

AN ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL KUZNETS CURVE FOR JAPANESE ECONOMY

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Abstract

Japanese economy achieved a rapid economic development process for the period of 1950-1980 with environmental problems. By the by mid 1970s, Japan introduced important environmental regulatory reforms and environmental clean-up reforms. However, Japan faced challenged both environmental problems and economic stagnation since 1990s.

In this study, Environmental Kuznets curve is analysed for Japanese economy for the period 1960 to 2010 using annual data by using cointegration test with structural breaks by developed Maki (2012). Environmental Kuznets curve means there is an inverted-U relationship between environmental degradation and income per capita. In the study it is found that the N-shaped Kuznets curve confirmed for Japanese economy for the period.

Key words: Environmental Kuznets Curve, Japanese Economy, Cointegration Test with Structural Break

JAPON EKONOMİSİ İÇİN ÇEVRESEL KUZNETS EĞRİSİ ANALİZİ

Özet

Japon ekonomisi 1950-1980 döneminde hızlı bir ekonomik gelişme göstermiş fakat bu gelişme çevresel problemleri de beraberinde taşımıştır. 1970'lerin ortasından itibaren Japonya önemli çevresel düzenlemeler ve reformlar geliştirmiştir. Mamafih, 1990'lardan itibaren Japon ekonomisi hem durgunluk hem de artan çevre problemleri ile karşı karşıyadır. Bu çalışmada Çevresel Kuznets eğrisi Japon ekonomisi için 1960-2010 periyoduna ait yıllık veriler kullanılarak kointegrasyon testine tabi tutulmaktadır. Bu

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çalışmanın bulguları ışığında, N biçimli Kuznets eğrisi Japon ekonomisi için doğru sonuçlar vermektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Çevresel Kuznets Eğrisi, Japon ekonomisi, Kointegrasyon testi

1. Introduction

Kuznets (1955) stated that income inequality and economic growth has an *inverted-U* relationship, means first stage of economic development, income inequality per capita increases as economic development increases, after a peak, then second stage economic development, income inequality per capita increases as economic development decreases. On the other hand, Acemoglu and Robinson (2002) claimed that development does not necessarily induce a Kuznets curve. Environmental Kuznets curve means there is an *inverted-U* relationship between environmental degradation and income per capita.

There is an important literature on the Environmental Kuznets curve covering different countries and periods. Dinda (2004) stated that the common point of the related literature is that the environmental quality deteriorates at the early stages of economic development/growth and subsequently improves at the later stages but the controversial point in the literature is that there is no agreement on the income level at which environmental degradation starts declining. Dinda (2004) also claimed that the inverted-U relation or Environmental Kuznets curve cannot be generalized for all types of pollutants.

Some of the studies found inverted-U relation are as follows, Roberts and Grimes (1997), Carson et al.(1997), Schmalensee et al.(1998), Galeotti and Lanza(1999), Panayotou et al. (2000), Dijkgraaf and Vollebergh (2001), Lindmark (2002), Cole (2004), Aldy (2005), Coondoo and Dinda (2008), Lee et al. (2009), Dutt (2009), Jalil and Mahmud (2009), Narayan and Narayan (2010), Acararci and Ozturk (2010). On the other hand, Moomaw and Unruh (1997), Lee et al. (2009), Friedl and Getzner (2003) found a *N-shaped* Environmental Kuznets curve see for details, Kaika and Zervas (2013)

Apergis and Ozturk (2015) analysed the Environmental Kuznets Curve hypothesis for 14 Asian countries including Japan the period 1990–2011. They found that the estimates have the expected signs and are statistically

significant, yielding empirical support to the presence of an Environmental Kuznets Curve hypothesis.

In this study, Environmental Kuznets curve is analysed for Japanese economy for the period 1960 to 2010 using annual data by using cointegration test with structural breaks by developed Maki (2012). The main contribution of the study is that the *N-shaped Kuznets curve* confirmed for Japanese economy for the period.

2. Environmental Kuznets Curve for Japanese Economy

Economic development process of Japan has been important negative and positive effects on the environment of Japan. Rapid growth process in the 1950s and 1960s had serious damages on the environment of Japan. After important economic, social, humanitarian and environmental costs from the environmental pollution, Japan introduced important environmental regulatory reforms and environmental clean-up reforms by developing environmentally-conscious technologies and programs by mid 1970s. Japan had important achievements for environmental pollution after the reforms. On the other hand, Japanese policy maker and society have challenged both environmental problems and economic stagnation since 1990s. (Imura and Schreurs, 2005:2).

Figure 1. CO2 emissions per capita (kt) and GDP per capita (constant 2005 US\$) for Japanese Economy

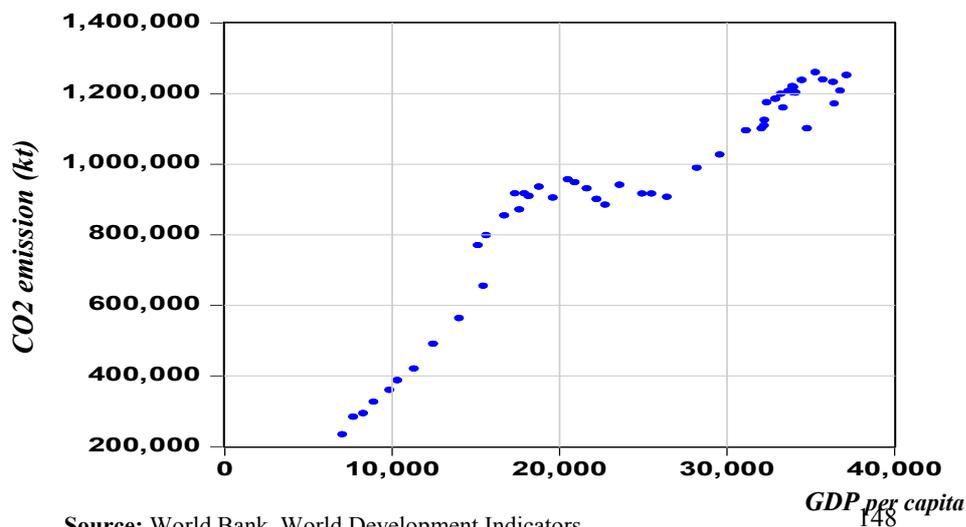


Figure 1 shows the relationship between CO2 emissions (kt) and GDP per capita (constant 2005 US\$) for Japanese Economy for the period 1960-2010. It is clear that CO2 emissions (kt) rapidly increase as GDP per capita converges 20000 US\$ for the years late 1970s. By the beginning of the 1980s environmental reforms had positive effect on the environment. However, by the 1990s, Japan faced to both environmental problems and economic stagnation. Figure 1 shows like *N-shaped Kuznets curve* for Japanese economy for the period.

3. Data, Model and Econometric Methodology

In this study, we explore presence of environmental Kuznets curve for Japanese economy for the period of 1960 to 2010 using annual data by using cointegration test with structural breaks by developed Maki (2012). Data source is World Bank, World Development Indicators database.

The model estimated for the Kuznets curve as follows,

$$\ln CO_{2t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \ln Y_t + \beta_2 \ln Y_t^2 + \beta_3 \ln Y_t^3 + \beta_4 \ln EN_t + u_t \quad (1)$$

where $\ln CO_{2t}$ is natural log of CO2 emissions (metric tons per capita), $\ln Y_t$ is, real GDP per capita (constant 2005 US\$), $\ln EN_t$ is energy use (kg of oil equivalent per capita). The signs of the variables (Y_t, Y_t^2, Y_t^3) determine the shape of Kuznets Curve.

As a first step, we identify the order of integration of the variables by using unit root tests. Since Nelson and Plosser (1982) the issue of unit root test has received great interest. Using Dickey and Fuller tests, Nelson and Plosser (1982) found that unit root null hypothesis could not reject the 13 of 14 macroeconomic time series for US. Perron (1989) show that if there is a structural break in the series but we don't take into account this break, the result of unit root test leads to a biased results to reject a false unit root null hypothesis. To overcome this, Perron (1989) developed test which allows one exogenous structural break in the Augmented Dickey Fuller tests. Zivot and Andrews (1992) criticize Perron (1989) test procedure which allowing exogenous structural break and suggest a test which allowing one structural break determined endogenously. Lumsdaine and Papell (1997) extended the Zivot and Andrews (1992) model to accommodate two structural breaks. Lee and Strazicich (2003, 2004) propose an endogenous two-break Lagrange

Multiplier (LM) unit root test that is unaffected by structural breaks under the null.

Kapetanios (2005) extend previous studies for m breaks. Kapetanios (2005) uses three different model specification, like Zivot and Andrews (1992) test, in testing procedure. These specifications are as follows;

$$\text{Model A : } Y_t = \mu + \Phi Y_{t-1} + \beta t + \gamma_i \sum_{i=1}^m DU_t(\hat{\lambda}_i) + \delta_i \sum_{i=1}^p \Delta y_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{where } DU_t = \begin{cases} 1 & t > T\lambda \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\lambda_i = T_{bi}/T, T_{bi}$: Structural break date, m : Number of maximum break

$$\text{Model B: } Y_t = \mu + \Phi Y_{t-1} + \beta t + \gamma_i \sum_{i=1}^m DT_t(\hat{\lambda}_i) + \delta_i \sum_{i=1}^p \Delta y_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{where } DT_t = \begin{cases} t - T\lambda_i & t > T\lambda_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Model C: } Y_t = \mu + \Phi Y_{t-1} + \beta t + \gamma_i \sum_{i=1}^m DU_t(\hat{\lambda}_i) + \alpha_i \sum_{i=1}^m DT_t(\hat{\lambda}_i) + \delta_i \sum_{i=1}^p \Delta y_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t$$

$$\text{where } DU_t = \begin{cases} 1 & t > T\lambda \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad DT_t = \begin{cases} t - T\lambda_i & t > T\lambda_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This test are based on testing procedure which is used Bai and Perron (1998). A Critical values which are used for this test are tabulated in Kapetanios (2005).

Two or more I(1) time series variables may have linear combinations which are stationary (I(0)). In this case, the variables are thought to be cointegrated.

The effects of structural break on the cointegration tests would be similar to unit root test. In other words, if there is a structural breaks and we don't take into account this break, the result of cointegration test leads to a biased results.

To avoid this problem, Gregory and Hansen (1996) develop a test which allows one endogenous structural break. Hatemi-J (2008) extended the Gregory and Hansen (1996) model to accommodate two structural breaks. When the number of breaks are more than three, the tests of both Gregory and Hansen (1996) and Hatemi-J (2008) would perform poorly. Thus, it is desirable to take an unspecified number of breaks in the cointegration test. Such a test may perform better than standard cointegration tests and tests allowing for only one or two breaks when a cointegration relationship has an unknown number of breaks and multiple breaks. (Maki (2012)).

Maki (2012) introduces cointegration tests allowing for an unknown number of breaks. Maki (2012) considers the following regression models in order to test for cointegration allowing for multiple breaks.

Model 0: Model with Level Shift : $y_t = \mu + \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i D_{i,t} + \beta' x_t + u_t$

Model 1: Regime shifts model:
 $y_t = \mu + \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i D_{i,t} + \beta' x_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta' x_t D_{i,t} + u_t$

Model 2: Regime shifts model with trend
 $y_t = \mu + \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i D_{i,t} + \gamma t + \beta' x_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta' x_t D_{i,t} + u_t$

Model 3: Structural breaks of levels, trends, and regressors:

$$y_t = \mu + \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i D_{i,t} + \gamma t + \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i t D_{i,t} + \beta' x_t + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta' x_t D_{i,t} + u_t$$

Where $x_t = (x_{1t}, \dots, x_{mt})'$ are I(1) variables k: Number of Maximum Break, T_{Bi} Structural Break Date and $D_{i,t}$ denotes;

$$D_{i,t} = \begin{cases} 1 & t > T_{Bi} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Determination of break points and mechanism of this test are based on Bai and Perron (1998) and Kapetanios (2005) procedures. Critical values of this test which are computed based on Monte Carlo simulation techniques are

tabulated in Maki (2012). Where RV is number of regressors and m is number of breaks.

4. Empirical Results

We begin our analysis by providing the univariate properties of the variables of interest using the Kapetanios (2005) unit root test. Table 1. shows Kapetanios unit root test results. The results show that all series are not stationary in Level. For this reason, we take first differences of the series to create a stationary series. As can be seen Table 1, all the variables are stationary in first differences. Given that the order of the integration of the series is equal to one, we continued to test whether the series are cointegrated over the sample period.

Table 1. Kapetanios Unit Root Test Results

Level	Test Statistics	Break Dates
LCO2PC	-4.7619*	1966, 1972, 1989, 1996, 2002
LENERGYPC	-5.8998*	1966, 1972, 1987, 1993, 2003
LGDPC	-7.7764*	1967, 1973, 1982, 1988, 1997
LGDPC ²	-6.9903*	1967, 1973, 1987, 1997, 2004
LGDPC ³	-6.769*	1967, 1973, 1987, 1997, 2004

* indicates H_0 accepted at **0.05** significant level for the model **C**

First Difference	Test Statistics	Break Dates
ΔLCO2PC	-9.5531*	1970, 1981, 1987, 1998, 2004
$\Delta\text{LENERGYPC}$	-6.6876**	1967, 1977, 1985, 1991, 2001
$\Delta\text{LGDP C}$	-9.8011*	1969, 1976, 1991, 1997, 2003
$\Delta\text{LGDP C}^2$	-9.4878*	1969, 1976, 1984, 1991, 2002
$\Delta\text{LGDP C}^3$	-9.3421*	1969, 1976, 1984, 1991, 2002

* indicates H_0 rejected at at **0.05** significant level for the model **C**

** indicates H_0 rejected at at **0.05** significant level for the model **B**

As a second step, in order to analyse the long run relationships among the variables, we conduct cointegration tests by allowing m breaks in the long run equation, following the approach suggested by Maki (2012).

Table 2. Maki Cointegration Test Results

Test Statistics	Critical Values		
	1%	5%	10%
-9.8229689	-9.441	-8.869	-8.541
Break Dates			
1964	1969	1982	1985
			2006

Critical values are taken from Maki (2012)

The findings obtained by Maki (2012) test indicate that the series are co-integrated in the long-run In the final step of empirical analysis, the metho-

dology which allows the dynamic estimation of cointegrating vectors for systems involving deterministic components, developed Stock and Watson (1993) is used.

Table 3. Fully Modified OLS (FMOLS) Results

	Coefficients	Std.Err.
LGDPC	132.9429*	35.17366
LGDPC2	-13.28460*	3.595784
LGDPC3	0.443322*	0.122257
LENPC	0.596805*	0.051711
DT1	0.071300*	0.014035
DT4	0.016472*	0.003175
DT5	-0.007225**	0.003345
DU1	-0.054503*	0.015084
DU2	0.131076*	0.014990
DU4	-0.035356*	0.010615
DU3	-0.018910**	0.009660
C	-449.1890*	114.5415
@TREND	-0.091781*	0.012383

*, **, *** indicate 1%, 5%, 10% level of significance respectively.

FMOLS results which are taken into account the structural break date determined by Maki (2012) are indicate that in the model, the signs of the variables are as follows $\beta_1, \beta_3, \beta_4 > 0$ and $\beta_2 < 0$, which means the *N-shaped Kuznets curve* presence for Japanese economy for the analyse period.

Conclusion

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Appendix-1 Critical Values of Kapetanios (2005) tests

Model	m	Significance level			
		0.10	0.05	0.025	0.01
A	1	-4.661	-4.930	-5.173	-5.338
	2	-5.467	-5.685	-5.965	-6.162
	3	-6.265	-6.529	-6.757	-6.991
	4	-6.832	-7.104	-7.361	-7.560
	5	-7.398	-7.636	-7.963	-8.248
B	1	-4.144	-4.495	-4.696	-5.014
	2	-4.784	-5.096	-5.333	-5.616
	3	-5.429	-5.726	-6.010	-6.286
	4	-5.999	-6.305	-6.497	-6.856
	5	-6.417	-6.717	-6.998	-7.395
C	1	-4.820	-5.081	-5.297	-5.704
	2	-5.847	-6.113	-6.344	-6.587
	3	-6.686	-7.006	-7.216	-7.401
	4	-7.426	-7.736	-7.998	-8.243
	5	-8.016	-8.343	-8.593	-9.039

Source: George KAPETANIOS, Unit Root Testing Against the Alternative Hypothesis of up to m Structural Breaks, *Journal of Time Series Analysis*, Vol:26, No:1, 2005, pp. 129.

Appendix-2 Critical Values of Maki (2012) Cointegration Test

	RV = 1			RV = 2			RV = 3			RV = 4		
	1%	5%	10%	1%	5%	10%	1%	5%	10%	1%	5%	10%
Model = 0												
m = 1	-5.709	-4.602	-4.354	-5.541	-5.005	-4.733	-5.820	-5.341	-5.101	-6.139	-5.650	-5.386
2	-5.416	-4.893	-4.610	-5.717	-5.211	-4.957	-5.984	-5.517	-5.272	-6.303	-5.839	-5.575
3	-5.563	-5.083	-4.784	-5.943	-5.392	-5.125	-6.229	-5.704	-5.427	-6.501	-5.992	-5.714
4	-5.776	-5.230	-4.982	-6.075	-5.550	-5.297	-6.406	-5.871	-5.603	-6.640	-6.132	-5.892
5	-5.959	-5.426	-5.131	-6.296	-5.760	-5.491	-6.555	-6.038	-5.773	-6.856	-6.306	-6.039
Model = 1												
m = 1	-5.524	-5.038	-4.784	-5.840	-5.359	-5.117	-6.144	-5.645	-5.398	-6.361	-5.913	-5.686
2	-5.708	-5.196	-4.938	-6.011	-5.518	-5.247	-6.271	-5.796	-5.538	-6.556	-6.055	-5.805
3	-5.833	-5.373	-5.106	-6.169	-5.691	-5.408	-6.472	-5.957	-5.682	-6.741	-6.214	-5.974
4	-6.059	-5.508	-5.245	-6.329	-5.831	-5.558	-6.575	-6.086	-5.820	-6.845	-6.373	-6.096
5	-6.193	-5.699	-5.449	-6.530	-5.993	-5.722	-6.784	-6.250	-5.976	-7.053	-6.494	-6.220
Model = 2												
m = 1	-5.457	-4.895	-4.626	-6.020	-5.558	-5.287	-6.565	-6.035	-5.773	-7.021	-6.520	-6.242
2	-5.863	-5.363	-5.070	-6.628	-6.093	-5.833	-7.232	-6.702	-6.411	-7.756	-7.244	-6.964
3	-6.251	-5.703	-5.402	-7.031	-6.516	-6.210	-7.767	-7.155	-6.868	-8.336	-7.803	-7.481
4	-6.596	-6.011	-5.723	-7.470	-6.872	-6.563	-8.236	-7.625	-7.329	-8.895	-8.292	-8.004
5	-6.915	-6.357	-6.057	-7.839	-7.288	-6.976	-8.673	-8.110	-7.796	-9.441	-8.869	-8.541
Model = 3												
m = 1	-6.048	-5.541	-5.281	-6.523	-6.055	-5.795	-6.964	-6.464	-6.220	-7.400	-6.911	-6.649
2	-6.620	-6.100	-5.845	-7.153	-6.657	-6.397	-7.737	-7.201	-6.926	-8.167	-7.638	-7.381
3	-7.082	-6.524	-6.267	-7.673	-7.145	-6.873	-8.331	-7.743	-7.449	-8.865	-8.254	-7.977
4	-7.553	-7.009	-6.712	-8.217	-7.636	-7.341	-8.851	-8.269	-7.960	-9.433	-8.871	-8.574
5	-8.004	-7.414	-7.110	-8.713	-8.129	-7.811	-9.428	-8.800	-8.508	-10.08	-9.482	-9.151

Source: Daiki MAKI, Tests For Cointegration Allowing For an Unknown Number of Breaks. Economic Modelling, 29(5), 2012, pp: 2013.