

Shaikh & Tonak (1994) Code Explainer

Methodology, Formula, and Code Side-by-Side

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Abstract

This document provides a detailed breakdown of the key formulas and methodologies in Shaikh & Tonak (1994), showing the original book descriptions, the mathematical formulation in LaTeX, and the corresponding Python implementation.

1 Unified Capital Stock (K)

Book Description The book uses specific capital stock measures (KK for 1958–1973, K for 1974–1989) without interpolation between periods.

$$K_t = \begin{cases} KK_t & \text{if } t \leq 1973 \\ K_t & \text{if } t \geq 1974 \end{cases}$$

Python Implementation

```
1 def create_unified_capital_series(self, df):
2     K_unified = pd.Series(index=df.index, dtype=float, name='
↪ K_unified')
3     # Use KK for 1958-1973
4     for year in df.index:
5         if year <= 1973:
6             K_unified.loc[year] = df.loc[year, 'KK']
7     # Use K for 1974-1989
8     for year in df.index:
9         if year >= 1974:
10            K_unified.loc[year] = df.loc[year, 'K']
11    return K_unified
```

2 Profit Rate (r)

Book Description The profit rate r' is reproduced with very small error using $r_t = SP_t/(K_t u_t)$. This suggests the operational definition in Table 5.4 matches an SP-based construction, not the textbook $s'/(1 + c')$ identity.

$$r_t = \frac{SP_t}{K_t \times u_t}$$

Python Implementation

```
1 def calculate_marxian_profit_rate(self, df):
2     SP = df.get('SP')
3     K_unified = self.create_unified_capital_series(df)
4     u = df.get('u')
5
6     denominator = K_unified * u
7     mask = (SP.notna()) & (denominator != 0)
8     r_exact = pd.Series(index=df.index, dtype=float)
9     r_exact.loc[mask] = SP.loc[mask] / denominator.loc[mask]
10
11     return r_exact
```

3 Organic Composition of Capital (c')

Book Description The book's tables provide the organic composition of capital directly as c' . The replication uses these values without recalculation.

$$q_t = c'_t$$

Python Implementation

```
1 def calculate_organic_composition(self, df):
2     c_exact = df.get("c'")
3     return c_exact
```

4 Rate of Surplus Value (s')

Book Description Similar to the organic composition, the rate of surplus value is provided directly in the book's tables as s' .

$$s'_t = \frac{S_t}{V_t} \quad (\text{from book data})$$

Python Implementation

```
1 def calculate_surplus_value_rate(self, df):
2     svv_exact = df.get("s'")
3     return svv_exact
```