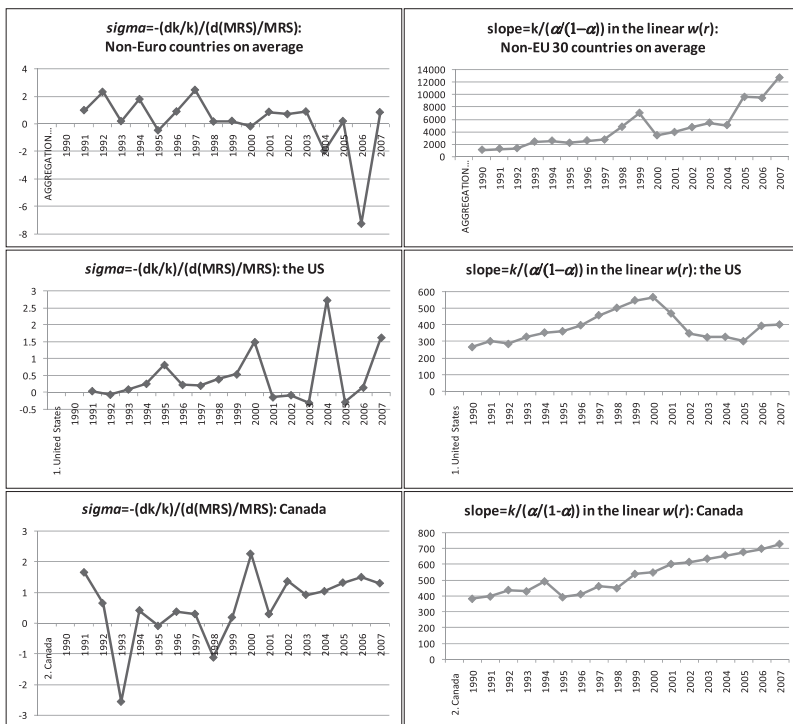
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Hereafter, for  $\sigma$  in KEWT3.09, 58 countries and 3 areas



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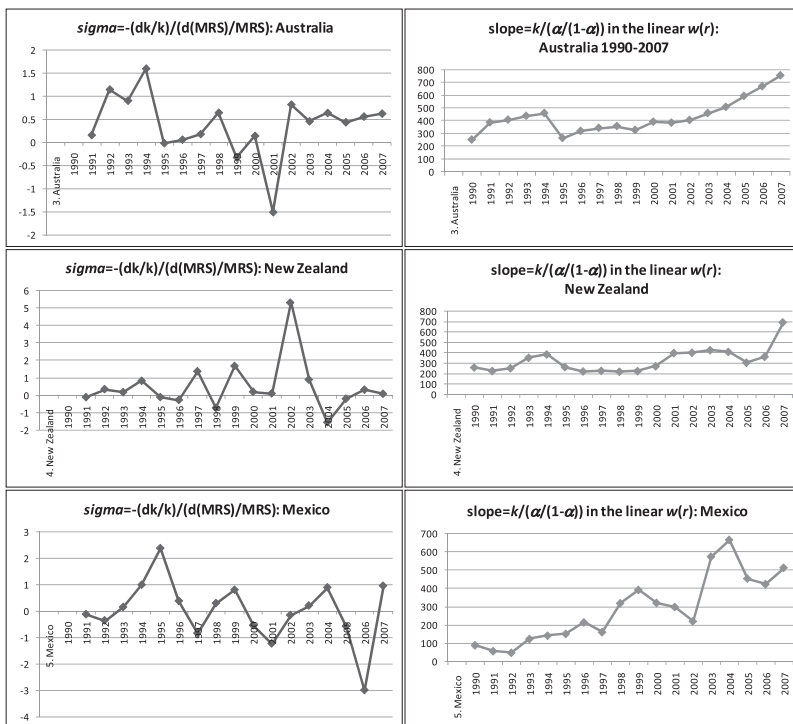


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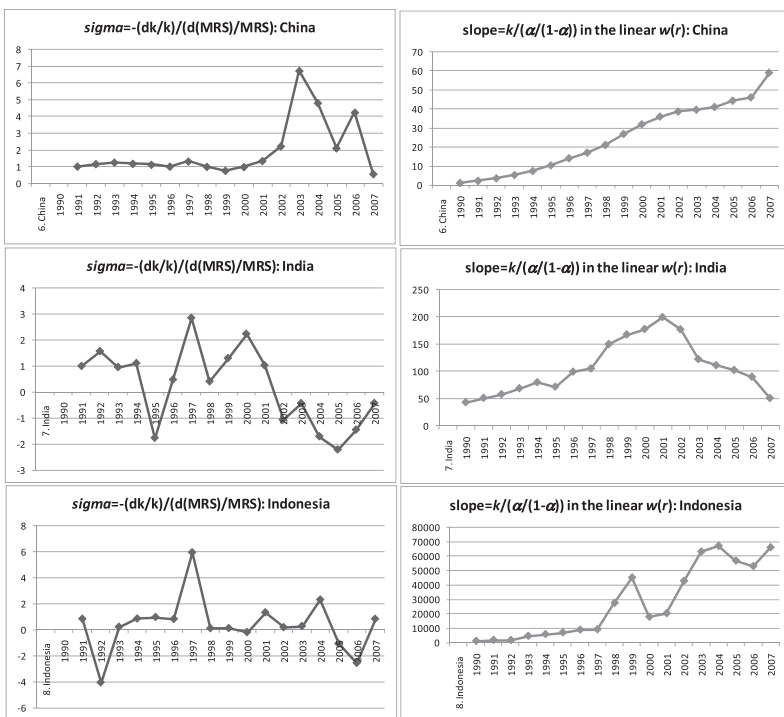


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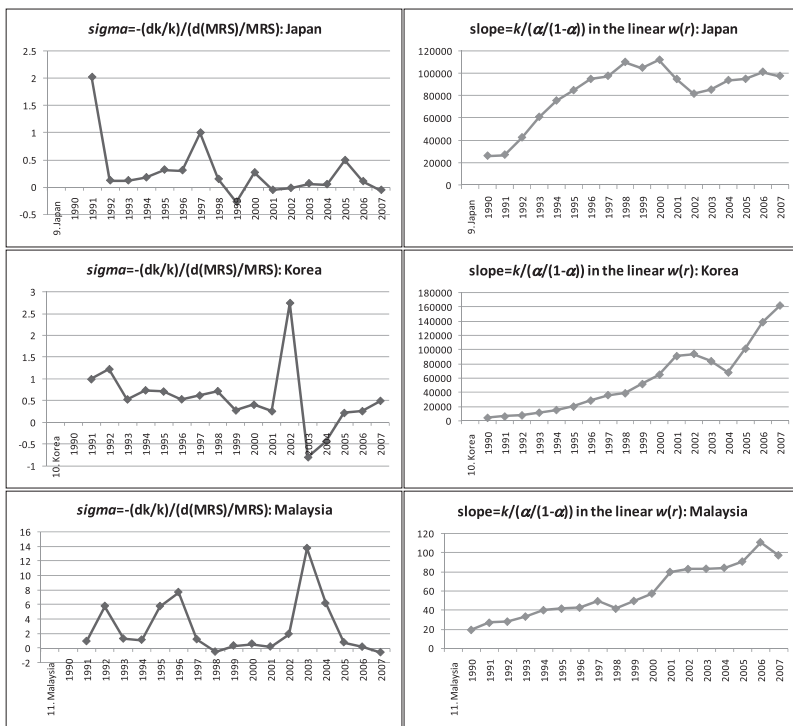


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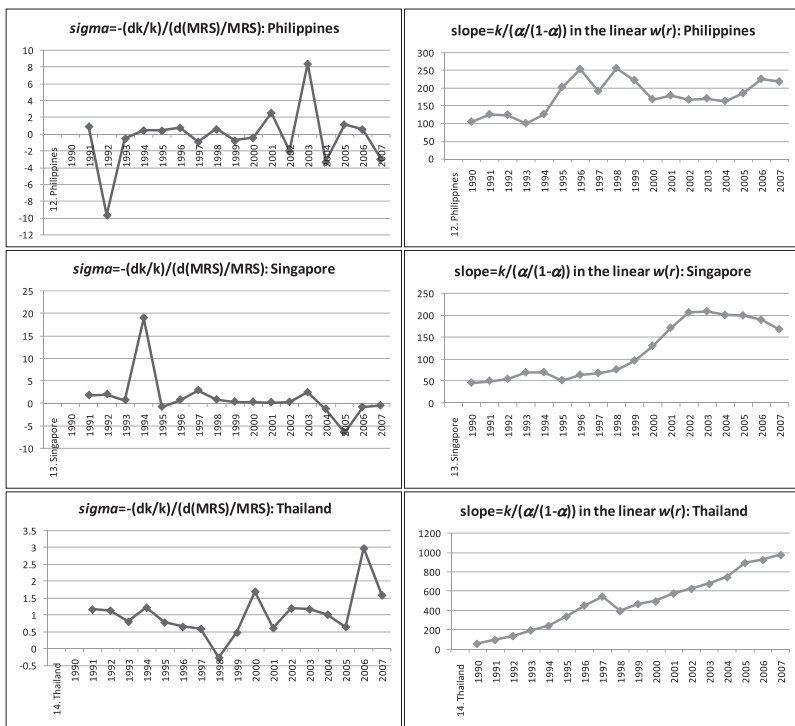
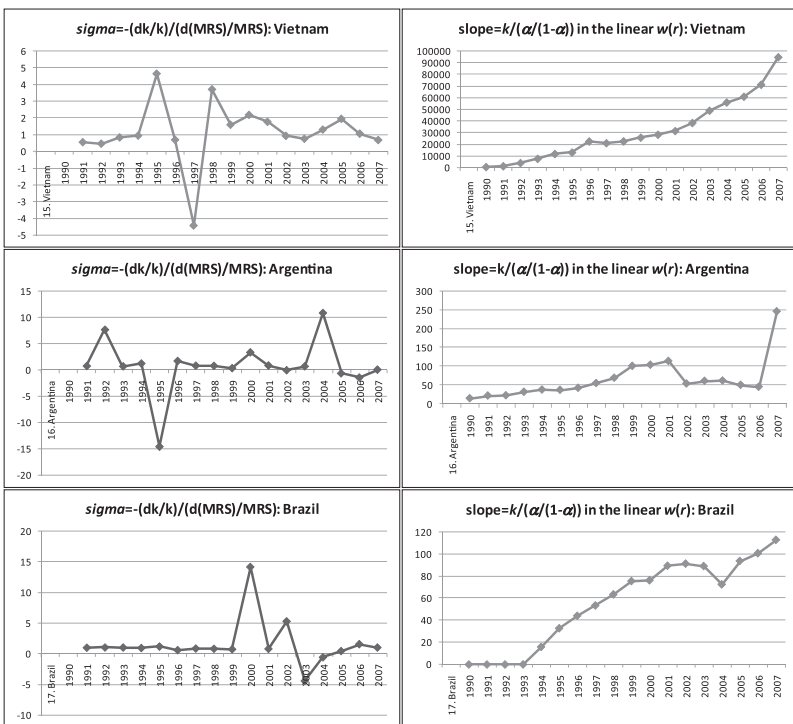


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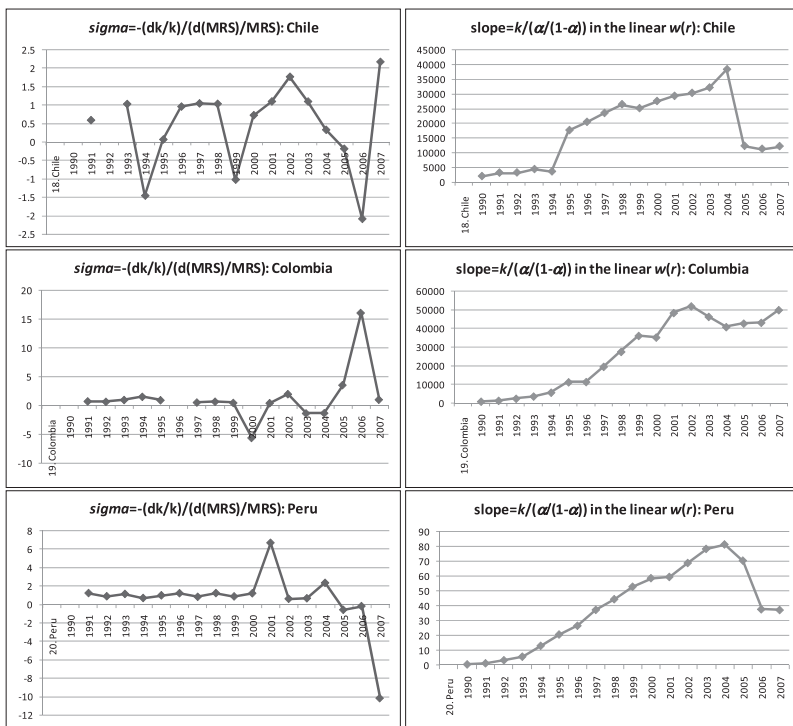
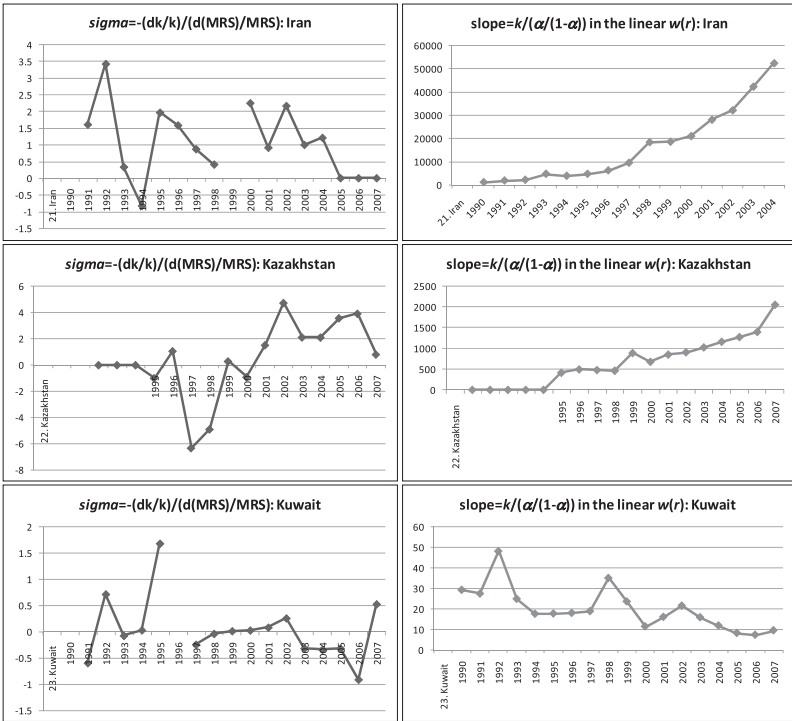


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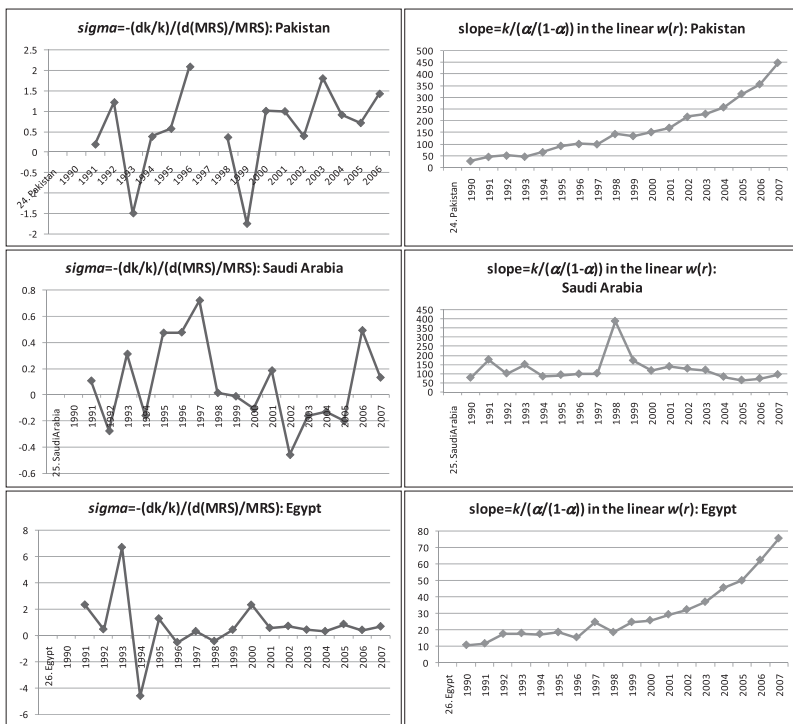


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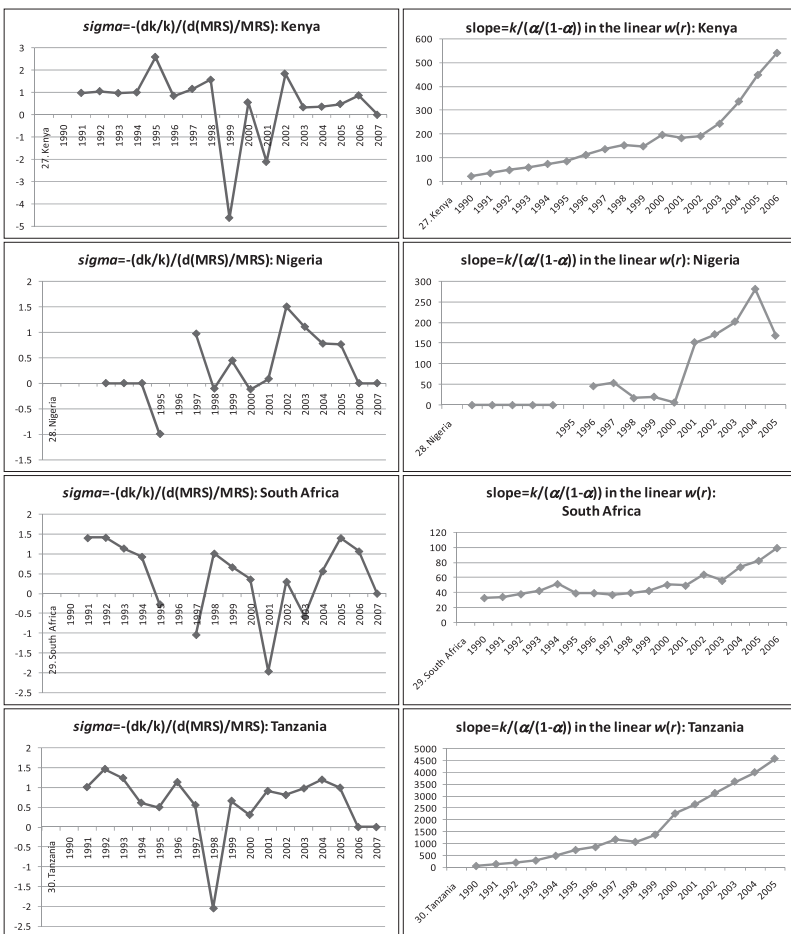


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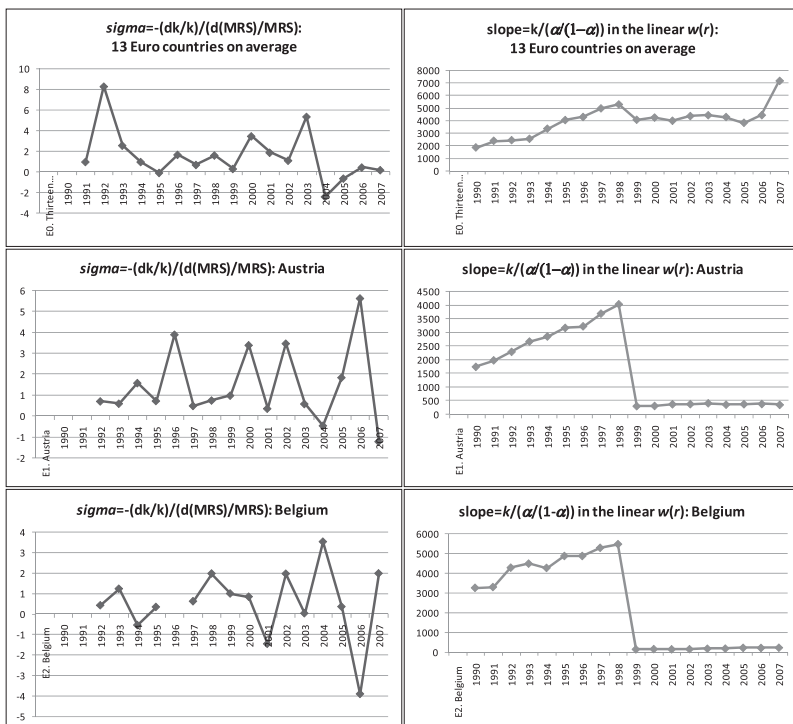


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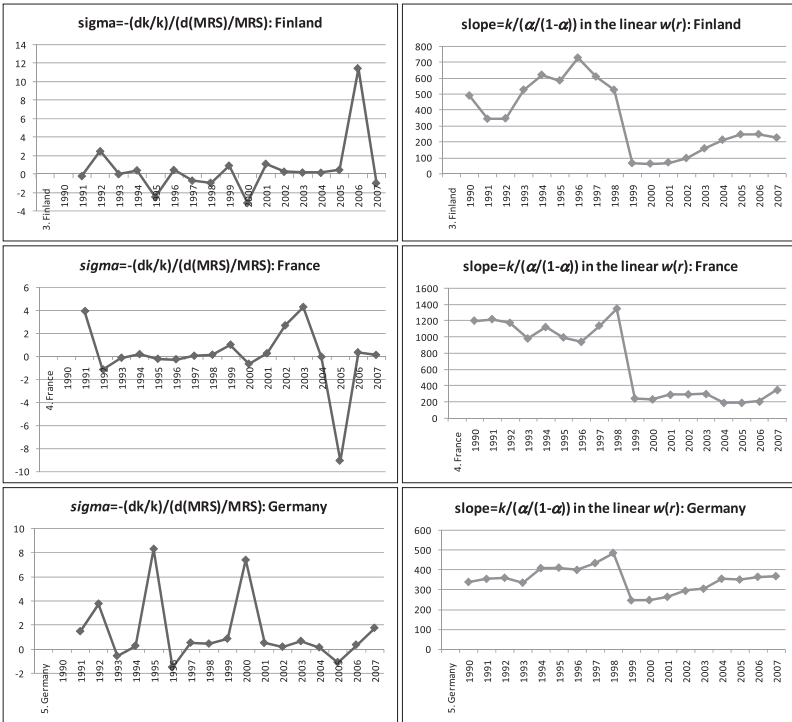
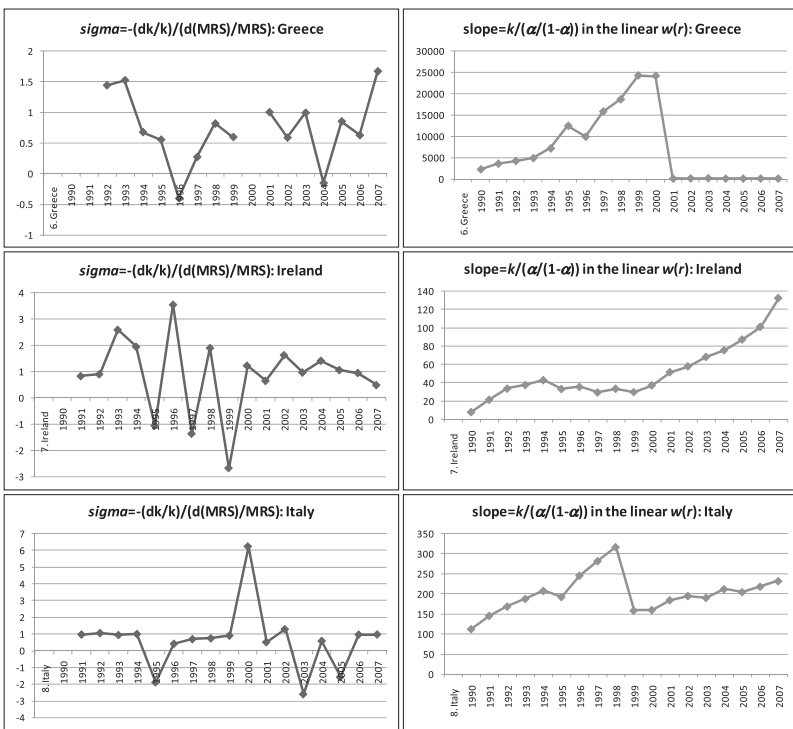


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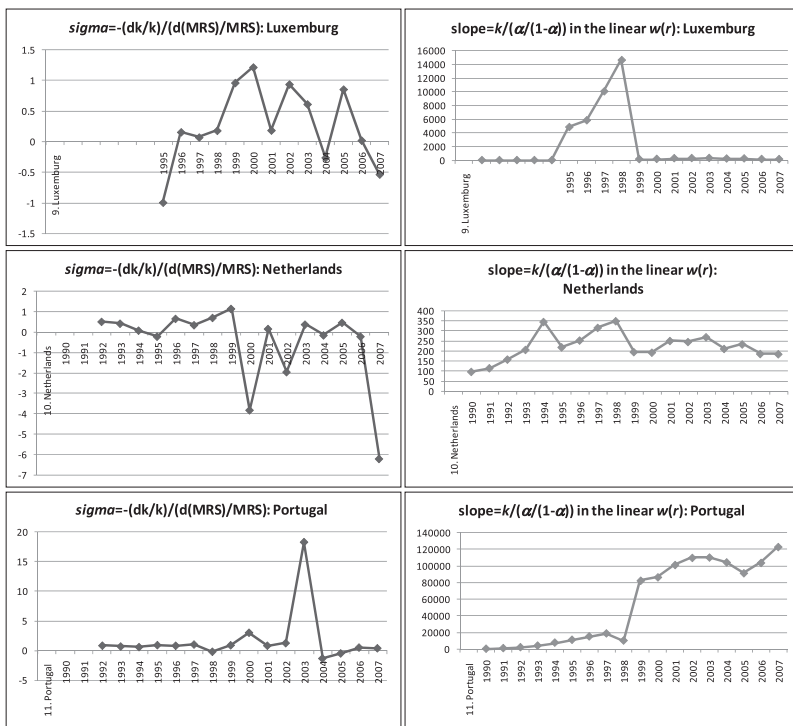


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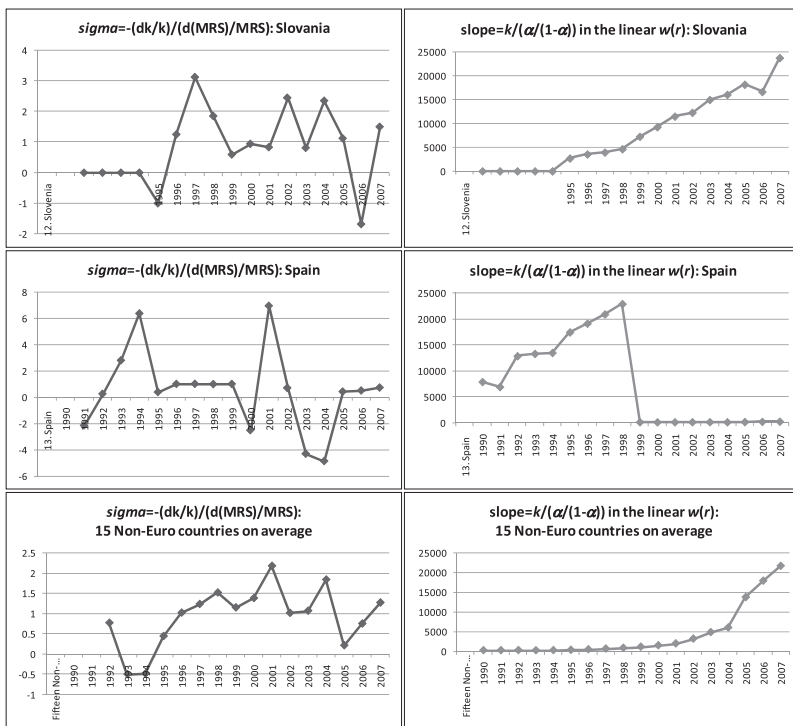


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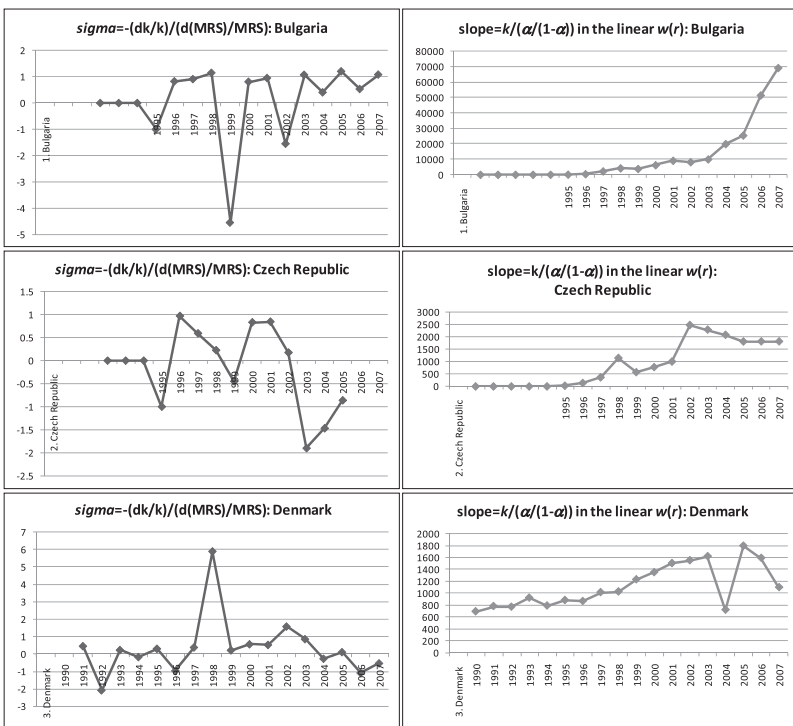


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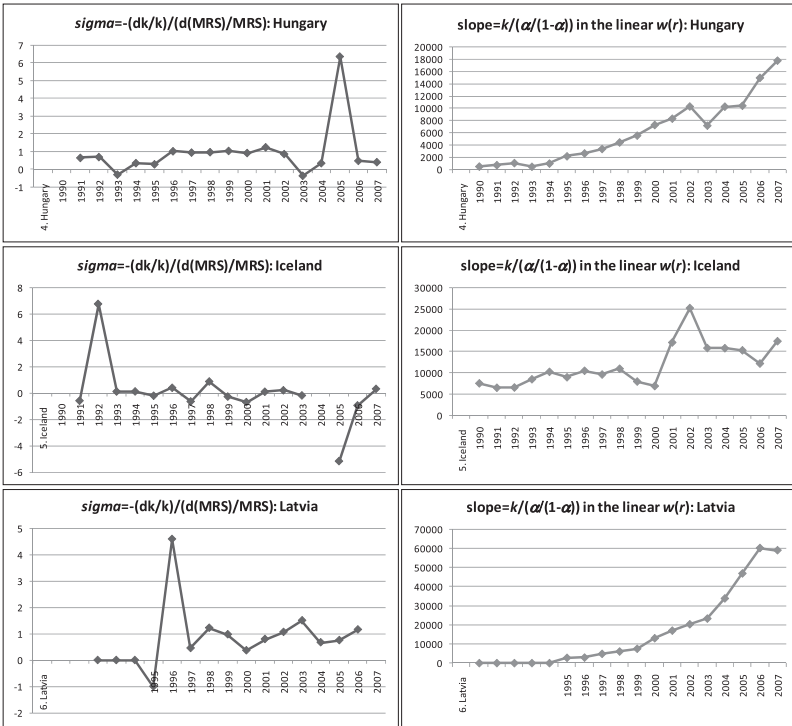


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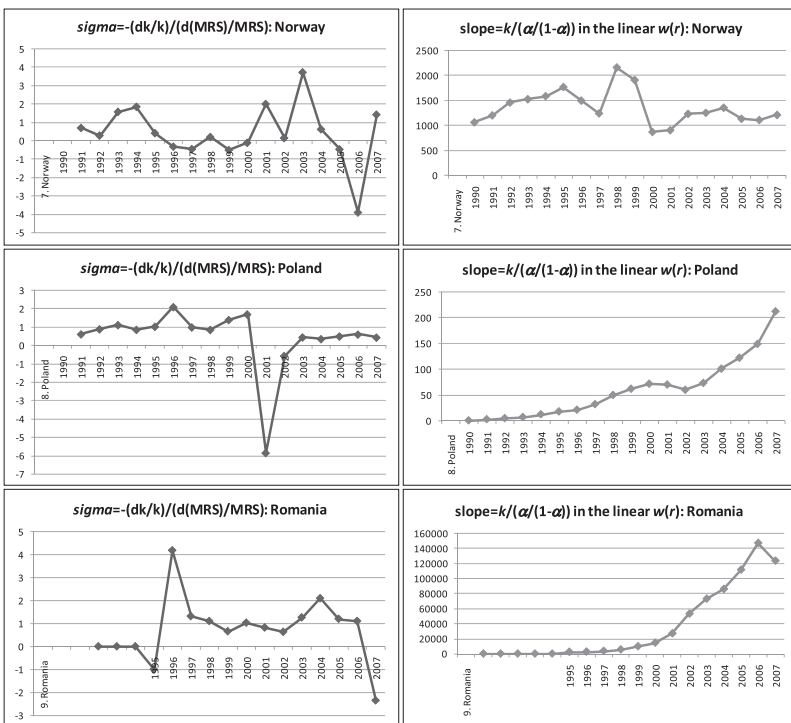


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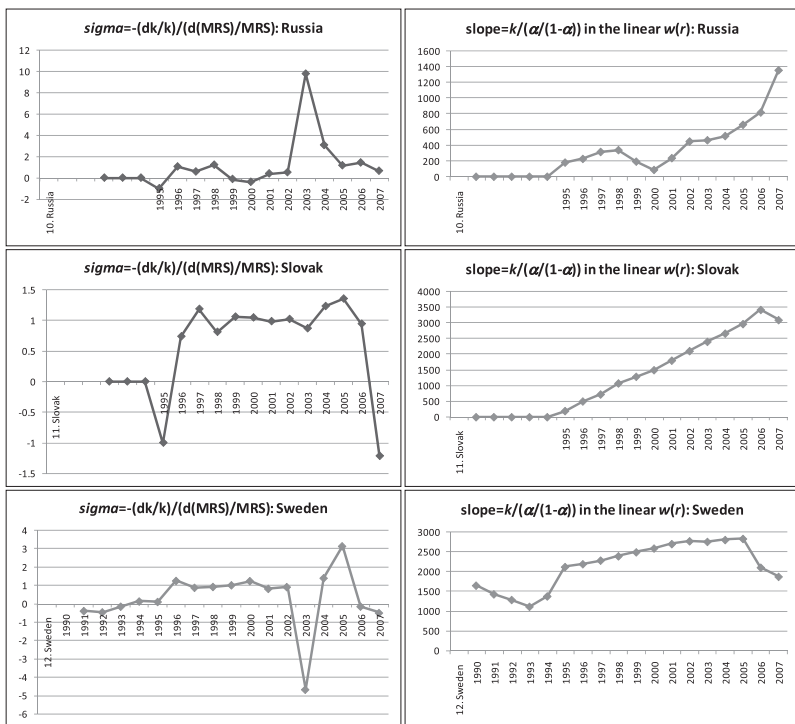


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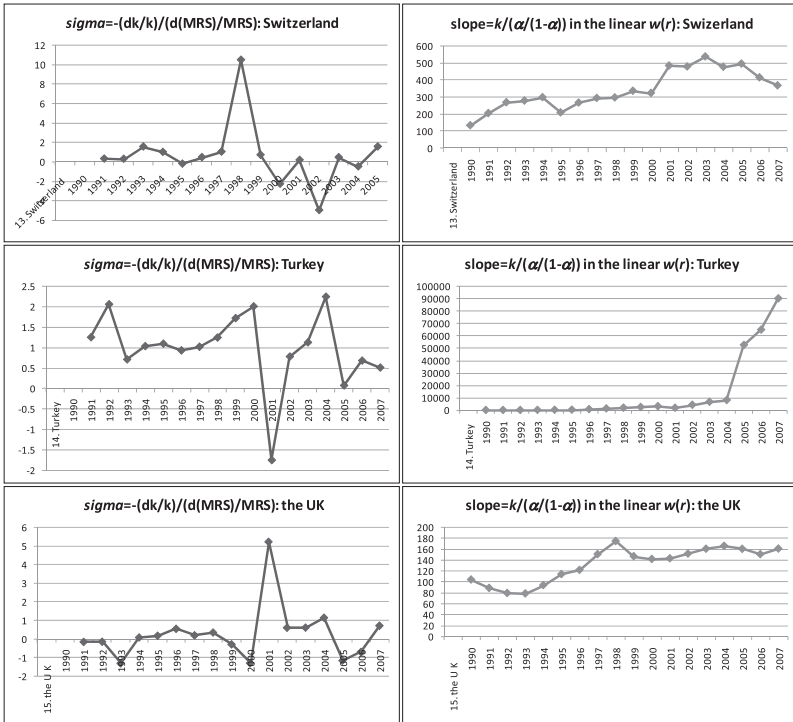


Figure 20 Elasticity of substitution,  $\sigma$ , and marginal rate of substitution,  $MRS$ : Switzerland, Turkey, and the UK

**Figure 21 Proof of elasticity of subs**

A recursive programming using the US, 2005, below							EY	EZ
ES	ET						The marginal rate of	
For elasticity, each denominator must be 'average of $t$ & $t - 1$ .								
	N	AK	AN	AM	AI	AJ	The elasticity of subst	
time, $t$	k	$r/w$	K	L	r	w	$\Delta k/k$	$\Delta(r/w)$
0	75.33	0.00286	22464	298	0.0860	30.06		
1	77.20	0.00279	23273	301	0.0845	30.27	0.02485	(0.0243)
2	79.07	0.00273	24095	305	0.0831	30.49	0.02417	(0.0236)
3	80.93	0.00266	24930	308	0.0818	30.71	0.02352	(0.0230)
4	82.78	0.00260	25778	311	0.0805	30.93	0.0229	(0.0224)
5	84.63	0.00255	26640	315	0.0793	31.15	0.02232	(0.0218)
6	86.47	0.00249	27516	318	0.0782	31.38	0.02176	(0.0213)
7	88.31	0.00244	28406	322	0.0771	31.61	0.02124	(0.0208)
8	90.14	0.00239	29311	325	0.0761	31.85	0.02074	(0.0203)
9	91.96	0.00234	30230	329	0.0752	32.09	0.02026	(0.0199)
10	93.79	0.00230	31165	332	0.0743	32.33	0.01981	(0.0194)
11	95.60	0.00225	32115	336	0.0734	32.58	0.01939	(0.0190)
12	97.42	0.00221	33080	340	0.0726	32.83	0.01898	(0.0186)
13	99.23	0.00217	34062	343	0.0719	33.09	0.01859	(0.0183)
14	101.04	0.00213	35060	347	0.0711	33.36	0.01822	(0.0179)
15	102.84	0.00210	36075	351	0.0705	33.63	0.01788	(0.0176)
16	104.65	0.00206	37107	355	0.0698	33.91	0.01754	(0.0172)
17	106.45	0.00202	38157	358	0.0692	34.19	0.01723	(0.0169)
18	108.25	0.00199	39226	362	0.0686	34.49	0.01693	(0.0166)
19	110.06	0.00196	40312	366	0.0681	34.79	0.01665	(0.0164)
20	111.86	0.00193	41419	370	0.0676	35.10	0.01638	(0.0161)
21	113.66	0.00190	42544	374	0.0671	35.42	0.01613	(0.0159)
22	115.47	0.00187	43691	378	0.0667	35.75	0.01588	(0.0156)
23	117.28	0.00184	44858	382	0.0663	36.09	0.01566	(0.0154)
24	119.09	0.00181	46046	387	0.0659	36.44	0.01544	(0.0152)
25	120.90	0.00178	47257	391	0.0656	36.80	0.01524	(0.0150)
26	122.72	0.00176	48490	395	0.0653	37.17	0.01505	(0.0148)
27	124.55	0.00173	49747	399	0.0650	37.56	0.01488	(0.0147)
28	126.38	0.00170	51028	404	0.0647	37.96	0.01471	(0.0145)
29	128.22	0.00168	52334	408	0.0645	38.37	0.01455	(0.0143)
30	130.07	0.00166	53665	413	0.0643	38.79	0.01441	(0.0142)
31	131.92	0.00163	55024	417	0.0641	39.23	0.01428	(0.0141)
32	133.79	0.00161	56410	422	0.0639	39.69	0.01415	(0.0140)

**titution, sigma = 1.0, in recursive programming**

FF = (ES12 - ES11)/((ES11 + ES12)/2)					FG = (ET12 - ET11)/((ET11 + ET12)/2)			
FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	FF	FG	FH	
substitution, $MRS = \Delta(r/w)/(r/w)$					Speed of convergence is 55 times/years.			
titution, $\sigma = -(\Delta k/k)/(\Delta(r/w)/(r/w))$					beta*	0.79281	delta	0.46075
$\sigma 1$	$\Delta k/k$	$\Delta(r/w)$	$\sigma 2$	$\sigma 1 + 2$	$\Delta k/k$	$\Delta(r/w)$	$\sigma 3$	time, $t$
$\sigma 1 = -EY12/EZ12$			$\sigma 2 = -FB12/FC12$		$\sigma 3 = -FF12/FG12$			
1.02485	0.02425	(0.0249)	0.9757	2.0006	0.0245	(0.0245)	<b>1.0000</b>	1
1.02417	0.02360	(0.0242)	0.9764	2.0006	0.0239	(0.0239)	<b>1.0000</b>	2
1.02352	0.02298	(0.0235)	0.9770	2.0005	0.0232	(0.0232)	<b>1.0000</b>	3
1.0229	0.02239	(0.0229)	0.9776	2.0005	0.0226	(0.0226)	<b>1.0000</b>	4
1.02232	0.02183	(0.0223)	0.9782	2.0005	0.0221	(0.0221)	<b>1.0000</b>	5
1.02176	0.02130	(0.0218)	0.9787	2.0005	0.0215	(0.0215)	<b>1.0000</b>	6
1.02124	0.02080	(0.0212)	0.9792	2.0004	0.0210	(0.0210)	<b>1.0000</b>	7
1.02074	0.02032	(0.0207)	0.9797	2.0004	0.0205	(0.0205)	<b>1.0000</b>	8
1.02026	0.01986	(0.0203)	0.9801	2.0004	0.0201	(0.0201)	<b>1.0000</b>	9
1.01981	0.01943	(0.0198)	0.9806	2.0004	0.0196	(0.0196)	<b>1.0000</b>	10
1.01939	0.01902	(0.0194)	0.9810	2.0004	0.0192	(0.0192)	<b>1.0000</b>	11
1.01898	0.01863	(0.0190)	0.9814	2.0004	0.0188	(0.0188)	<b>1.0000</b>	12
1.01859	0.01825	(0.0186)	0.9817	2.0003	0.0184	(0.0184)	<b>1.0000</b>	13
1.01822	0.01790	(0.0182)	0.9821	2.0003	0.0181	(0.0181)	<b>1.0000</b>	14
1.01788	0.01756	(0.0179)	0.9824	2.0003	0.0177	(0.0177)	<b>1.0000</b>	15
1.01754	0.01724	(0.0175)	0.9828	2.0003	0.0174	(0.0174)	<b>1.0000</b>	16
1.01723	0.01694	(0.0172)	0.9831	2.0003	0.0171	(0.0171)	<b>1.0000</b>	17
1.01693	0.01665	(0.0169)	0.9834	2.0003	0.0168	(0.0168)	<b>1.0000</b>	18
1.01665	0.01637	(0.0166)	0.9836	2.0003	0.0165	(0.0165)	<b>1.0000</b>	19
1.01638	0.01612	(0.0164)	0.9839	2.0003	0.0162	(0.0162)	<b>1.0000</b>	20
1.01613	0.01587	(0.0161)	0.9841	2.0003	0.0160	(0.0160)	<b>1.0000</b>	21
1.01588	0.01564	(0.0159)	0.9844	2.0002	0.0158	(0.0158)	<b>1.0000</b>	22
1.01566	0.01542	(0.0157)	0.9846	2.0002	0.0155	(0.0155)	<b>1.0000</b>	23
1.01544	0.01521	(0.0154)	0.9848	2.0002	0.0153	(0.0153)	<b>1.0000</b>	24
1.01524	0.01501	(0.0152)	0.9850	2.0002	0.0151	(0.0151)	<b>1.0000</b>	25
1.01505	0.01483	(0.0151)	0.9852	2.0002	0.0149	(0.0149)	<b>1.0000</b>	26
1.01488	0.01466	(0.0149)	0.9853	2.0002	0.0148	(0.0148)	<b>1.0000</b>	27
1.01471	0.01450	(0.0147)	0.9855	2.0002	0.0146	(0.0146)	<b>1.0000</b>	28
1.01455	0.01435	(0.0146)	0.9857	2.0002	0.0144	(0.0144)	<b>1.0000</b>	29
1.01441	0.01420	(0.0144)	0.9858	2.0002	0.0143	(0.0143)	<b>1.0000</b>	30
1.01428	0.01407	(0.0143)	0.9859	2.0002	0.0142	(0.0142)	<b>1.0000</b>	31
1.01415	0.01396	(0.0142)	0.9860	2.0002	0.0141	(0.0141)	<b>1.0000</b>	32