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Estimation of Private Consumption Function of Iran: Autoregressive Distributed Lag Approach to Co-integration

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ABSTRACT

Considering consumption due to its pivotal role in economic growth and also aggregate demand and specially its long-run analysis have always been in the center of attention. In this study, we have estimated private consumption function, using auto-regressive distributed lag (ARDL) approach and employing annual data during 1978-2012. Short-run elasticity of private consumption function regarding to its lag is 0.50 and to gross domestic product is approximately 0.56. Also, the latter amount for long-run elasticity is 1.13. Furthermore, the estimation demonstrates a negative correlation between inflation and private consumption in both long-run and short-run relationships. Error correction model is estimated as well, and the coefficient is equal to -0.49 which shows the pace in which the private consumption function adjusts to its long-run equilibrium.

Keywords: Consumption Function, Auto-regressive Distributed Lag Approach, Error Correction Model JEL Classifications: C13, C22, E21

1. INTRODUCTION

According to economics literature, consumption is defined as the goods and services purchased by households. By holding this definition, consumption is a key element and determinative variable in economic booms and recessions. Changes in consumers' expenditure could be a source of economic shocks and also, marginal propensity to consume (MPC) is crucial for fiscal-policy multiplier (Manki , 2012. p. 465).

There is also an increasing evidence, which magnifies the importance of consumption studies in developing countries, especially the ones which are dependent on oil and oil revenues due to oil dichotomy; on the one hand, these countries have a poor agriculture sector and also labor-intensive which is lagged behind in comparison with the industrial sector, which is capital-intensive; on the other hand, oil acts as a double-edged sword, which reflect its negative behavior as the tendency of itself to foreign sectors and intensifies the distance between private sector and public sector. In such a kind of situation the necessity of paying attention to a suitable and also effici nt economic model considering the development plans is inevitable and undeniable. In this paper, we have estimated a consumption function for Iran, with respect to the Friedman's consumption function, by using auto-regressive distributed lag (ARDL) method and also we calculated the long-run and short-run elasticity of consumption.

2. EMPIRICAL STUDIES REVIEW

In one study entitled "How much do we care about absolute versus relative income and consumption?" with the aid of survey-experimental methods it has found that most individuals are concerned with both relative income and relative consumption of particular goods. The degree of concern varies in the expected direction depending on the properties of the good. However, it is also found that relative consumption is also important for vacation and insurance, which are typically seen as non-positional goods. Further, absolute consumption is also found to be important for cars and housing, which are widely regarded as highly positional (Alpizar et al., 2005).

Another paper entitled "Consumption and saving over the life cycle: How important are consumer durables?" it is investigated whether a standard life cycle model in which households purchase nondurable consumption and consumer durables and face idiosyncratic income and mortality risk as well as endogenous borrowing constraints can account for two key patterns of consumption and asset holdings over the life cycle. First, consumption expenditures on both durable and non-durable goods are hump-shaped. Second, young households keep very few liquid assets and hold most of their wealth in consumer durables. Thus it is concluded that durables are a key feature to explain both the hump in consumption of durables and non-durables and the optimal asset allocation of households (Fernandez-Villaverde and Krueger, 2005).

In a research with the title of "The direct substitution between government and private consumption in East Asia" it is studied empirically the extent to which government consumption substitutes for private consumption in nine East Asia countries. Panel cointegrating regression uncovers a significantly positive elasticity of substitution between government and private consumption, implying on average government and private consumption are substitutes in East Asia. Country-by-country analysis, however, reveals diversity in the substitutability estimates. The four North East countries - China, Hong Kong, Japan, and Korea - tend to share similar and moderate values of the substitution elasticity. For the five ASEAN countries studied in this paper, the relationship between private and government consumption vary substantially, both in the sign and magnitude of the elasticity of substitution. Private and government consumption in Malaysia and Thailand are strong substitutes, but they are found to be complements in Indonesia and Singapore. In between is the Philippines which has a near zero elasticity of substitution (Kwan, 2006).

There are lots of studies have been made in Iran and the majority are fundamentally related to the "permanent income" theory of Friedman. In some researches consumption is divided into two whole segments, government and private consumption and also the latter is divided into both urban and rural sectors. This kind of segmentation is made considering both prominent role of oil in this country and the way of its usage which leads to inefficient oil revenues allocation and also "Fei-Ranis" issue which concentrates on the existence of a vast and noticeable agriculture sector but passive, along with an active and small industrial sector.

However, few works have been done about estimating consumption function in Iran. In one study with respect to Fei-Ranis conflict hypothesis, Iran's consumption function is divided into two parts; First segment focuses on urban and rural sectors and the second category considers durable and non-durable goods.

Results demonstrate the higher explanatory power of Friedman's consumption theory, comparing with Keynes, Duesenberry and Modigliani in the space of 1974-1998 in Iran.

The mentioned study which is made regarding to the first 5-year development plan, leaded to the fact that the long-run consumption curve passes through the origin of coordinates with a constant slope. Hence, MPC (in long-term) is constant and equal to average propensity to consume (Zarranejad, 2003).

A considerable amount of gross national product is dedicated to consumption expenditures, and also has a crucial role in macroeconometrics models. Due to the dichotomy of oil which causes disequilibrium among government and private consumption behavior and also regarding to the traditional conflicts which results in a prominent distinction between urban and rural consumption behavior, three behavioral equations have been adopted to justify the existence of consumption in the model - urban consumption expenditure, rural consumption expenditure and government consumption expenditure. These equations are estimated using ordinary least squares (OLS) and two stages least squares methods (Arabmazar and Noferesti, 2006).

Another estimation and analysis has been made considering differing income deciles, with the aid of ARDL approach during 1982-2006; Results are illustrated a significant relationship between variables. Long-run MPC for low income group was equal to 0.97 and for high income ones was 0.66 and totally it is estimated 0.81. However, the short-run MPC was 0.55 (Fakhrai and Mansouri, 2008).

According to another study, private consumption function is estimated in order to attain both long-run and short-run MPC from 1959 to 2003, using ARDL method, which results indicated that MPC for both long- and short-terms are respectively, 0.49 and 0.37. And also, liquidity coefficient is 0.1 (as a proxy for real social wealth) and has a significant and positive effect on private consumption (Ahmad et al., 2008).

Another analysis on private consumption function for Iran is made, using the Engle–Granger two-step procedure for the timeframe of 1959-1995 and results have shown that long-run MPC is 0.76 and for short-run is 0.68 and the short-run dynamic is approximately 0.46 which reflects that 46% of disequilibrium between long-term and short-term consumption adjusts every year (Valadkhani, 1997).

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

The consumption function which is introduced for the first time by John Maynard Keynes in "general theory," after the big recession in 1930, is often written as:

$C = C_0 + cY, C_0 > 0, 0 < c < 1$

Where, *C* is consumption, *Y* is disposable income, C_0 is a constant, and *c* is the marginal propensity to consume (Mankiw, 2012. p. 466-467).

Once this theory is introduced and stagnation thesis is shaped in 1940 and also Kuznets' remarks (1946), make the MPC time horizon and its relation to assets, more crucial, so that the theories such as Duesenberry (1949), Modigliani and Brumberg (1954), Friedman (1957), Ando and Modigliani (1963), Hall (1987), paid more attention to both time horizon and psychological aspects of consumption. Duesenberry mentioned that an increase in an individual's utility can be happened just when the consumption of that person enhances in comparison with the others (Rivalry Consumption Theory). Ando and Modigliani represented that the impetus of saving is rooted in the opportunity of consumption in retirement. Dividing the total income into assets income and labor income is the key point of their theory.

Friedman by introducing the "permanent income" shows that the key element in private consumption behavior is permanent income. In this theory, permanent income is defined as the amount of annual fixed income which its present value is equal to household assets and expected income. To put it another way, permanent income is equivalent to average income of a few past years. Hence, Friedman mentioned that using relative income in permanent income theory, is inevitable due to two reasons. First of all, differing consumption-income regressions between different consumers in different countries, indicates diverse levels of living in societies. Secondly, distinctions in saving-to-income ratio indicates different types of behaviors.

Another important finding of Friedman, backs to his remarks on "adaptive expectations" to justify people behaviors. The discussion has entered a new phase by introducing the "rational expectations" under the works of Robert Hall. Hall investigates the differences among current income and consumption based on random walk hypothesis and believed that the only segment of permanent income which affects current consumption is transitory income. He also mentioned that a consumer is able to predict the current consumption (C_i) regarding to previous period's consumption, if interest rate and given discount rate for the consumer are both (C_{t-1}) (based on rational expectation assumption) determined and vivid (Fakhrai and Mansouri, 2008).

Consumption and investment are important to both growth and fluctuations. With regard to growth, the division of society's resources between consumption and various types of investment in physical capital, human capital, and research and development is central to standards of living in the long-run. That division is determined by the interaction of households' allocation of their incomes between consumption and saving given the rates of return and other constraints they face, and firms investment demand given the interest rates and other constraints they face. With regard to flu tuations, consumption and investment make up the vast majority of the demand for goods. There are two other reasons for studying consumption and investment. First, they introduce some important issues involving fin ncial markets. Financial markets affect the macroeconomy mainly through their impact on consumption and investment. In addition, consumption and investment have important feedback effects on financia markets. Second, much of the most insightful empirical work in macroeconomics in recent decades has been concerned with consumption and investment (Romer, 2012).

Consider an individual who lives for *T* periods whose lifetime utility is:

$$U = \sum_{t=1}^{T} u(C_t), u'(\bullet) > 0, u''(\bullet) < 0$$
(1)

Where, $u(\bullet)$ is the instantaneous utility function and C_t is consumption in period t. The individual has initial wealth of A_0 and labor incomes of Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_T in the T periods of his or her life; the individual takes these as given. The individual can save or

borrow at an exogenous interest rate, subject only to the constraint that any outstanding debt be repaid at the end of his or her life. For simplicity, this interest rate is set to 0^1 Thus the individual's budget constraint is:

$$\sum_{t=1}^{T} C_t \le A_0 + \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_t$$
(2)

Since the marginal utility of consumption is always positive, the individual satisfies the budget constraint with equality. The Lagrangian for his or her maximization problem is therefore:

$$\ell = \sum_{t=1}^{T} u(C_t) + \lambda \left[A_0 + \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_t - \sum_{t=1}^{T} C_t \right]$$
(3)

The first-order condition for C_{t} is:

$$u'(C_t) = \lambda \tag{4}$$

Since (4) holds in every period, the marginal utility of consumption is constant. And since the level of consumption uniquely determines its marginal utility, this means that consumption must be constant. Thus $C_1 = C_2 = \ldots = C_T$. Substituting this fact into the budget constraint yields:

$$C_{t} = \frac{1}{T} \left[A_{0} + \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{t} \right]$$
 for all t (5)

The term in brackets is the individual's total lifetime resources. Thus (5) states that the individual divides his or her lifetime resources equally among each period of life. This analysis implies that the individual's consumption in a given period is determined not by income that period, but by income over his or her entire lifetime. In the terminology of Friedman (1957), the right-hand side of (5) is p'lermanent income, and the difference between current and permanent income is transitory income. Equation (5) implies that consumption is determined by permanent income. To see the importance of the distinction between permanent and transitory income, consider the effect of a windfall gain of amount Z in the first period of life. Although this windfall raises current income by Z, it raises permanent income by only Z/T. Thus if the individual's horizon is fairly long, the windfall's impact on current consumption is small. One implication is that a temporary tax cut may have little impact on consumption. Also it is completely possible to consider an analysis of consumption function under the uncertainty circumstances and regarding to interest rate (Romer, 2012).

Keynes proposed that consumption depends largely on current income. He suggested a consumption function of the form:

$$C = f(Y^c) \tag{6}$$

¹ Note that we have also assumed that the individual's discount rate is zero (see [1]). Assuming that the interest rate and the discount rate are equal but not necessarily zero would have almost no effect on the analysis in this section and the next. And assuming that they need not be equal would have only modest effects.

Where, Y^c represents current income.

Figure 1: Logarithm trend of private consumption and gross domestic product

More recently, economists have argued that consumers understand that they face an intertemporal decision. Consumers look ahead to their future resources and needs, implying a more complex consumption function than the one Keynes proposed. This work suggests instead that:

$$C = f(Y^c, W, Y^e, r) \tag{7}$$

Where, W is wealth, Y^e represents expected earnings in the future and r is the interest rate.

In other words, current income is only one determinant of aggregate consumption. Economists continue to debate the importance of these determinants of consumption. There remains disagreement about, for example, the influence of interest rates on consumer spending, the prevalence of borrowing constraints, and the importance of psychological effects. Economists sometimes disagree about economic policy because they assume different consumption functions. For instance, the debate over the effects of government debt is in part a debate over the determinants of consumer spending. The key role of consumption in policy evaluation is sure to maintain economists' interest in studying consumer behavior for many years to come (Mankiw, 2012. p. 492).

Unlike the hypothesis of random walk, some studies demonstrate that, only unexpected policy changes can affect consumption, if consumers follow the permanent income hypothesis and consider rational expectations (Campbell and Mankiw, 1989).

4. DATA, METHODOLOGY AND ESTIMATION

In this part we estimate the consumption function and also find the equilibrium relation between the main variables. In this investigation we employed annual data during 1978-2012 using the time series database of central bank of Iran (CBI, 2014). We use Microfit4.1 to estimate and analyze the estimation

General model which is used in this paper is the below function:

$$PCON = f(PCON_{t-1}, GDP, P)$$
(8)

Where, $PCON_t$ is total private consumption as explanatory variable along with its lag $(PCON_{t-1})$, GDP_t is the gross domestic product and P_t is the inflation and ε_t is the error term. Hence, the desired equation would specify as a log-linear equation:

$$\log PCON_{t} = C_{0} + \alpha_{1} \log PCON_{t-1} + \alpha_{2} \log GDP_{t} + \alpha_{3}P_{t} + \varepsilon_{t}$$
(9)

Theoretically, we expect that $\alpha_1 < 0$ which means consumption in period *t* and *t*-1 are correlated to each other directly and positively. Also $\alpha_2 < 0$ and $\alpha_3 < 0$. Before the estimation of model, we can observe the strong long-run relationship between private consumption and gross domestic product (GDP) in the Figure 1.



Before the estimation, we must take the stationarity of variables into account, otherwise, we might face spurious regression. Once non-stationarity is introduced in 1970, first reactions to mitigate this issue was to use first order differences in order to make the series stationary. Although this method is statistically credible, but it can eliminate the long-run information as well (Soori, 2013. p. 492).

In general, economic relationships may be generated by an autoregressive distributed lag (ADRL) scheme. The simplest form is the ADRL (1,1) model which is given by:

$$Y_{t} = \alpha + \lambda Y_{t-1} + \beta_{0} X_{t} + \beta_{1} X_{t-1} + u_{t}$$
(10)

Where, both Y_t and X_t are lagged once. By specifying higher order lags for Y_t and X_t , say an ADRL (p, q) with p lags on Y_t and q lags on X_t , one can test whether the specification now is general enough to ensure white noise disturbances. Next, one can test whether some restrictions can be imposed on this general model, like reducing the order of the lags to arrive at a simpler ADRL model, or estimating the simpler static model with the Cochrane-Orcutt correction for serial correlation. This general to specific modeling strategy is prescribed by David Hendry and is utilized by the econometric software PC-Give.

Returning to the ADRL (1, 1) model in (10) one can invert the autoregressive form as follows:

$$Y_{t} = \alpha(1 + \lambda + \lambda^{2} + ...) + (1 + \lambda L + \lambda^{2}L^{2} + ...) (\beta_{0}X_{1} + \beta_{0}X_{t-1} + u_{t})$$
(11)

Provided $|\lambda| < 1$. This equation gives the effect of a unit change in X_t on future values of Y_t . In fact, $\partial Y_t \partial X_t = \beta_0$ while $\partial Y_{t+1} / \partial X_t = \beta_1 + \lambda \beta_0$, etc. This gives the immediate short-run responses with the long-run effect being the sum of all these partial derivatives yielding $(\beta_1 + \beta_0)/(1-\lambda)$. This can be alternatively derived from (10) at the long-run static equilibrium (Y^*, X^*) where $Y_t = Y_{t-1} = Y^*$, $X_t = X_{t-1} = X^*$, and the disturbance is set equal to zero, i.e.,

$$Y^* = \frac{\alpha}{1-\lambda} + \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_0}{1-\lambda} X^*$$

Replacing Y_t by $Y_{t-1} + \Delta Y_t$ and X_t by $X_{t-1} + \Delta X_t$ in (10) one gets:

$$\Delta Y_{t} = \alpha + \beta_{0} \Delta X_{t} - (1 - \lambda) Y_{t-1} + (\beta_{0} + \beta_{1}) X_{t-1} + u_{t}$$
(12)

This can be rewritten as:

$$\Delta Y_{t} = \beta_{0} \Delta X_{t} - (1 - \lambda) [Y_{t-1} - \frac{\alpha}{1 - \lambda} - \frac{\beta_{0} + \beta_{1}}{1 - \lambda} X_{t-1}] + u$$
(13)

Note that the term in brackets contains the long-run equilibrium parameters derived in (12). In fact, the term in brackets represents the deviation of Y_{t-1} from the long-run equilibrium term corresponding to X_{t-1} . Equation (13) is known as the error correction model (ECM). Y_t is obtained from Y_{t-1} by adding the short-run effect of the change in X_t and a long-run equilibrium adjustment term. Since, the disturbances are white noise, this model is estimated by OLS (Baltagi, 2008. p. 154-155).

In this study we use ARDL approach to estimate the model. This method can be employed even without considering the integration order of variables – I(1) or I(0). Another reason to apply the mentioned method, is that interpretation can be done for both long-run and short-run relations and also it's an efficient approach especially for small samples due to it considers the dynamics between variables (Ahmad et al., 2008).

We investigate three equations respectively, short-run (dynamic), long-run and ECM (Appendix). The dynamic relationship estimation considers in Table 1.

So, the next phase is to ensure about the estimation goodness of fit. Table 2 provides an overview of this:

As it is completely shown, none of the above hypotheses in Table 2, can be rejected. Next step is to ensure about the existence of longrun relationship. So, in order to test the latter we must subtract the sum of coefficients of dependent variable with its lag from 1 and then divide it by its standard deviation (Tashkini, 2014. p. 140). The calculated t-statistic is -6.16 which more than the Banerjee et al.'s (1992) table t-statistic -3.27. So the hypothesis of having a longrun relationship is admitted. Also we exploit ECM to investigate the adjustment between short-run and long-run equilibrium. ECM coefficient shows the percentage in which disequilibrium in short-run would be adjusted to its long-run equilibrium. The more ECM(-1) coefficient, the more long-run adjustment speed. Estimations related to ECM are reflected in Table 3, which the coefficient of ECM is equal to -0.49. This means that in each period the adjustment rate of marginal consumption expenditure of private sector to its long-run relation is about 50%.

Table 4 also illustrates long-run results.

Coefficients mentioned in Table 4 suggest that undoubtedly we have long-run relationship between the variables. Results have shown that the elasticity of logarithm of consumption to logarithm of gross domestic product under "Ceteris Paribus" assumption is 1.13. In other words, each 1% change in private consumption leads to a change in GDP equal to 1.13%. Also, each increase

Table 1: Dynamic equation results

Variables	Coefficient	t-statistic
С	-1.32	-4.16
$\log PCON_{t-1}$	0.50	6.18
$\log GDP_t$	0.56	6.22
P_t	-0.002	-3.84

R2:0.99, DW: 1.93. GDP: Gross domestic product, PCON: Private consumption

Table 2: Estimation's goodness of fit

Hypotheses	P [LM Version]
Serial correlation	0.950
Functional form	0.958
Normality	0.415
Heteroskedasticity	0.316

Table 3: ECM

Variables	Coefficient	t-statistic
$dlog GDP_t$	0.56	6.22
dP_t	-0.002	-3.84
dĊ	-1.32	-4.16
ECM(-1)	-0.49	-6.16

R²: 0.74, DW: 1.93. ECM: Error correction model, GDP: Gross domestic product

Table 4: Long-run relations

Variables	Coefficient	t-statistic
$\log GDP_t$	1.13	32.24
P_t	-0.005	-2.84
Ċ	-2.64	-5.33

Figure 2: Cumulative sum test







(decrease) in inflation rate, results in decrease (increase) in private consumption to -0.005.

We also exploit both cumulative sum (CUSUM) and CUSUM squared (CUSUMQ)tests for structural stability. Figures 2 and 3 respectively show CUSUM of recursive residuals and CUSUMQ of recursive residuals considering a 95% confidence interval.

According to Figures 2 and 3, as the curves didn't intersect the straight lines, the hypothesis of structural stability is accepted.

5. CONCLUSION AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Due to the importance of consumption in both demand side of an economy and also in economic policy-making, further studies in this area is in the dire need of attention. This study has shown that there is a positive and significant correlation between private consumption and GDP and also has considered the correlation between private consumption and inflation which is negative and significant. Other results can be noted that the consumption reaction to GDP in short-run is less than the long-run. Also, the effect of inflation on GDP in long-run is more than in short-run, which represents that consumers adjust their consumption in longrun, once they correct their expectations. Our suggestion respect to the large proportion of GDP which is dedicated to consumption, is that to consider the supply side policies in long-run along with enhancement in private consumption due to its effect on inflation declining and controlling, which would be useful and necessary for economic stability and progressing.

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APPENDIX

Estimation results: (Microfit 4.1)

Autoregressive Distributed Lag Estimates ARDL(1,0) selected based on Schwarz Bayesian Criterion					
Dependent variable is LOGPCO	И				
33 observations used for est					
Regressor Coeff LOGPCON(-1)	icient 50069 56883	Standard Error .080969 .091352			
P00	29077	.7557E-3 .31661	-3.8479[.001]		
C -1	.3201	.31661	-4.1694[.000]		
R-Squared S.E. of Regression Mean of Dependent Variable Residual Sum of Squares Akaike Info. Criterion DW-statistic	.033934 13.1288	F-stat. F(3, S.D. of Dependent V	29) 1449.3[.000] ariable .39687		
Akaike Info. Criterion	62.9572	Schwarz Bayesian Cr	iterion 59.9642		
DW-statistic	1.9343	Durbin's h-statisti	c .21328[.831]		
	Diagnost	ic Tests			
*Test Statistics *	LM Versi	on *	F Version*		
*	**********	***************************************	************************		
*A:Serial Correlation*CHSQ(1)= .003	9850[.950]*F(1,	28)= .0033817[.954]*		
*B:Functional Form *CHSQ(1)= .002	8175[.958]*F(1,	28)= .0023908[.961]*		
*C:Normality *CHSQ(2)= 1.	7590[.415]* No	ot applicable*		
*D:Heteroscedasticity*CHSQ(1)= 1.	0040[.316]*F(1,	31)= .97273[.332]*		
A:Lagrange multiplier tes B:Ramsey's RESET test usi C:Based on a test of skew D:Based on the regression	t of residu ng the squa ness and ku	al serial correlation re of the fitted values rtosis of residuals	on lues		
ARDL(1,0) select	ed based or	ents using the ARDL Schwarz Bayesian C	riterion		
Dependent variable is LOGPO 33 observations used for es	DN		******		
***********************	ficient	****************	T-Ratio[Prob]		
	1.1392	.035330	32.2450[.000]		
	058234	.0020456	-2.8468[.008]		
	2.6438	.49516	-5.3393[.000]		
		on for the Selected			
ARDL(1,0) select		Schwarz Bayesian C.			
Dependent variable is dLOGP 33 observations used for es	timation fr	om 1980 to 2012			
Regressor Coef	ficient	Standard Error			
dLOGGDP	.56883	.091352 .7557E-3	6.2268[.000]		
	1.3201	.31661	-3.8479[.001] -4.1694[.000]		
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List of additional temporary dLOGPCON = LOGPCON-LOGPCON() dLOGBOP = LOGPCON-LOGODP(-1) dP = P-P(-1) dC = C-C(-1) ecm = LOGPCON -1,1392*LOG	variables -1)	created:			
ecm = LOGPCON -1.1392*LOG	*********	***************			
R-Squared S.E. of Regression Mean of Dependent Variable Residual Sum of Squares	.033934	S.D. of Dependent	.71513 29) 27.7779[.000] Variable .063579 ihood 66.9572		
Residual Sum of Squares Akaike Info. Criterion DW-statistic					
	62.9572	Schwarz Bayesian C.	riterion 59.9642		
R-Squared and R-Bar-Squared dLOGPCON and in cases where restricted, these measures	1.9343 measures r the error	efer to the dependent correction model is	nt variable		