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Table 1: Data

	Agriculture		Manufacturing		Services	
	1970	2000	1970	2000	1970	2000
Employment Shares ^(a)	77%	62%	12%	19%	12%	20%
GDP Shares	48%	25%	23%	27%	29%	48%
K/Y Ratios	3.3	0.85	0.6	4.33	11	1.82
Gross Capital Formation	18%	9%	33%	30%	49%	61%

Source: Verma(2008)

(a): the employment share data are for 1970 and 1997.

Main policy question addressed

- We build upon the literature on the impact of infrastructure investments on growth
- We confine our analysis to an agricultural sector and a "modern" sector.
- We ask: what are the effects of infrastructure investments in economies undergoing structural changes?
- More specifically: What is the effect of the allocation of infrastructure investment on economic growth in a dynamic general equilibrium model where one sector, say agriculture, shrinks over time, and another, manufacturing, rises over time ?
- Many analyses are carried out in a one-sector growth model with an aggregate production function of the Cobb-Douglas variety.
 - This would predict constant $\frac{K}{Y}$ ratios along a balanced growth path in the aggregate economy.

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- We construct a two sector OLG model to explain India's unique pattern of structural transformation.
- **Features**
 - 1 Agricultural sector and a "modern" sector.
 - *This identification is not really necessary*
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Our contribution

- Provide a tractable framework to think about structural transformation in the Indian context
- We construct several policy experiments varying the fraction of GDP allocated to public investments.
- Model is not able to match changing $\frac{K}{Y}$ ratios unless productive infrastructure capital is introduced.

Benchmark Model without Public Infrastructure

- Economy populated by a large number of individuals in an OLG set up.
- Each individual lives for two periods (works when young, and retires when old)
- Consumption only takes places in the second period (all first period income is saved)
- We assume no population growth: within each generation individuals are identical ex-ante

Benchmark Model without Public Infrastructure

- Two production sectors: "agriculture" and "manufacturing"
 - Differ in their elasticity of substitution between labor and capital.
- Agriculture production function

$$Y_{at} = A_a K_{a,t}^\alpha L_{a,t}^{1-\alpha}$$

- Manufacturing production function

$$Y_{mt} = A_m [(1 - \theta) K_{m,t}^\rho + \theta L_{m,t}^\rho]^{\frac{1}{\rho}}, \quad \rho \leq 1$$

- $\rho \leq 1$ allows for non-balanced growth feature of the Indian economy
- Allow for competitive factor markets (marginal products across sectors equated)

- Following Glomm (1992), Lucas (2004), utility function captures zero income elasticity of demand for food (the ag. good)

$$u(c_{m,t}, c_{a,t}) = c_{m,t+1} + \phi \ln c_{a,t+1}, \quad \phi > 0$$

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In manufacturing,

$$w_{m,t} = \theta \frac{Y_{m,t}}{L_{m,t}} \left[(1 - \theta) \left(\frac{K_{m,t}}{L_{m,t}} \right)^\rho + \theta \right]^{-1}$$

- Equivalent compensation conditions for capital become

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- Allocation of factor inputs determined by

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- This allocation determine sectoral output, which implies

$$\frac{K_{a,t}}{L_{a,t}} = \frac{\alpha\theta}{(1 - \alpha)(1 - \theta)} \left(\frac{K_{m,t}}{L_{m,t}} \right)^{1-\rho}$$

- $\frac{\alpha\theta}{(1-\alpha)(1-\theta)} < 1$ iff $\alpha + \theta < 1$ (reasonable)

- Aggregate market clearing is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K_{t+1} &= L_{a,t}s_{a,t} + L_{m,t}s_{m,t} \\ &= L_{a,t}p_t w_{a,t} + L_{m,t}w_{m,t} \end{aligned}$$

- This yields

$$K_{t+1} = \phi(1 - \alpha) + \theta A_m [(1 - \theta)K_{m,t}^\rho + \theta L_{m,t}^\rho]^{\frac{1}{\rho}-1} L_{m,t}^\rho$$

- Increase in labor income, $w_{at}L_{at}$ in agriculture is exactly offset by a decrease in the relative price, p_t . Investment in capital originating in agriculture is independent of income (stage of development in the economy)
- We now simulate the model for reasonable parameter values.

Table: Calibration Values

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	Definition	model 1	model 2	model 3
	Utility function	Semilinear	Semilinear	Stone-Gary
	TFP growth	no	yes	yes
	taxation	no	tax manuf	tax both
A_a	initial TFP in agriculture	2	2	2
A_m	initial TFP in manufacturing	1	1	1
g_a	raw growth rate of agri TFP (20 years)	-	1.2	1.2
g_m	raw growth rate of manuf TFP (20 years)	-	1.05	1.05
α	income share of K in agri	0.33	0.33	0.33
θ	income share of L in manuf	0.75	0.75	0.75
ρ	power parameter in CES in manuf	0.6	0.6	0.6
ϕ	parameter in consumption func	5.0	5.0	0.5
ψ_a	power param of G in agri prod.	-	0.1	0.1
ψ_m	power param of G in manuf prod.	-	0.1	0.1
δ_a	gov funding share for agri	-	0.2	0.2
τ_a	tax rate of agricultural income	-	-	0.3
τ_m	tax rate of manufacturing income	-	0.3	0.3
μ_a	subsistent consumption of agri goods	-	0.3	0.3
μ_m	subsistent consumption of manu goods	-	0.3	0.3

Experiment

- Vary ρ between -0.5 to $.7$
- (K and L) Capital and agriculture and manufacturing is accumulated. $L_m \uparrow$ over time, $L_a \downarrow$ over time.
- (Employment Shares) As $\rho \uparrow$, employment in agriculture declines, and increases in manufacturing. However, steady state shares are different for different values of ρ (manufacturing employment higher in steady state with higher value of ρ because capital and labor are now more substitutable).
- (Sectoral GDP Shares) Over time, agriculture accounts for a smaller share of GDP, and manufacturing accounts for a larger.
- ($\frac{K}{Y}$ ratios) The model can't replicate the $\frac{K}{Y}$ ratios as these are rising in both sectors.

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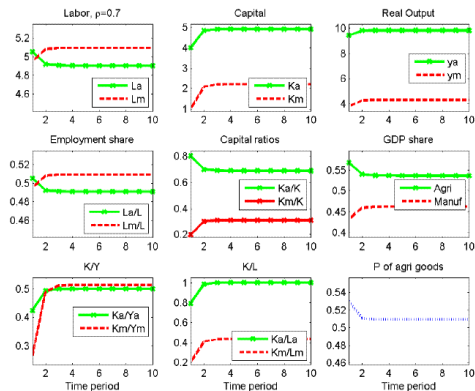


Figure 5: (Model 1): a benchmark with no infrastructure policy, varying ρ

Benchmark Model with Sectoral Infrastructure Policies

- Consider the effects of a policy that
 - 1 invests in infrastructure projects in both sectors
 - 2 raises taxes from labor income in the manufacturing sector only
- Following Barro (1990),

$$Y_{a,t} = A_a G_{a,t}^{\psi_a} K_{a,t}^{\alpha} L_{a,t}^{1-\alpha}$$
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- Investment in infrastructure is financed by a tax on labor income in the manufacturing sector only

$$G_{a,t}^{\psi_a} + G_{m,t}^{\psi_m} = \tau w_{m,t} L_{m,t}$$

- Sectoral GBC's given by

$$G_{a,t} = \delta_a \tau w_{m,t} L_{m,t}$$

$$G_{m,t} = (1 - \delta_a) \tau w_{m,t} L_{m,t}$$

- Factor price equalization implies

$$p_t (1 - \alpha) A_a G_{a,t}^{\psi_a} K_{a,t}^{\alpha} L_{a,t}^{-\alpha} = \theta \frac{Y_{m,t}}{L_{m,t}} \left[(1 - \theta) \left(\frac{K_{m,t}}{L_{m,t}} \right)^{\rho} + \theta \right]^{-1}$$

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- As before, equilibrium law of motion for K is determined by aggregate savings,

$$K_{t+1} = \phi(1 - \alpha) + (1 - \tau)\theta A_m G_{m,t}^{\psi_m} [(1 - \theta)K_{m,t}^{\rho} + \theta L_{m,t}^{\rho}]^{\frac{1}{\rho} - 1} L_{m,t}^{\rho}$$

- In the simulations, we now assume productivity growth of 2% in both sectors.

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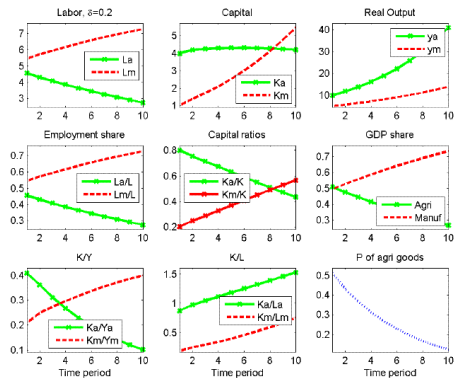


Figure 13: (Model 2): a benchmark with infrastructure policy, varying δ

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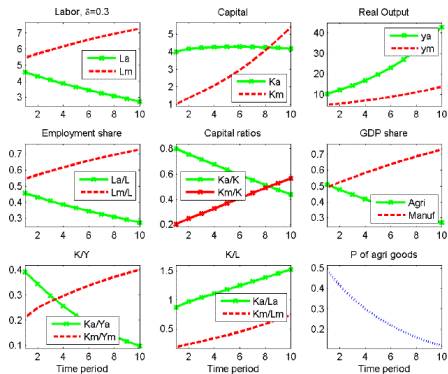


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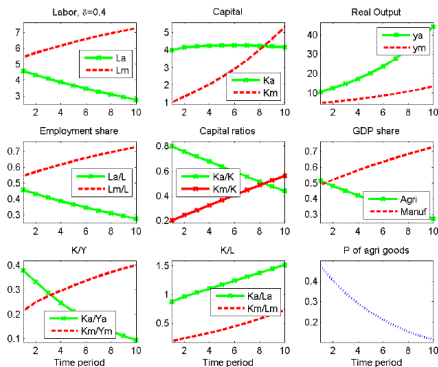


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- We would expect that ag. employment and GDP rise as $\delta \uparrow$
- Expectation not borne out by the experiments
- As $\delta \uparrow \Rightarrow G_a \uparrow \Rightarrow Y_a \uparrow$. (agricultural supply shifts outwards)
- But since preferences are semi-linear, there is zero income elasticity of demand for the ag good $\Rightarrow Y_a \uparrow$ implies that $c_m^a \uparrow$.
- L_a, K_a move to the manufacturing sector.
- $L_a \downarrow, K_a \downarrow$ and $L_m \uparrow, K_m \uparrow \Rightarrow Y_m \uparrow \Rightarrow c_m^m \uparrow$. Note that Y_a still increases because G_a has increased.
- $\frac{K}{Y}$ ratio in ag. falls, $\frac{L_a}{L} \downarrow, \frac{L_m}{L} \uparrow, \frac{K_a}{K} \downarrow, \frac{K_m}{K} \uparrow$.
- Zero income elasticity of demand key to results.

Stone Geary Utility with Public Infrastructure

- Utility function now given by

$$u_t = \ln(c_{m,t+1} + \mu) + \phi \ln(c_{a,t+1} - \gamma), \quad \phi > 0$$

- Income elasticity of demand < 1 for ag. good, > 1 for manufacturing good.
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$$\begin{aligned} K_{t+1} &= L_{a,t}(1 - \tau_a) p_t w_{a,t} + L_{m,t}(1 - \tau_m) w_{m,t} \\ &= L(1 - \tau_m) w_{m,t} \end{aligned}$$

Model Simulation

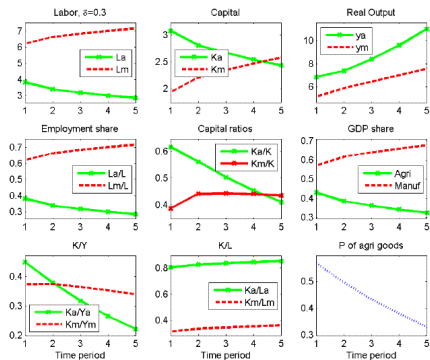


Figure 27: (Model 3): stone-geary with infrastructure policy, varying δ

- As $\delta \uparrow \Rightarrow G_a \uparrow \Rightarrow Y_a \uparrow$. (agricultural supply shifts outwards)
- $c_a \uparrow$ less than the increase in Y_a
- L_a, K_a move to the manufacturing sector.
- $L_a \downarrow, K_a \downarrow$ and $L_m \uparrow, K_m \uparrow \Rightarrow Y_m \uparrow$. Note that Y_a still increases because G_a has increased.
- $\frac{K}{Y}$ ratio in ag. falls, $\frac{L_a}{L} \downarrow, \frac{L_m}{L} \uparrow, \frac{K_a}{K} \downarrow, \frac{K_m}{K} \uparrow$.
- Positive (but < 1) income elasticity of demand of the agricultural good implies gradient of structural transformation less steep than semi-linear case.

Conclusion and Future Work

- Provide a tractable framework to think about structural transformation in the Indian context
- Model is not able to match changing $\frac{K}{Y}$ ratios unless productive infrastructure capital is introduced.
- Other policies and distortions can be studied in this framework (subsidies to agriculture, labor market distortions)