

Online Appendix to “Business-Cycle Facts Around the World”*

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1 Business Cycle Facts for Individual Countries: Quarterly Data Set, 1980Q1 to 2012Q4

To be included in the quarterly data set a country must have at least 30 years (or 120 quarters) of consecutive quarterly observations for y , i , x and m .

Data coverage: 11 emerging market economies, 17 rich economies. Rich Countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States. Emerging Countries: Argentina, Israel, South Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Uruguay.

Sample period: Quarterly data from 1980:Q1 to 2012:Q4. Six series: y , c , g , i , x , and m . Total of 132 observations per series, or 33 years. Of the $(11 + 17) * 6 = 168$ series we have, 160 have 132 observations each. The 8 series that have less than 132 observations are: The series for Uruguay begin in 1983 (6 series), and the private consumption and public consumption data for Argentina begins in 1993:Q1 (2 series).

The data and its documentation is contained in the Excel file: `usg_data_quarterly.xls`. In general, we obtain series for y , c , g , i , x , and m as follows. The raw data typically is in nominal terms. After deflating each series by the GDP deflator, the series is seasonally adjusted. The seasonally adjusted series is then divided by population to obtain a per capita measure. For the majority of countries investment corresponds to gross capital formation. If only data on fixed investment was available, that series is used instead.

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This appendix presents second moments for each country using HP filtered data and for first differenced data.

2 Business Cycle Facts for Individual Countries: Annual Data Set, 1965 to 2010

To be included in the annual data set a country must have at least 30 years of consecutive annual observations for y , c , g , i , x and m .

The data is contained in the Excel file: `data_annual.xls`. We adjusted the WDI raw data as follows:

1. Argentina: added Public and Private Consumption Shares from 1980 to 1986 from Penn World Tables.
2. Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Zimbabwe: GDP per capital at PPP prices (not used to produce any business-cycle fact but to categorize a country as rich, poor, or emerging) all entries (i.e., all years) correspond to the 2010 value given in the CIA factbook.
3. Swaziland: Private Consumption Share for 1972 was corrected based on private correspondence with WDI staff.
4. Congo Rep., Nicaragua, and Saudi Arabia: We eliminated all Private Consumption Share data as they appeared faulty. Because other time series for these countries also appear faulty, these countries were not included in computing business-cycle facts.

This appendix presents second moments for each country for log-quadratic detrended data.

Table 1: HP-Filtered Business Cycles, Quarterly Data, 1980Q1-2012Q4

Statistic	Aust	Aust	Belg	Cana	Denm	Finl	Fran	Germ	Hong	Ital	Japa	Neth	Norw	Swed	Swit	Unit	Unit	Mean
<u>Standard Deviations</u>																		
σ_y	1.27	1.19	1.05	1.53	1.63	2.40	1.01	1.47	2.67	1.20	1.39	1.43	1.46	1.77	1.31	1.46	1.40	1.38
σ_c/σ_y	0.89	0.79	0.94	0.71	1.10	0.60	0.84	0.72	0.96	1.03	0.76	0.91	2.16	0.74	0.55	1.02	0.86	0.85
σ_g/σ_y	1.42	0.96	1.51	1.02	0.92	0.80	0.80	0.88	1.41	1.50	0.86	1.09	2.46	0.76	1.12	0.96	0.76	0.93
σ_i/σ_y	4.89	1.96	3.93	2.81	5.19	4.98	5.12	2.59	3.59	2.69	3.00	3.66	5.48	4.54	4.28	4.96	3.72	3.65
σ_x/σ_y	4.64	4.01	4.80	3.49	3.01	2.92	4.65	3.81	2.22	4.96	5.91	3.59	4.35	2.91	3.18	3.12	3.56	4.11
σ_m/σ_y	4.14	4.28	5.28	3.47	3.40	2.81	5.08	4.07	2.43	5.57	7.98	3.53	3.20	3.09	3.81	3.64	4.32	4.84
$\sigma_{tb/y}$	1.00	0.72	1.03	0.97	1.01	1.32	0.52	0.74	2.27	0.76	0.59	0.86	2.97	0.85	0.81	0.74	0.44	0.64
<u>Correlations with y</u>																		
y	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
c	0.27	0.62	0.68	0.54	0.75	0.67	0.77	0.66	0.72	0.81	0.77	0.75	0.28	0.57	0.53	0.87	0.89	0.78
g/y	-0.55	-0.70	-0.68	-0.86	-0.81	-0.82	-0.87	-0.75	-0.68	-0.56	-0.71	-0.64	-0.43	-0.79	-0.65	-0.82	-0.85	-0.78
i	0.87	0.67	0.71	0.77	0.84	0.70	0.88	0.88	0.69	0.84	0.87	0.73	0.47	0.83	0.80	0.83	0.93	0.87
x	0.17	0.79	0.73	0.79	0.47	0.54	0.75	0.84	0.80	0.67	0.78	0.64	0.34	0.66	0.83	0.43	0.64	0.67
m	0.61	0.72	0.75	0.82	0.64	0.67	0.83	0.78	0.78	0.74	0.70	0.67	0.51	0.67	0.82	0.59	0.82	0.76
tb/y	-0.40	0.19	-0.24	0.09	-0.40	-0.03	-0.36	0.18	-0.14	-0.26	-0.07	0.06	0.01	0.03	-0.11	-0.41	-0.61	-0.31
tb	-0.42	0.23	-0.22	0.11	-0.37	-0.01	-0.36	0.22	-0.07	-0.26	-0.05	0.13	0.04	0.12	-0.05	-0.43	-0.64	-0.31
<u>Serial Correlations</u>																		
y	0.84	0.85	0.83	0.90	0.71	0.85	0.91	0.81	0.77	0.86	0.79	0.84	0.66	0.77	0.85	0.90	0.88	0.85
c	0.73	0.64	0.83	0.81	0.68	0.67	0.75	0.57	0.77	0.76	0.66	0.69	0.77	0.75	0.75	0.79	0.86	0.76
g	0.44	0.71	0.40	0.77	0.79	0.81	0.88	0.50	0.47	0.64	0.42	0.70	0.74	0.55	0.80	0.36	0.72	0.62
i	0.80	0.86	0.88	0.89	0.70	0.45	0.86	0.78	0.65	0.86	0.86	0.63	0.63	0.70	0.79	0.70	0.85	0.82
x	0.71	0.88	0.80	0.82	0.82	0.70	0.88	0.84	0.81	0.83	0.80	0.88	0.76	0.78	0.83	0.73	0.86	0.83
m	0.76	0.91	0.79	0.84	0.84	0.64	0.88	0.87	0.81	0.83	0.88	0.87	0.64	0.83	0.86	0.76	0.83	0.84
tb/y	0.75	0.47	0.25	0.69	0.59	0.21	0.70	0.53	0.50	0.66	0.81	0.53	0.76	0.29	0.42	0.56	0.77	0.69

Table 2: First-Differenced Business Cycles

Statistic	Aust	Aust	Belg	Cana	Denm	Finl	Fran	Germ	Hong	Ital	Japa	Neth	Norw	Swed	Swit	Unit	Unit	Mean
<u>Standard Deviations</u>																		
$\sigma_{\Delta y}$	0.77	0.69	0.67	0.78	1.26	1.43	0.50	0.95	1.90	0.75	0.96	0.87	1.25	1.25	0.78	0.79	0.75	0.81
$\sigma_{\Delta c}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	1.11	1.18	0.92	0.91	1.16	0.85	1.26	1.05	0.96	1.23	0.94	1.26	1.75	0.78	0.68	1.31	0.92	1.03
$\sigma_{\Delta g}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	2.52	1.31	2.62	1.44	0.80	0.89	0.91	1.38	2.04	2.17	1.35	1.46	2.12	1.06	1.30	2.11	1.15	1.41
$\sigma_{\Delta i}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	5.28	2.01	3.48	2.87	5.20	8.77	5.86	2.81	4.30	2.54	2.47	5.30	5.64	5.10	4.83	7.26	3.99	3.99
$\sigma_{\Delta x}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	5.96	3.70	4.85	4.43	2.39	3.89	4.94	3.47	2.00	4.73	5.52	3.06	3.55	2.83	3.25	4.31	3.77	4.25
$\sigma_{\Delta m}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	4.89	3.44	5.49	4.09	2.54	4.05	5.28	3.33	2.20	5.39	6.06	3.15	3.22	2.70	3.62	4.63	4.81	4.77
$\sigma_{tb/y}$	1.21	1.36	1.19	2.02	1.49	2.79	0.90	1.09	4.83	1.28	0.96	1.13	4.12	1.46	1.13	1.25	1.12	1.21
<u>Correlations with Δy</u>																		
Δy	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Δc	0.25	0.57	0.52	0.35	0.61	0.32	0.59	0.49	0.54	0.57	0.73	0.36	0.31	0.48	0.45	0.61	0.69	0.61
g/y	-0.07	-0.11	-0.12	-0.29	-0.11	-0.36	-0.06	-0.23	-0.03	-0.11	-0.10	-0.18	-0.11	-0.30	-0.29	-0.08	-0.19	-0.15
Δi	0.64	0.50	0.38	0.62	0.59	0.29	0.55	0.76	0.42	0.57	0.74	0.60	0.20	0.49	0.47	0.50	0.83	0.70
Δx	0.15	0.55	0.47	0.59	0.32	0.36	0.62	0.62	0.71	0.30	0.55	0.37	0.45	0.60	0.67	0.33	0.46	0.48
Δm	0.24	0.56	0.45	0.58	0.40	0.34	0.61	0.46	0.62	0.32	0.38	0.31	0.24	0.41	0.55	0.44	0.54	0.47
tb/y	0.03	0.07	0.18	0.19	0.01	0.27	-0.01	0.19	0.17	-0.02	0.20	0.18	0.14	0.30	-0.05	-0.05	-0.12	0.02
<u>Serial Correlations</u>																		
Δy	0.26	0.37	0.37	0.56	0.06	0.11	0.58	0.09	0.14	0.44	0.25	0.28	-0.20	-0.02	0.16	0.60	0.42	0.37
Δc	0.26	-0.16	0.26	0.11	-0.08	-0.04	-0.00	-0.22	0.16	0.13	-0.05	-0.22	0.09	0.04	-0.02	0.18	0.35	0.13
Δg	-0.38	-0.08	-0.40	0.07	0.09	-0.05	0.44	-0.40	-0.26	-0.15	-0.29	-0.03	-0.03	-0.29	0.22	-0.21	0.00	-0.09
Δi	0.09	0.35	0.30	0.47	-0.01	-0.33	0.24	-0.09	0.01	0.32	0.39	-0.16	-0.24	-0.20	-0.04	-0.10	0.31	0.22
Δx	0.10	0.32	0.24	0.32	0.06	-0.13	0.44	0.22	0.23	0.21	0.28	0.49	0.06	-0.02	0.21	0.12	0.53	0.35
Δm	0.05	0.66	0.14	0.31	0.27	-0.21	0.49	0.36	0.26	0.25	0.42	0.41	-0.23	0.21	0.28	0.28	0.44	0.38
tb/y	0.82	0.84	0.44	0.93	0.81	0.82	0.89	0.78	0.89	0.87	0.92	0.72	0.87	0.76	0.69	0.85	0.96	0.89

Note. The variables Δy , Δc , Δg , Δi , Δx , and Δm denote, respectively, the log differences of output, consumption, government consumption, investment, exports, and imports. The variables g/y and tb/y are quadratically detrended in levels. All variables are expressed in percent.

Table 3: HP-Filtered Business Cycles, Quarterly Data, 1980Q1-2012Q4

Statistic	Argentina	Israel	Korea, Rep.	Mexico	New Zealand	Peru	Portugal	South Africa	Spain	Turkey	Uruguay	Mean
<u>Standard Deviations</u>												
σ_y	4.04	1.81	2.14	2.34	1.77	4.79	2.11	1.58	1.33	3.31	3.00	2.60
σ_c/σ_y	1.26	1.63	1.46	1.30	1.01	1.08	1.11	1.56	1.20	1.31	1.71	1.32
σ_g/σ_y	1.50	2.47	1.03	2.11	1.44	2.28	1.66	1.98	2.56	2.51	1.10	2.02
σ_i/σ_y	3.45	3.34	3.80	3.55	3.52	2.50	2.97	6.71	4.25	3.27	4.86	3.88
σ_x/σ_y	2.73	3.84	3.24	4.89	2.99	2.18	2.74	5.30	3.68	2.90	2.81	3.80
σ_m/σ_y	3.75	3.95	2.98	3.40	3.60	2.05	2.82	6.23	4.81	2.69	3.52	3.65
σ_{tb}/σ_y	2.18	1.95	2.42	1.85	1.43	2.41	1.69	2.32	0.98	1.86	2.15	1.95
<u>Correlations with y</u>												
y	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
c	0.91	0.44	0.78	0.77	0.59	0.83	0.84	0.75	0.77	0.76	0.83	0.78
g/y	-0.06	-0.19	-0.63	-0.19	-0.55	0.32	0.05	-0.31	-0.26	-0.21	-0.46	-0.22
i	0.92	0.43	0.84	0.77	0.63	0.77	0.69	0.65	0.80	0.80	0.54	0.77
x	-0.41	0.43	-0.08	-0.31	0.13	-0.11	0.30	0.32	0.35	-0.02	0.59	-0.05
m	0.71	0.35	0.49	0.26	0.16	0.43	0.55	0.77	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.52
tb/y	-0.76	0.14	-0.55	-0.51	-0.08	-0.42	-0.32	-0.57	-0.62	-0.68	-0.26	-0.56
tb	-0.76	0.07	-0.53	-0.51	-0.08	-0.42	-0.40	-0.56	-0.64	-0.68	-0.26	-0.56
<u>Serial Correlations</u>												
y	0.85	0.60	0.75	0.84	0.52	0.82	0.54	0.88	0.83	0.75	0.80	0.80
c	0.89	0.70	0.80	0.73	0.49	0.78	0.55	0.79	0.74	0.66	0.66	0.74
g	0.87	0.58	0.36	0.36	0.17	0.52	0.71	0.39	0.06	0.60	0.28	0.44
i	0.82	0.66	0.69	0.76	0.71	0.73	0.80	0.47	0.68	0.75	0.39	0.71
x	0.69	0.75	0.74	0.74	0.73	0.69	0.82	0.61	0.77	0.79	0.52	0.73
m	0.86	0.74	0.73	0.68	0.69	0.46	0.75	0.74	0.85	0.72	0.53	0.72
tb/y	0.81	0.54	0.70	0.77	0.48	0.65	0.81	0.53	0.76	0.72	0.31	0.71

Table 4: First-Differenced Business Cycles

Statistic	Argentina	Israel	Korea, Rep.	Mexico	New Zealand	Peru	Portugal	South Africa	Spain	Turkey	Uruguay	Mean
<u>Standard Deviations</u>												
$\sigma_{\Delta y}$	2.43	1.64	1.60	1.35	1.77	3.07	2.07	0.87	0.92	2.39	2.01	1.70
$\sigma_{\Delta c}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	1.06	1.42	1.27	1.70	1.02	1.16	1.10	1.89	1.34	1.49	2.15	1.48
$\sigma_{\Delta g}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	1.43	2.49	1.60	4.16	1.85	3.55	1.36	4.00	4.95	3.14	2.00	3.33
$\sigma_{\Delta i}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	3.69	3.13	4.04	4.29	2.78	2.95	2.02	12.55	5.28	3.28	8.07	4.95
$\sigma_{\Delta x}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	3.66	3.08	3.21	6.25	2.23	2.78	1.71	8.68	3.81	2.79	4.10	4.65
$\sigma_{\Delta m}/\sigma_{\Delta y}$	3.57	3.23	2.95	4.81	2.88	3.40	2.08	8.20	4.08	2.85	5.15	4.26
$\sigma_{tb/y}$	3.72	2.88	3.57	3.04	1.87	3.66	3.11	3.03	2.12	2.08	3.18	2.93
<u>Correlations with Δy</u>												
Δy	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Δc	0.75	0.26	0.71	0.61	0.47	0.73	0.89	0.51	0.43	0.70	0.52	0.62
g/y	-0.60	-0.15	-0.15	-0.14	-0.18	0.03	-0.06	-0.27	-0.16	-0.02	-0.26	-0.17
Δi	0.71	0.27	0.70	0.60	0.37	0.56	0.61	0.26	0.51	0.63	0.16	0.57
Δx	-0.18	0.39	-0.00	-0.08	0.28	0.00	0.55	0.27	0.21	-0.01	0.32	0.04
Δm	0.47	0.23	0.29	0.24	-0.06	0.17	0.54	0.48	0.40	0.60	0.26	0.37
tb/y	0.00	0.04	0.01	-0.19	0.07	0.09	0.03	-0.08	0.00	-0.31	0.05	-0.11
<u>Serial Correlations</u>												
Δy	0.26	-0.25	0.22	0.32	-0.20	0.40	-0.25	0.58	0.14	0.04	0.08	0.24
Δc	0.54	-0.13	0.21	-0.02	-0.32	0.24	-0.24	0.07	0.04	-0.07	-0.15	0.07
Δg	0.26	-0.06	-0.36	-0.28	-0.43	-0.22	-0.10	-0.23	-0.54	-0.25	-0.41	-0.25
Δi	0.01	-0.40	0.04	0.12	-0.14	0.08	0.03	-0.36	-0.08	0.04	-0.31	-0.01
Δx	-0.02	-0.04	0.11	0.11	-0.03	-0.04	0.11	-0.22	0.07	0.25	-0.40	0.06
Δm	0.45	-0.04	0.18	-0.11	-0.18	-0.24	-0.01	0.06	0.24	0.05	-0.21	0.05
tb/y	0.93	0.78	0.85	0.91	0.69	0.84	0.94	0.73	0.94	0.77	0.68	0.85

