

# Empirical Analysis of the Role of Energy in Economic Growth

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## Abstract

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## 1. Cobb-Douglas Without Energy

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#####  
# Calculates parameter estimates and confidence intervals  
# for the Cobb-Douglas production function given a country.  
#  
# countryName is a string containing the 2-letter abbreviation for the country, e.  
#  
# returns a vector of data for the Cobb-Douglas model.  
# First item is the +95% CI on all parameters  
# Second item contains the parameter estimates  
# Third item is the -95% CI on all parameters  
# Each row has names: lambda, alpha, beta, gamma, corresponding to the parameters  
##  
cobbDouglasData <- function(countryName){
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# Load the data that we need.
dataTable <- loadData(countryName)

# Establish guess values for alpha and lambda.
lambdaGuess <- 0.0 # guessing lambda = 0 means there is no technological progress
alphaGuess <- 0.3 # a typical value for alpha, the coefficient on capital stock

# Runs a non-linear least squares fit to the data. We've replaced beta with 1-alpha
modelCD <- nls(iGDP ~ exp(lambda*iYear) * iCapStk^alpha * iLabor^(1 - alpha),
               start=(list(lambda=lambdaGuess,alpha=alphaGuess)),
               data=dataTable)

# Checks validity of the model. AIC stands for Akaike's Information Criterion.
aicCD <- AIC(modelCD, k=2)
#print(aicCD)

summaryCD <- summary(modelCD) # Gives the nls summary table.
#print(summaryCD)
ciCD <- confint(modelCD, level = ciLevel); ciCD # Displays confidence intervals

# Calculate beta and its confidence interval and report it.
alpha <- as.numeric(coef(modelCD)["alpha"])
beta <- 1.0 - alpha
beta.est <- deltaMethod(modelCD, "1 - alpha"); beta.est # Estimates beta and its SE
# Now calculate a confidence interval on beta
dofCD <- summaryCD$df[2]; dofCD # Gives the degrees of freedom for the model.
tvalCD <- qt(ciHalfLevel, df = dofCD); tvalCD
betaCICD <- with(beta.est, Estimate + c(-1.0, 1.0) * tvalCD * SE); betaCICD # Gives the confidence interval

#print(coef(modelCD))

# Combine all estimates and their confidence intervals into data frames with intervals
estCD <- data.frame(lambda = coef(modelCD)["lambda"], alpha = coef(modelCD)["alpha"],
                    beta = 1 - alpha, betaCICD = betaCICD)
#print(estCD)
row.names(estCD) <- "CD"
#row.names(estCD) <- "Cobb-Douglas: $y = e^{\lambda t}k^{\alpha}l^{1-\beta}$"
# The [1] subscripts pick off the lower confidence interval

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lowerCD <- data.frame(lambda = ciCD["lambda", "2.5%"], alpha = ciCD["alpha", "2.5%"])
row.names(lowerCD) <- "- 95% CI"
# The [2] subscripts pick off the lower confidence interval
upperCD <- data.frame(lambda = ciCD["lambda", "97.5%"], alpha = ciCD["alpha", "97.5%"])
row.names(upperCD) <- "+ 95% CI"

# Now create the data for a table.
dataCD <- rbind(upperCD, estCD, lowerCD)
#print(dataCD)
return(dataCD)
}

#####
# Creates a LaTeX printable table from the Cobb Douglas data. This function first
#
# countryName is a string containint the 2-letter abbreviation for the country, e.
#
# returns a printable LaTeX table from xtable.
##
cobbDouglasTable <- function(countryName){
  dataCD <- cobbDouglasData(countryName)
  colnames(dataCD) <- c("$\\lambda$", "$\\alpha$", "$\\beta$", "$\\gamma$")
  tableCD <- xtable(dataCD, caption=paste(countryName, " Cobb-Douglas, 1980-2011"),
    #print(tableCD)
    return(tableCD)
}

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tablesCD <- lapply(countries, cobbDouglasTable)

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print(tablesCD[["US"]], caption.placement="top")

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```
print(tablesCD[["ZA"]], caption.placement="top")
```

```
Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method
for function 'print': Error: object 'tablesCD' not found
```

```
# According to http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/xtable/vignettes/xtableGalle
# be able to use the "sanitize.text.function" parameter to allow markup in column
# line is not working at the present time. --MKH, 18 Jan 2012.
# print(tableCD, caption.placement="top", sanitize.text.function = function(x){x})
```

## 2. Cobb-Douglas With Energy

We can force  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  to be in  $[0, 1]$  by a reparameterization:

$$a \in [0, 1], b \in [0, 1], \alpha = \min(a, b), \beta = |b - a|, \gamma = 1 - \max(a, b)$$

```
#####
# This function fits the Cobb Douglas production function including energy to hist
# The functional form is
#
# iGDP = exp(lambda * itime) * iCapStk^alpha * iLabor^beta * iEnergy^gamma
#
# iYear: time indexed to 0.0 at the first year [years since beginning of data set]
# iGDP = time series GDP data indexed to 1.0 at the first year [-]
# iCapStk = time series capital stock data indexed to 1.0 at the first year [-]
# iLabor = time series labor data indexed to 1.0 at the first year [-]
# iEnergy = time series energy data indexed to 1.0 at the first year [-].
#       This may be any of heat (iQ), exergy (iX), or useful work (iU).
#
# returns a data object containing three rows and 5 columns.
#   col 1: lambda
#   col 2: alpha
#   col 3: beta
#   col 4: gamma
#   row 1: -95% CI for each parameter
#   row 2: estimate for each parameter
#   row 3: +95% CI for each parameter
```

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#
# countryName is a string containint the 2-letter abbreviation for the country, e.
# energyType is a string to be used in table captions representing the type of ener
##
cobbDouglasEnergyData <- function(countryName, energyType){

  print(countryName)
  energyColumnName <- paste("i", energyType, sep="")
  #print(energyColumnName)

  # Load the data that we need.
  dataTable <- loadData(countryName)

  # Reparameterize to ensure that we meet the constraints:
  # * alpha + beta + gamma = 1.0.
  # * alpha, beta, and gamma are all between 0.0 and 1.0.
  # To do this, we reparameterize as
  # * 0 < a < 1
  # * 0 < b < 1
  # * alpha = min(a, b)
  # * beta = b - a
  # * gamma = 1 - max(a, b)
  iEnergy <- dataTable[energyColumnName] #grabs the desired energy column
  lambdaGuess <- 0.0 # guessing lambda = 0 means there is no technological progress
  alphaGuess <- 0.3 # a typical value for alpha
  betaGuess <- 0.7 # a typical value for beta
  modelCDe <- nls(iGDP ~ exp(lambda*iYear) *
                  iCapStk^min(a,b) * iLabor^abs(b-a) *
                  iEnergy^(1.0 - max(a,b)),
                  algorithm = "port",
                  start = list(lambda=lambdaGuess, a=alphaGuess, b=alphaGuess+betaGuess),
                  lower = list(lambda=-Inf, a=0, b=0),
                  upper = list(lambda=Inf, a=1, b=1),
                  data = dataTable)
  aicCDe <- AIC(modelCDe, k=2) # Checks validity of the model. AIC stands for Akai
  #print(aicCDe)

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summaryCDe <- summary(modelCDe) # Gives the nls summary table
print(summaryCDe)

# Provides confidence intervals on lambda, a, and b. But, we need CIs on alpha and beta
ciCDe <- confint(modelCDe, level = ciLevel)
#print(ciCDe)

a <- as.numeric(coef(modelCDe)["a"])
b <- as.numeric(coef(modelCDe)["b"])
lambda <- as.numeric(coef(modelCDe)["lambda"])
alpha <- a
beta <- b - a
gamma <- 1.0 - alpha - beta

# Report results with SE
beta.est <- deltaMethod(modelCDe, "b-a") # Reports results for beta, because beta = b - a
gamma.est <- deltaMethod(modelCDe, "1-b") # Reports results for gamma, because gamma = 1 - b

# Now calculate confidence intervals.
dofCDe <- summaryCDe$df[2] # Gives the degrees of freedom for the model.
#print(dofCDe)
tvalCDe <- qt(ciHalfLevel, df = dofCDe)
#print(tvalCDe)
betaCICDe <- with(beta.est, Estimate + c(-1.0, 1.0) * tvalCDe * SE) # Gives the confidence intervals for beta
#print(betaCICDe)
gammaCICDe <- with(gamma.est, Estimate + c(-1.0, 1.0) * tvalCDe * SE) # Gives the confidence intervals for gamma
#print(gammaCICDe)

# Combine all estimates and their confidence intervals into data frames with intervals
estCDe <- data.frame(lambda = lambda, alpha = alpha, beta = beta, gamma = gamma)
#print(estCDe);
#row.names(estCDe) <- "Cobb-Douglas with e: $y = e^{\\lambda t}k^{\\alpha}l^{\\beta}$"
row.names(estCDe) <- paste("C-D with ", energyType, sep="")
# The [1] subscripts pick off the lower confidence interval
lowerCDe <- data.frame(lambda = ciCDe["lambda", "2.5%"], alpha = ciCDe["a", "2.5%"], beta = ciCDe["b", "2.5%"], gamma = ciCDe["1-b", "2.5%"])
row.names(lowerCDe) <- "- 95% CI"
# The [2] subscripts pick off the lower confidence interval

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upperCDe <- data.frame(lambda = ciCDe["lambda", "97.5%"], alpha = ciCDe["a", "97.5%"])
row.names(upperCDe) <- "+ 95% CI"

# Now create the data for a table.
dataCDe <- rbind(upperCDe, estCDe, lowerCDe)
#print(dataCDe)
return(dataCDe)
}

#####
# Creates a LaTeX printable table from the CES data. This function first calls cobbDouglasEnergyData
#
# countryName is a string containing the 2-letter abbreviation for the country, e.g. "US"
# energyType is a string to be used in table captions representing the type of energy, e.g. "Q"
#
# returns a printable LaTeX table from xtable.
##
cobbDouglasEnergyTable <- function(countryName, energyType){
  dataCDe <- cobbDouglasEnergyData(countryName, energyType)
  tableCDe <- xtable(dataCDe, caption=paste(countryName, ", 1980-2011.", sep=""),
    return(tableCDe)
}

```

### 2.1. Cobb-Douglas with $Q$

```

# Note that the analysis of ZA is taking a long time here. Need to figure out why.
CDqTables <- lapply(countries, cobbDouglasEnergyTable, energyType="Q")

[1] "US"

Formula: iGDP ~ exp(lambda * iYear) * iCapStk^min(a, b) * iLabor^abs(b -
a) * iEnergy^(1 - max(a, b))

Parameters:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
lambda  0.01019   0.00116   8.82  1.1e-09

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a	0.27304	0.04034	6.77	2.0e-07
b	0.99641	0.08259	12.06	8.0e-13

Residual standard error: 0.0192 on 29 degrees of freedom

Algorithm "port", convergence message: relative convergence (4)

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Error: could not find function "deltaMethod"

```
print(CDqTables[["US"]], caption.placement="top")
```

Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method for function 'print': Error: object 'CDqTables' not found

```
print(CDqTables[["ZA"]], caption.placement="top")
```

Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method for function 'print': Error: object 'CDqTables' not found

```
# According to http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/xtable/vignettes/xtableGalle
# be able to use the "sanitize.text.function" parameter to allow markup in column
# line is not working at the present time. --MKH, 18 Jan 2012.
```

```
# print(tableCDe, sanitize.text.function = function(x){x})
```

```
#print(tableAll, caption.placement="top")
```

## 2.2. Cobb-Douglas With X

```
# Note that the anlaysis of ZA is taking a long time here. Need to figure out why.
CDxTables <- lapply(countries, cobbDouglasEnergyTable, energyType="X")
```

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[1] "US"
```

```
Formula: iGDP ~ exp(lambda * iYear) * iCapStk^min(a, b) * iLabor^abs(b -
a) * iEnergy^(1 - max(a, b))
```



Parameters:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
lambda	0.01030	0.00117	8.84	1.0e-09
a	0.27004	0.04031	6.70	2.4e-07
b	0.98697	0.08244	11.97	9.6e-13

Residual standard error: 0.0192 on 29 degrees of freedom

Algorithm "port", convergence message: relative convergence (4)

*Waiting for profiling to be done...*

Error: could not find function "deltaMethod"

```
print(CDxTables[["US"]], caption.placement="top")
```

Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method for function 'print': Error: object 'CDxTables' not found

```
print(CDxTables[["ZA"]], caption.placement="top")
```

Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method for function 'print': Error: object 'CDxTables' not found

### 2.3. Cobb-Douglas With U

```
CDuTables <- lapply(countries, cobbDouglasEnergyTable, energyType="U")
```

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[1] "US"
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Error: Missing value or an infinity produced when evaluating the model

```
print(CDuTables[["US"]], caption.placement="top")
```

Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method for function 'print': Error: object 'CDuTables' not found

```
print(CDuTables[["ZA"]], caption.placement="top")
```

```
Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method
for function 'print': Error: object 'CDuTables' not found
```

### 3. CES

```
cesData <- function(countryName, energyType){
  energyColumnName <- paste("i", energyType, sep="")
  # Load the data that we need.
  dataTable <- loadData(countryName)

  # Establish guess values for phi beta, zeta, lambda_L and lambda_E.
  phiGuess <- -20
  betaGuess <- 0.5 # a typical value for beta (exponent on labor)
  zetaGuess <- 0.0004 # a small value
  lambda_LGuess <- 0.007 #assuming no technical progress on the labor-capital port
  lambda_EGuess <- 0.008 #assuming no technical progress on the energy portion of

  # Runs a non-linear least squares fit to the data with constraints
  modelCES <- nls(iGDP ~ ((1-zeta) * (exp(lambda_L*iYear) * iCapStk^(1-beta) * iLa
    + zeta*(exp(lambda_E*iYear) * iQ)^phi)^(1/phi),
    algorithm = "port",
    control = nls.control(maxiter = 500, tol = 1e-06, minFactor = 1
      printEval = FALSE, warnOnly = FALSE),
    start = list(phi=phiGuess, beta=betaGuess, zeta=zetaGuess, lamb
      lambda_E=lambda_EGuess),
    lower = list(phi=-Inf, beta=0, zeta=0, lambda_L=-Inf, lambda_E=
    upper = list(phi=0, beta=1, zeta=1, lambda_L=Inf, lambda_E=Inf)
    data=dataTable)

  aicCES <- AIC(modelCES, k=2) # Checks validity of the model. AIC stands for Akai
  print(aicCES)

  # Gives the nls summary table
  summaryCES <- summary(modelCES) # Gives the nls summary table
```

```

print(summaryCES)

# Provides confidence intervals on phi, beta, zeta, lambda_L, and lambda_E. But,
ciCES <- confint(modelCES, level = ciLevel)
print(ciCES)

# Get the estimate for alpha
beta <- as.numeric(coef(modelCES)["beta"])
alpha <- 1.0 - beta
alpha.est <- deltaMethod(modelCES, "1 - beta") # Estimates alpha and its standard error
print(alpha.est)

# Now calculate a confidence interval on alpha
dofCES <- summaryCES$df[2]
print(dofCES) # Gives the degrees of freedom for the model.
tvalCES <- qt(ciHalfLevel, df = dofCES); tvalCES
# Get confidence intervals for each parameter in the model
alphaCICES <- with(alpha.est, Estimate + c(-1.0, 1.0) * tvalCES * SE) # CI on alpha
print(alphaCICES)

# Assemble the data into data frames for the table.
estCES <- data.frame(phi = coef(modelCES)["phi"], alpha = alpha,
                     beta = coef(modelCES)["beta"], zeta = coef(modelCES)["zeta"],
                     lambda_L = coef(modelCES)["lambda_L"], lambda_E = coef(modelCES)["lambda_E"],
                     row.names(estCES) <- paste("CES with ", energyType, sep=""))
#print(estCES)
# The [1] subscripts pick off the lower confidence interval
lowerCES <- data.frame(phi = ciCES["phi", "2.5%"], alpha = alphaCICES[1],
                      beta = ciCES["beta", "2.5%"], zeta = ciCES["zeta", "2.5%"],
                      lambda_L = ciCES["lambda_L", "2.5%"], lambda_E = ciCES["lambda_E", "2.5%"],
                      row.names(lowerCES) <- "- 95% CI")
# The [2] subscripts pick off the upper confidence interval
upperCES <- data.frame(phi = ciCES["phi", "97.5%"], alpha = alphaCICES[2],
                      beta = ciCES["beta", "97.5%"], zeta = ciCES["zeta", "97.5%"],
                      lambda_L = ciCES["lambda_L", "97.5%"], lambda_E = ciCES["lambda_E", "97.5%"],
                      row.names(upperCES) <- "+ 95% CI")

```

```

# Now create the data for a table.
dataCES <- rbind(upperCES, estCES, lowerCES)
print(dataCES)
return(dataCES)

#xyplot( resid(modelCESQ) ~ fitted(modelCESQ) )
#histogram( ~resid(modelCESQ) )
#qqmath( ~resid(modelCESQ) )
}

#####
# Creates a LaTeX printable table from the CES data. This function first calls ces
#
# countryName is a string containint the 2-letter abbreviation for the country, e.
# energyType is a string to be used in table captions representing the type of ener
#
# returns a printable LaTeX table from xtable.
##
cesTable <- function(countryName, energyType){
  dataCESe <- cesData(countryName, energyType)
  tableCESq <- xtable(dataCESe, caption=paste(countryName, ", 1980-2011.", sep="")
}

```

### 3.1. CES with Q

```

countryName <- "US"
energyType <- "Q"
tableCESq <- cesTable(countryName, energyType)

[1] -194

Formula: iGDP ~ ((1 - zeta) * (exp(lambda_L * iYear) * iCapStk^(1 - beta) *
  iLabor^beta)^phi + zeta * (exp(lambda_E * iYear) * iQ)^phi)^(1/phi)

Parameters:
      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)

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phi	-3.96e+01	2.43e+01	-1.63	0.1144
beta	6.09e-01	3.45e-02	17.64	2.4e-16
zeta	2.09e-06	1.32e-05	0.16	0.8758
lambda_L	7.98e-03	6.68e-04	11.95	2.8e-12
lambda_E	8.57e-03	2.48e-03	3.45	0.0018

Residual standard error: 0.0105 on 27 degrees of freedom

Algorithm "port", convergence message: relative convergence (4)

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	2.5%	97.5%
phi	NA	-10.29084
beta	0.514667	0.66537
zeta	NA	NA
lambda_L	0.006428	NA
lambda_E	0.000715	0.01247

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```
#CESqTables <- lapply(countries, cesTable, energyType="Q")
```

```
print(tableCESq, caption.placement="top")
```

Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a method for function 'print': Error: object 'tableCESq' not found

```
#print(CESqTables[["US"]], caption.placement="top")
#print(CESqTables[["ZA"]], caption.placement="top")
```