



Structural Change and Growth Trajectories through Counterfactual Quantile Decomposition

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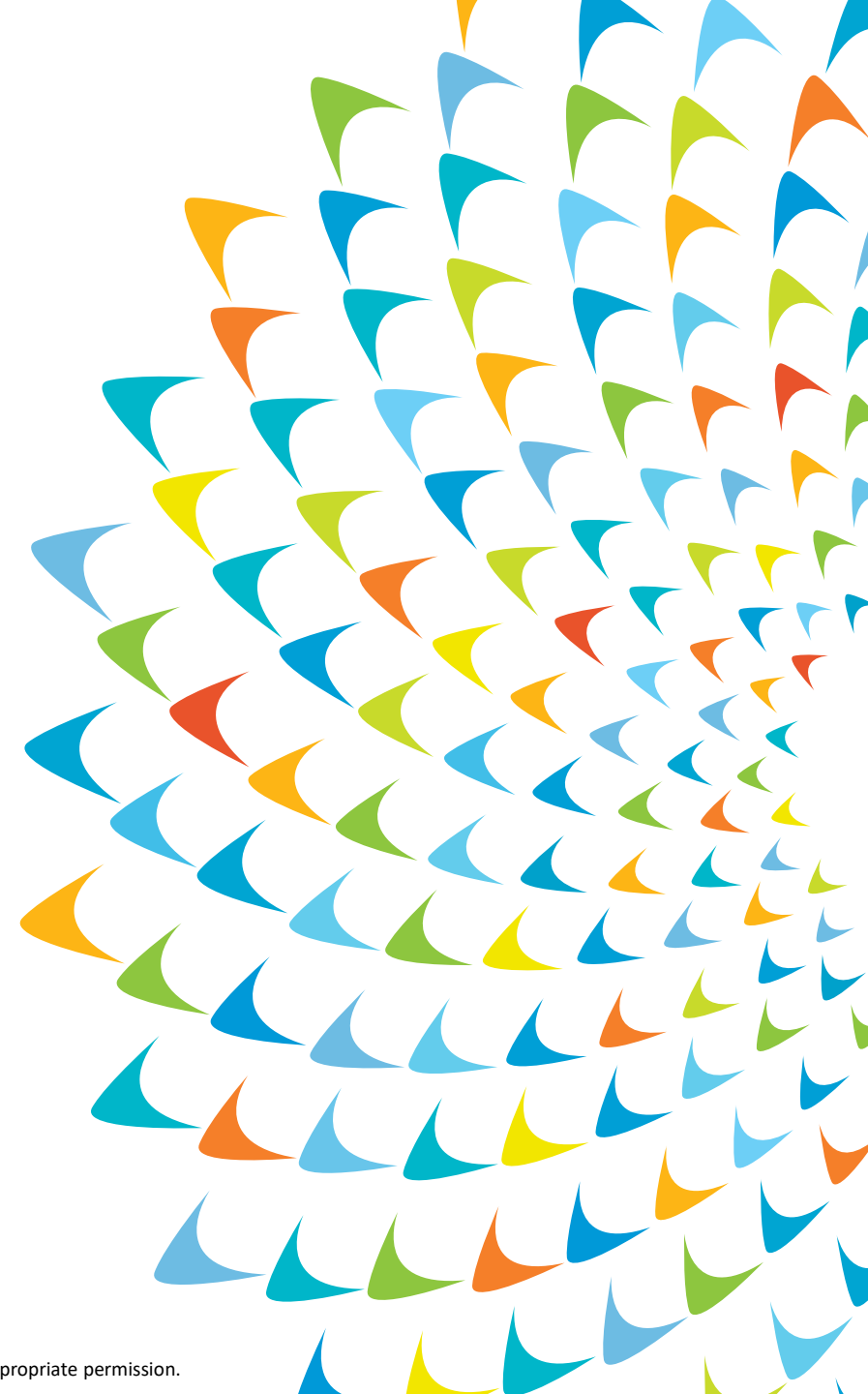




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Motivation and Research Questions

- Productivity growth dynamics in the context of structural transformation remain central to economic development.
- Premature deindustrialization threatens traditional growth paths.

Key Questions:

- How do productivity growth patterns differ across economies at various development stages?
- What drives varying outcomes: observable factors or less tangible capabilities?
- How might growth trajectories differ under alternative growth patterns and convergence mechanisms?
- **Focus:** Understanding heterogeneous effects across the productivity distribution.



Asia's Diverse Growth Experiences

Remarkable diversity of development patterns:

- East Asian Tigers: Export-led manufacturing success (South Korea; Singapore; Taipei, China) (Wade, 1990; World Bank, 1993).
- Service-led growth: India's distinctive development path (Ghani & Kharas, 2010).
- Resource-rich economies: Central Asia's challenges with resource dependency, institutional development, and post-Soviet transition (Pomfret, 2019).

China's journey toward high-income status:

- Remarkable manufacturing growth but increasingly dependent on service sector productivity.
- Baldwin (2024): "Path to high-income status requires boosting productivity across all sectors".



Literature on Structural Change

Classical Theories:

- Lewis (1954): Productivity disparities trigger transitions toward industrial sectors.
- Kuznets (1957): Income elasticities of demand and comparative advantage drive transitions.
- Fisher (1939), Clark (1957): Three-sector hypothesis characterizing development path.

- **Contemporary Perspectives:**

- Herrendorf et al. (2014): Non-homothetic preferences, sector-biased technological change.
 - Van Neuss (2019): Income changes, relative prices, input-output linkages, globalization.
- **Asia-specific dynamics:** Varying economic trajectories, institutional features, stages of development.



Premature Deindustrialization Challenge

Emerging Phenomenon:

- Rodrik (2016): Economies deindustrializing at lower income levels than historical precedents.
- Felipe et al. (2019): Loss of manufacturing opportunities before high productivity achieved.

Implications:

- Reduced opportunities for learning-by-doing and productivity spillovers.
- Potential loss of “escalator” industries for developing economies.
- Blurring boundaries between manufacturing and services.

Asian Context: Diversity of experiences from export-led manufacturing successes to service-led growth models.



This paper in a nutshell

What?

- Examines productivity growth patterns across the distribution.
- Investigates economy-wide versus manufacturing-specific convergence patterns.

How?

- Dual panel structure: country-level panel of 91 economies (1960-2019) and country-sector panel covering 34 economies across 14 manufacturing sectors (1980-2019).
- Quantile decomposition and counterfactual analysis techniques.

Key findings:

- Aggregate growth increasingly favors more productive economies.
- Manufacturing shows strong convergence properties for less productive sectors.



Contributions to Literature

Methodological Innovation:

- Extends decomposition techniques to study productivity growth patterns.
- Integrates quantile regression with counterfactual analysis.
- Examines heterogeneous effects across productivity distribution.

Empirical Contributions:

- Identifies divergent patterns: aggregate vs. manufacturing convergence.
- Reveals evolving drivers of productivity growth pre/post-1990.
- Quantifies untapped growth potential through counterfactual analysis.

Policy Relevance: Informs industrial policy design amid shifting global dynamics.



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Data Sources and Sample

Two-stage hierarchical approach:

- Aggregate patterns → Manufacturing sectors analysis.

Penn World Table 10.01 (Feenstra et al., 2015).

- Balanced panel: 91 advanced and emerging economies (1960-2019), 5369 obs.
- Growth rates of real GDP per worker, physical/human capital, population.

UNIDO Industrial Statistics Database (2024).

- Unbalanced panel: 34 economies, 14 manufacturing sectors (1980-2019), 8227 obs.
- Labor productivity, capital formation—in nominal terms: Rodrik (2013) provides rationale for this (common global inflation rate for each industry: manufactures are tradable, face common world prices).



Complementary Datasets: Historical Context and Sectoral Depth

Two-stage analytical strategy with distinct purposes:

- PWT provides *historical perspective* (1960-2019):
 - Allows exploration of potential shifts in growth processes pre/post-1990.
 - Enables assessment of convergence patterns across six decades.
- UNIDO offers *sectoral granularity* (1980-2019):
 - Allows examination of productivity dynamics within manufacturing.
 - Enables investigation of potentially heterogeneous patterns across subsectors.
- This approach aims to combine **longitudinal breadth** with **sectoral depth** for a more comprehensive analysis of productivity growth dynamics.



Descriptive Statistics: Key Patterns Across Subperiods

Aggregate Economy (PWT Sample):

- First subperiod (1960-1990) vs. second subperiod (1990-2019).
- Productivity growth declined (2.0% to 1.5%).
- Physical capital accumulation slowed (3.0% to 1.9%).
- Human capital investment increased (1.8% to 2.1%).
- Demographic transition evident: population growth fell (2.0% to 1.5%).

Manufacturing Sector (UNIDO Sample):

- Early subperiod (1980-1990) vs. later subperiod (1990-2019).
- Mixed productivity patterns across subsectors.
- Declining sectors: Basic metals (7% to -0.6%), Machinery (5.3% to 0.5%).
- Resilient sectors: Chemicals (4.3% growth, highest volatility).
- Wood products showed improved performance: from 3.2% to 3.9% growth.



Sectoral Composition Evolution

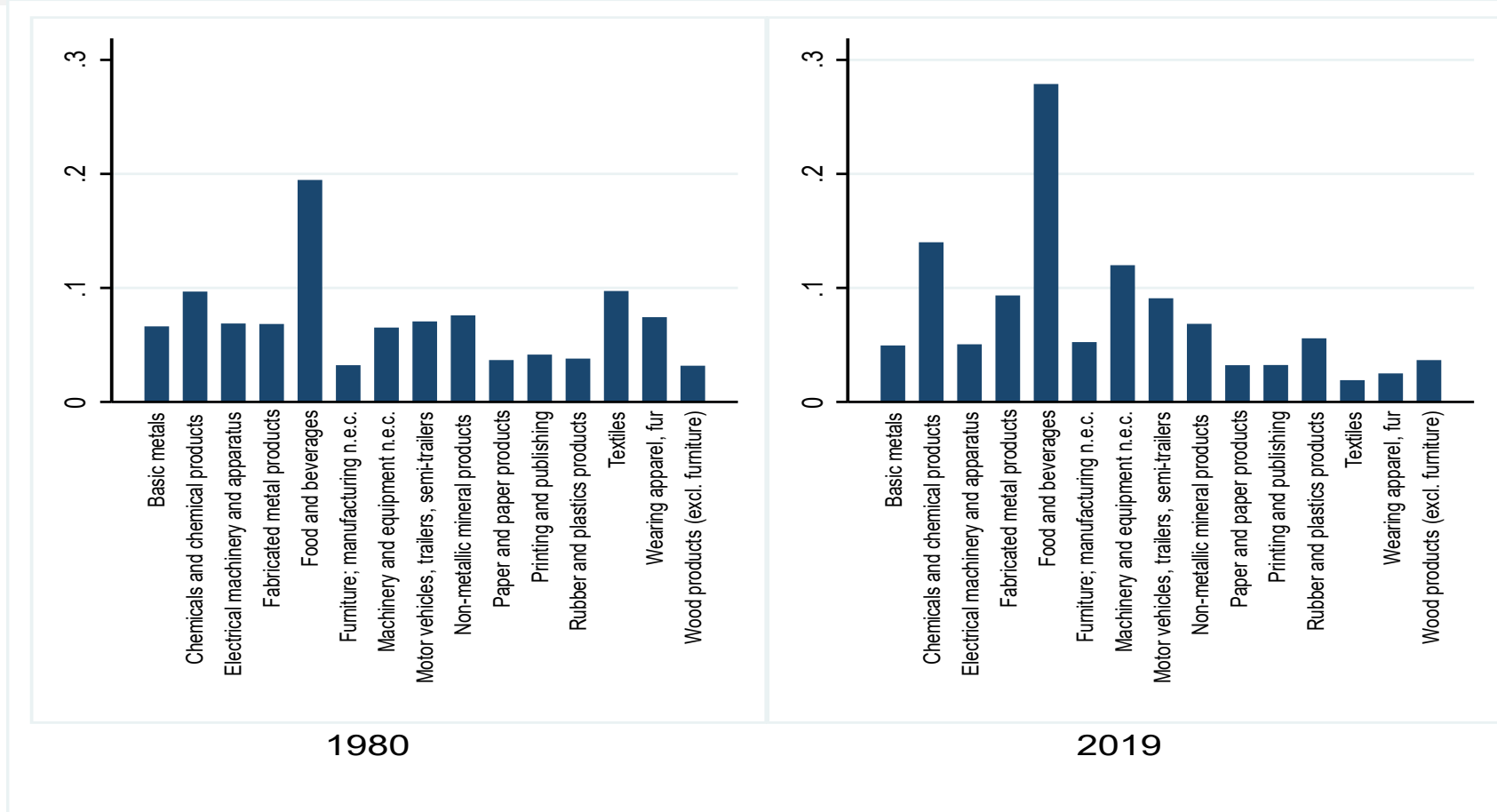


Figure 1: Value-added shares of 14 manufacturing sectors in 1980 and 2019.
Source: UNIDO (INDSTAT) data.



Regional Convergence Patterns (PWT Sample, 1960-2019)

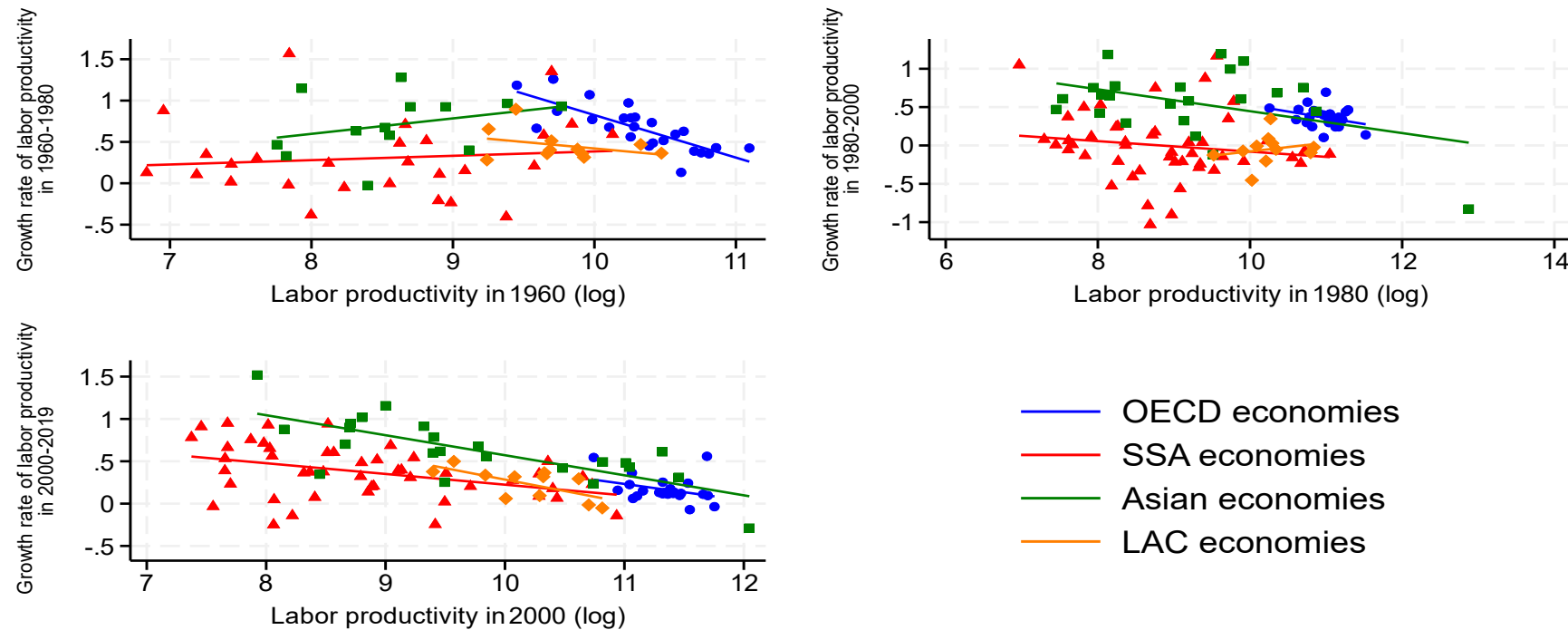
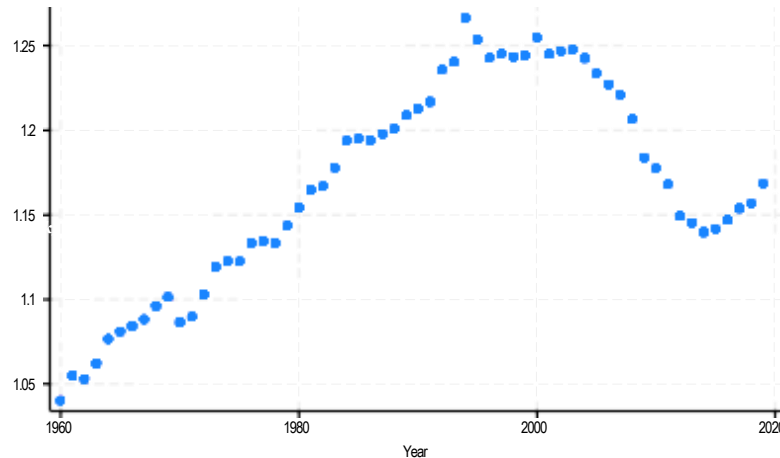


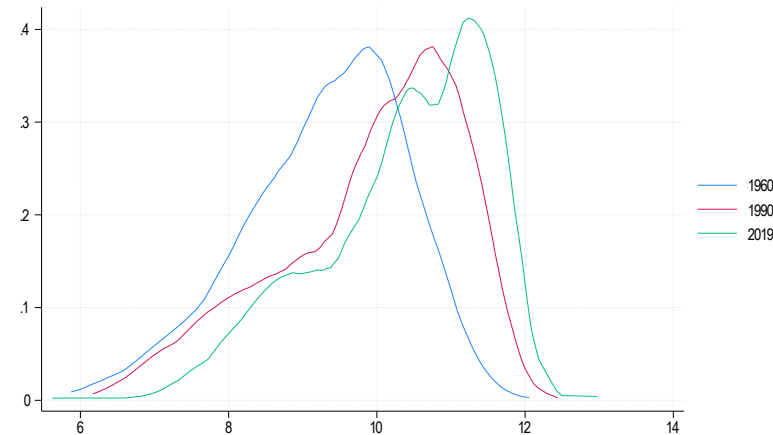
Figure 2: Regional Convergence Patterns in Labor Productivity Growth: OECD, Asian, LAC, and SSA Economies (Panels: a) 1960-1980, b) 1980-2000, c) 2000-2019).



Initial Evidence on Productivity Distribution (PWT Sample, 1960-2019)



Std. dev. of labor productivity.



Kernel densities of labor productivity.

- **Rising dispersion** until early 2000s → “Great Divergence” (Pritchett, 1997).
- Emergence of “twin peaks” distribution (Quah, 1996).
- Evidence of convergence clubs rather than uniform convergence. [► \$\beta\$ -conv](#)



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Growth Decomposition Approach

- Output per worker modeled as weighted sum of sectoral production:

$$y_{i,t} = \sum_{j=1}^J sh_{i,j,t} [A_{i,j} + \beta^{i,j} k_{i,j,t}] \quad (1)$$

- where $sh_{i,j,t} = \frac{L_{i,j,t}}{L_{i,t}}$ represents employment share of sector j in country i
- **Simple example:** Two manufacturing subsectors (chemicals and metals):

$$y_t = sh_{C,t} [A_{C,t} + \beta_C k_{C,t}] + sh_{M,t} [A_{M,t} + \beta_M k_{M,t}] \quad (2)$$



Growth Rate Decomposition

- **Growth rate decomposition:** Between periods t and T

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta y_{T-t} = & sh_{C,T}[A_{C,T} - A_{C,t}] + sh_{M,T}[A_{M,T} - A_{M,t}] \\ & + sh_{C,t}[k_{C,t}(\beta_{C,T} - \beta_{C,t})] + sh_{M,t}[k_{M,t}(\beta_{M,T} - \beta_{M,t})] \\ & + sh_{C,T}[\beta_{C,T}(k_{C,T} - k_{C,t})] + sh_{M,T}[\beta_{M,T}(k_{M,T} - k_{M,t})] \quad (3)\end{aligned}$$

- **Components interpretation:**
 - First line: Changes in total factor productivity (A)
 - Second line: Changes in returns to capital per worker (β)
 - Third line: Changes in capital accumulation per worker (k)



Quantile Decomposition Methodology

- **Beyond mean-based methods:**
 - Traditional decompositions (e.g., Oaxaca-Blinder) miss distributional heterogeneity.
 - Productivity growth patterns affect economies differently across development stages.
- **Quantile approach** (Chernozhukov et al., 2013; Firpo et al., 2018):
 - Captures heterogeneous effects at different points in distribution (avoiding location-scale effect).
 - Reveals whether factors affect lagging vs. leading economies differently.



Counterfactual Decomposition Procedure

- For each quantile τ_q of distribution τ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta y_{T-t} | \tau_q = & \Delta y_{T-t} | (A_{T,q}, \beta_{T,q}, X_T) - \Delta y_{T-t} | (A_{T,q}, \beta_{t,q}, X_T) + \\ & \Delta y_{T-t} | (A_{T,q}, \beta_{T,q}, X_T) - \Delta y_{T-t} | (A_{T,q}, \beta_{T,q}, X_t) + \\ & \mathcal{E}_{T,q} - \mathcal{E}_{t,q} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

- Three key components:
 - Coefficient effect:** First term in equation - changes in returns to observable characteristics (how efficiently factors are utilized).
 - Characteristics effect:** Second term in equation - changes in the levels/distribution of observable factors (e.g., physical and human capital accumulation).
 - Residual effect:** Third term in equation - unobservable factors (technology, institutions).



Implementation and Statistical Inference

- **Multi-stage analysis:**
 - Cross-country decomposition (PWT data).
 - Manufacturing sector decomposition (UNIDO data).
 - Counterfactual scenarios analysis.
- **Statistical inference:**
 - Bootstrap methods for robust confidence intervals.
 - Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) tests for “no effect” and “constant effect” hypotheses.
 - Cramer-von-Mises (CMS) tests for distributional differences.
- **Advantages:** Captures heterogeneity across the productivity distribution without restrictive linear assumptions.



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Cross-Country Decomposition Results

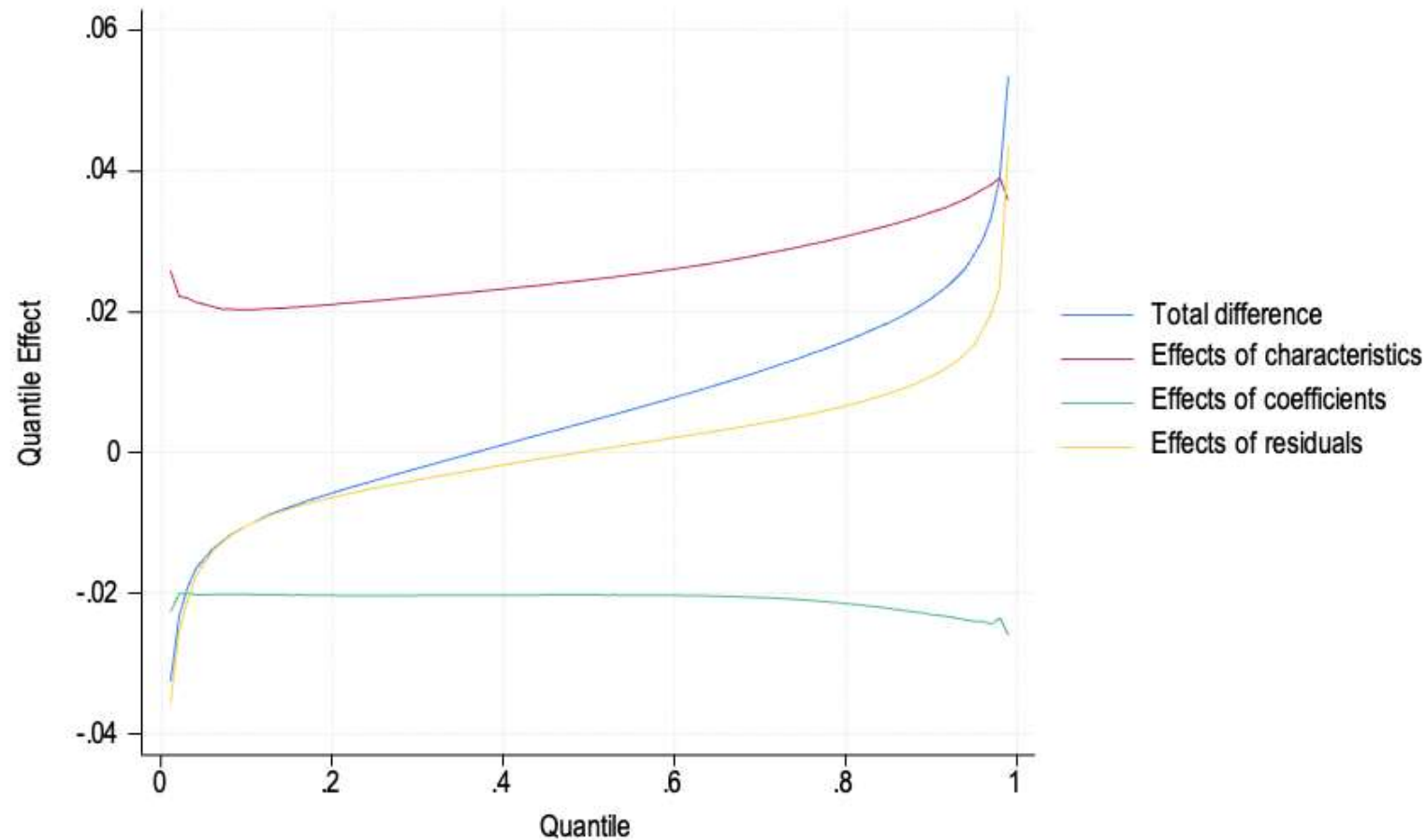


Figure 3: Quantile decomposition of productivity growth differences between 1960-1990 and 1990-2019.



Key Findings

- **Statistical significance:** KS and CMS tests confirm significant heterogeneity across quantiles. [▶ Proof](#)
- **Total effect:** Increasing across distribution.
 - Lower quantiles: Negative (-1 percentage point).
 - Median: Modest positive (0.4-0.5 percentage points).
 - Upper quantiles: Substantially positive (exceeding 2 percentage points).
- **Driver decomposition:**
 - Characteristics effect: Consistently positive, strengthening at higher quantiles.
 - Coefficients effect: Uniformly negative across distribution (-2 percentage points).
 - Residuals effect: Negative at lower quantiles, increasingly positive at upper tail.



Implications

- **Divergence in productivity growth patterns:**
 - More productive economies increasingly pulling ahead.
 - Less productive economies struggling to translate improved fundamentals into growth.
- **Growth mechanisms shifting:**
 - Broad-based deterioration in returns to observable factors.
 - Unobservable factors (technology, institutions) becoming more important.
 - Factor accumulation remains valuable but with diminishing effectiveness.
- **Policy relevance:** Need for differentiated strategies based on development stage.



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Manufacturing Decomposition Results

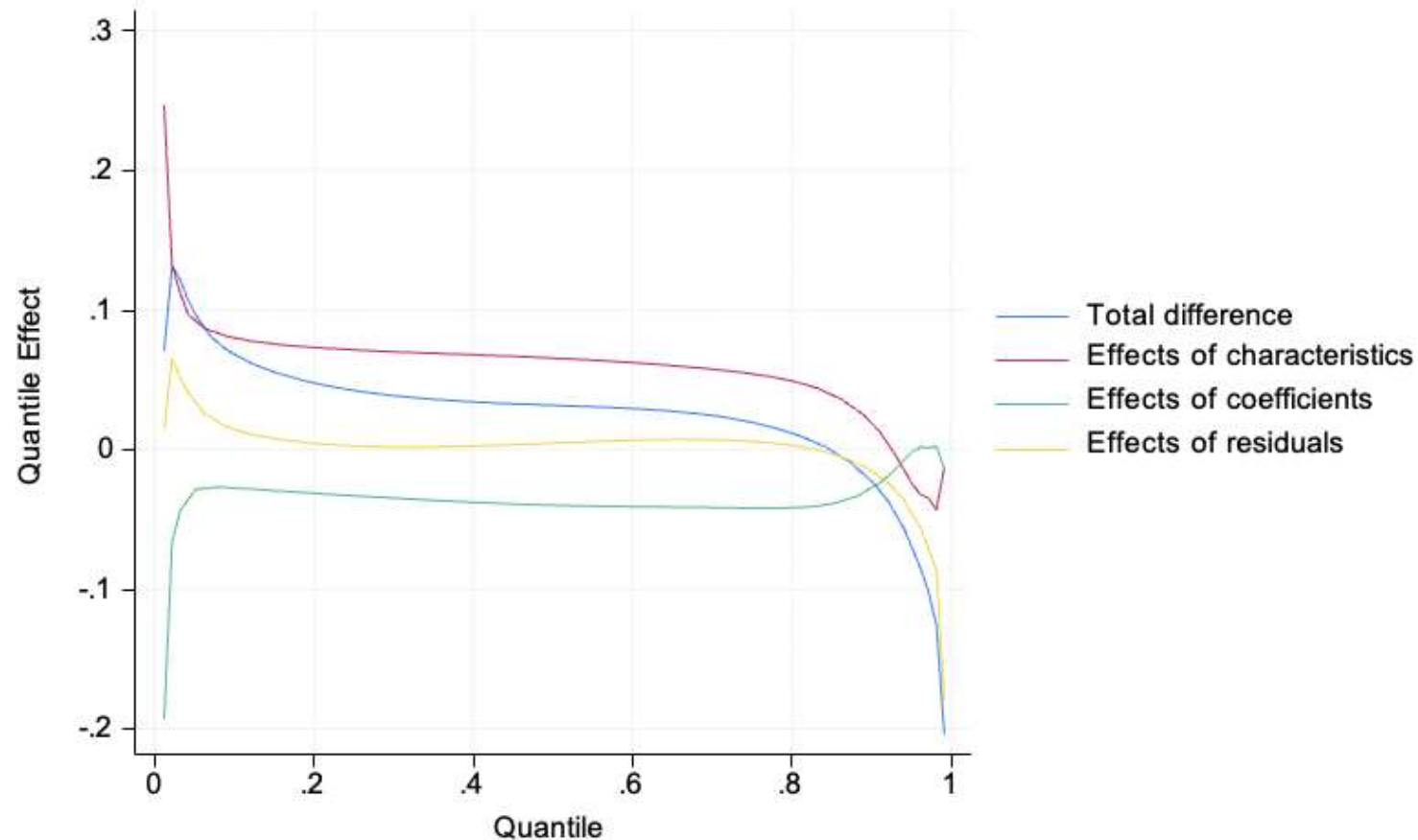


Figure 4: Quantile decomposition of productivity growth differences between 1980-1990 and 1990-2019 in manufacturing sectors.



Key Findings

- **Total effect:** Clear downward slope across quantiles.
 - Lower quantiles: Strong positive (7% at 10th percentile).
 - Upper quantiles: Negative (-2% at 90th percentile, not statistically significant).
- **Component analysis:**
 - Characteristics effect: Positive but declining gradient (8% to 2%)
 - Coefficients effect: Stable negative pattern (-3% to -4%)
 - Residuals effect: Inverted U-shape, positive at bottom and negative at top
- **Statistical confirmation:** KS and CMS tests strongly support heterogenous effects.

► [Proof](#)



Implications

- **Manufacturing as “escalator”:**
 - Still provides substantial catch-up opportunities.
 - Particularly beneficial for less productive sectors.
 - Contrasts with aggregate pattern favoring already-productive economies.
- **Growing challenges:**
 - Negative coefficients effect: difficulties in translating inputs into productivity.
 - Likely reflects increased global competition and technological complexity.
 - Factor accumulation alone provides diminishing returns at higher productivity levels, requiring complementary capabilities.
- **Technological capability gap:** Inverted U-shaped residuals effect suggests varying technological absorption capacity.



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Counterfactual Analysis Approach

- **Why?** Exploring alternative productivity growth trajectories.
 - What if economies had different characteristics?
 - What if they experienced different returns to factors?
 - What if they benefited from different unobservable factors?
- **Implementation:**
 - Based on methodology from Machado and Mata (2005).
 - Uses quantile regression techniques for counterfactual distributions.
 - Examines both economy-wide (PWT) and manufacturing-specific (UNIDO) scenarios.
- **Comparisons:**
 - Asian economies vs. global top decile.
 - Bottom vs. top decile economies (globally).
 - Bottom vs. top decile manufacturing sectors.



Aggregate Counterfactual Results (PWT Sample)

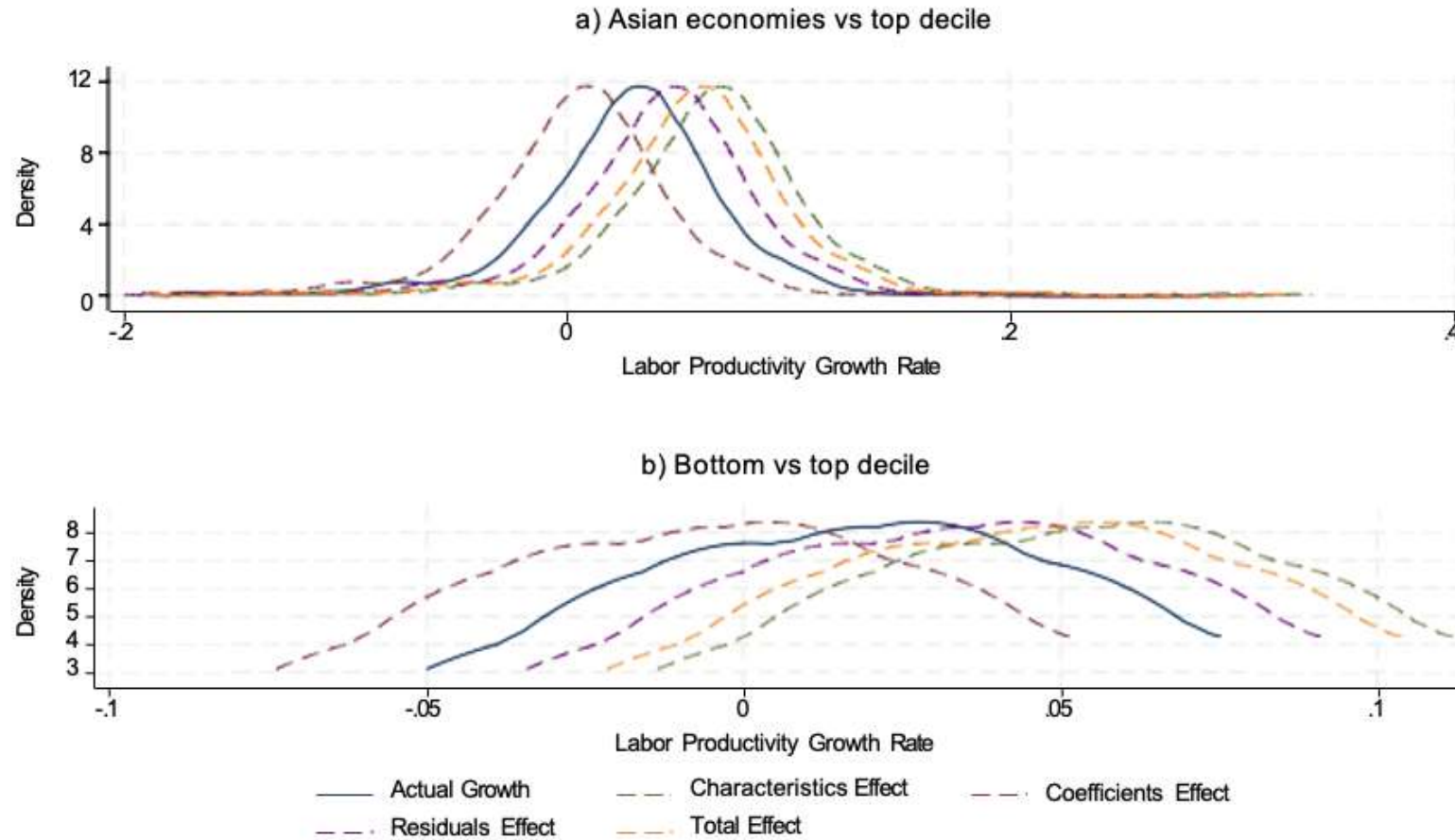


Figure 5: Counterfactual growth scenarios comparing Asian economies vs top decile (Panel a)) and bottom vs top decile (Panel b)).



Aggregate Counterfactual Findings

- **Asian economies vs. top performers:**
 - Actual growth: 2.7%. With top performers':
 - Characteristics: gain of approximately 1%.
 - Returns: negative adjustment (approximately -0.3%).
 - Unobservable factors: additional gain of approximately 2.2%.
 - Combined effect: 5.6% total growth (gain of 2.9% over actual).
- **Bottom vs. top performers:**
- With top performers':
 - Characteristics: gain of approximately 3.7%.
 - Returns: negative adjustment (approximately -0.6%).
 - Unobservable factors: additional gain of approximately 0.3%.
- Combined effect: 5.2% total growth (gain of 3.4% over actual).



Manufacturing Counterfactual Results (UNIDO Sample)

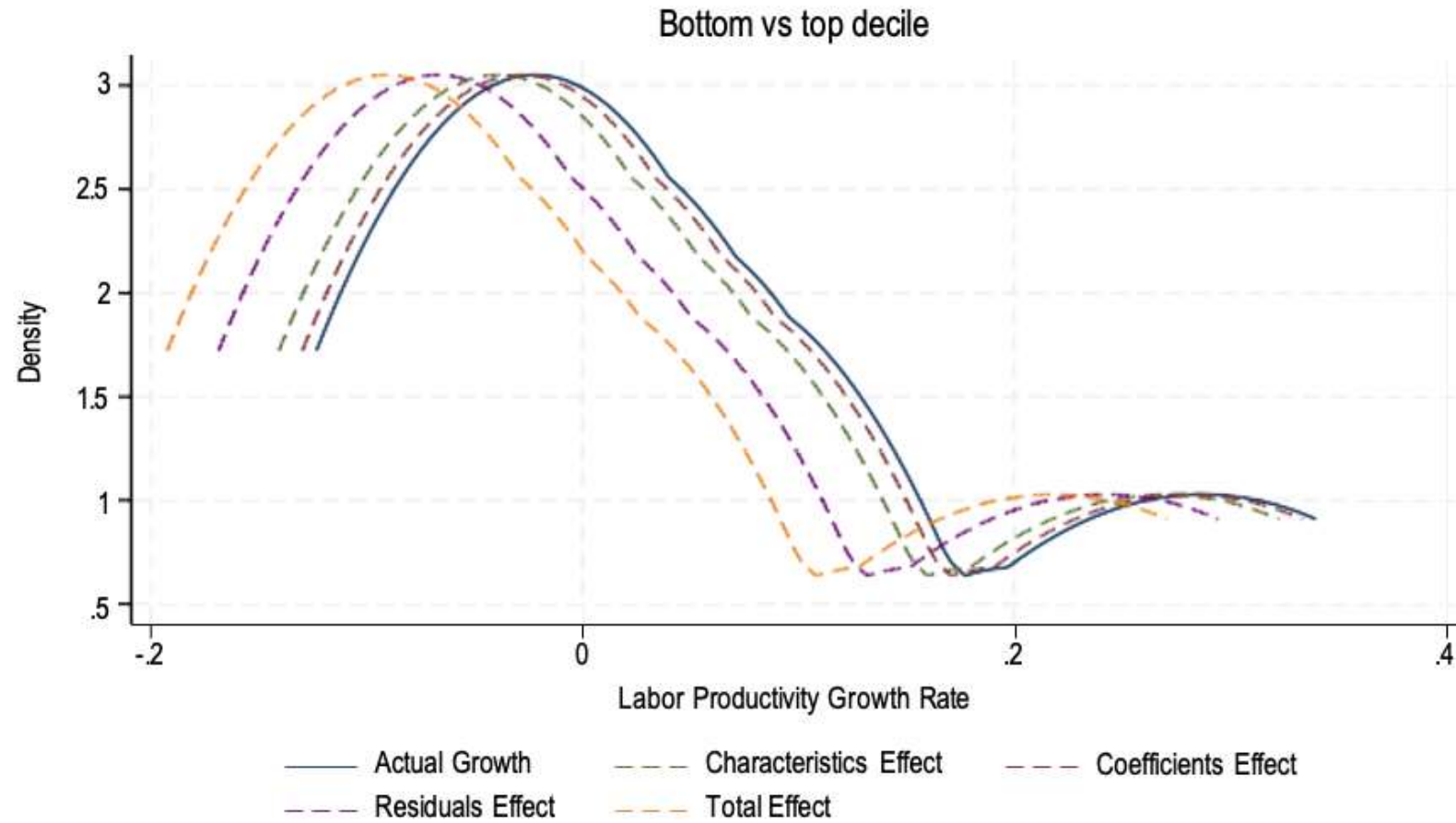


Figure 6: Counterfactual growth scenarios comparing bottom vs top decile in manufacturing sectors.



Manufacturing Counterfactual Findings

- **Surprising pattern:** Bottom-decile sectors show robust performance (5.5% growth).
- **Counterfactual scenarios with top performers’:**
 - Characteristics only: Growth would decrease to 3.8% (impact: -1.7%).
 - Returns only: Growth would decrease to 4.9% (impact: -0.6%).
 - Unobservable factors only: Growth would decrease to 3.5% (impact: -2.0%).
 - All factors combined: Growth would plummet to -1.4% (total reduction: 6.9%).
- **Interpretation:** Strong convergence forces dominate manufacturing, with existing factor endowments supporting rapid growth in lagging sectors.



Contrasting Counterfactual Patterns

- **Aggregate economy:**
 - Substantial positive impacts from adopting top performers' characteristics.
 - Observable factors (physical and human capital accumulation) drive potential gains.
 - Significant room for improvement across all economies.
- **Manufacturing sector:**
 - Convergence dynamics result in stronger growth for lagging sectors.
 - Existing factor endowments more conducive to rapid growth in bottom than top performers'.
 - Convergence operates through channels beyond simple factor accumulation.
- **Policy implications:** Different approaches needed for economy-wide vs. manufacturing-specific development strategies.



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Concluding Remarks

- Investigation of productivity growth patterns across different quantiles of the productivity distribution.
- Analysis conducted on two samples: panel of 91 advanced and emerging economies (1960-2019) and manufacturing-specific panel covering 34 economies and 14 sectors (1980-2019).
- Comparison of productivity convergence patterns: economy-wide divergence versus strong manufacturing-specific convergence.
- Identification of changing mechanisms driving productivity growth pre/post-1990.
- Quantification of untapped growth potential through counterfactual scenarios.
- Assessment of implications for industrial policy design amid premature deindustrialization challenges.



Summary of Key Findings

- **Divergent Convergence Patterns:**
 - Aggregate growth favors already-productive economies.
 - Manufacturing offers strong convergence for less productive sectors.
- **Evolving Growth Drivers:**
 - General decline in returns to observable factors post-1990.
 - Increasing importance of unobservable factors (technology, institutions).
 - Manufacturing convergence beyond simple factor accumulation.
- **Untapped Growth Potential:**
 - Asian economies: potential 3 percentage point growth gain.
 - Strong convergence advantages in manufacturing for lagging sectors.
 - Different drivers for aggregate vs. manufacturing productivity.



Policy Implications

Stage-Specific Strategies:

- Early-stage: Strengthen manufacturing as growth engine.
- Middle-stage: Enhance technological capabilities and institutions.
- Advanced-stage: Address frontier productivity challenges.

Beyond Physical Capital:

- Facilitate technology absorption and knowledge spillovers.
- Develop absorptive capacity and innovation capabilities.
- Strategic integration into global value chains.

Addressing Productivity Challenges in Manufacturing:

- Preserve “escalator industries” while building sophistication.
- Develop high-productivity service sectors.
- Industrial policies harmonized to global competitive dynamics.



Work in Progress and Future Research

- **Work in Progress:**
 - Fleshing out role of structural change more directly
 - Counterfactuals that simultaneously account for sectoral reallocation effects.
 - Robustness on manufacturing analysis to address nominal values issue—e.g. use EUKLEMS data, deflators by Haraguchi and Amann (2023).
 - Refining quantile decomposition to better handle parameter instability.
 - Applying decomposition of service sector productivity growth.
- **Avenues for Future Research:**
 - More granular human capital measures to capture skill-biased tech. change.
 - Exploring interactions between global value chain participation and premature deindustrialization.
 - Analyzing policy interventions that successfully preserved manufacturing convergence properties.
 - Extending counterfactual analysis to service sector productivity dynamics.



β -Convergence Results

Table A1: β -Convergence Results: Panel Regression Analysis

| | Full Sample (1960-2019) | | | 1960-1990 | | | 1990-2019 | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| y_{t-1} | -0.0192*** (0.0033) | -0.0126*** (0.0028) | -0.0125*** (0.0028) | -0.0421*** (0.0062) | -0.0378*** (0.0061) | -0.0378*** (0.0060) | -0.0164*** (0.0058) | -0.0255*** (0.0067) | -0.0246*** (0.0068) |
| Δk | | 0.5854*** (0.0351) | 0.5868*** (0.0353) | | 0.6342*** (0.0448) | 0.6411*** (0.0451) | | 0.5804*** (0.0604) | 0.5701*** (0.0619) |
| Δhc | | | 0.0206 (0.0660) | | | 0.0639 (0.1177) | | | -0.0588 (0.0795) |
| Δpop | | 0.5503** (0.2427) | 0.5260** (0.2461) | | 0.5078* (0.2616) | 0.4733* (0.2675) | | 1.2097*** (0.4449) | 1.2067*** (0.4477) |
| Implied λ | 0.0194 | 0.0127 | 0.0126 | 0.0430 | 0.0385 | 0.0385 | 0.0165 | 0.0258 | 0.0249 |
| Half-life (years) | 35.8 | 54.6 | 55.0 | 16.1 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 42.0 | 26.9 | 27.8 |
| No. of economies | 91 | 91 | 90 | 91 | 91 | 90 | 91 | 91 | 90 |
| Observations | 5,369 | 5,369 | 5,310 | 2,730 | 2,730 | 2,700 | 2,639 | 2,639 | 2,610 |
| R ² (within) | 0.026 | 0.175 | 0.176 | 0.049 | 0.189 | 0.193 | 0.007 | 0.169 | 0.164 |

Notes: Dependent variable is Δy (growth rate of real GDP per worker). All regressions include country and year fixed effects.

Standard errors clustered at country level in parentheses. * $p < 0.1$; ** $p < 0.05$; *** $p < 0.01$

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Quantile decomposition (PWT Sample)

Table A2: Quantile decomposition of labor productivity growth differences (1960-1990 vs 1990-2019)

| Component | Quantiles | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 0.90 |
| <i>Panel A: Total Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | -0.0103*** (0.0022) | -0.0057*** (0.0016) | -0.0022 (0.0014) | 0.0011 (0.0012) | 0.0044*** (0.0011) | 0.0078*** (0.0011) | 0.0116*** (0.0012) | 0.0158*** (0.0015) | 0.0219*** (0.0020) |
| <i>Panel B: Characteristics Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | 0.0202*** (0.0023) | 0.0210*** (0.0021) | 0.0220*** (0.0020) | 0.0232*** (0.0019) | 0.0245*** (0.0019) | 0.0261*** (0.0019) | 0.0281*** (0.0020) | 0.0307*** (0.0021) | 0.0342*** (0.0024) |
| <i>Panel C: Coefficients Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | -0.0202*** (0.0031) | -0.0203*** (0.0027) | -0.0204*** (0.0025) | -0.0203*** (0.0024) | -0.0203*** (0.0023) | -0.0203*** (0.0022) | -0.0207*** (0.0022) | -0.0215*** (0.0023) | -0.0231*** (0.0025) |
| <i>Panel D: Residuals Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | -0.0103*** (0.0012) | -0.0064*** (0.0007) | -0.0039*** (0.0005) | -0.0017*** (0.0004) | 0.0002 (0.0004) | 0.0021*** (0.0005) | 0.0041*** (0.0006) | 0.0066*** (0.0008) | 0.0108*** (0.0012) |
| <i>Bootstrap Inference on Counterfactual Quantile Processes</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Null-hypothesis | KS-statistic | | | | CMS-statistic | | | | |
| Differences between the observable distributions | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Effects of characteristics | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QTE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Effects of coefficients | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.110 | | | | 0.440 | | | | |
| Effects of residuals | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |

Notes: Bootstrapped standard errors in parentheses. * $p < 0.1$; ** $p < 0.05$; *** $p < 0.01$. The decomposition is based on 100 bootstrap replications. All regressions include country and year fixed effects. The final rows provide the p -values from KS and CMS bootstrap tests for various null hypotheses.

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Quantile decomposition (UNIDO Sample)

Table A3: Quantile decomposition of labor productivity growth differences in manufacturing sectors (1980-1990 vs 1990-2019)

| Component | Quantiles | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 0.90 |
| <i>Panel A: Total Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | 0.0675*** (0.0159) | 0.0477*** (0.0099) | 0.0386*** (0.0070) | 0.0343*** (0.0050) | 0.0318*** (0.0038) | 0.0295*** (0.0042) | 0.0244*** (0.0064) | 0.0118 (0.0101) | -0.0232 (0.0170) |
| <i>Panel B: Characteristics Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | 0.0800*** (0.0102) | 0.0734*** (0.0093) | 0.0703*** (0.0090) | 0.0682*** (0.0088) | 0.0657*** (0.0086) | 0.0624*** (0.0083) | 0.0577*** (0.0080) | 0.0492*** (0.0071) | 0.0183*** (0.0060) |
| <i>Panel C: Coefficients Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | -0.0267 (0.0168) | -0.0304** (0.0131) | -0.0339*** (0.0112) | -0.0369*** (0.0100) | -0.0389*** (0.0091) | -0.0399*** (0.0083) | -0.0406*** (0.0076) | -0.0407*** (0.0073) | -0.0265 (0.0106) |
| <i>Panel D: Residuals Effect</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Estimate | 0.0142** (0.0068) | 0.0047 (0.0042) | 0.0022 (0.0032) | 0.0030 (0.0025) | 0.0050*** (0.0019) | 0.0070*** (0.0020) | 0.0073** (0.0029) | 0.0033 (0.0043) | -0.0151** (0.0068) |
| <i>Bootstrap Inference on Counterfactual Quantile Processes</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Null-hypothesis | KS-statistic | | | | CMS-statistic | | | | |
| Differences between the observable distributions | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.010 | | | | 0.060 | | | | |
| Effects of characteristics | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QTE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Effects of coefficients | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.000 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.250 | | | | 0.310 | | | | |
| Effects of residuals | | | | | | | | | |
| No effect: $QE(\tau)=0$ for all τ s | 0.000 | | | | 0.010 | | | | |
| Constant effect: $QE(\tau)=QE(0.5)$ for all τ s | 0.020 | | | | 0.170 | | | | |

Notes: Bootstrapped standard errors in parentheses. * $p < 0.1$; ** $p < 0.05$; *** $p < 0.01$. The decomposition is based on 100 bootstrap replications. All regressions include country, sector, and year fixed effects. The final rows provide the p -values from KS and CMS bootstrap tests for various null hypotheses.

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