DID PUBLIC INVESTMENT "CROWD OUT" PRIVATE INVESTMENT?

EVIDENCE FROM INDIAN STATES

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INTRODUCTION

- Increased public spending → increase or decrease private spending.
 - Ricardo: increased taxes → decreased disposable incomes
 - Keynes: increased government borrowing → decreased loanable funds for private investors
- Affects macroeconomic policies & long-term economic growth
- Past: mixed results using national panel data
- This paper: Crowding in in rich (GDP and GPD per capita) and very poor (GDP) states using project level state data to study effects in each state

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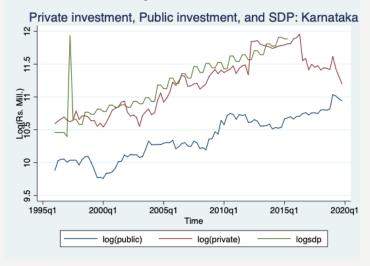
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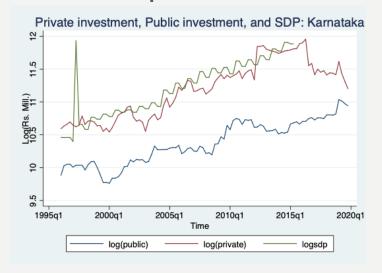
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25 VECMs

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- Error correct term (ECT) speed of convergence of LHS variable back to equilibrium after shock
- Use MLE to estimate coefficients

Assumptions:

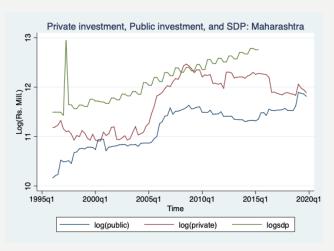
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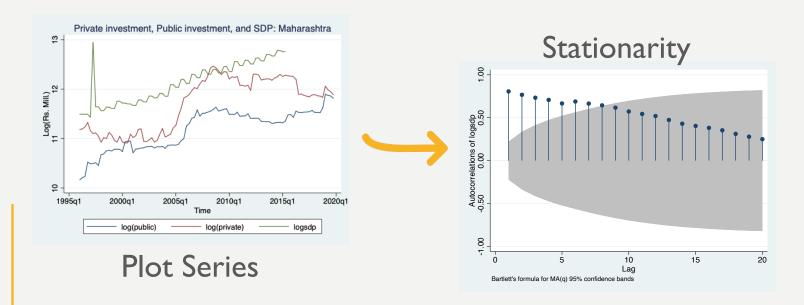
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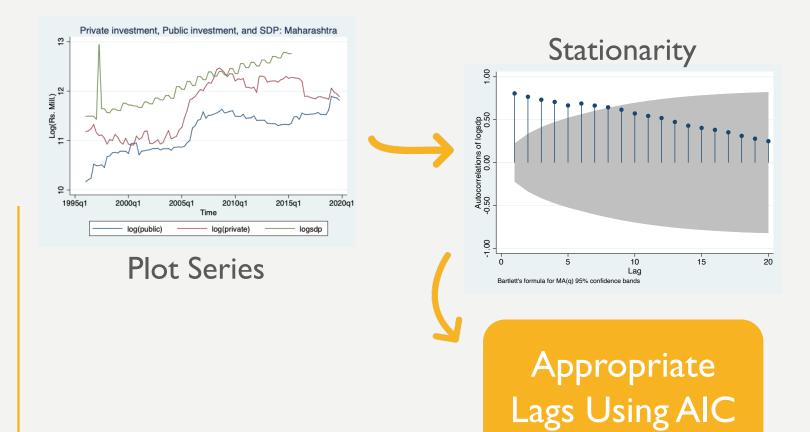
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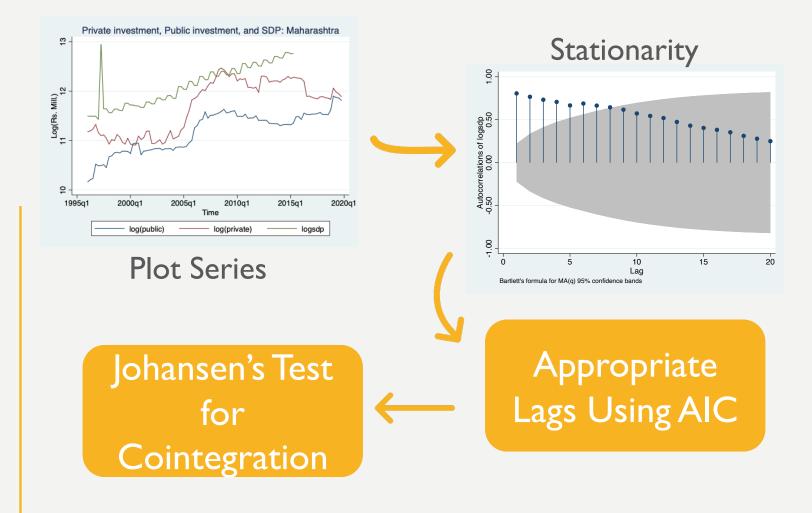
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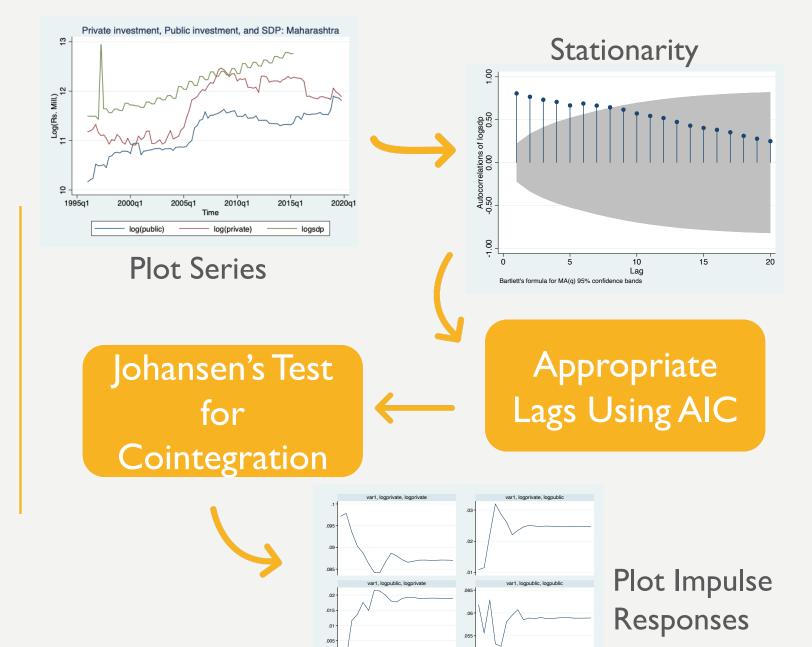


Plot Series









Graphs by irfname, impulse variable, and response variable

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- Adjustment term (public): 5.3%
 - disequilibrium will be halved in about 12.8 years

- Rich vs. Poor States (GDP):
 - Rich:
 - Maharashtra
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Gujarat
 - Uttar Pradesh

- Poor:
 - Meghalaya
 - Chandigarh
 - Puducherry
 - Goa

- Rich vs. Poor States (GDP per capita):
 - Rich:
 - Delhi
 - Goa
 - Chandigarh
 - Haryana

- Poor:
 - Bihar
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Assam
 - Jharkhand

CONCLUSION

- Rich, and very poor states: Crowding In
- Medium GDP states: Crowding Out
- Limitations:
 - Data not originally quarterly
 - Using national deflator for series, not state deflators

THANK YOU!