

# Business Cycle Modeling Without Pretending to Have Too Much *A Priori* Economic Theory

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This paper illustrates the application of a certain class of time series model to macroeconomics.<sup>‡</sup> One motivation for this application is our suspicion that existing large-scale macroeconomic models represent, to an extent not admitted in the statistical theory applied to them, "measurement without theory."

In one sense, this idea is an extension of one put forward years ago by Liu [82],<sup>§</sup> when he argued that econometric models might, when only really reliable *a priori* restrictions were applied to them, turn out most often to be underidentified. Not only do we mistrust many of the zero-restrictions on coefficients in these models, we also consider to be unreliable both the restriction that their residuals be serially uncorrelated and the *a priori* classification of variables into strictly exogenous and endogenous categories. Thus, instead of Liu's conclusion that one ought to turn attention to direct estimation of reduced forms of these models, we conclude that one ought to consider estimation of general representations of the variables in the models as vector stochastic processes.

In part, our intention to explore alternatives to conventional structural macroeconomic models stems from our sympathy with Koopmans' [76] judgments about the theoretical foundations of those models:

<sup>†</sup>Revised, January 1977. John Geweke adapted the maximum likelihood factor analysis algorithm for application to the frequency domain factor model and wrote a computer program for estimating and testing the one-index model. Paul Anderson extended that program to handle  $k$  noises and performed all frequency domain calculations in this paper. Salih Neftci carried out the calculations for the observable index model. John Geweke's contribution in developing the factor analysis algorithm and in formulating the unobservable index model was enough for him to qualify as a coauthor of this paper. Robert E. Lucas, Jr., made useful comments on an earlier draft, some of which we have incorporated in this version.

<sup>‡</sup>The same class of models we apply here may have other applications in economics and has, at least in part, appeared in other disciplines as well. See Priestley, Rao, and Tong [123].

<sup>§</sup>Numbers in [ ] correspond to reference list, p. 219.

In general the state of macroeconomic theory is unsatisfactory. There are too many reasonable alternatives among which presently available observations of aggregate time series cannot easily discriminate. A greater stock of relevant observations could be collected and brought to bear if the basic assumptions of dynamic economics were made about behavior of individual firms and consumers, and the implications then traced through to the aggregates, a task involving direct observation and model construction. There is also a need to introduce explicitly the random elements which reduce the reliability and degree of explicitness of prediction into the more distant future.

Now, just as when those words were written, very little of the *a priori* theory embodied in macroeconomic models is based explicitly on models of the behavior of individuals. Now, just as then, very little of the theory embodied in such models is explicitly stochastic. There is generally not even an attempt to justify the restrictions on serial correlation properties of residuals imposed in estimating such models on the basis of explicit economic theory. Many of the equations of such models, though formally identified by zero-restrictions on their coefficients, are, in fact, little more than attempts to capture certain statistical regularities in the sample period. The Phillips curve is a prime example of an empirical relationship that was initially incorporated in macroeconomic models without there first being a model of the individual behavior giving rise to the relationship. Another example is the common practice of using "capacity utilization" indexes to adjust the measured capital stock before estimating an aggregate Cobb-Douglas production function. This practice occurs in spite of the fact that an optimizing firm with a Cobb-Douglas production function always uses all of its capital and that no microtheory leading to an aggregate production function with utilization-adjusted capital has been put forward.<sup>†</sup>

The fact that we question the assumptions ordinarily used in interpreting large econometric models does not mean that we necessarily regard the fitted equations themselves as useless. They probably do capture important statistical regularities, and in the empirical work reported below we aim at little more than this ourselves. The purpose of the kind of work we will be presenting is to explore the possibility that important statistical regularities are missed by existing large scale models,<sup>‡</sup> and also to see

<sup>†</sup>The public's expectations about future exogenous and endogenous variables are important arguments in many macroeconomic schedules including the Phillips curve, consumption schedule, investment schedule, and various asset demand schedules. In practice, most econometric models have posited that the public's expectations of a given variable are formed as distributed lags on the own variable itself, thus invoking the identifying restriction that the public ignores other variables in forming its forecasts. These restrictions are imposed in spite of the fact that the models themselves contain complicated dynamic interactions among variables that *a priori* lead one to suspect that it would be optimal to forecast a given variable by taking into account values of many other endogenous and exogenous variables. The zero identifying restrictions imposed on expectations generating mechanisms are thus not deduced from an appeal to optimizing behavior or any other economic theory we are aware of. Neither are the "unit sum" identifying restrictions that are usually imposed on expectations generators, as Lucas [86] has emphasized.

<sup>‡</sup>This seems pretty clear already, in fact, from the work by Nelson [102] and Cooper and Nelson [16].

whether a class of models having a small intersection with the class of overidentified simultaneous equations models is capable of fitting the data approximately as well. This latter result would suggest that a good fit of standard models to the data should not be treated as strong evidence for the overidentifying restrictions they embody.

The models we estimate are certainly not "unrestricted" models. Even to explain the behavior of the main components of GNP, wages, prices, and unemployment, a model needs about ten equations; and many existing models contain several orders of magnitude more than that. Cyclical interactions among macroeconomic variables probably commonly involve lags of eight or more quarters. A ten-equation, tenth-order autoregression of general form (ten lags of each of ten variables in each equation) leaves zero degrees of freedom, approximately, in U.S. postwar data.

Rather than reduce the dimensionality of our models by restricting particular equations *a priori*, as in the standard methodology, we proceed by imposing simplifying conditions which are symmetric in the variables. The intuition behind the particular restrictions we examine, leading to what we call "index" models, seems to us close to the intuition underlying the descriptive analysis of business cycles conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and described by Koopmans [74] in his review of Burns and Mitchell as follows:

The notion of a reference cycle itself implies the assumption of an essentially one-dimensional basic pattern of cyclical fluctuation, a background pattern around which the movements of individual variables are arranged in a manner dependent on their specific nature as well as on accidental circumstances. (There is a similarity here with Spearman's psychological hypothesis of a single mental factor common to all abilities.) This "one-dimensional" hypothesis may be a good first approximation, in the same sense in which the assumption of circular motion provides a good first approximation to the orbits of planets. It must be regarded, however, as an assumption of the "Kepler stage," based on observation of many series without reference to the underlying economic behavior of individuals.

We shall describe two related statistical models for representing the one-index (and more generally *k*-index) notion described by Koopmans. The first is an "unobservable index" model which is a natural counterpart of the standard factor analysis model alluded to by Koopmans in which the underlying factors are unobservable. The model is a frequency domain version of the factor analysis model and can be implemented by combining spectral analysis and factor analysis. The second model is an "observable index" model in which the underlying factors are observable.

Their attractiveness as statistical devices for restricting the dimensionality of vector time series models is not the only feature which draws us toward experimenting with index models. Certain theoretical macroeconomic models can be cast in index-model form. These include a class

of models pioneered by Lucas [90] as well as simple macroeconomic models which seem to us to reflect the pattern of quantitative thinking about the business cycle of many macroeconomists, "Keynesian" as well as "monetarist." Thus, it would be a mistake to regard the techniques that we describe as being useful solely for pursuing measurement without theory. Economic models leading to index-model forms are discussed in more detail below.

### The General Form of Index Models

Index models all satisfy an equation of the form

$$(1) \quad y = a * z + u$$

where  $y$  the vector of observed dependent variables is  $n \times 1$ ,  $u$  the vector of residuals is  $n \times 1$ ,  $z$  the vector of indexes is  $k \times 1$  with  $k \ll n$ , and  $a$  the vector of lag distributions relating  $z$  to  $y$  is therefore  $n \times k$ . In (1) all three of  $y$ ,  $z$ , and  $u$  are stochastic processes, and the notation "\*" stands for convolution, defined by

$$a * z(t) = \sum_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} a(s)z(t-s).$$

We always take  $a$  "one-sided," that is,  $a(s) = 0$  for  $s < 0$ .

The kinds of economic theory which lead to index models do not in general contain implications about the properties of the residuals  $u$  other than that they should be small. Of course if there are no restrictions on the properties of  $u$ , any vector time series  $y$  can be written in the form (1) — and for arbitrary choice of  $z$  and  $a$ . The expression (1) can simply be treated as the definition of  $u$ . However, by asserting that (1) "fits well" — in the sense that the variance of each element  $u_i$  of  $u$  is small relative to the variance of the corresponding element  $y_i$  of  $y$ , regardless of how  $y_i$  is differenced or filtered<sup>†</sup> — we obtain an hypothesis with content.

For empirical work, it is convenient to use still stronger hypotheses about the properties of  $u$ . If  $z$  is some linear combination  $c * x$  of observable variables  $x$  (which may include current and past  $y$ 's), then it is natural to hypothesize that ( $x$ ) contains only current values of  $y$ , lagged values of  $y$ , and strictly exogenous variables, as is ordinarily assumed in modeling simultaneous equation systems. By this assumption we mean that any elements of the vector of observables  $x$  which are not lagged values of  $y$  are uncorrelated with  $u$  at all leads and lags. Further, it is natural to

<sup>†</sup>This is equivalent to requiring that the  $i$ 'th diagonal element of  $S_y$  be large relative to the  $i$ 'th diagonal element of  $S_u$  at all frequencies, where  $S_y$  and  $S_u$  are the spectral densities of  $y$  and  $u$ . Consideration of the effect of time aggregation suggests that this "good fit" criterion should not be applied to the highest frequencies. We will not pursue this subtopic in this paper, though it is important for application.

assume that (1) is complete in the sense that it determines current  $y(t)$  uniquely from current and past values of  $x$  and  $u$ . Let us write  $x$  in two pieces  $[x_0]$  and divide  $c$  correspondingly into  $[c_0, c_1]$ . Then substituting  $c * x$  for  $z$  in (1) we obtain

$$(2) \quad (I - a * c_1) * y = a * c_0 * x_0 + u.$$

The requirements we have imposed to this point amount to asserting that  $x_0$  and  $u$  are uncorrelated at all leads and lags and that  $(I - a * c_1)$  has a one-sided inverse under convolution.<sup>†</sup> We call (2) or (1) under these assumptions an "observable index model."

If  $z$  is not a function of observable  $x$ 's, it is natural to assume that  $z$  and  $u$  are orthogonal, that is, that  $z$  and  $u$  are uncorrelated at all leads and lags. With this set of assumptions, we call (1) an "unobservable index model."

Whether or not  $z$  is observable, identification requires further restrictions. We take as natural the one that individual elements  $u_i$  and  $u_j$  of the process  $u$  be orthogonal to one another, even though each  $u_i$  may itself be autocorrelated. This amounts to requiring that dependence on the indexes accounts for all the observed cross-relations among the series.

Though the unobservable index and observable index specifications are, in general, distinct models, when either one "fits well," then both must fit well. This follows because as the variance of the residuals  $u_i$  in (1) shrinks relative to the variance of the index terms  $a_i * z$ , both types of specification amount to asserting that  $y$  differs only slightly from a singular process with rank equal to the length of the vector  $z$ .

To be more precise, suppose we write

$$(3) \quad S_y = \bar{a} S_z \bar{a}' + \bar{a} S_{uz} + S_{uz} \bar{a}' + S_u$$

where  $S_y$  and  $S_z$  are spectral density matrices,  $S_{uz}$  is the cross-spectral density matrix of  $u$  with  $z$ , and  $\bar{a}$  is the Fourier transform of  $a$ . Then if the model "fits well" in the sense we have been giving that phrase,  $S_u$  has its diagonal elements all small relative to the diagonal elements of  $\bar{a} S_z \bar{a}'$ . But this implies that  $\bar{a} S_{uz} + S_{uz} \bar{a}'$  has small diagonal elements relative to the diagonal elements of  $\bar{a} S_z \bar{a}'$  as well. Since in either type of index model we can normalize  $S_z$  to be the identity, we can always match the dominant  $\bar{a} S_z \bar{a}'$  term using either type of index model. The differences

<sup>†</sup>The one-sided inverse for  $I - a * c$  follows from the assumption that (1) determines  $y(t)$  from current and past  $x_0$  and  $u$ . Technically, the question of whether a one-sided inverse exists depends on the domain of possible histories for  $x_0$  and  $u$  to which  $(I - a * c)^{-1}$  will be applied. If  $y$ ,  $x_0$ , and  $u$  are covariance-stationary processes and if  $y \rightarrow g * y$  is taken as a mapping from covariance-stationary  $y$  into covariance-stationary  $g * y$ , continuous under the covariance inner product, then  $g^{-1}$ , if it exists, is unique (given by the inverse Fourier transform of  $g^{-1}$ , where  $\bar{g}$  is the Fourier transform of  $g$ ). The question of whether  $(I - a * c)^{-1}$  is one-sided then becomes the same as the question of whether (2) is "stable" in the usual jargon of econometric modeling.

between the two models will be in the "small" terms.

As will be illustrated in the section to follow, economic theory does not easily generate strict characterizations of the residuals in these models. Economic theories may, however, suggest that an index model with indexes of a certain nature should fit well. Because this kind of assertion does not effectively distinguish observable from unobservable index models, we will ourselves omit that distinction in the next section.

### Economic Interpretation of Index Models

The NBER's framework for analysis of business cycles is perhaps the most prominent example of work in macroeconomics that fits comfortably within the index model framework, but it is not the only such example. In this section we give several examples of index models in macroeconomics.

To take the simplest example first, consider the following multiplier-accelerator model for determining GNP ( $Y$ ) and its major components, consumption  $C$ , investment  $I$ , and government purchases,  $G$

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} Y(t) &= C(t) + I(t) + G(t) \\ C(t) &= b \cdot Y(t) + u_1(t) \\ I(t) &= m \cdot Y(t) + u_2(t) \\ G(t) &= r \cdot Y(t) + u_3(t). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $b$ ,  $m$ , and  $r$  are one-sided (on the past and present), square summable sequences, while  $u_1(t)$ ,  $u_2(t)$ , and  $u_3(t)$  are stochastic error processes. In the model (4) any subset of these variables ( $Y$ ,  $G$ ,  $C$ ,  $I$ ) forms a one-index model. (If all four variables are included, the presence of the national income identity makes the process singular.)

Note that because we interpret these equations as asserting a "good fit," they are not, like the equations of a standard simultaneous equations model, unaltered by changes in the choice of the left-hand-side variable. Each equation is to be interpreted as implying that the left-hand-side variable has substantially larger variance than the residual and that interpretation may not remain viable if the equation is renormalized.

Any model which, like (4), has a relatively small number of lagged or exogenous variables appearing in more than one equation is in the form of an index model. By this standard many existing econometric business cycle models may not be very far from the form of an observable index model, if the number of indexes taken is fairly large (more than two or three).<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Of course, many econometric models do have a rich supply of strictly exogenous variables — especially models of relatively small sectors of the economy. Such models might fall in the form (2), with  $y$  being only one component of  $x$ , but if such a model is identified by exclusion restrictions, without restrictions on lag length or serial correlation, it appears that it is unlikely to fit the form (2). This is a relatively subtle question whose detailed treatment we leave to another occasion.

Now suppose we add to (4) a set of sectoral price equations,

$$(5) \quad p_j = f_j \cdot P + g_j \cdot Y + v_j, \quad j=1, \dots, q$$

and a definition of the aggregate price index

$$(6) \quad P = \sum_{j=1}^q w_j p_j,$$

where  $v_j$  are random error processes. The system formed by (5) and (6) asserts that the pattern of movement of sectoral prices is well explained by the history of aggregate output and an aggregate price index. The system (4), (5), with (6) substituted into (5), forms a two-index model. Furthermore, the subset of real variables explained by (4) involves only one index. Only by adding prices to the system do we incur the need for a second index.

Of course, in reality the aggregate price level may well feed back into the determination of real variables. Let us examine what happens to this simple system when we include explicitly supply and demand for money and the possibility of interest rate effects on the real subsystem

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} M &= k_1 \cdot P + k_2 \cdot Y + k_3 \cdot R + e_1 \quad (\text{demand for money}) \\ M &= s_1 \cdot P + s_2 \cdot Y + s_3 \cdot R + e_2 \quad (\text{supply of money}) \end{aligned}$$

$$I = m_1 \cdot Y + m_2 \cdot R + u_2 \quad (\text{replacing investment equation of (4)}).$$

Here the supply and demand for money equations are temporarily normalized on  $M$ , but our interpretation will depend heavily on which variables are in fact well explained by the money demand and supply interaction.

There are several ways our original simple two-index system, with one real and one nominal index, might be rationalized. If  $R$  (the interest rate) does not enter the investment equation ( $m_2=0$ ), then supply and demand for money are just a pair of equations for recursively determining  $R$  and  $M$  and can be omitted from the system determining  $Y$  and  $P$ . Alternatively,  $R$  might have very small variance, either because it is fixed by the supply equation (a pegged interest rate policy) or because it is fixed by the demand equation (a highly interest-elastic demand for money, or liquidity trap). Either of these situations, in effect, makes money supply passive relative to the real subsystem. In these cases, by merging the "small" term  $m_2 \cdot R$  with  $u_2$ , we will preserve the one real, one nominal index structure.

In general, however, with  $m_2$  non-zero the one real, one nominal index structure will not hold. We might, for example, solve the demand

and supply of money for  $R$  in terms of  $Y$  and  $P$ . If the resulting equation fits well, we could use it to substitute an expression in terms of  $Y$  and  $P$  for  $R$  in the investment equation. We would thereby generate a two-index model with a real and a nominal index, but it would no longer be true that the real sector of the model depended only on the real index. Another possibility is that the supply equation fixes  $M$ , subject to relatively small variance. If demand for money were interest-inelastic ( $k_{\bar{r}} \neq 0$ ), the supply and demand for money might then determine  $P$  as a function of  $Y$ . In that case we could substitute an expression in terms of  $Y$  for the nominal index  $P$  and obtain a one-index model.

One final possibility to note is that the money supply rule might fix the price level. Then  $P$  would effectively drop out of the system, but  $R$  would remain as a second index. We would have a two-index model with one index being  $R$ , the other  $Y$ . A single index would explain the price vector, but two indexes would be required for the real subsystem.

This discussion could be elaborated further.† We will arrest it here, observing what we have established so far: that simple Keynesian models may take on an index-model form, that dichotomous models may take on a “one-real, one-nominal index” form, and that Keynesian models with interest-elastic investment do not suggest that a two-index model will show one real and one purely nominal index.

We now turn to models of the class constructed by Lucas, which fit quite naturally into the index model framework and predict a one-real index, one-nominal index pattern. Lucas's model substantially improves on the preceding models by providing an explicit behavioral interpretation of the model's dynamics. His model is “Keynesian” in the sense that it accounts for the presence of aggregate-demand induced inflation-output or money-output correlations, but it is “classical” in its policy implications and in the sense that it predicts the same one real index, one purely nominal index pattern that characterizes our dichotomous models.

In Lucas's model, movements in aggregate demand interact with a stable structure of industry or market supply schedules to produce persistent fluctuations in real economic activity. These persistent fluctuations occur even though suppliers respond only to perceived movements in relative prices and form their perceptions rationally. The essential thing in Lucas's setup is the assumption that nominal aggregate demand is not immediately observable, though agents are assumed to understand its probability law. The notion that aggregate demand is not immediately observable is what gives the model the capacity to generate persistent (serially correlated) movements in real activity even where agents are rational.

A version of Lucas's model can be written

†We could, for example, add a system in which wage and price flexibility serve to make output determined by the supply side. If we did so, it would not be hard to generate a “textbook classical” model which, like the Keynesian model with interest-inelastic investment, implies that a one-real, one-nominal index model should fit well.

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} y_{it} &= c_i \cdot (n_t - \hat{n}_t) + b_i \cdot u_{it}, & i=1, \dots, N \\ p_{jt} &= d_j \cdot (n_t - \hat{n}_t) + q \hat{n}_t + h_j \cdot u_{j+n,t} & j=1, \dots, M \end{aligned}$$

Here  $c_i$ ,  $b_i$ ,  $d_j$ , and  $h_j$  are each one-sided functions while  $q$  is a scalar. The  $y_i$ 's are measures of real economic activity such as real output or employment in particular industries or aggregates of industries. The  $p_{jt}$ 's are prices of particular commodities or aggregates of commodities. The variate  $n_t$  is nominal aggregate demand, while  $\hat{n}_t$  is the public's expectation of  $n_t$  formed as the linear least squares projection of  $n_t$  on some information set  $\theta$ . According to the model, real variables respond only to the unexpected part of  $n_t$ ; namely,  $n_t - \hat{n}_t$ . A foreseen increase in  $n_t$  causes only the price variables to respond, leaving real quantities unaffected. The model thus incorporates the natural rate hypothesis. The variates  $u_{it}$ 's are second-order stationary random processes with properties to be specified shortly.

To complete the model, we must specify the information set  $\theta$ . We assume that the public does not have current readings on the variate  $n_t$  but does have readings on current and past values of a vector  $x_t$  of variates correlated with the  $n$  process. The vector  $x_t$  may include  $n_{t-s}$  for  $s$  greater than some minimal “perception delay”  $\delta \geq 1$ . Furthermore, the public is assumed to know the cross-covariogram

$$E\{n_t \cdot x_{t-\tau}\} \quad \tau=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots,$$

it also knows the first and second moments of the  $(n, x)$  process. The public forms  $\hat{n}_t$  as the linear least squares projection of  $n_t$  on the space spanned by  $\{x_t, x_{t-1}, \dots\}$ . We have the decomposition

$$(9) \quad n_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} v_j x_{t-j} + e_t = \hat{n}_t + e_t$$

where the  $v_j$ 's are conformable to  $x_t$  and where by construction  $E e_t x_{t-j} = 0$  for all  $j \geq 0$ ; that is, the residuals in the least squares regressions are orthogonal to the regressors.

Notice that because  $x_t$  does not in general contain all lagged  $n$ 's, the least squares orthogonality condition does not imply that  $e$  is serially uncorrelated. Thus,  $e$  itself will in general be serially correlated, so that the model predicts aggregate-demand-induced, serially correlated movements in the  $y_i$ 's even where  $c_i(s) = 0$  for  $s \neq 0$ , all  $i$ .†

†Some economists have dismissed earlier versions of Lucas's natural rate-rational expectations models because they did not provide an endogenous explanation of how aggregate-demand-induced fluctuations in output could persist (for example, Hall [80]). If  $n_{t-s}$  for all  $s \geq 1$  are included in  $x_t$ , the  $e$ 's that appear in (9) are serially uncorrelated. By making the  $n$ 's contemporaneously unobservable, Lucas achieved the restriction on information sets necessary to make

The system (8) is evidently in the form of a two-index model. Further if we take one index to be  $n_t - \hat{n}_t$ , the real subsystem is by itself a one-index model. The second index is required only if we add prices to the system.†

Now if we try to complete the specification of the system (8) so that it becomes exactly an "observable" or "unobservable" index model, we run into some difficulties. Since the model depends on economic agents' not being able to observe  $n_t$ , an unobservable-index framework is perhaps most natural. But recall that the restrictions imposed on this class of models include that the stochastic processes  $u$  and  $z$  be uncorrelated with each other (in the present use,  $z$  includes  $n_t$  and  $\hat{n}_t$ ). In the spirit of a rational expectations formulation, we ought to suppose that economic agents can observe the variables  $y$  and  $p$  which enter our model and that these variables form a sub-vector of the vector  $x$  on which  $\hat{n}_t$  is based. If this is so, it requires strong and arbitrary side restrictions to avoid the conclusion that  $\hat{n}_t$  and  $u_t$  should be correlated. To justify the strict form of unobservable-index model which we fit below requires, in the context of Lucas's model, that  $u$  is a set of measurement errors bedeviling econometricians but not the public.

To make (8) an observable-index model, we must assume that econometricians can directly measure  $n_t$ , even though the public cannot. To justify this assumption we need to suppose either that the historical data on which model-fitting is based are not contemporaneously available to the public or that to the extent they are available the public does not find it worthwhile to use them. These assumptions are of course as implausible *a priori* as those required to justify the unobservable-index formulation.

Finally, in both specifications the requirement that the  $u_t$ 's in (8) be mutually uncorrelated has no foundation in Lucas's theory.

Despite its explicit recognition of uncertainty in modeling behavior, Lucas's theory actually generates behavioral equations without residuals. As with most‡ macroeconomic theory then, we must tack on residuals to obtain empirically usable models and the theory is silent about the nature of the residuals.

serially correlated forecasting errors coexist with rational agents. Then nominal aggregate demand can generate serially correlated movements in outputs even though it is only the public's errors in forecasting nominal aggregate demand that cause outputs to respond.

†There is a possible exception worth noting. It is possible that  $n_t - \hat{n}_t$  and  $\hat{n}_t$  collapse to a single index. This could occur not only if forecasts are perfect ( $\hat{n}_t = n_t$ ) but also if, for example, forecasts of  $n_t$  are based on lagged values of  $n_t$  only.

‡One class of exceptions that we are aware of occurs where an exact model with no errors relates certain spot prices with forward prices. If the forward prices are "rational" linear least squares projections of future prices on a (large) information set  $\theta_t$ , but the economist models those expectations as "rational" linear least squares forecasts based on an information set  $\theta_t'$  that is strictly included in  $\theta_t$ , there emerges a set of strong orthogonality restrictions on the error in the structural equation. Shiller's work [131] on the term structure is the original example from this class of setups; Fama's article [25] is another such example. Notice how the argument hinges critically on having an *exact* theory to begin with.

All of the economic models that we have studied here take as a primitive concept the notion of a one-dimensional "nominal aggregate demand" (or "reference cycle phase" in the jargon of the NBER). This section is intended to indicate how index models seem to be a natural statistical setting in which to study such macroeconomic models. However, none of the models studied here derives the existence of a one-dimensional driving process for the business cycle from more primitive assumptions. At this stage of development, the hypothesis that a low-order index model may fit the data well is thus in the category of an attractive empirical working hypothesis, with support in tradition, if not in logic.

### Alternative Characterizations of the Models

A vector stochastic process which is covariance-stationary can be given the form of an unobservable-index model if and only if its spectral density (a matrix-valued function, the Fourier transform of the autocovariance function) can be written in the form

$$(10) \quad S_y = LL' + V$$

where  $S_y$ ,  $L$ , and  $V$  are all matrix-valued functions of frequency ( $\omega$ ) on  $(-\pi, \pi)$ , with  $L$ ,  $n \times k$ , and  $V$  diagonal with positive elements on the diagonal. That the unobservable-index-model form implies the representation (10) is not hard to see. Equation (10) follows directly from (3), from the assumption that  $u$  and  $z$  are orthogonal (so  $S_{uz} = 0$ ) and from the fact that the positive definite matrix  $S_z$  appearing in (3) can be factored into the form  $S_z = WW'$ . Thus,  $L = \bar{a}W$  and  $V = S_u$ . It is apparent from (10) that the separate components  $\bar{a}$  and  $W$  of  $L = \bar{a}W$  are not identified, so that to identify  $a$  we must make some arbitrary normalization of  $S_z$ . We take  $S_z = I$ .

Showing that the existence of a representation in the form (10) implies that  $y$  can be given an index-model representation is a somewhat subtler task and will not be undertaken here. We cannot simply set  $\bar{a} = L$  because  $L$  may not be the Fourier transform of a one-sided function. Yet even if  $L$  is not the Fourier transform of a one-sided function, under certain regularity conditions a one-sided  $a$  exists such that  $\bar{a}\bar{a}' = LL'$ . In fact, there are in general several such  $a$ 's, and to identify  $a$  uniquely we require a further identifying restriction: namely, that  $a^*z$  be the moving-average representation of the process  $x = a^*z$ .†

The foregoing identification or normalization problems create serious practical difficulties in estimation of  $a$ . However, it is a great advantage of the unobservable-index formulation that, by estimating  $LL'$  without

†If  $x = a^*z$ , then given any one-sided square summable  $k \times k$  function  $b$  such that  $|b|^2 = I$ ,  $x = a^*b^*b^{-1}z$  and  $b^{-1}z$  has the identity as its spectral density matrix. By requiring that  $a(0)z$  be the vector of one-step-ahead forecast errors in  $x$ , we fix  $a$  uniquely up to multiplication by a fixed unitary matrix, and  $a^*z$  becomes "the" working average representation of  $x$ . See Rozanov [126] for a rigorous discussion of these notions.

attempting to identify  $a$ , we can test the fit of the model without any need to impose the complicated identifying normalizations. The equation (10) is exactly the model of factor analysis, with the difference that the equation is a decomposition of the spectral density matrix at each frequency instead of being a decomposition of a single covariance matrix. Since estimates of  $S_y$  over frequency bands which are far enough apart are independent under their asymptotic distributions, we can apply the factor analysis model independently at each frequency. Except for slight complications arising from the fact that  $S_y$  is complex and conjugate-symmetric, not real and symmetric, estimation methods and statistical tests developed in the factor analysis literature carry over directly to the unobservable-index model.

A covariance-stationary vector stochastic process  $y^\dagger$  has an observable-index representation, with  $z = c^*y$  for some  $c$ , if and only if its moving average representation can be written in the form

$$(11) \quad y = (I + a^*\gamma)^*D^*e$$

where  $a$  and  $\gamma'$  are each one-sided  $n \times k$  matrix-valued functions and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix-valued function. To see that (11) follows from our original specification (2), recall that we are now considering the case of no exogenous variables  $x$ , so that  $c_0$  in (2) is empty and  $c_1$  and  $c$  are the same thing. We required that  $(I - a^*c_1)$  have a one-sided inverse under convolution, so that we can write

$$(12) \quad y = (I - a^*c)^{-1} * u.$$

The vector process  $u$  itself has a moving average representation of the form  $u = D^*e$ , where  $e$  is a vector white noise process and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix-valued function. Substituting this representation into (12) yields

$$(13) \quad y = (I - a^*c)^{-1} * D^*e$$

which is the moving average representation of  $y$ .<sup>‡</sup>

Now the fact that  $(I - a^*c)$  has a one-sided inverse implies that  $(I - c^*a)$  also has a one-sided inverse.<sup>§</sup> Then it is easy to verify that  $(I - a^*c)^{-1} = I + a^*(I - c^*a)^{-1} * c$ . Substituting this expression for

†Strictly speaking we are considering only linearly regular processes (that is, processes with no deterministic component). See Rozanov [126] for a definition of linear regularity.

‡For the purist this follows from the fact that current and past  $y$  and current and past  $u$  span the same Hilbert space, under the covariance inner product and, hence, must have representations in terms of the same fundamental white noise.

§One way to see this is to note that the existence of a one-sided inverse for a one-sided, square-summable, matrix valued function can be shown to be equivalent to the condition that the determinant of the Fourier transform of the function be bounded away from zero in the lower half plane. Since  $I - \bar{a}\bar{c}$  and  $I - \bar{c}\bar{a}$  have the same determinant, either both or neither has a one-sided inverse.

$(I - a^*c)^{-1}$  in (13) gives us an expression exactly in the form (11), with  $a = a$  and  $(I - c^*a)^{-1} * c = \gamma$ .<sup>†</sup> namely

$$(14) \quad y = (I + a^*(I - c^*a)^{-1} * c)^*D^*e.$$

From (11) we find the spectral density of  $y$  to be given by

$$(15) \quad S_y = |\bar{D}|^2 + \bar{a}\bar{\gamma}\bar{D} + \bar{D}'\bar{\gamma}'\bar{a}' + \bar{a}\bar{\gamma}\bar{D}\bar{D}'\bar{\gamma}'\bar{a}'.$$

Equation (15) asserts that  $y$ 's spectral density is the sum of a diagonal matrix and a matrix of rank  $2k$ . Could it be then that observable-index models of rank  $k$  are equivalent to unobservable-index models of rank  $2k$ ? The answer is no. If  $\bar{D}'\bar{\gamma}' \neq \bar{a}\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is scalar, the singular matrix added to  $|\bar{D}|^2$  in (15) will generally have negative roots as well as positive roots. Even under the condition  $\bar{D}'\bar{\gamma}' = \bar{a}\lambda$ , it can be shown that the unobservable-index models which can be generated from (15) are a very narrow class.<sup>‡</sup>

An interesting question for further research arises here: Is there an attractive index model specification which would generate the general case of

$$(16) \quad S_y = V + M$$

where  $V$  is diagonal with positive elements on the diagonal and  $M$  is an arbitrary (except for the requirement that  $S_y$  remain positive definite) conjugate-symmetric matrix of rank  $k$ ? Such a general specification would probably allow use of the convenient factor-analytic-like methods which apply to the unobservable-index model, would cover both observable-index and unobservable-index models as special cases, and would probably avoid the all too common result that estimation of the unobservable-index model shows maximum likelihood at a point where  $V$  is singular.

### Causal Orderings in Index Models

In the degenerate case of  $u = 0$  in (1) "causal orderings" in the sense of Granger [43] can be characterized entirely in terms of the parameters  $a$ . In this case it is likely that many pairs of variables cannot be ordered. It is known that "y does not cause x," in Granger's sense, if and only if the linear least squares projection of  $y_t$  on  $x$  is a one-sided distributed

†Where  $y$  does not have an autoregressive representation, (11) may hold without the existence of any regression of the form (2). Since such cases can in a sense be approximated arbitrarily well by cases in which an equation like (2) does exist, it seems natural to include these cases as observable-index models.

‡Again, the reader must be referred elsewhere (Sims [142]) for the detailed arguments. The gist of this argument is that if  $\bar{D}'\bar{\gamma}' = \bar{a}\lambda$ ,  $\lambda$  scalar, then  $\gamma^*D$  is one-sided only under strong side conditions.

lag.<sup>†</sup> If  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  both have one-sided inverses under convolution, then  $y_i = a_i * a_j^{-1} * y_j$  and  $y_j = a_j * a_i^{-1} * y_i$ . Thus, each of the two variables is exogenous in a (perfectly fitting) one-sided distributed lag regression with the other variable on the left, and no one-way ordering is possible. More generally  $a_i$  and/or  $a_j$  may not have one-sided inverses, in which case orderings may exist.

When we add error terms to the model, with the properties natural to the observable and unobservable cases, the  $a$ 's no longer characterize causal orderings. The coefficients in the projection of  $y_i$  on some subset of variables  $Y$  included in the vector  $y$  are given by  $R_Y^{-1} * R_{Y y_i}$ , where  $R_Y$  is the autocovariance function of  $Y$  and  $R_{Y y_i}$  is the cross-covariance function of  $Y$  with  $y_i$ , respectively. In the case of an unobservable index model, under the identifying assumption that  $z$  and  $u$  are orthogonal, one requires restrictions on the serial correlation properties of the  $u$ 's, relating them to the  $a$ 's, in order to restrict  $R_Y$  and  $R_{Y y_i}$  enough to generate a causal ordering. To the extent that the economics of the model is embodied in its systematic component, economic characteristics of the model cannot imply a causal ordering.<sup>‡</sup>

In the case of observable-index models with no exogenous variables, a certain limited class of causal orderings may be characterized by restrictions on  $a$  and  $c$ . It is known that Granger causal orderings on linearly regular covariance-stationary vector processes are characterized by block triangularity conditions on the moving average representation.<sup>§</sup> In particular,  $y_1$  does not Granger-cause  $y_2$  ( $y_2$  is causally prior to  $y_1$  in Granger's sense) if and only if in the joint moving average representation

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} * e,$$

$A_{21}$  can be chosen to be zero. Looking now at the expression (14) for the moving average representation of an observable-index model, we see that if  $y$  is partitioned into

<sup>†</sup>A process  $y$  does not cause  $x$  in Granger's sense if, given values of all other variables in the system (including  $x$ ) at times before  $t$ , knowledge of values of  $y$  at times before  $t$  cannot improve our forecast of  $x(t)$ . This notion is discussed in more detail by Sims in this volume.

<sup>‡</sup>Geweke [35] has given a condition for exogeneity of  $y_i$  in an unobservable-index system which, like the  $a_i = 0$  condition on an observable-index system discussed below, implies that all elements of  $y_i$  are exogenous in all other equations of the system, including the other equations in the  $y_i$ -block. Geweke's condition also implies that the residuals from regressions of  $y_i$  on  $y_j$  form an unobservable-index model of the same order as the original model.

<sup>§</sup>The " $c_i$ " here is the first element of the partition of  $c$  conformable to the partition of  $y$  into

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

not the " $c_i$ " which appeared earlier when we discussed models containing exogenous variable  $x$ .

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $a$  and  $c$  are partitioned conformably, there are two simple conditions on  $a$  and  $c$  generating block triangularity with  $A_{21} = 0$ :  $a_2 = 0$  or  $c_1 = 0$ .<sup>†</sup> With  $a_2 = 0$ , the indexes do not affect  $y_2$ , so that the elements of  $y_2$  are mutually orthogonal. Further, any subvector of  $y_2$  is causally prior to the remainder of the  $y$  vector, so that  $y_2$  is causally prior as a block, and each element of  $y_2$  is separately causally prior. With  $c_1 = 0$ , none of the elements of  $y_1$  enter any of the indexes, and  $y_1$  can therefore be regarded as "passive." The elements of  $y_1$  are related to each other only through their common dependence on  $y_2$ .

### Some Further Comparative Properties of the Models

An unobservable-index model retains its form if a subset of elements of  $y$  is used in place of  $y$  itself. In fact, invariance of estimated  $a$ 's and of fit of the model to omission of variables from the system is a property which might be used to test the unobservable-index specification. In an observable-index model, on the other hand, only purely passive variables ( $y_j$ 's with  $c_j = 0$ ) can be omitted from the model without invalidating the index-model specification.

An observable-index model of given order has twice as many independently specified lag distributions as an unobservable-index model of the same order, since the  $a$  parameters appear in corresponding positions in both models while the  $c$  parameters appear only in observable-index models. This might at first appear to conflict with the limiting equivalence of the two specifications, for the same order  $k$ , as perfect fit is approached. However, the paradox only reflects the fact that in the limit, as a perfect fit is approached,  $c$  is no longer identified, as the same estimate of  $z$  can be constructed from a variety of linear combinations of current and past  $y$ . Where the fit of the model is in fact very tight, one should either use the unobservable-index specification or impose a fixed form on  $c$  a priori.

If we estimate equation (2), passed through the filter  $D^{-1}$ , as a constrained autoregression, we obviously have an autoregressive representation of  $y$  immediately at hand. This is important for preparing forecasts and in some kinds of model-testing. Estimating the unobservable-index model does not lead directly to an autoregressive form and is in this respect less convenient. Further, estimating (2) leads directly to estimates of  $a$  and of historical values of  $z$ , which is important for interpreting the model. Estimates of  $a$  and of historical  $z$ 's are harder to obtain with unobservable-index models. On the other hand, we have already noted that it is possible with the unobservable-index model to test the fit of the model without estimating  $a$  or  $z$ , and this is much

<sup>†</sup>See Sims [136].



easier computationally than fitting the observable-index model of corresponding order.

Observable-index and unobservable-index models are equivalent only in a narrow class of special cases. One case of this type is where some component of the vector  $u$  in (12) is identically zero,  $z$  is scalar, and the corresponding component of  $a$  has a one-sided inverse. Taking this special component of  $y$  to be  $y_1$ , we have then  $z = a_1^{-1} * y_1$ , making the model an observable-index model but at the same time a degenerate case of an unobservable-index model. If  $u$  is a full rank process, the two kinds of model coincide only in a narrow class of cases: for example, if  $a_i(s) = \lambda_i a_1(s)$ , all  $i, s$ ,  $c_i(s) = \lambda_i c_1(s)$ , all  $i, s$ , and  $c_1$  has a one-sided inverse.†

### Estimation and Testing for the Unobservable-Index Model

The unobservable-index model can be estimated and tested by using suitable generalizations of the maximum likelihood method of estimating the standard factor analysis model, described by Joreskog [67] and Lawley and Maxwell [79].‡ Passing to the notation of Lawley and Maxwell, let

$$S_y(\omega) = C, \bar{a}(\omega) = L,$$

$$S_y = C = LL' + V = \bar{a}\bar{a}' + S_u$$

and remember that there is a 3-tuple  $(C, L, V)$  at each  $\omega \in [0, \pi]$ . Assuming that the  $(n \times 1)$   $y_t$  process is normally distributed implies that  $\bar{y}(\omega)$ , the finite-Fourier transform of  $y$ , evaluated at  $\omega$ , has a complex normal probability distribution, asymptotically

$$f(y; C) = \frac{1}{\pi^n |C|} \exp(-\bar{y}'(\omega) C^{-1} \bar{y}(\omega)).$$

Supposing that we have  $m$  independent observations on  $\bar{y}(\omega)$ —say  $\bar{y}_1(\omega), \dots, \bar{y}_m(\omega)$  with common covariance matrix  $C$ —the likelihood function is

$$L(C; \bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m) = \frac{1}{\pi^{nm} |C|^m} \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^m \bar{y}_i'(\omega) C^{-1} \bar{y}_i(\omega)\right)$$

with log likelihood

†This result, together with some others characterizing the relation of index models to standard simultaneous-equation models, is proved in Sims [142].

‡Geweke [34] has shown how the computational techniques for the real factor analysis model can be adapted for application to the frequency domain factor analysis model. The computations reported below were made using Geweke's original one-index computer program amended by Paul A. Anderson to handle  $k$  indexes. See Geweke [34] for a more detailed discussion of the techniques described in the text.

$$(17) \quad \ln L(C; \bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_m) = -m(n \ln \pi + \ln |C| + \text{tr} SC^{-1})$$

where

$$S = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \bar{y}_i(\omega) \bar{y}_i'(\omega).$$

Maximization of the log likelihood function (17) is equivalent to minimization of

$$\zeta = \ln |C| + \text{tr} SC^{-1}.$$

With  $C$  unrestricted, the maximum likelihood estimate of  $C$  is  $S$ . Under the frequency domain factor analysis model, estimation is carried out under the restriction  $C = LL' + V$ , so that the function minimized is

$$(18) \quad \xi_f = \ln |LL' + V| + \text{tr} S(LL' + V)^{-1}$$

where the minimization is with respect to  $L$  and  $V$ .

The null hypothesis that  $k$  factors can account for the covariation of  $y$  at a given frequency (or band of frequencies) can be tested by using a likelihood ratio test. The relevant statistic is

$$(19) \quad R = 2(l_1 - l_2)$$

where  $l_1$  is the value attained by the log-likelihood function unrestricted and  $l_2$  is the value attained by the log likelihood function under the  $k$ -index restriction. On the null hypothesis,  $R$  is distributed as chi-square with  $(n - k)^2 - n$  degrees of freedom. In practice a small sample correction suggested by Bartlett† is used to adjust  $R$ .

It should be remembered that the chi-square tests are asymptotically valid only if there occur no boundary solutions in which over some band  $V(\omega) = 0$  for some variable. We do encounter some such boundary solutions. Consequently, the formal test statistics should be interpreted with some circumspection.

In addition to the formal hypothesis test of the  $k$ -index model, it is useful to construct the coherence

$$(20) \quad coh_i(\omega) = \frac{[L(\omega)L'(\omega)]_{ii}}{|C(\omega)|_{ii}} \equiv \frac{\bar{a}(\omega)\bar{a}'(\omega)_{ii}}{S_y(\omega)_{ii}} \equiv \frac{S_y(\omega)_{ii} - [S_u(\omega)]_{ii}}{S_y(\omega)_{ii}}$$

which tells the proportion of the variance in  $y_i$  at frequency  $\omega$  that can

†See, for example, Lawley and Maxwell [79, p. 23].

be accounted for by the  $k$  indexes. We also report the overall coherence defined by

$$(21) \quad Tcoh_i = \frac{\sum_{\omega} \bar{a}(\omega) \bar{a}'(\omega) ii}{\sum_{\omega} S_y(\omega) ii}$$

where both  $a(\omega)$  and  $S_y(\omega)$  have been recolored by multiplying by the inverse Fourier transform of the filters used to whiten the variables. It is possible for the likelihood ratio test statistic (19) to call for rejection of a  $k$ -index model and yet for the model to explain a large proportion of the variance in some or all of the  $n$   $y_i$ 's. As we have noted, economic theories leading to index models seem to assert only that a one-index model will deliver "high" coherence for many interesting aggregate time series.

In practice, the tests of and summary statistics for the  $k$ -index model were calculated as follows. First the  $n$  variables in  $y_t$  were whitened by computing univariate autoregressions with linear trends included.<sup>†</sup> The residuals from these regressions were taken as the whitened values of  $y$ . For series of length  $T$ , the Fourier transform of the  $(n \times 1)$  whitened vector  $y_t$

$$y(\omega_j) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T y_t e^{i\omega_j t}$$

was calculated at the frequencies

$$\omega_j = \frac{2\pi j}{T}, \quad -\left\lfloor \frac{T-1}{2} \right\rfloor \leq j \leq \lfloor T/2 \rfloor$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  means the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Then across a band of  $m$   $\omega_j$ 's, the cross spectral matrix of the whitened  $y$ 's was estimated as

$$(22) \quad \hat{S}_y = \frac{T}{m} \sum_{j \in J} y(\omega_j) y'(\omega_j)$$

where  $J$  is the set of  $j$ 's included in the band. For purposes of the formal likelihood ratio test of the  $k$ -index model, (22) was used to estimate  $S_y$  across a number of *disjoint* frequency bands. For each band, the

<sup>†</sup>The procedure described here is asymptotically valid only if the order of the estimated autoregression in the first step is held fixed while the sample size increases. If the estimated prewhitening autoregressions are richly parameterized, results are biased. Our prewhitening regressions were short, and re-estimates using standardized, arbitrarily chosen prewhitening filters on all series did not alter results.

maximum likelihood estimates of  $LL'$  and  $V'$  are obtained and the likelihood ratio test (19) and coherence (20) computed. Where  $r$  non-overlapping frequency bands are studied, the likelihood ratios at the different bands can be summed. Since it is the sum of  $r$  asymptotically independent  $\chi^2((n-k)^2 - n)$  variates, the sum is asymptotically chi-square with  $r[(n-k)^2 - n]$  degrees of freedom. This summary statistic can be used to test the overall fit of the model.

By way of deriving a representation of the model in the time domain, the vector autoregressive representation for the  $y$  process implied by the  $k$ -index model can be derived as follows. First, calculate the Fourier transform  $y(\omega)$  as above, and then smooth using a moving average across frequencies to estimate the cross spectral matrix  $S_y$  at a number of frequency points. (This differs from the above procedure used in testing the  $k$ -index model in that we now do not use nonoverlapping frequency bands. The asymptotic independence of the estimates of  $S_y$  at different bands, which is important for hypothesis testing, is lost at the gain of being able to estimate the cross spectral matrix at more frequencies.) Next, at each frequency calculate the maximum likelihood estimates of  $LL'$  and  $V$  for  $k$  indexes to obtain

$$\hat{S}_y^k = LL' + V.$$

The estimate  $\hat{S}_y^k$  is then "recolored" using the transfer functions implied by the filters used to whiten each  $y_i$ .

To obtain the matrix of cross covariances of  $y$  under the  $k$ -index restriction, we calculate the inverse Fourier transform of  $\hat{S}_y^k$

$$\hat{R}_y^k(s) = \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j \in J} \hat{S}_y^k(\omega_j) e^{-i\omega_j s}$$

$(n \times n) \qquad \qquad \qquad (n \times n)$

where  $J$  indexes the set of frequencies at which the cross spectral matrix is calculated.  $P$  is the number of elements in  $J$  and  $\hat{R}_y^k(s)$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix of estimated covariances at lag  $s$  under the  $k$ -index restriction. Using the elements of  $\hat{R}_y^k(s)$  as estimates of the population covariances, the  $n$  vector autoregression can be calculated by entering the appropriate elements of  $\hat{R}_y^k(s)$  in the usual formula for the projection of a random variable  $Z$  on a  $(1 \times b)$  random vector  $X$

$$P(Z|X) = X[E(X'X)]^{-1} [EX'Z]$$

$1 \times b \quad b \times b \quad (b \times 1)$

We have not yet used this procedure to estimate vector autoregressions under the  $k$ -index hypothesis. We intend to use such vector autoregressions to generate forecasts and residuals. The procedure can be thought of as

a way of estimating a vector autoregression under a restriction on the dimensionality of the parameter space. Since vector autoregressions of even low order typically have very many parameters, some such restriction seems useful in order to proceed with estimation.

### Some Sample Coherences

By way of summarizing some of the raw facts we are seeking to account for, Table 1† reports coherences‡ for pairs of variables among the following 14 quarterly aggregates for the United States over the period 1950:I – 1970:IV:

- Moody's Baa Index (RBAA).
- The log of real GNP (GNP).
- The rate on 91-day Treasury bills (RTB).
- The log of the GNP deflator (P).
- The log of a straight-time wage index in manufacturing (W).
- The log of the money supply as measured by currency plus demand deposits (M1).
- The log of total federal and state and local government purchases (G).
- The federal and state and local government surplus (GOV SURP).
- The civilian unemployment rate (UN).
- The log of residual construction (RESID CONST).
- The change in the log of the stock of inventories (CHANGE INVENT).
- Plant and equipment investment (PL + EQPT).
- Total consumption (CONS).
- Corporate profits plus inventory valuation adjustment (CORP PROF + IVA.§

†See pp. 76-109 for tables referred to in text. After completing the graphs of these coherences, we discovered errors in the data bank series we had used for consumption (two observations), residential construction (one observation), and wages (one observation). We were able to catch the errors in time to correct the calculations in Tables 5 through 14 for the unobservable index models. However, the graphs of the coherences are based on the faulty data.

‡The coherence between series  $i$  and  $j$  at frequency  $\omega$  is defined as

$$\frac{|S_{ij}(\omega)|^2}{S_i(\omega) S_j(\omega)}$$

and is analogous to an  $R^2$  statistic, telling the proportion of the variance in series  $i$  that can be accounted for by series  $j$  at the frequency  $\omega$ .

§The data for real GNP, the GNP deflator, government purchases, residential construction, plant and equipment investment, consumption, corporate profits plus IVA, money supply, and government deficit are available in *Business Statistics*, 1973. All of the dollar series are in constant (1958) dollars except the last three. Moody's Baa rate and the 91-day Treasury bill rate are available in monthly issues of the *Federal Reserve Bulletin*. The unemployment rate is formed as the ratio of quarterly averages of monthly unemployment and labor force data available in *Employment and Earnings* (monthly issues), Table A-1. The wage series is "average hourly earnings excluding overtime of production workers in manufacturing" (not seasonally adjusted) available in *Employment and Earnings in the United States 1909-1975*, BLS Bulletin

Each series was prewhitened by computing an autoregression with five own lags with a linear trend and constant included. The residuals from those regressions were then used to compute the cross spectra. We used Parzen's algorithm for estimating the cross spectrum as the Fourier transform of the cross covariogram. A Parzen window was used with 24 being the maximum lag used in the cross covariograms. For a sample size of 89 and this maximal lag, the use of the Parzen window implies the asymptotic confidence intervals around the coherence as summarized in Table 2. These were calculated using the method described by Jenkins and Watts [66].

Many of the coherences in Table 1 are low, even at the business cycle frequencies. For example, the coherence of the GNP deflator with real GNP is low at the business cycle frequencies, never getting much above .3 at the business cycle frequencies. The coherences with money are interesting. In particular, notice that the coherence of money with some measures of real activity like unemployment and real GNP are substantially higher than are the coherences of money with the GNP deflator or the wage index.

Table 1a records the coherences between pairs of various monthly series we will be studying. Table 3 contains 95 percent confidence intervals for the coherences for the monthly data.

Overall, the coherences display some tendency to be highest at the low frequency components, perhaps giving some support to the concept of the business cycle as a set of correlated low frequency movements in a variety of aggregate variables. On the other hand, the coherences illustrate again Granger and Newbold's [43] point that once own serial correlation is eliminated, economic time series are not all that highly correlated.

### Estimated Unobservable Index Models

For quarterly time series extending over the period 1950:I – 1970:IV, we have fit the unobservable-index model to several subsets of macro-economic variables listed on page 64. Of these variables, the GNP deflator and straight-time wage index are nominal quantities; the money supply is a potential contributor to variations in nominal aggregate demand; and the remaining variables are all deflated and are supposed to be measures of real economic activity.

The period consists of 84 quarterly observations of residuals of each series from a second order autoregression. The filtered series were filled out with enough zeroes to bring the series up to 100 observations, so that the periodogram ordinates were calculated at the 51 frequencies  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/T$ ,  $j=0,1,\dots,50$ , where  $T=100$ . For the purpose of hypothesis

1312-10, p. 759. The stock of inventories is formed by cumulating nominal changes in the value of inventories (from *Business Statistics*, 1973) on the base number of the value of the stock of manufacturing and trade inventories at the end of 1949 (from *Business Statistics*, 1973, page 24).

testing,<sup>†</sup> the periodogram vector was averaged over the following four nonoverlapping bands:  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/T$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 11$ ;  $j = 12, \dots, 23$ ;  $j = 27, \dots, 37$ ; and  $j = 38, \dots, 48$ . These four bands are centered at periodicities of  $16\frac{2}{3}$  quarters, 5.88 quarters, 3.125 quarters, and 2.33 quarters, respectively. The first band ranges over periodicities of from 100 to 9.09 quarters and, thus, is the band in which the frequencies composing the business cycle lie. We have omitted from the bands the seasonal periodicities of four and two quarters and also one frequency on either side of the seasonal. This accounts for the missing ordinates  $j = 24, 25, 26$ , and  $j = 49, 50$ .

Unobservable index models were fit to the five sets of variables listed in Table 4. Summaries of results are contained in Tables 5 through 14. Set 1 includes six real variables plus the GNP deflator. Since there is only one nominal variable, one might expect — according to Lucas' theory — that a one-index model would fit well. The summary statistics in Tables 5 and 6 show that a one-index model fits fairly well in terms of high coherences of a single index with unemployment, real GNP, plant and equipment investment, consumption, and profits. Low coherences with the one-index are attained by the GNP deflator and residential construction. However, according to the formal chi-square tests, a one-index model is soundly rejected with a .024 marginal significance level in favor of more than one index; the one-index hypothesis is even more soundly rejected against the two-index hypothesis.<sup>‡</sup> However, the formal chi-square tests point to acceptance of the two-index hypothesis at sizable marginal significance levels of .732 (two indexes versus greater than two) and .355 (two indexes versus three). Notice that the coherences of a number of the real variables with the indexes experience substantial increases with the introduction of the second index. Thus, the second index cannot be interpreted as a purely nominal one here, though its introduction does help explain the GNP deflator somewhat.

Set 2 adds inventory investment to the seven variables in Set 1. A one-index model delivers fairly high coherences for all variables except

<sup>†</sup>Over a band of  $m$  periodogram ordinates at frequencies  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/T$ , we form  $S_y$  according to (11); that is

$$\hat{S}_y = \frac{T}{m} \sum y(\omega_j) y'(\omega_j)$$

where  $y(\omega_j)$  is the  $(9 \times 1)$  vector of periodogram ordinates of the whitened  $y$ 's at  $\omega_j$ . Since the rank of  $y(\omega_j) y'(\omega_j)$  is one, the rank of  $\hat{S}_y$  is at most  $m$ . Our computations require  $\hat{S}_y$  to be invertible, which requires taking  $m \geq 9$ . This consideration explains why we have used only four nonoverlapping bands, since we have only 50 periodogram ordinates.

<sup>‡</sup>The test of one index against two indexes is an ordinary likelihood ratio test, since the one-index model is a restriction of the two-index model. In particular in the odd-numbered of Tables 5-13 and the even-numbered of Tables 16-20, the test statistic for  $k_1$  indexes vs.  $k_2$  indexes can be obtained as the difference between the  $\chi^2$  statistics reported in the "overall index" row in the  $k_1$  index and the  $k_2$  index columns. The degrees of freedom of the resulting statistic are given by the difference between the degrees of freedom of the two statistics being differenced.

inventory investment, residential construction, and the GNP deflator. Introduction of the second and third indexes raises the coherences with the indexes of these three variables and the rest of the real variables as well. According to the chi-square tests, the one-index model is rejected. At conventional confidence levels, the two-index model is rejected versus more than two indexes at the important business cycle frequencies and is rejected overall versus three indexes. On the other hand, the two-index model fits well for most real variables.

The third set adds the money wage index to the variables in Set 2. Here again, a one-index attains high coherences for all of the real variables except residential construction and inventory investment. Introduction of the second index generally raises across-the-board coherences with the indexes. The most dramatic effect of introducing the third index is to generate substantial increases in the coherences with the indexes attained by the GNP deflator and the wage index, giving the third index some claim to be interpreted as the nominal index predicted by Lucas' theory. Modifying the interpretation of the third index as purely nominal are the rises in coherences of inventory investment, unemployment, and profits that follow introduction of the third index. The chi-square statistics point to rejection of the one- and two-index models.

The fourth set includes the money supply along with the GNP deflator and a set of our real variables. Again, a one-index model fits well for a subset of our real variables, though it delivers low coherence with the GNP deflator, the money supply, and residential construction. Introducing the second index raises the coherences attained by inventory investment, plant and equipment, and consumption as well as the GNP deflator and the money supply. The main effect of introducing the third index is to produce substantial increases in the coherences attained by the money supply and the price level. This is consistent with the existence of a purely nominal index with which substantial portions of the variance in money and the GNP deflator are associated. As with the third set, however, this interpretation must be modified somewhat by the tendency of several of our real variables — notably inventory investment, residential construction, and corporate profits — to experience moderate increases in coherence with the introduction of the third index.

Set 5 excludes inventory investment but includes money. Here, introducing the second index again is associated with higher coherences for a number of real variables. And again, introduction of the third index sees a sharp rise in coherences attained by money and the GNP deflator, though some real variables also experience some moderate increases in their coherences with the index; namely, residential construction, consumption, and unemployment.

It is noteworthy that a one-index model delivers generally high coherences for unemployment, GNP, plant and equipment investment, consumption, and corporate profits and that the coherence of residential construction with the first index is not high. This finding is consistent with casual

observations that residential construction behaved in a stabilizing or a-cyclical fashion during much of the post-war period.

We have also estimated index models for sets of monthly data extending over the period 1950:1 — 1970:12. Table 15 shows three sets of variables to be studied here. The data are average weekly hours, layoffs, manhours, the overall unemployment rate, the industrial production index, retail sales, net business formation, new orders for durables, an industrial materials price index, the wholesale price index, and the money supply (demand deposits plus currency).<sup>†</sup> Of these variables, two are price indexes; one — the money supply — is a variate widely alleged to help determine nominal aggregate demand; retail sales and new orders for durables are undeflated and thus are nominal measures of activity; the remaining variables are deflated and so correspond to measures of real economic activity. The period consists of 252 filtered observations (residuals from a fifth order autoregression) which we extended to 288 observations by filling out with zeroes. We calculated the periodogram ordinates at the 145 frequencies  $2\pi j/T, j=0, 1, \dots, 144$ . For the purpose of hypothesis testing the periodogram vector  $y(\omega)$  of the whitened vector  $y_t$  was averaged over the following six nonoverlapping bands:  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/T, j=1, \dots, 22; j=26, \dots, 46; j=50, \dots, 70; j=74, \dots, 94; j=98, \dots, 118; j=122, \dots, 142$ . These six bands are centered at periodicities of 26.2, 8, 4.8, 3.4, 2.67, and 2.18 months, respectively. The first band ranges over frequencies from 288 months to 13.1 months and, thus, is the band composing the business cycle. We have omitted the seasonal periodicities and also one ordinate on each side of the seasonal periodicities. This accounts for the missing ordinates  $j=23, 24, 25, 47, 48, 49, 71, 72, 73, 95, 96, 97, 119, 120, 121, 143,$  and 144.

The results are summarized in Tables 16-21. Set 1 includes all the variables except money. The one-index model bears very low marginal significance levels. However, it delivers high coherences for all of the real variables except business formation, moderate coherences for retail sales and new orders, and low coherences for the price indexes. Adding a second index raises the marginal significance levels, though they are still quite low. But adding the second index results in high multiple coherences for the two prices and retail sales and new orders as well. The coherences for the other real variables remain about as they were with one-index. This pattern of coherences, with most real variables attaining high coherence with a single index, nominal variates attaining high coherence with the addition of a second index, is roughly consistent with the existence of neutral fluctuations in price level — non-zero  $n_t - \hat{n}_t$  in our version of the Lucas model.

<sup>†</sup>The money supply data are the most recent revision of M1 (not seasonally adjusted) available from the *Federal Reserve Bulletin*. The other series are all published in *Business Conditions Digest* (BCD). They are average weekly hours (BCD series #1), layoff rate (BCD #3), manhours (48), unemployment rate (43), industrial production index (47), retail sales (54), index of net business formation (12), new orders of durable goods (6), spot price of industrial materials (23), and wholesale price index (58).

Set 2 deletes the materials price index from Set 1. The pattern of results is identical with that of Set 1.

Set 3 adds money to the variables in Set 1. The pattern of results is the same as in Set 1, with money having low coherence with both the first and second indexes. As before, the second factor seems to be a nominal one, but one with which money is not highly correlated.

In summary, several features of these results are worth commenting on. First, there is something of an anomaly between the quarterly and monthly results in that the money supply does not appear to be tied in with the second nominal index in the monthly data, although the GNP deflator and money supply both experience large increases in coherence with the introduction of the third index in Sets 4 and 5 of our quarterly computations.

It seems fair to conclude that one index is not enough in any of our experiments, though one-index models tend to fit well for an important subset of real variables. Especially in the monthly data, but also to some extent in the quarterly data, we have spotted a tendency for one index to resemble a “neutral price level” index, as predicted by Lucas' model and also by some of the other models described earlier. The overall impression left by our results is that low-order index models do fit well, though one index does not seem adequate.

#### Example of an application of observable-index models.

In the example we are about to discuss, an observable-index model is fit to a five-variable system of quarterly data on money ( $M$ ), a price index ( $P$ ), a “demand-pressure” variable ( $C$ ), the unemployment rate ( $U$ ), and wage index ( $W$ ).<sup>†</sup> The sample period is 1949:III — 1971:IV, deliberately chosen to allow a substantial period of out-of-sample projections.

The equation actually estimated is obtained by inverting (13) to yield

$$(23) \quad D^{-1}*(I-a*c)*y = e.$$

We have taken  $c(s) = 0$  for  $s > 2$ ,  $D^{-1}(s) = 0$  for  $s > 2$ , and  $D^{-1}*a(s) = 0$  for  $s > 3$ . These are just limits on lengths of lag of the type necessary in any dynamic modeling. They make (23) a constrained fifth order autoregression. To keep the estimation process relatively simple, we take  $a(0) = 0$ , though as we shall see, the data seem not to support this convenient assumption. We have used only one-index versions of the

<sup>†</sup>Precise definitions and sources for the data are as follows:  $M$ : Currency plus demand deposits (Source: *Business Statistics*, 1973).  $P$ : Implicit deflator of non-farm business and household product calculated as a ratio of nominal to “real” values (Source: Tables 1.7 and 1.8 of the *National Income Accounts*).  $C$ : Unfilled orders for durable goods/total shipments (Source: *Business Statistics*, 1973).  $U$ : Unemployment rate (total) (Source: *Business Statistics*, 1973).  $W$ : Employee compensation in non-farm business product (Source: *Business Conditions Digest*, June, 1972). The latter four series were originally chosen as rough approximations to four series appearing in the “price” and “wage” equations of the FRB model. Particularly in the case of  $C$ , this approximation was even rougher than intended, as the corresponding variable in the FRB model is unfilled orders of producers durables/shipments of producer's durables.

model. Obviously,  $a$  and  $c$  can be multiplied and divided by the same constant without affecting the form of the autoregression. This problem could be taken care of by normalizing  $c_i(0)$  for some  $i$ . But if the order of lags in  $a$  and  $c$  were unconstrained, we would need to normalize the whole function  $c_i$  to obtain identification, because we could replace  $a$  and  $c$  by  $a^*g$  and  $g^{-1}c$  for any scalar  $g$  with one-sided inverse without disturbing  $(T)$ . Since our constraints on lag length are arbitrary, we normalize some  $c_i$  to be of the form  $c_i(0) = 1$ ,  $c_i(s) = 0$ ,  $s \neq 0$ . This normalization is not innocuous; there is a non-trivial subclass of index models which cannot be normalized this way. However, normalizations which do not, like this one, bring in unwanted restrictions, are difficult to implement.<sup>†</sup>

Some of the conclusions developed in the model seem solid, in part because they are non-controversial. For example, as one would have expected on the basis of the work by Nelson [102], and Cooper and Nelson [16], but perhaps not on the basis of Pierce's recent work [119],<sup>‡</sup> there are significant cross-relations among these five series, and they are of economically plausible form. Also, the restrictions implicit in the one-dimensional unobservable-index form, which reduce the 125 parameters of the 5-variable general fifth order autoregression to 42, are not strongly in conflict with the data.

On the other hand, the model appears without "coaching" in the form of *a priori* constraints to generate conclusions with interesting economic interpretations. Money is strictly exogenous relative to the rest of the system. "Phillips curve" relations between wage or prices and unemployment arise largely from the common response of these variables to money. Money affects unemployment fairly promptly, and the effect then decays over the course of two years. "Surprise" changes in prices or wages reduce unemployment but only for about a year. Prices and wages respond more slowly and permanently to money. These conclusions have a monetarist ring, but the length of the lag in the response of real variables in the system to innovations ("surprise changes") in money appears to leave more room for discretionary monetary policy than is implied by some recent classical rational expectations macroeconomic models.<sup>§</sup>

<sup>†</sup>By requiring that there be a one-sided  $k \times n$   $g$  such that  $g^*a$  is the identity and that  $c^*y$  be serially uncorrelated, or equivalently, that  $a(t)c^*y$  be the one-step-ahead forecast error (innovation) in  $a^*c^*y$ , we would fix  $a$  and  $c$  up to multiplication by a fixed  $k \times k$  unitary matrix. This normalization would avoid unwanted restrictions, but appears difficult to implement.

<sup>‡</sup>Nelson [102] and Cooper and Nelson [16] show that for some series, univariate autoregressions provide better out-of-sample projections than multivariate models of the standard type, but there are some series for which standard multivariate models do provide better out-of-sample projections. Pierce examines all possible bivariate relations among a group of financial sector variables. Though there are significant relations among many of Pierce's series, he emphasizes that the number of pairings of series within this sector for which no statistically significant relation is detectable is unexpectedly high.

<sup>§</sup>In particular, models which generate a Phillips curve entirely from "information delays," like the Lucas model discussed earlier in this paper, make such long lags in response to  $M$ -innovations unlikely, if  $M$  indeed is tightly related to aggregate demand. It should be pointed

This latter set of conclusions is discussed in this paper only to show that results from "non-structural" models of this type may be open to some interesting economic interpretations. They are illustrative of a methodological point and are not meant to be treated as firmly established empirical results — for several reasons. Most important of these reasons is the fact that some obvious experiments on the list of variables included in the model have not been carried out. One might suspect, for example, that the strong effects of money on real variables in this system, and money's exogeneity as well, might not persist in a system which included GNP. A comparison (discussed below) of this five-variable system with an observable-index model which omits money from the system illustrates how important the variable-list can be in interpreting results from these systems.

Another reason for not treating the empirical results as firmly established is the fact that some tests for specification error of general form accept the null hypothesis of correct specification only in the somewhat uncomfortable 5-10 percent range of marginal significance levels. And finally, this system is estimated using seasonally adjusted data without special measures of the type we ordinarily employ<sup>†</sup> to take account of this source of possible bias.

Table 1 displays the estimated  $D^{-1}a$ ,  $c$ , and  $D$  lag distributions for (3), together with their asymptotic standard errors.<sup>‡</sup>

While it is difficult to tell much about the dynamics of the estimated system from Table 22 directly, one can reach some conclusions by looking for zeroes in the table. Thus, the strongly significant  $D(s)$  estimates indicate that every residual in (23) is serially correlated. The fact that some  $a$  and  $c$  coefficients are more than twice their standard errors indicates that there are statistically significant cross-variable effects in the data. One can also make some inferences about which variables would be plausibly treated as exogenous in the system by looking for statistically insignificant  $a$ 's. From this table it would appear plausible that money, unemployment, and demand pressure are all exogenous, in the sense that feedback from other variables into them is statistically insignificant. However, before reaching a conclusion on this it is important to see (as we shall below) how much feedback into these variables from others is implied by the point estimates.

out that models which introduce costs of adjustment may reproduce the policy conclusions of the Lucas model without the implication that response to aggregate demand innovations should be short-lived. Also, money stock might not be a good index of aggregate demand.

<sup>†</sup>Note that for the unobservable-index models we have been able conveniently to exclude seasonal bands from the data, which should minimize seasonal bias.

<sup>‡</sup>Estimates were obtained by maximum likelihood, conditional on the observations on  $y$  for the five initial periods 1948:II — 1949:II. Though this is not strictly a maximum likelihood procedure (it ignores information about parameters available in the initial observations), it is asymptotically equivalent to maximum likelihood. Natural logarithms were taken of all variables and linear trends then removed by least squares for each variable before the observable-index model was fit.

Variables for which the corresponding row of  $c$  vanishes are "passive" — they may be affected by other variables in the system, but their own residuals do not feed back into the determination of other variables. It appears from the table that a null hypothesis of passivity might be accepted for price and demand pressure.

The reasonableness and possible economic mechanisms of the model's dynamics can be assessed by examining the model's response to "innovations" in each of the five variables. The innovation in an element of a vector stochastic process is the difference between the element's current value and the best forecast of the current value available last period — the one-step ahead forecast error.<sup>†</sup> Thus Panel A of Table 23, for example, displays the response of the estimated system to a unit upward "surprise" in the money variable. Because the system implies that residuals are serially correlated, the initial-period unit surprise in money generates a sustained smooth rise and slow fall in money, rather than a quick return to zero. One could of course trace out instead the system response to a unit disturbance in money with an immediate return to zero or with the disturbance fixed indefinitely at the unit level, but these would give less reliable pictures of the dynamics. What Table 23 displays are responses to *typical* patterns of deviation from trend for each variable. For money it is clear that a unit deviation from trend followed by immediate return to the trend value would be atypical. Since such a pattern of behavior for money is rare or non-existent in the historical period, the model's tracing of the effects of such a pattern is likely to be unreliable.<sup>‡</sup>

To pick out one interesting pattern of results, note that Panels B and E of Table 23 show that surprise increases in price or wage generate a response in unemployment of the type which might be predicted by a rational expectations theory of the Phillips curve: an initial drop in unemployment, followed a year later by a rise in unemployment above trend of roughly the same order of magnitude. The year-long persistence of the initial effect is perhaps greater than would be expected on the basis of classical rational expectations models without costs of adjustment, but it is certainly weaker than would be suggested by policy discussions that assume that the vertical Phillips curve is always five or more years in the future. Furthermore, Panel D shows that an unemployment innovation has no damping effect on prices or wages (what effect it has is positive). This could mean that surprise changes in unemployment reflect

<sup>†</sup>The notion of an "innovation," we should note, is tied to theory based only on first and second moments or else to an assumption of normality. In general it is not true that the only information about  $y_t$  available from observing previous values of  $y_t$  concerns the mean of  $y_t$ ; thus, in a general stochastic system one could not do what we do here: discuss the response to a "shock" without reference to the initial state of the system.

<sup>‡</sup>This point is a special case of a generally applicable point: any kind of statistical model can give unreliable projections for inputs of historically unprecedented form. The point has been made before by others but bears repetition.

supply-side influences not related to the standard Phillips curve mechanism. For example, unemployment innovations might reflect shifts in composition of the labor force or adjustment to downward shifts in supply of non-labor inputs.

Going back to Panel A, however, we see a pattern of covariation much more consistent with the existence of an exploitable Phillips curve. An upward innovation in money generates a long-sustained drop in unemployment accompanied by an even longer-sustained rise in prices and wages, leaving the real wage roughly constant. At least over this sample period, the model suggests that expansionary monetary policy did produce sustained decreases in unemployment together with sustained rises in wages and prices. Of course any reasonable modeling of expectation-formation is likely to suggest, as does the rational expectations formulation, that the form of the response to policy depends on the nature of the policy, so that Panel A might not be a reliable tool for policy projection if policies ended up systematically different from what they were in the sample period. Nonetheless, the persistent effect of money-innovations in Panel A definitely implies either that expectations are not rational, that there are important sources of lags other than information delays,<sup>†</sup> or that the model estimated here is very mistaken.

Now to cast the proper amount of doubt on these interpretations right away, consider Table 24, which reports results analogous to those of Table 23, Panel E for a model fit to the same sample period but excluding the money variable from the system. Comparing Table 24 with Panel E of Table 23, we see that the deviation from trend in the wage itself generated by a wage innovation is more rapidly damped in the five-variable system, that the effect of the wage on  $C$ , the demand pressure variable, is much larger in the four-variable system, and that the "expectational Phillips curve" behavior shown in Panel E is not present in Table 24. In fact, in results not displayed here, one can see that no innovation in the four variable model generates the kind of persistent negative covariation in wage and unemployment which appears in Panel A of Table 23.

From the point of view of the larger model, it is easy to explain the large differences between the two sets of results — the "innovations" in the smaller model are not subject to the same economic interpretation as those in the larger model because a substantial part of the "forecast errors" in the smaller model are predictable from knowledge of past values of the money variable. (The sum of squared residuals for wage, for example, is 30 percent smaller for the five-variable system.) This is only an illustration of the theoretical point made earlier: that innovations and the system's typical responses to them will not remain fixed under changes in the list of variables unless all non-passive variables remain in the system. Clearly in this case money is non-passive. However, it seems quite likely that in a system which included some direct measure

<sup>†</sup>And let us repeat here that if lags arise from costs of adjustment, rational expectations models can be consistent with slow response of real variables to policy innovations.

of aggregate current activity, such as GNP, that measure would not be passive, and the results of Table 23 could undergo substantial changes.

To assess the amount of cross-dependence in the system, it is useful to ask what proportion of the variance of  $k$ -step-ahead forecast errors in one variable is accounted for by innovations in each of the other variables, allowing  $k$  to take on different values. As  $k$  approaches infinity, the variance of the  $k$ -step-ahead forecast error approaches the variance of the series itself. Table 25 reports these computations.<sup>†</sup> Over a one-year horizon, each variable is explained primarily by its own innovation, though the wage has substantial contributions from prices and unemployment. Over a four-year horizon, the bulk of the explanation for price and wage movements has shifted to other variables, the leading role being played by money, though unemployment contributes non-negligible explanation as well. The two real variables, unemployment and demand pressure, are explained primarily by their own innovations over all horizons, with some non-negligible explanatory power at time horizons greater than a year attributed to other variables. Money at all time horizons is explained almost entirely (more than 97 percent of variance) by its own innovations, which is to say that it is sharply causally prior in Granger's sense.

In light of Table 25, it might be interesting to test the hypotheses that money is exogenous, that unemployment is exogenous, and that wages and prices are passive. Only the first of these has been tested. The test is executed by estimating the model subject to the constraint that the row of  $a$  corresponding to money is zero, then using the computed constrained likelihood maximum to generate a likelihood ratio test. The test statistic, asymptotically distributed as  $\chi^2(3)$ , is .63, which corresponds to a marginal significance level greater than .50.

It is also interesting to test the very strong constraint on the system that all elements of  $a$  and  $c$  be zero. In this form, the system becomes a set of univariate third-order autoregressions, so that no cross-variable effects are allowed. For this null hypothesis, the likelihood ratio statistic is 44.34 and is asymptotically distributed as  $\chi^2(27)$ . The hypothesis is therefore rejected at a marginal significance level between .01 and .02.

We might ask whether an unconstrained autoregression of the same order as our equation (23) (fifth-order in this case) fits substantially better than the index model. The likelihood ratio test statistic for this hypothesis is 89.7 with 73 degrees of freedom. This allows rejection of the index-model constraint at a marginal significance level of about .09. This latter result probably should leave us willing to use the index-model but should make us a little uncomfortable about doing so.<sup>‡</sup>

The form of index-model we have fit requires that  $a(0)$  be zero, that is,

<sup>†</sup>The coefficients in Table 23 are the coefficients of the moving average representation of  $y$ . The numbers in Table 25 are obtained by taking sums of squares of the coefficients in Table 23 over the relevant horizon, weighting each panel by the variance of the corresponding innovations.

<sup>‡</sup>Subsequent experiments with systems including GNP show that in such systems, one-observable-index models are sharply rejected.

that  $z$  have no contemporaneous effects on  $y$ , so that current innovations are uncorrelated. The general form of index model makes no such restriction and is only slightly more complicated to fit. Table 28 shows the matrix of cross-correlations among the residuals from the fitted model. Treating 90 times the sum of squares of off-diagonal elements in that matrix as  $\chi^2(10)$  yields a test statistic of 16.9, whose marginal significance level is about 8 percent. However, the row of correlations corresponding to the wage is clearly large, and the test statistic for that row alone would be 14.17, which as a  $\chi^2(4)$  statistic has a marginal significance level of less than .01. Since the non-zero covariances are concentrated in a single row, there is some prospect that they have a form which could be accommodated by a one-dimensional observable-index model with  $\alpha(0) \neq 0$ , but it seems quite unlikely that the model actually fit to the data is correct in assuming no contemporaneous correlations.

Three types of test for the stability of the model over time were carried out. In one the sample was split between 1959 and 1960 and the model fit separately to each half-sample. The likelihood-ratio test for the null hypothesis that both halves of the sample were the same was 28.30, which is asymptotically  $\chi^2(42)$ .<sup>†</sup> In another test the model was used to predict the period immediately following the same period (that is, beginning in 1972:1). It appears that 1972:1 was an unusual quarter, at least from this model's perspective: the residual for the money supply was more than six standard deviations, and that for the wage was 3.8 standard deviations. Since, as we have seen, it appears that the model ought to allow positive contemporaneous correlation in wage and money residuals, these two bad residuals probably reflect the same phenomenon, a dramatic shift in the pattern of behavior of money, which the model projects as a pure autoregression. Whether or not the structure of the model conditional on money shifted remains an open question.

It is also of some interest to look at projections made far out of the sample period, to see how badly the model behaves in the recent period of recession. As can be seen from Table 26, the model predicts, using data through 1975:1, an unemployment rate peaking at 9.2 percent in the first quarter of 1976 and price deflation beginning in the first quarter of 1976. Part of the reason for this forecast appears to be that money is predicted to be expanded at only a 2 percent annual rate during 1975. Inserting actual data for money in the second quarter of 1975 (but no for other variables) results in the projections in Table 27. Now the unemployment rate peaks at 9.1 percent in the 1975:II and III, and the price index remains roughly constant through 1977:1. Whether one regard these projections as bad enough to cast doubt on the usefulness of model of this type or instead as surprisingly reasonable for a model applied without refitting to a period so far outside of its sample period is a matter of judgment. Probably that judgment ought to be reserved, in any case

<sup>†</sup>However, residual variances appear to be larger in the earlier part of the sample, which probably biases the sample-split test in favor of the null hypothesis.



until similar exercises can be carried out with a variable list correcting some of the glaring omissions from this model's list of variables.

Table 1  
Graphs of Coherence of Economic Variables

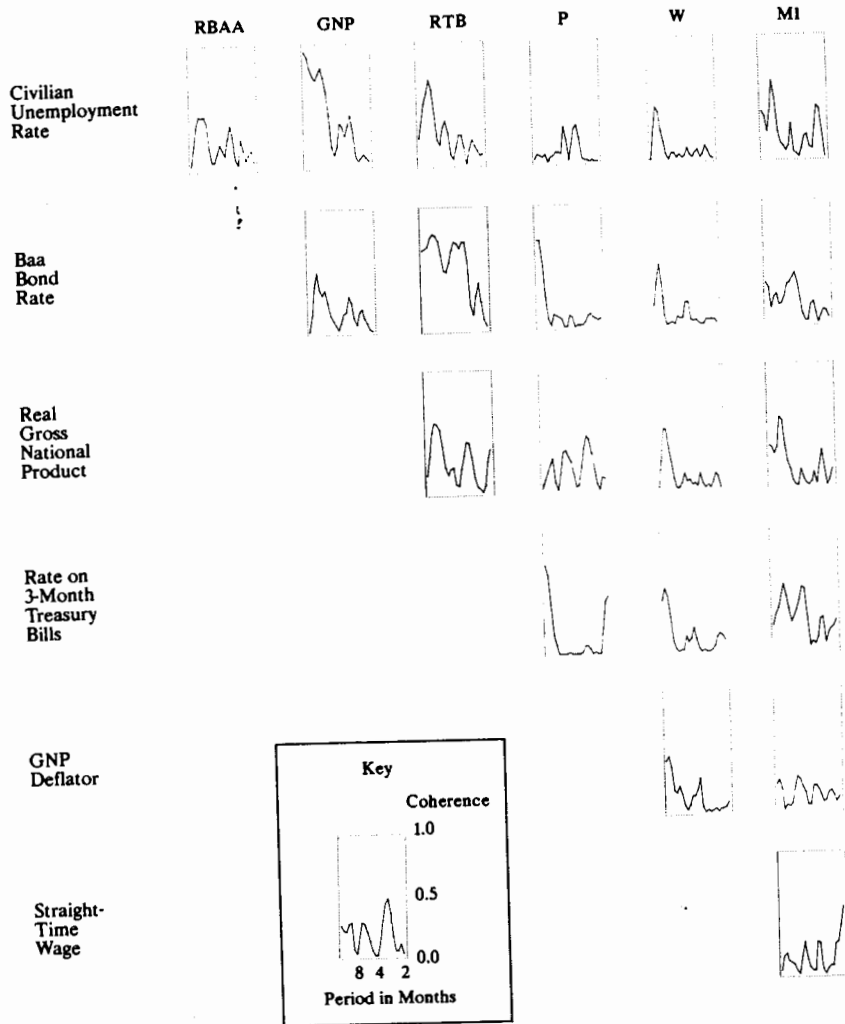


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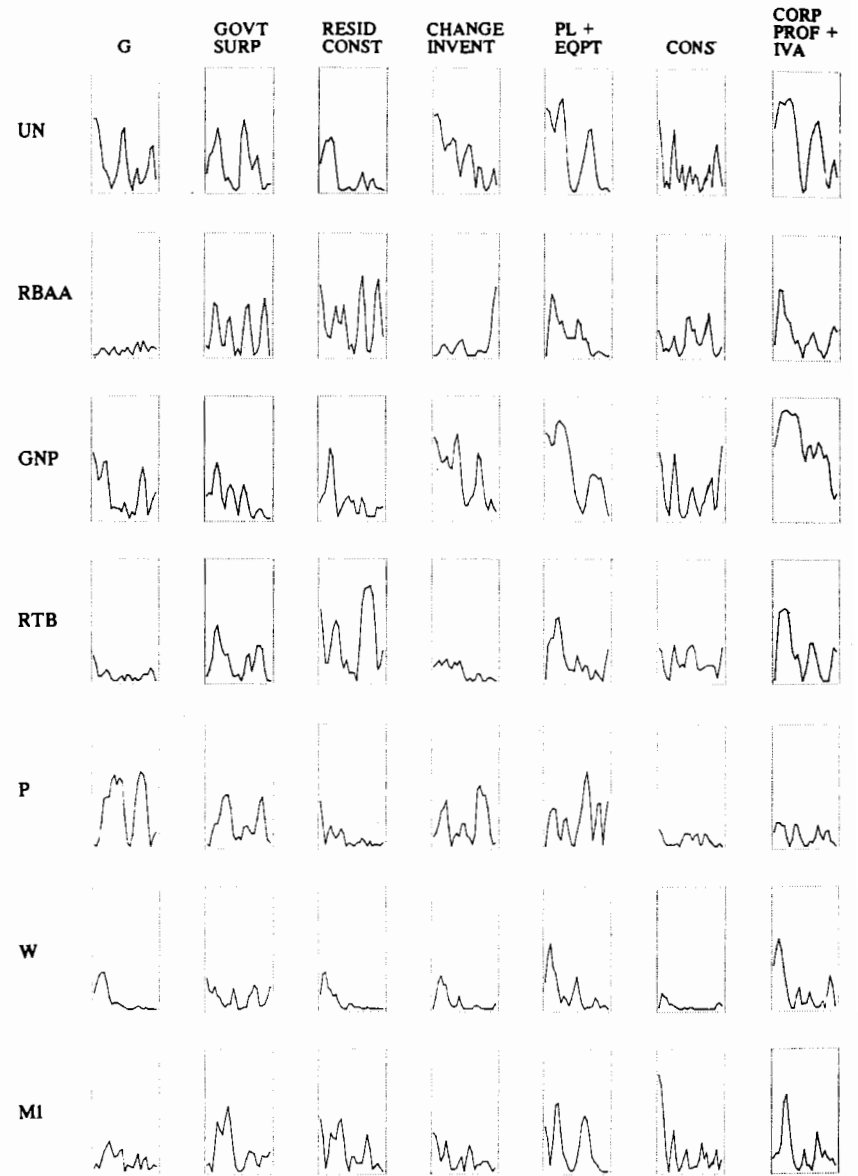


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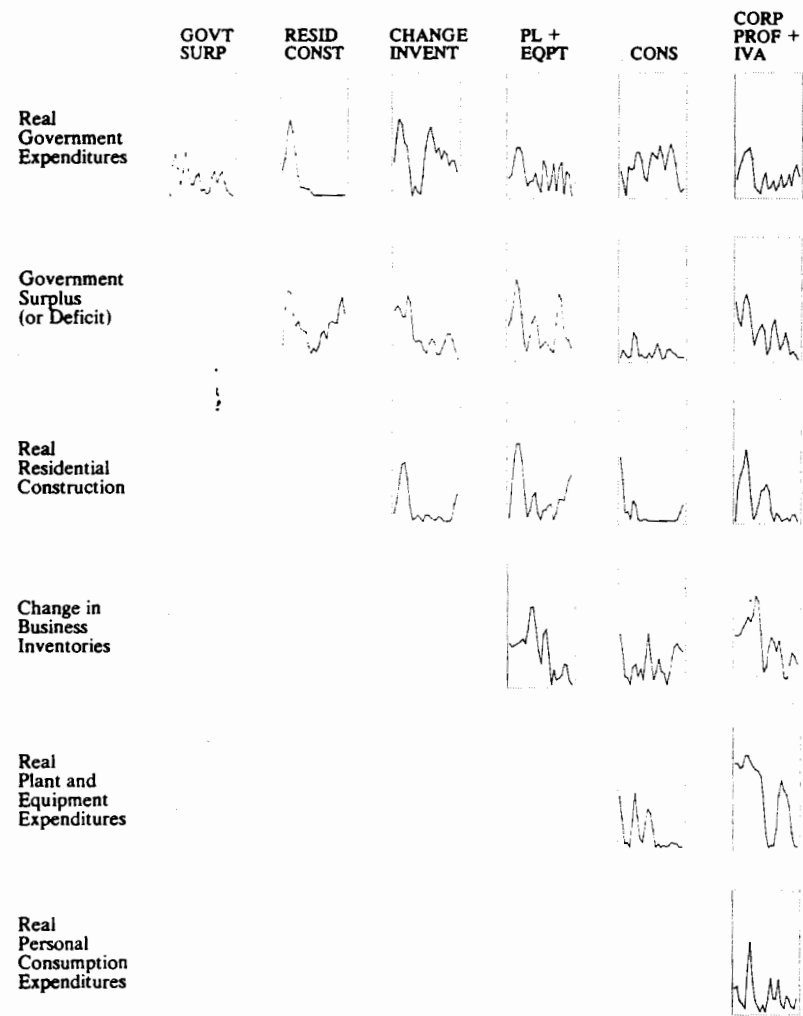


Table 1a  
Graphs of Coherence Of Economic Variables  
(Monthly Data)

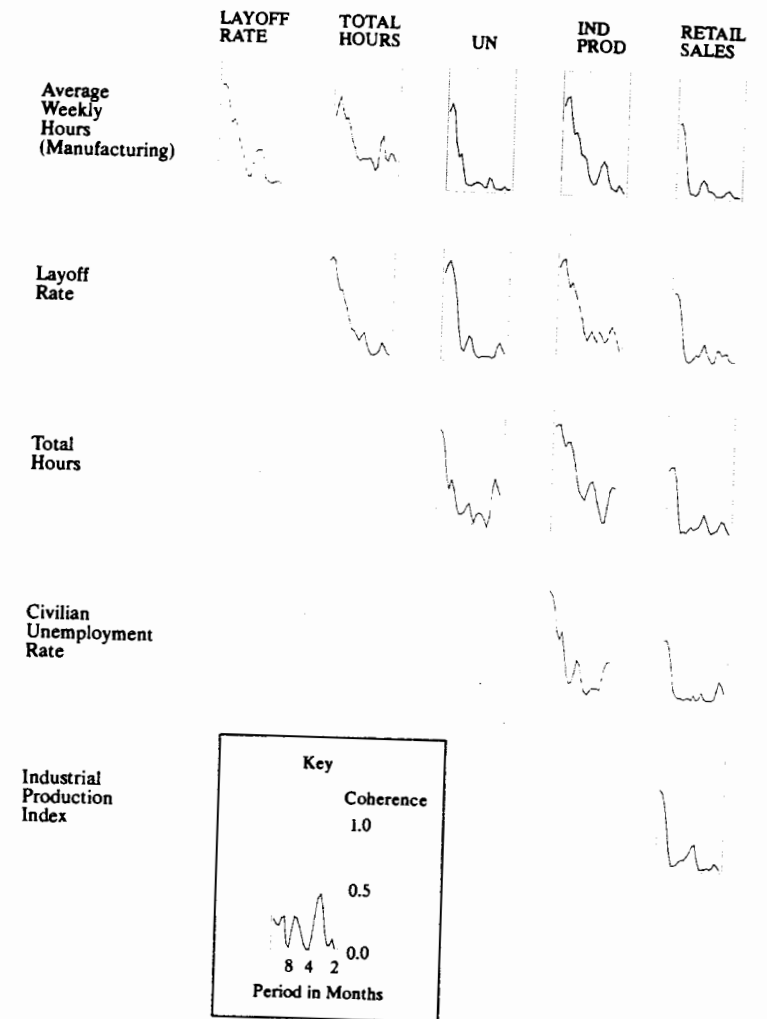


Table 1a (continued)

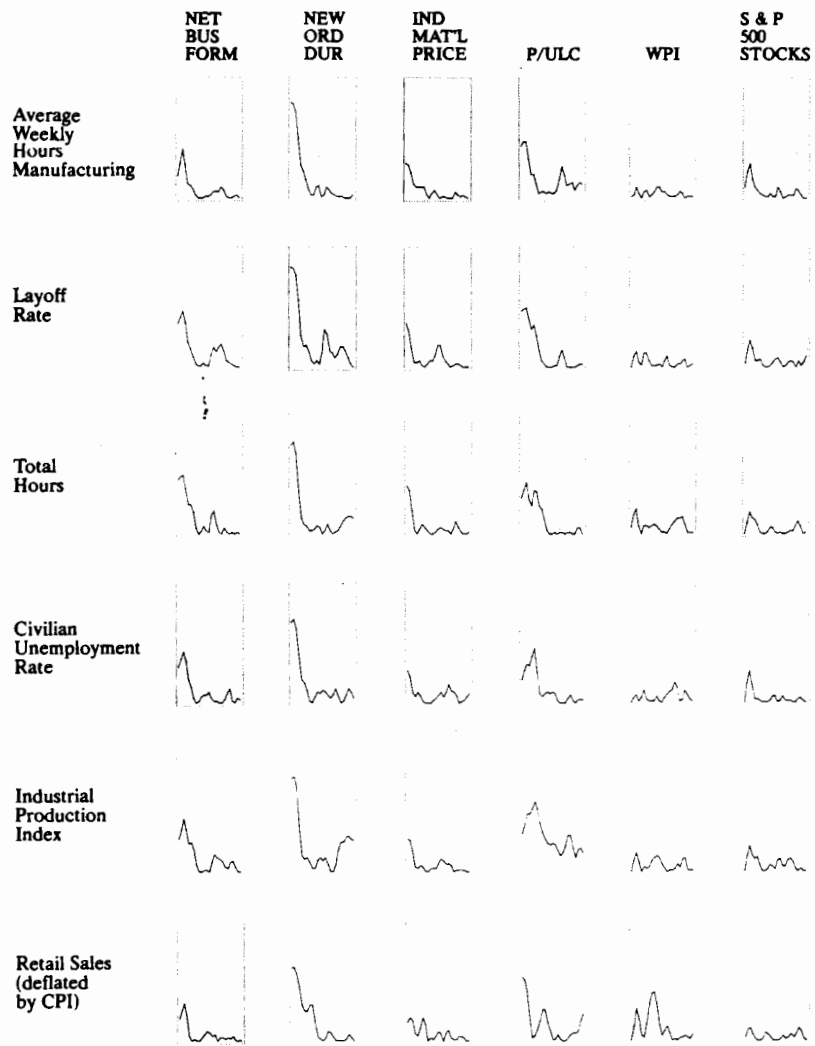


Table 1a (continued)

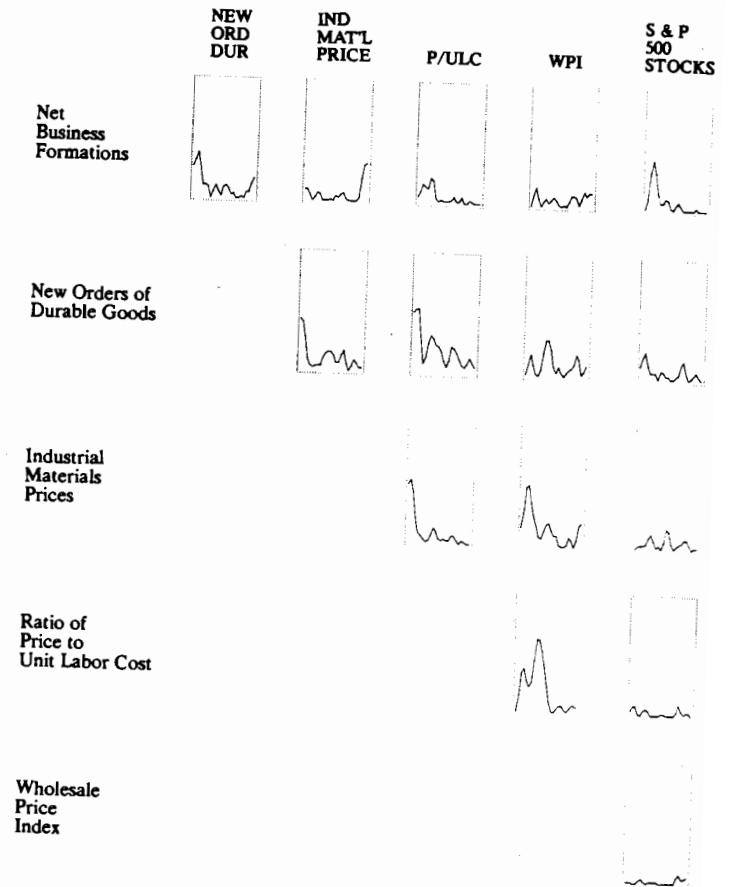


Table 2  
Ninety-Five Percent Confidence Intervals with  
89 Observations and 24 Frequency Points<sup>†</sup>

Coherence	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Width
.050	.000	.408	.408
.100	.000	.482	.482
.150	.000	.539	.539
.200	.000	.586	.586
.250	.000	.628	.627
.300	.007	.665	.658
.350	.023	.699	.677
.400	.046	.731	.685
.450	.076	.760	.684
.500	.115	.788	.673
.550	.161	.813	.652
.600	.216	.838	.622
.650	.279	.861	.582
.700	.351	.884	.533
.750	.432	.905	.473
.800	.524	.925	.402
.850	.625	.945	.320
.900	.738	.964	.226
.950	.863	.982	.120

<sup>†</sup>Calculated for a Parzen window using the method described by Jenkins and Watts [66].

Table 3  
Ninety-Five Percent Confidence Intervals with  
267 Observations and 24 Frequency Points<sup>†</sup>

Coherence	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
.050	.000	.237
.100	.001	.313
.150	.011	.376
.200	.030	.431
.250	.057	.481
.300	.090	.527
.350	.128	.570
.400	.171	.612
.450	.219	.651
.500	.270	.688
.550	.326	.724
.600	.386	.758
.650	.449	.792
.700	.516	.824
.750	.588	.855
.800	.662	.886
.850	.741	.916
.900	.824	.944
.950	.910	.973

<sup>†</sup>Calculated for a Parzen window using the method described by Jenkins and Watts [66].

Table 4  
Quarterly Sets

Set	UN <sup>†</sup>	GNP	P	RESID CONST	PL · EQPT	CHANGE INVENT	CONS	CORP PROF IVA	W	M1
1	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
5	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X

<sup>†</sup>Abbreviations defined p. 69.

Table 5: Set 1

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(29)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(18)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(9)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-11	51.349	.006	24.587	.137	8.514	.483
12-23	33.355	.264	13.304	.773	5.851	.755
27-37	34.938	.207	13.284	.774	4.691	.860
38-48	28.455	.494	13.043	.789	6.611	.678
Overall Test (k index vs. greater than k)	$\chi^2(116) = 148.10$	.024	$\chi^2(72) = 64.22$	.732	$\chi^2(36) = 25.67$	.899
	One Index Versus Two $\chi^2(44) = 83.88$	.000	Two Index Versus Three $\chi^2(36) = 38.55$	.355		

Table 6: Set 1

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LRES CONST	VAR. NO. 5 LPL + EOPT
.1200PI	.78370	.91934	.29332	.32758	.78776
.3500PI	.48613	.85538	.36786E-01	.11309	.63614
.6400PI	.55152	.78301	.32358	.12967E-02	.27107
.8600PI	.11436	.21531	.26897	.66787E-01	1.0000
OVERALL	.77624	.91386	.28471	.31648	.77093
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LCONS	VAR. NO. 7 LCORP + IVA			
.1200PI	.76149	.88873			
.3500PI	.62166	.95026			
.6400PI	.96406E-01	.69800			
.8600PI	.16994	.20270			
OVERALL	.72462	.88524			

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LRES CONST	VAR. NO. 5 LPL + EOPT
.1200PI	.98485	.93673	.47619	.53780	.93073
.3500PI	.71306	.99295	.35624	.12585	.70144
.6400PI	.78268	.94215	.84598	.43643E-01	.62936
.8600PI	.10115	1.0000	1.0000	.22811	.46020
OVERALL	.97780	.93887	.47808	.51779	.91057

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LCONS	VAR. NO. 7 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	.93970	.84712
.3500PI	.65630	1.0000
.6400PI	.15075	.80157
.8600PI	.46621	.43703
OVERALL	.89795	.85239

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LRES CONST	VAR. NO. 5 LPL + EOPT
.1200PI	.93353	1.0000	.60865	.65944	.89664
.3500PI	.89822	.94376	1.0000	.22058	.78552
.6400PI	.78151	.88912	1.0000	.85556E-01	1.0000
.8600PI	.32139	.93518	.83527	1.0000	.74006
OVERALL	.93189	.99715	.62672	.64112	.89227

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LCONS	VAR. NO. 7 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	1.0000	1.0000
.3500PI	.69967	1.0000
.6400PI	.47878	.84016
.8600PI	.56340	.43643
OVERALL	.96248	.99424

Table 7: Set 2

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(41)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(28)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(17)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-11	82.120	.000	47.436	.012	25.939	.076
12-23	35.727	.704	15.234	.976	5.936	.994
27-37	60.420	.026	36.068	.141	10.491	.882
38-48	48.270	.203	20.809	.833	10.896	.862
Overall Test (k index vs. greater than k)	$\chi^2(164) = 226.54$	.001	$\chi^2(112) = 119.55$	.295	$\chi^2(68) = 53.26$	.905
	One Index Versus Two $\chi^2(52) = 106.99$	.000	Two Index Versus Three $\chi^2(44) = 66.29$	.0165		

Table 8: Set 2

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LRES CONST	VAR. NO. 5 DLINVENT
.1200PI	.76601	.91670	.29764	.33776	.42573
.3500PI	.48986	.83661	.24663E-01	.11179	.60096
.6400PI	.43802	.89141	.32919	.48048E-02	.40113
.8600PI	.24035E-01	.13436	.50143	.70938E-01	1.0000
OVERALL	.75875	.91115	.28961	.32614	.47138

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 7 LCONS	VAR. NO. 8 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	.79820	.76008	.89265
.3500PI	.62085	.62343	.96922
.6400PI	.19302	.51726E-01	.70238
.8600PI	.92081E-01	.69577	.58472E-01
OVERALL	.77325	.74097	.88900

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LRES CONST	VAR. NO. 5 DLINVENT
.1200PI	.90148	.98622	.53336	.41444	.70812
.3500PI	.72646	.98258	.36105	.12690	.62017
.6400PI	.48313	.58630	.85875	.39676E-01	1.0000
.8600PI	.16151	.97643	.58492	.18413	1.0000
OVERALL	.89620	.98341	.53070	.40031	.74099

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 7 LCONS	VAR. NO. 8 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	.86414	1.0000	.84484
.3500PI	.71062	.66002	1.0000
.6400PI	.94446	.34664	.45260
.8600PI	.42993	.88588	.34648
OVERALL	.85565	.96974	.84551

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LRES CONST	VAR. NO. 5 DLINVENT
.1200PI	.94504	1.0000	.71075	.63642	.92059
.3500PI	.94512	.93671	1.0000	.22718	.68709
.6400PI	.77025	.87281	1.0000	.89276E-01	1.0000
.8600PI	.24052	.87975	1.0000	.21154	1.0000
OVERALL	.94403	.99662	.72483	.61634	.92146

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 7 LCONS	VAR. NO. 8 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	.92071	.94336	.93438
.3500PI	.76661	.70179	1.0000
.6400PI	.87011	.67373	.87538
.8600PI	.53951	.92296	.62440
OVERALL	.90986	.92678	.93526

Table 9: Set 3

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(55)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(40)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(27)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-11	105.748	.000	67.249	.004	34.547	.151
12-23	53.307	.540	26.350	.952	12.028	.994
27-37	79.989	.016	49.817	.137	23.920	.635
38-48	61.948	.242	31.374	.833	16.761	.937
Overall Test (k index vs. greater than k)	$\chi^2(220) = 300.99$	.000	$\chi^2(160) = 174.79$	.201	$\chi^2(108) = 87.25$	.929

One Index  
Versus Two  
 $\chi^2(60) = 126.2$

Two Index  
Versus Three  
 $\chi^2(52) = 87.54$

.000

.0015

Table 10: Set 3

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LSTWAGE	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.77509	.91810	.31796	.51271	.32743
.3500PI	.48011	.82021	.18614E-01	.15817	.10979
.6400PI	.39204	.95734	.32833	.36641	.69882E-02
.8600PI	.24042E-01	.13453	.50131	.32692E-01	.70899E-01
OVERALL	.76731	.91238	.30874	.49270	.31624

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 DLINVENT	VAR. NO. 7 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 8 LCONS	VAR. NO. 9 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	.42085	.79826	.76624	.88046
.3500PI	.59669	.60896	.62216	.98639
.6400PI	.39099	.17932	.51302E-01	.65501
.8600PI	1.0000	.92006E-01	.69573	.58472E-01
OVERALL	.46658	.77244	.74642	.87813

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LSTWAGE	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.90258	.99045	.53649	.59266	.41248
.3500PI	.56502	.92241	.82019	.72116	.25914
.6400PI	.92375	.73190	1.0000	.70701	.10859
.8600PI	.17274	.90935	.58970	.29112	.16818
OVERALL	.89471	.98616	.55068	.59857	.40405

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 DLINVENT	VAR. NO. 7 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 8 LCONS	VAR. NO. 9 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	.69996	.86090	1.0000	.83757
.3500PI	.66302	.64583	.69701	.96479
.6400PI	.43803	.63052	.17149	.59106
.8600PI	1.0000	.47318	.89077	.40514
OVERALL	.70537	.84334	.96927	.83886

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LSTWAGE	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.97059	.98539	.84627	.94573	.51575
.3500PI	.93166	.93932	1.0000	.65799	.22795
.6400PI	.84175	.88231	1.0000	.62999	.10795
.8600PI	.16102	1.0000	.74163	.52856	.19687
OVERALL	.96873	.98321	.85240	.92703	.50110

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 DLINVENT	VAR. NO. 7 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 8 LCONS	VAR. NO. 9 LCORP + IVA
.1200PI	.94892	.89270	.93608	.93845
.3500PI	.68584	.76947	.70169	1.0000
.6400PI	1.0000	.88109	.60435	.79084
.8600PI	1.0000	.57359	.88381	1.0000
OVERALL	.94514	.88452	.91781	.94058

Table 11: Set 4

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(55)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(40)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(27)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-11	107.44	.000	68.62	.003	40.90	.04
12-23	57.86	.370	35.26	.684	19.30	.86
27-37	70.57	.077	41.11	.422	17.00	.93
38-48	71.32	.069	41.09	.423	29.02	.36
Overall Test (k index vs. greater than k)	$\chi^2(220) = 307.18$	.000	$\chi^2(160) = 186.08$	.077	$\chi^2(108) = 106.21$	.531
	One Index Versus Two $\chi^2(60) = 121.1$		Two Index Versus Three $\chi^2(52) = 79.87$			

Table 12: Set 4

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR					
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LMI	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.85058	.98066	.22702	.34549	.23737
.3500PI	.49263	.84227	.27239E-01	.57904E-01	.11352
.6400PI	.46517	.85877	.32817	.35181E-01	.41388E-02
.8600PI	.24038E-01	.13452	.50132	.21303E-01	.70898E-01
OVERALL	.84138	.97229	.22249	.33470	.23074
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 DLINVENT	VAR. NO. 7 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 8 LCONS	VAR. NO. 9 LCORP + IVA	
.1200PI	.41389	.69981	.70199	.84779	
.3500PI	.59968	.62410	.62456	.96326	
.6400PI	.39382	.20973	.53695E-01	.71988	
.8600PI	1.0000	.92012E-01	.69574	.58467E-01	
OVERALL	.46103	.68283	.68868	.84738	
PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS					
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LMI	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.88981	.99999	.56145	.46378	.41987
.3500PI	.73488	.97531	.36832	.10377	.12980
.6400PI	.43944	.58195	.83439	.41961	.37539E-01
.8600PI	.15923	1.0000	.58271	.11885	.19138
OVERALL	.88491	.99638	.55745	.45136	.40562
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 DLINVENT	VAR. NO. 7 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 8 LCONS	VAR. NO. 9 LCORP + IVA	
.1200PI	.70553	.87438	.97352	.83620	
.3500PI	.62288	.71709	.65945	1.0000	
.6400PI	1.0000	1.0000	.30773	.44017	
.8600PI	1.0000	.41199	.88181	.33356	
OVERALL	.73893	.86646	.94515	.83729	
PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS					
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LMI	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.93690	.97131	1.0000	.86550	.54657
.3500PI	.62183	.96391	.62914	1.0000	.48613
.6400PI	.76218	.85858	1.0000	.83803	.91575E-01
.8600PI	.19543	.71340	.99999	.21482	.19182
OVERALL	.92912	.96942	.98733	.86757	.54101
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 DLINVENT	VAR. NO. 7 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 8 LCONS	VAR. NO. 9 LCORP + IVA	
.1200PI	.87060	.91411	.92537	.92358	
.3500PI	.69266	.71995	.93086	.94505	
.6400PI	1.0000	.87121	.67674	.89143	
.8600PI	.99999	.60531	.99999	.55203	
OVERALL	.87982	.90125	.92466	.92186	



Table 13: Set 5

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(41)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(28)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(17)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-11	72.53	.002	40.203	.063	19.836	.283
12-23	55.86	.061	33.932	.203	18.754	.343
27-37	45.04	.307	21.845	.788	10.097	.900
38-48	41.90	.432	21.823	.789	14.594	.624
Overall Test (k index vs. greater than k)	$\chi^2(164) = 215.32$	.004	$\chi^2(112) = 117.80$	.335	$\chi^2(68) = 63.28$	.639
	One Index Versus Two $\chi^2(52) = 97.52$	.000	Two Index Versus Three $\chi^2(44) = 54.52$	.133		

Table 14: Set 5

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR					
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LMI	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.85010	.97048	.23594	.33794	.25060
.3500PI	.48956	.86637	.43978E-01	.71444E-01	.11526
.6400PI	.68190	.51511	.46185	.17092	.21383E-03
.8600PI	.11436	.21530	.26895	.29069E-01	.66790E-01
OVERALL	.84136	.96135	.23161	.32828	.24337
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 7 LCONS	VAR. NO. 8 LCORP + IVA		
.1200PI	.71162	.71438	.85393		
.3500PI	.64120	.62013	.93742		
.6400PI	.53642	.14979	.47507		
.8600PI	1.0000	.16995	.20269		
OVERALL	.70614	.68285	.84968		
PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS					
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LMI	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	.89962	.98351	.47841	.60333	.52520
.3500PI	.72415	.98382	.36395	.97337E-01	.12753
.6400PI	.73178	1.0000	.80006	.28116	.23332E-01
.8600PI	.10115	1.0000	1.0000	.18821	.22814
OVERALL	.89478	.98369	.48004	.58521	.50581
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 7 LCONS	VAR. NO. 8 LCORP + IVA		
.1200PI	.97433	.87922	.86467		
.3500PI	.70994	.65778	1.0000		
.6400PI	.72188	.15309	.74197		
.8600PI	.46028	.46612	.43710		
OVERALL	.95315	.84355	.86792		
PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS					
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 UNEMP RT	VAR. NO. 2 LREALGNP	VAR. NO. 3 LGNPDEFL	VAR. NO. 4 LMI	VAR. NO. 5 LRES CONST
.1200PI	1.0000	.92989	.78964	1.0000	.70192
.3500PI	.57760	.98153	.59028	1.0000	.49644
.6400PI	.78147	.89676	1.0000	.40040	.84878E-01
.8600PI	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	.39833	.36537
OVERALL	.99053	.93164	.78580	.99749	.68994
FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 LPL + EQPT	VAR. NO. 7 LCONS	VAR. NO. 8 LCORP + IVA		
.1200PI	.95340	.96486	.83952		
.3500PI	.71879	1.0000	.91379		
.6400PI	1.0000	.47824	.83022		
.8600PI	.52151	.49946	.44240		
OVERALL	.94017	.94364	.84088		

Table 15: Monthly Sets

Set	Av. Hrs.	Layoff	Manhour	Unempl.	Ind. Prod.	Ret. Sales	Net Bus. Form	New Ord. Dur.	Ind. Mat. Prices	Wholesale M
1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Table 16: Set 1

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(71)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(54)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(39)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-22	155.47	.000	83.85	.006	51.01	.094
26-46	98.63	.017	59.82	.273	35.80	.617
50-10	107.37	.003	64.71	.151	42.69	.316
74-94	85.24	.119	59.50	.282	36.08	.604
98-118	79.17	.237	57.22	.357	38.67	.485
122-142	65.67	.657	45.16	.799	29.89	.853
Overall Test	$\chi^2(426) = 591.55$	.000	$\chi^2(324) = 370.26$	.039	$\chi^2(234) = 234.13$	.485

Periodogram ordinates were calculated at the angular frequencies  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/T$ ,  $T = 288$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 144$ . Periodicity of  $j^{\text{th}}$  frequency =  $T/j$  months. Seasonal frequencies and adjacent frequencies were omitted from bands used to compile test statistics.

Table 17: Set 1

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 AVGWKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX
.0799PI	.84084	.92115	.87804	.79208	.95075
.2500PI	.54534	.67273	.80993	.37793	.87106
.4167PI	.27818	.42267	.49796	.29283	.71040
.5833PI	.35461	.36571	.62279	.38091E-01	.62251
.7500PI	.25605	.28431	.26279	.86679E-01	.50029
.9167PI	.11727	.19518	.70478	.59106	.49724
OVERALL	.76038	.83151	.86415	.76713	.94093

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 RETAILSALS	VAR. NO. 7 NETBUSFORM	VAR. NO. 8 NEWORD DUR	VAR. NO. 9 IND MAT PR	VAR. NO. 10 WHOL PRICE
.0799PI	.56149	.43804	.73588	.20288	.20778
.2500PI	.13298E-01	.16990	.15677	.42414E-01	.93317E-01
.4167PI	.17470	.13971E-01	.50803E-01	.48740E-01	.12402
.5833PI	.17354	.20400	.13774	.54436E-01	.12262E-01
.7500PI	.90212E-02	.23898	.88067E-01	.10440E-01	.20011
.9167PI	.19984	.25637E-01	.25597	.84551E-02	.78097E-01
OVERALL	.41007	.42085	.62755	.19754	.20480

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 AVGWKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX
.0799PI	.84778	.93287	.90928	.86701	.95451
.2500PI	.56387	.70221	.79531	.39395	.91993
.4167PI	.57626	.41694	.56098	.36478	.64525
.5833PI	.39773	.45217	.64597	.87558E-01	.61257
.7500PI	.74976	.21916	.48542	.77607E-01	.38445
.9167PI	.18657	.19844	.72515	.59566	.56530
OVERALL	.79180	.84435	.89529	.83931	.94583

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 RETAILSALS	VAR. NO. 7 NETBUSFORM	VAR. NO. 8 NEWORD DUR	VAR. NO. 9 IND MAT PR	VAR. NO. 10 WHOL PRICE
.0799PI	.68993	.47217	.90096	.70500	.71223
.2500PI	1.0000	.20347	.45111	.26889	.23549
.4167PI	.45196	.79283E-01	.47126	.22688	.80563
.5833PI	.37838	.20470	.17796	.22693	1.0000
.7500PI	.15954E-01	.16090	1.0000	.14985	.13073
.9167PI	.23527	.31954	.37487	.63944	.19831
OVERALL	.68117	.45621	.83246	.69037	.70532

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 AVGWKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX
.0799PI	.86120	.92984	.93413	1.0000	1.0000
.2500PI	1.0000	.74209	.78968	.43510	1.0000
.4167PI	1.0000	.63172	.56055	.53894	.61128
.5833PI	.43223	.58252	.70497	.26008	.65369
.7500PI	1.0000	.40153	.44502	1.0000	.53264
.9167PI	.57799	.26623	.90323	.73873	.54401
OVERALL	.85657	.86424	.92046	.97761	.99218

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 RETAILSALS	VAR. NO. 7 NETBUSFORM	VAR. NO. 8 NEWORD DUR	VAR. NO. 9 IND MAT PR	VAR. NO. 10 WHOL PRICE
.0799PI	.73751	.55744	.91797	.66440	.66336
.2500PI	1.0000	.26053	.48750	.30011	.30394
.4167PI	.52789	.20319	.48930	.34376	.79969
.5833PI	.39341	.29311	1.0000	.32502	.83810
.7500PI	.30482E-01	.29394	.51081	.18846	.24610
.9167PI	.26043	.49894	.45211	.46293	.18806
OVERALL	.72280	.54210	.85759	.65268	.65867

Table 18: Set 2

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(55)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(40)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(27)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-22	113.56	.000	63.12	.011	31.26	.260
26-46	78.38	.021	47.45	.195	24.68	.592
50-10	89.10	.002	51.35	.108	31.01	.271
74-94	61.14	.265	7.06	1.00	21.16	.779
98-118	63.65	.198	43.13	.339	25.08	.570
122-142	51.46	.611	36.64	.622	23.14	.678
Overall Test		.000		.336		.611
			$\chi^2(330) = 457.30$		$\chi^2(162) = 156.33$	

Periodogram ordinates were calculated at the angular frequencies  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/T$ ,  $T = 288$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 144$ . Periodicity of  $j^{\text{th}}$  frequency =  $T/j$  months. Seasonal frequencies and adjacent frequencies were omitted from bands used to compile test statistics.

Table 19: Set 2

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 AVGWKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX
.0799PI	.83919	.92051	.87924	.79357	.95342
.2500PI	.53807	.67297	.80762	.38013	.87675
.4167PI	.30254	.41493	.51683	.28485	.70426
.5833PI	.37571	.35343	.63846	.34376E-01	.60317
.7500PI	.24252	.28759	.24583	.87233E-01	.52391
.9167PI	.11429	.19774	.69574	.58649	.50712
OVERALL	.75982	.83045	.86545	.76847	.94358

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 RETAILSALS	VAR. NO. 7 NETBUSFORM	VAR. NO. 8 NEWORD DUR	VAR. NO. 9 WHOL PRICE
.0799PI	.55766	.43916	.72904	.20570
.2500PI	.14164E-01	.16938	.15545	.89879E-01
.4167PI	.16995	.14729E-01	.44337E-01	.11022
.5833PI	.17526	.21282	.13145	.75342E-02
.7500PI	.85097E-02	.23298	.10265	.19476
.9167PI	.19823	.28618E-01	.26301	.78817E-01
OVERALL	.40709	.42195	.62201	.20258

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 AVGWKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX
.0799PI	.84741	.93069	.92033	.84196	.96345
.2500PI	.55849	.70170	.79331	.39571	.92394
.4167PI	.55675	.42691	.57869	.36793	.64409
.5833PI	.44522	1.0000	1.0000	.53329E-01	.45393
.7500PI	1.0000	.28605	.41580	.17896	.53230
.9167PI	.35972	.33981	.92394	.54995	.58327
OVERALL	.80126	.86342	.91123	.81602	.95377

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 RETAILSALS	VAR. NO. 7 NETBUSFORM	VAR. NO. 8 NEWORD DUR	VAR. NO. 9 WHOL PRICE
.0799PI	.70112	.46290	.93489	.61144
.2500PI	1.0000	.20252	.45153	.23336
.4167PI	.47115	.89872E-01	.44379	.80101
.5833PI	.14279	.24988	.32664	.14227
.7500PI	.14221E-01	.17711	.44500	.20732
.9167PI	.19320	.49193E-01	.41256	.69289E-01
OVERALL	.68529	.44621	.84437	.60603

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 1 AVGWKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX
.0799PI	.86312	.93413	.93502	1.0000	1.0000
.2500PI	.77346	.81923	.78211	.43054	1.0000
.4167PI	.82740	.42766	.62933	1.0000	.56959
.5833PI	.50105	.59893	.73146	.26128	.63056
.7500PI	1.0000	1.0000	.52620	.39024	.46598
.9167PI	.38689	.40224	1.0000	.58161	.62708
OVERALL	.83823	.88263	.92349	.97517	.99172

FREQUENCY	VAR. NO. 6 RETAILSALS	VAR. NO. 7 NETBUSFORM	VAR. NO. 8 NEWORD DUR	VAR. NO. 9 WHOL PRICE
.0799PI	.74117	.56151	.92969	.59560
.2500PI	.76654	.23756	.66047	.48396
.4167PI	.45220	.42352	.51170	.70023
.5833PI	.40465	.28474	1.0000	.68921
.7500PI	.15381	.29087	.38523	.33586
.9167PI	.17891	1.0000	.45655	.17214
OVERALL	.68432	.55106	.87480	.59435

Table 20: Set 3

Bands (j)	One-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(89)$	Marginal Significance Level	Two-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(70)$	Marginal Significance Level	Three-Index Test Statistic $\chi^2(53)$	Marginal Significance Level
1-22	181.07	.000	117.45	.000	84.17	.004
26-46	109.39	.070	70.87	.448	44.94	.777
50-10	124.92	.007	82.55	.145	57.14	.324
74-94	91.76	.399	67.05	.578	40.30	.900
98-118	85.55	.584	63.35	.700	42.67	.844
122-142	86.40	.558	63.64	.691	43.03	.834
Overall Test	$\chi^2(534) = 679.08$	.000	$\chi^2(420) = 464.91$	.064	$\chi^2(318) = 312.26$	.580

Periodogram ordinates were calculated at the angular frequencies  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/T$ ,  $T = 288$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 144$ . Periodicity of  $j^{\text{th}}$  frequency =  $T/j$  months. Seasonal frequencies and adjacent frequencies were omitted from bands used to compile test statistics.

Table 21: Set 3

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 1 COMMON FACTOR										
	VAR. NO. 1 AVG WKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX	VAR. NO. 6 RETAIL SALS				
FREQUENCY	.0799PI	.84699	.92431	.86869	.79473	.94920				
	.2500PI	.54235	.67239	.80862	.37339	.87723				
	.4167PI	.27908	.42474	.49871	.27942	.71479				
	.5833PI	.3632	.38437	.62052	.37782E-01	.60169				
	.7500PI	.35480	.28320	.25867	.88498E-01	.50674				
	.9167PI	.11452	.29200	.69576	.58044	.50871				
OVERALL	.76559	.83473	.85525	.76935	.93970	.45769				

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 2 COMMON FACTORS										
	VAR. NO. 1 AVG WKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX	VAR. NO. 6 RETAIL SALS				
FREQUENCY	.0799PI	.85415	.93753	.89353	.88268	.94847				
	.2500PI	.56809	.71072	.79775	.38462	.91159				
	.4167PI	.58190	.42280	.55967	.36295	.64894				
	.5833PI	.41270	.47347	.64640	.87963E-01	.58710				
	.7500PI	.80474	.22969	.45577	.78704E-01	.41759				
	.9167PI	.16684	.20702	.71203	.59067	.56736				
OVERALL	.79894	.85081	.88029	.85391	.93987	.68602				

PROP OF VAR EXPLAINED BY 3 COMMON FACTORS										
	VAR. NO. 1 AVG WKLY HRS	VAR. NO. 2 LAYOFF RATE	VAR. NO. 3 MANHOURS	VAR. NO. 4 UNEMPL RT	VAR. NO. 5 INDPRODIDX	VAR. NO. 6 RETAIL SALS				
FREQUENCY	.0799PI	.87835	.94121	.91762	1.0000	.97231				
	.2500PI	.71384	.84021	.76522	.44692	.99289				
	.4167PI	.96614	.38411	.56595	1.0000	.55892				
	.5833PI	.50390	1.0000	1.0000	.12741	.48134				
	.7500PI	1.0000	.17254	.51311	1.0000	.37518				
	.9167PI	.20225	1.0000	.76859	.60691	.59208				
OVERALL	.84890	.89311	.90688	.98042	.96416	.65527				

Table 22  
Estimated Coefficients for Observable-Index Model

S	C(s)			D <sup>-1</sup> *a(s)		
	1	2	3	0	1	2
M	1.0000	0.0	0.0	.0018 (.018)	.0092 (.024)	.0063 (.013)
P	4.4136 (3.06)	-2.9456 (2.40)	-2.1460 (2.16)	.0552 (.0189)	-.0084 (.0170)	-.0090 (.0116)
C	.1795 (.150)	.0847 (.252)	-.1535 (.169)	.2763 (.154)	-.1824 (.221)	-.0359 (.131)
U	.3031 (.125)	-.3991 (.184)	.2344 (.120)	-.3546 (.246)	.1265 (.303)	.2285 (.238)
W	5.3265 (2.97)	.6989 (2.03)	-4.9039 (2.45)	.0561 (.0240)	.0264 (.0202)	-.0289 (.0158)

D(s) (diagonal elements)

	1	2	3
	M	-1.866 (.114)	1.124 (.208)
P	-.871 (.211)	.021 (.272)	-.076 (.158)
C	-1.310 (.113)	.181 (.193)	.218 (.108)
U	-1.532 (.114)	.768 (.195)	-.138 (.115)
W	-.766 (.194)	.209 (.185)	-.311 (.229)

NOTE: Standard errors in parentheses (from asymptotic distribution). Here, as in all tables of this section, *M* is money, *P* is price, *C* is demand pressure, *U* is unemployment, and *W* is wage. For precise definitions see footnote on page 69 in the text.

Table 23  
Panel A: Response to M-Innovation

M	P	C	U	W
1.00000	0	0	0	0
1.86756	.552243E-01	.276326	-.354558	.561099E-01
2.37377	.169601	.829494	-1.25084	.201376
2.59924	.339065	1.67842	-2.53859	.400492
2.67452	.542271	2.67947	-3.86706	.625785
2.69110	.748299	3.64837	-4.80432	.844017
2.69315	.936546	4.43647	-5.08681	1.02987
2.69438	1.09315	4.93866	-4.68149	1.17304
2.69410	1.21354	5.12586	-3.74081	1.27179
2.68821	1.30078	5.02904	-2.52148	1.33282
2.67409	1.36164	4.71810	-1.28489	1.36652
2.65162	1.40449	4.28048	-.231861	1.38337
2.62269	1.43672	3.79826	.527468	1.39202
2.58990	1.46356	3.33538	.972899	1.39792
2.55571	1.48781	2.93167	1.15092	1.40345
2.52178	1.51014	2.60363	1.14372	1.40863
2.48889	1.52988	2.34993	1.03972	1.41214
2.45702	1.54581	2.15839	.912223	1.41229
2.42570	1.55679	2.01279	.808672	1.40777
2.39431	1.56218	1.89787	.749441	1.39798
2.36230	1.56198	1.80217	.733274	1.38312
2.32933	1.55670	1.71881	.745905	1.36399
2.29534	1.54725	1.64481	.768707	1.34171
2.26047	1.53461	1.57971	.785351	1.31743
2.22502	1.51973	1.52403	.785535	1.29217
2.18930	1.50331	1.47814	.765908	1.26662
2.15360	1.48587	1.44154	.728899	1.24119
2.11812	1.46766	1.41282	.680466	1.21604
2.08301	1.44878	1.38983	.627654	1.19114
2.04829	1.42926	1.37015	.576652	1.16642
2.01397	1.40908	1.35153	.531641	1.14178
1.97999	1.38825	1.33225	.494471	1.11717
1.94634	1.36682	1.31124	.464978	1.09261
1.91298	1.34490	1.28813	.441663	1.06818
1.87992	1.32261	1.26308	.422456	1.04398
1.84716	1.30010	1.23662	.405363	1.02013
1.81475	1.27748	1.20942	.388885	.996721
1.78271	1.25490	1.18216	.372177	.973848
1.75108	1.23243	1.15537	.355015	.951559
1.71990	1.21014	1.12943	.337615	.929879
1.68918	1.18809	1.10455	.320427	.908811

Table 23  
Panel B: Response to P-Innovation

M	P	C	U	W
0	1.00000	0	0	0
.791559E-02	1.11485	1.21959	-1.56487	.247646
.606155E-01	1.08097	1.63405	-2.91981	.477195
.108296	1.05291	1.82783	-2.67637	.392896
.138470	.968710	1.49446	-1.32761	.286463
.140922	.800668	.685554	.706975	.159812
.113161	.639412	-.154905	2.49400	.402123E-02
.703096E-01	.489348	-.972026	3.48942	-.117350
.220393E-01	.359928	-.158694	3.67236	-.210211
-.226576E-01	.264621	-.193006	3.16522	-.267149
-.578414E-01	.196772	-.202508	2.25569	-.291058
-.821944E-01	.151696	-.190911	1.23720	-.294861
-.965659E-01	.121295	-.166223	.331784	-.286692
-.103666	.975331E-01	-.135948	-.322769	-.275759
-.106680	.756044E-01	-.106003	-.689424	-.267501
-.108297	.525280E-01	-.804160	-.803430	-.263753
-.110371	.278297E-01	-.607836	-.741111	-.264349
-.113718	.254803E-02	-.470287	-.590334	-.267320
-.118317	-.217231E-01	-.380013	-.425531	-.270367
-.123629	-.433733E-01	-.321277	-.295881	-.271569
-.128912	-.613375E-01	-.279734	-.222694	-.269743
-.133501	-.752298E-01	-.245048	-.204215	-.264618
-.136960	-.852801E-01	-.211830	-.224444	-.256623
-.139131	-.921527E-01	-.178915	-.262150	-.246616
-.140101	-.966928E-01	-.147782	-.298133	-.235579
-.140112	-.997172E-01	-.120913	-.319492	-.224374
-.139470	-.101872	-.100434	-.320879	-.213605
-.138459	-.103569	-.873483E-01	-.303494	-.203583
-.137294	-.105000	-.813380E-01	-.272769	-.194362
-.136098	-.106187	-.810007E-01	-.235777	-.185826
-.134914	-.107061	-.843266E-01	-.199057	-.177782
-.133724	-.107525	-.892156E-01	-.167260	-.170039
-.132483	-.107508	-.938938E-01	-.142669	-.162459
-.131141	-.106986	-.971562E-01	-.125428	-.154977
-.129663	-.105990	-.984274E-01	-.114191	-.147593
-.128034	-.104591	-.976776E-01	-.106908	-.140357
-.126263	-.102882	-.952556E-01	-.101520	-.133339
-.124373	-.100958	-.916985E-01	-.964211E-01	-.126607
-.122397	-.989019E-01	-.875662E-01	-.906675E-01	-.120212
-.120368	-.967784E-01	-.833281E-01	-.839600E-01	-.114183
-.118315	-.946291E-01	-.793077E-01	-.764834E-01	-.108524

Table 23  
Panel C: Response to C-Innovation

M	P	C	U	W
0	0	1.00000	0	0
.321870E-03	.991105E-02	1.35926	-.636321E-01	.100700E-01
.297275E-02	.296066E-01	1.67924	-.219148	.352959E-01
.871385E-02	.493503E-01	1.79947	-.379318	.597527E-01
.163247E-01	.696378E-01	1.82072	-.484600	.786313E-01
.248720E-01	.837810E-01	1.72056	-.487868	.925300E-01
.324084E-01	.913948E-01	1.53831	-.382980	.972032E-01
.379340E-01	.928746E-01	1.29402	-.208662	.949112E-01
.409484E-01	.887169E-01	1.01554	-.805685E-02	.871062E-01
.414764E-01	.810265E-01	.731576	.175040	.758169E-01
.400349E-01	.714771E-01	.464634	.310086	.634851E-01
.372892E-01	.615941E-01	.232670	.384104	.516170E-01
.339308E-01	.525013E-01	.461379E-01	.398479	.413023E-01
.305283E-01	.447212E-01	-.915946E-01	.365734	.329734E-01
.274524E-01	.384078E-01	-.182624	.303437	.265530E-01
.248838E-01	.334084E-01	-.233186	.229163	.217288E-01
.228436E-01	.294299E-01	-.251550	.157116	.180642E-01
.212530E-01	.261713E-01	-.246440	.963207E-01	.151652E-01
.199917E-01	.233866E-01	-.225874	.506326E-01	.127481E-01
.189418E-01	.209242E-01	-.196448	.198031E-01	.106512E-01
.180150E-01	.187189E-01	-.163133	.104356E-02	.881976E-02
.171614E-01	.167645E-01	-.129369	-.939927E-02	.726159E-02
.163650E-01	.150824E-01	-.973427E-01	-.150492E-01	.600603E-02
.156313E-01	.136922E-01	-.683322E-01	-.185052E-01	.507185E-02
.149746E-01	.125939E-01	-.430110E-01	-.212324E-01	.444946E-02
.144066E-01	.117626E-01	-.216775E-01	-.237139E-01	.409874E-02
.139304E-01	.111518E-01	-.439884E-02	-.257914E-01	.395684E-02
.135386E-01	.107030E-01	.891726E-02	-.270433E-01	.395126E-02
.132154E-01	.103568E-01	.184927E-01	-.270904E-01	.401313E-02
.129405E-01	.100618E-01	.246677E-01	-.257750E-01	.408715E-02
.126934E-01	.978031E-02	.278871E-01	-.232112E-01	.413667E-02
.124569E-01	.949035E-02	.286759E-01	-.197363E-01	.414399E-02
.122190E-01	.918382E-02	.276024E-01	-.158074E-01	.410706E-02
.119736E-01	.886292E-02	.252354E-01	-.118889E-01	.403434E-02
.117195E-01	.853581E-02	.221020E-01	-.836135E-02	.393934E-02
.114591E-01	.821262E-02	.186539E-01	-.546965E-02	.383604E-02
.111964E-01	.790254E-02	.152463E-01	-.331214E-02	.373593E-02
.109360E-01	.761212E-02	.121306E-01	-.186171E-02	.364659E-02
.106817E-01	.734485E-02	.946020E-02	-.100556E-02	.357165E-02
.104363E-01	.710150E-02	.730431E-02	-.589829E-03	.351158E-02
.102011E-01	.688090E-02	.566782E-02	-.458132E-03	.346486E-02

Table 23  
Panel D: Response to U-Innovation

M	P	C	U	W
0	0	0	1.00000	0
.543538E-03	.167367E-01	.837454E-01	1.42485	.170051E-01
.416858E-02	.237779E-01	.113177	1.37782	.329648E-01
.784493E-02	.356234E-01	.182321	1.12510	.386304E-01
.126645E-01	.467067E-01	.226381	.830604	.514356E-01
.175277E-01	.557450E-01	.261836	.597658	.612729E-01
.221675E-01	.646178E-01	.285918	.430310	.684775E-01
.264796E-01	.700831E-01	.285921	.332310	.730793E-01
.299020E-01	.725649E-01	.267111	.293678	.734332E-01
.322605E-01	.723510E-01	.230079	.292541	.710233E-01
.334738E-01	.698156E-01	.180720	.309450	.664646E-01
.336437E-01	.659700E-01	.126756	.325643	.607055E-01
.330373E-01	.614615E-01	.741729E-01	.329213	.547280E-01
.319391E-01	.568769E-01	.283543E-01	.315725	.490285E-01
.306219E-01	.525940E-01	-.772480E-02	.286307	.439649E-01
.292888E-01	.487443E-01	-.331409E-01	.246112	.396153E-01
.280562E-01	.453402E-01	-.485053E-01	.201571	.358911E-01
.269678E-01	.422935E-01	-.555785E-01	.158528	.326491E-01
.260120E-01	.394908E-01	-.565239E-01	.121123	.297262E-01
.251492E-01	.368390E-01	-.534657E-01	.913430E-01	.270030E-01
.243346E-01	.342800E-01	-.481770E-01	.692929E-01	.244161E-01
.235332E-01	.317985E-01	-.419281E-01	.537771E-01	.219518E-01
.227266E-01	.294113E-01	-.355123E-01	.429866E-01	.196332E-01
.219133E-01	.271511E-01	-.293396E-01	.351016E-01	.174975E-01
.211038E-01	.250524E-01	-.235711E-01	.286823E-01	.155784E-01
.203140E-01	.231399E-01	-.182446E-01	.228383E-01	.138953E-01
.195600E-01	.214234E-01	-.133622E-01	.172089E-01	.124483E-01
.188532E-01	.198974E-01	-.893961E-02	.118223E-01	.112206E-01
.181991E-01	.185448E-01	-.501759E-02	.691228E-02	.101834E-01
.175971E-01	.173417E-01	-.164991E-02	.274897E-02	.930329E-02
.170423E-01	.162631E-01	.111773E-02	-.478399E-03	.854797E-02
.165272E-01	.152869E-01	.326735E-02	-.271613E-02	.789047E-02
.160443E-01	.143957E-01	.481968E-02	-.404541E-02	.731095E-02
.155870E-01	.135774E-01	.583452E-02	-.464484E-02	.679661E-02
.151506E-01	.128249E-01	.640219E-02	-.473760E-02	.634013E-02
.147325E-01	.121343E-01	.662966E-02	-.454129E-02	.593768E-02
.143316E-01	.115030E-01	.662557E-02	-.423194E-02	.558695E-02
.139477E-01	.109292E-01	.648752E-02	-.392666E-02	.528558E-02
.135812E-01	.104101E-01	.629376E-02	-.368340E-02	.503044E-02
.132324E-01	.994236E-02	.609965E-02	-.351269E-02	.481729E-02
.129011E-01	.952167E-02	.593845E-02	-.339513E-02	.464112E-02

Table 23  
Panel E: Response to W-Innovation

M	P	C	U	W
0	0	0	0	1.00000
.955277E-02	.294150	1.47184	-.188853	1.06502
.797787E-01	.618521	2.99295	-.4.83368	1.16093
.179014	.639203	3.20041	-.5.19508	1.23821
.241897	.646158	3.24748	-.3.48007	1.10951
.277055	.602542	2.63519	-.1.15073	.994578
.279746	.505729	1.75280	1.17706	.839809
.258503	.418936	.871346	2.76746	.688323
.227554	.337783	.623034E-01	3.46577	.572524
.194738	.278914	-.506431	3.39026	.482717
.167669	.244717	-.828145	2.75846	.426733
.149400	.227668	-.930560	1.88350	.393854
.139709	.223060	-.865494	1.01703	.373508
.136770	.222715	-.710760	.330424	.358437
.137581	.221182	-.526438	-.977540E-01	.341474
.139394	.215637	-.357694	-.276532	.320138
.140212	.205097	-.228790	-.265809	.294319
.138983	.190670	-.144207	-.147849	.265578
.135593	.174213	-.970100E-01	-.259799E-03	.236462
.130539	.157715	-.740322E-01	.121175	.209204
.124619	.142786	-.619202E-01	.187636	.185393
.118632	.130312	-.507636E-01	.195113	.165717
.113183	.120505	-.352815E-01	.156717	.150030
.108594	.113037	-.146489E-01	.935117E-01	.137643
.104919	.107280	.893782E-02	.266111E-01	.127617
.102013	.102542	.319614E-01	-.281616E-01	.119038
.996314E-01	.982381E-01	.510590E-01	-.625037E-01	.111197
.975147E-01	.939832E-01	.640093E-01	-.753016E-01	.103668
.954551E-01	.896085E-01	.700976E-01	-.706653E-01	.962908E-01
.933261E-01	.851214E-01	.699895E-01	-.553272E-01	.891029E-01
.910846E-01	.806391E-01	.652907E-01	-.362516E-01	.822492E-01
.887519E-01	.763176E-01	.579960E-01	-.189544E-01	.758959E-01
.863869E-01	.722965E-01	.499978E-01	-.670207E-02	.701706E-01
.840583E-01	.686661E-01	.427514E-01	-.497575E-03	.651323E-01
.818245E-01	.654569E-01	.371276E-01	.402849E-03	.607685E-01
.797225E-01	.626479E-01	.334304E-01	-.226506E-02	.570116E-01
.777649E-01	.601838E-01	-.315254E-01	-.651010E-02	.537630E-01
.759444E-01	.579952E-01	.310161E-01	-.106371E-01	.509182E-01
.742413E-01	.560154E-01	.314137E-01	-.135453E-01	.483845E-01
.726313E-01	.541913E-01	.322673E-01	-.147870E-01	.460920E-01
.710915E-01	.524877E-01	.332384E-01	-.144533E-01	.439949E-01

Table 24

## Four-Variable System: Response to W-Innovation

P	C	U	W
0	0	0	1.00000
.277556	1.59455	.615850	1.20865
.769403	5.81136	-.692737E-01	1.42941
1.16946	8.40311	-.937248E-01	1.64529
1.45628	10.1786	.539820	1.87622
1.62536	10.2403	1.87452	2.01863
1.72778	9.56666	3.27649	2.08155
1.78190	8.19065	4.47926	2.06479
1.80251	6.58246	5.27552	2.00027
1.79030	4.78742	5.70824	1.89941
1.74982	3.01139	5.82468	1.77658
1.68415	1.31001	5.71546	1.63665
1.59878	-.207673	5.43651	1.48652
1.49795	-1.50608	5.04375	1.33026
1.38586	-2.54764	4.57475	1.17260
1.26562	-3.33498	4.06416	1.01658
1.14006	-3.87705	3.53632	.864914
1.01149	+4.20057	3.01081	.719247
.882048	÷4.33475	2.50031	.580891
.753550	-4.31399	2.01367	.450663
.627643	-4.17114	1.55603	.329185
.505754	-3.93788	1.13057	.216855
.389138	-3.64191	.738854	.113960
.278870	-3.30707	.381620	.206745E-01
.175865	-2.95260	.590121E-01	-.628988E-01
.808708E-01	-2.59354	-.229123	-.136733
-.552364E-02	-2.24095	-.483163	-.200868
-.828915E-01	-1.90254	-.703617	-.255417
-.150964	-1.58324	-.891142	-.300567
-.209627	-1.28587	-1.04654	-.336589
-.258912	-1.01164	-1.17081	-.363833
-.298990	-.760702	-1.26515	-.382731
-.330156	-.532528	-1.33098	-.393793
-.352817	-.326243	-1.36996	-.397595
-.367476	-.140837	-1.38399	-.394775
-.374718	.246844E-01	-1.37515	-.386018
-.375190	.171224	-1.34572	-.372041
-.369584	.299562	-1.29809	-.353581
-.358624	.410369	-1.23476	-.331382
-.343047	.504231	-1.15826	-.306179
-.323592	.581700	-1.07112	-.278685

Table 25

Proportion of Variance of  $k$ -Period Ahead Forecast Explained by Innovation in Row Variable

$k$		$M$	$P$	$C$	$U$	$W$
4Q	$M$	.997	.021	.017	.007	.053
	$P$	.001	.854	.024	.022	.159
	$C$	.000	.021	.915	.007	.057
	$U$	.001	.052	.022	.943	.133
	$W$	.001	.052	.022	.021	.598
8Q	$M$	.984	.171	.067	.060	.277
	$P$	.002	.530	.015	.035	.058
	$C$	.003	.080	.840	.024	.125
	$U$	.007	.165	.059	.860	.258
	$W$	.003	.053	.019	.022	.282
16Q	$M$	.973	.452	.154	.066	.520
	$P$	.002	.240	.034	.054	.044
	$C$	.005	.069	.725	.039	.075
	$U$	.018	.211	.071	.814	.236
	$W$	.002	.028	.016	.028	.124
24Q	$M$	.973	.606	.171	.068	.637
	$P$	.002	.158	.034	.054	.045
	$C$	.005	.047	.709	.039	.053
	$U$	.018	.168	.071	.812	.178
	$W$	.002	.021	.015	.027	.087



Table 26  
Projections from 1975:I Initial Conditions

	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>W</i>
1975:II	285.4	173.2	1.638	9.1	177.7
III	287.0	173.8	1.634	9.1	179.5
IV	288.7	173.7	1.595	9.2	180.0
1976:I	290.1	173.3	1.533	9.2	180.5
II	291.2	172.7	1.466	9.2	181.0
III	292.0	172.2	1.411	8.8	181.6
IV	292.8	171.8	1.371	8.2	182.5
1977:I	293.6	171.6	1.346	7.6	183.5

Table 27  
Projections from 1975:II Initial Conditions for *M*,  
1975:I Initial Conditions for Other Variables

	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>W</i>
1975:II	290.4	173.2	1.638	9.1	177.7
III	296.6	173.9	1.644	9.1	179.7
IV	301.0	174.1	1.626	9.0	180.9
1976:I	303.7	174.0	1.594	8.8	182.1
II	305.2	173.8	1.561	8.5	183.6
III	306.2	173.7	1.538	8.0	185.2
IV	307.0	173.7	1.522	7.5	186.9
1977:I	307.8	173.9	1.512	7.0	188.6

Table 28  
Correlations Among Residuals

	<i>M</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>W</i>
<i>M</i>	1.0				
<i>P</i>	.103	1.0			
<i>C</i>	-.051	.035	1.0		
<i>U</i>	-.099	.009	.076	1.0	
<i>W</i>	.157	.218	-.186	-.225	1.0