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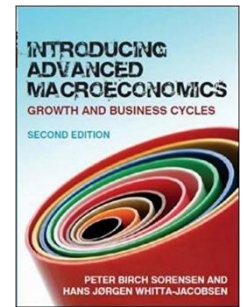
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1. PROBLÉMS

Macroeconomics

–as a subject matter–



- „At the risk of oversimplifying, we may ... say that **macroeconomics is a study of economic growth and business cycles**” (Sorensen–Whitta-Jacobsen, 2010 p2)

+ C, I, U, interactions with nominal variables
(W,P, E,M,R)

- „Empiricist view”: Explaining observed time series for economic variables

Sorensen, P. B. – Whitta-Jacobsen, H. J. (2010): INTRODUCING ADVANCED MACROECONOMICS. (2nd ed.) McGraw-Hill. London.

Long-run economic growth

- Long-run economic growth is the single most important determinant of the economic well-being of a nation's citizens.
- Why does standard of living differ so much among countries of the world?

What is economic growth about?

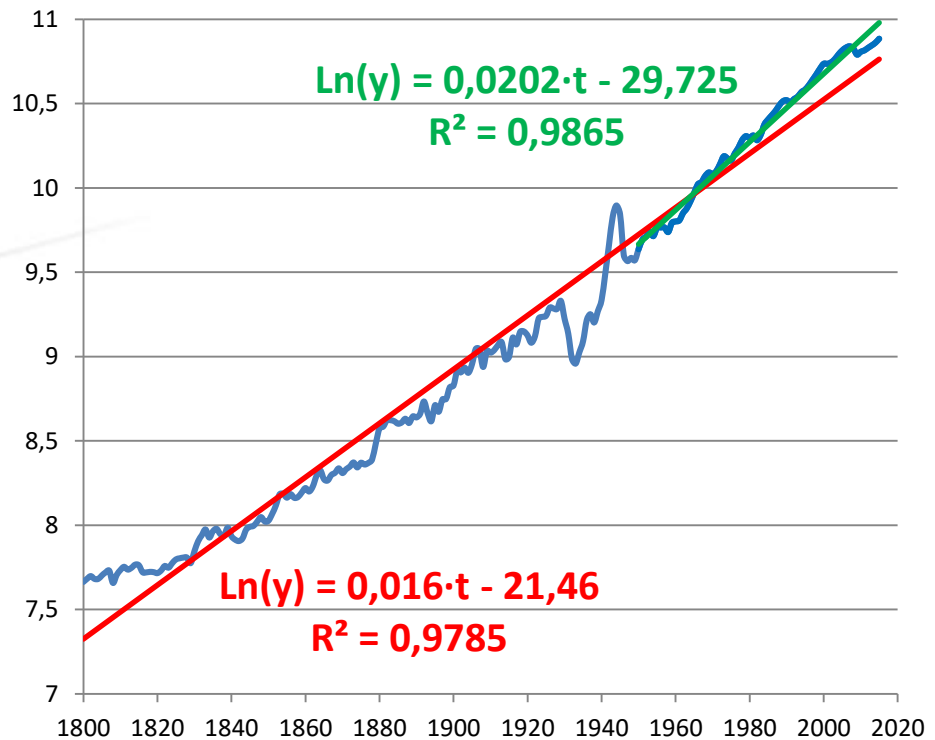
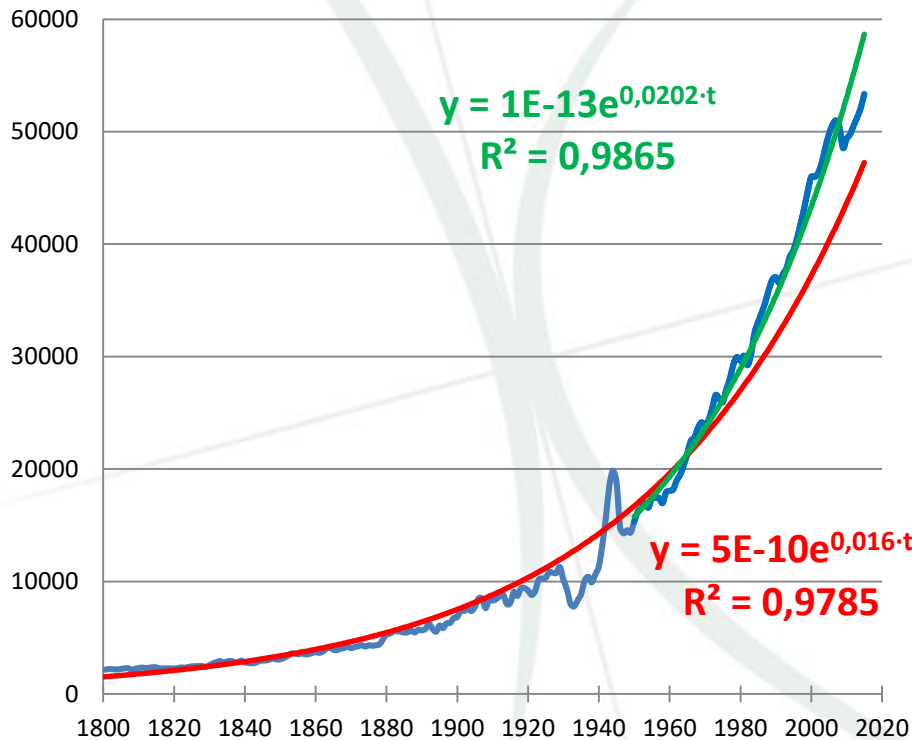
- **Economic growth:**
 - change in GDP or GNI ($Y(t)$) – economic pie
 - change in GDP/capita ($y(t) = Y(t)/L(t)$) – slice of the pie → **PPP** (Purchasing Power Parity)
- **Purpose of growth figures:**
 - comparative dynamics – time series
 - international comparison – panel data
- **Terms and definitions**
 - Level of standard of living: $y(t)$
 - Growth rate: $G_y \doteq \frac{\Delta y}{y} \approx \frac{dy/dt}{y} = \frac{\dot{y}}{y} = \frac{d \ln[y(t)]}{dt} \rightarrow$ slope of the trend line
 - $G_{Y/L} = G_Y - G_L$ and $G_{EL} = G_E + G_L$ and $G_{K^\alpha} = \alpha G_K$

Comparative dynamics

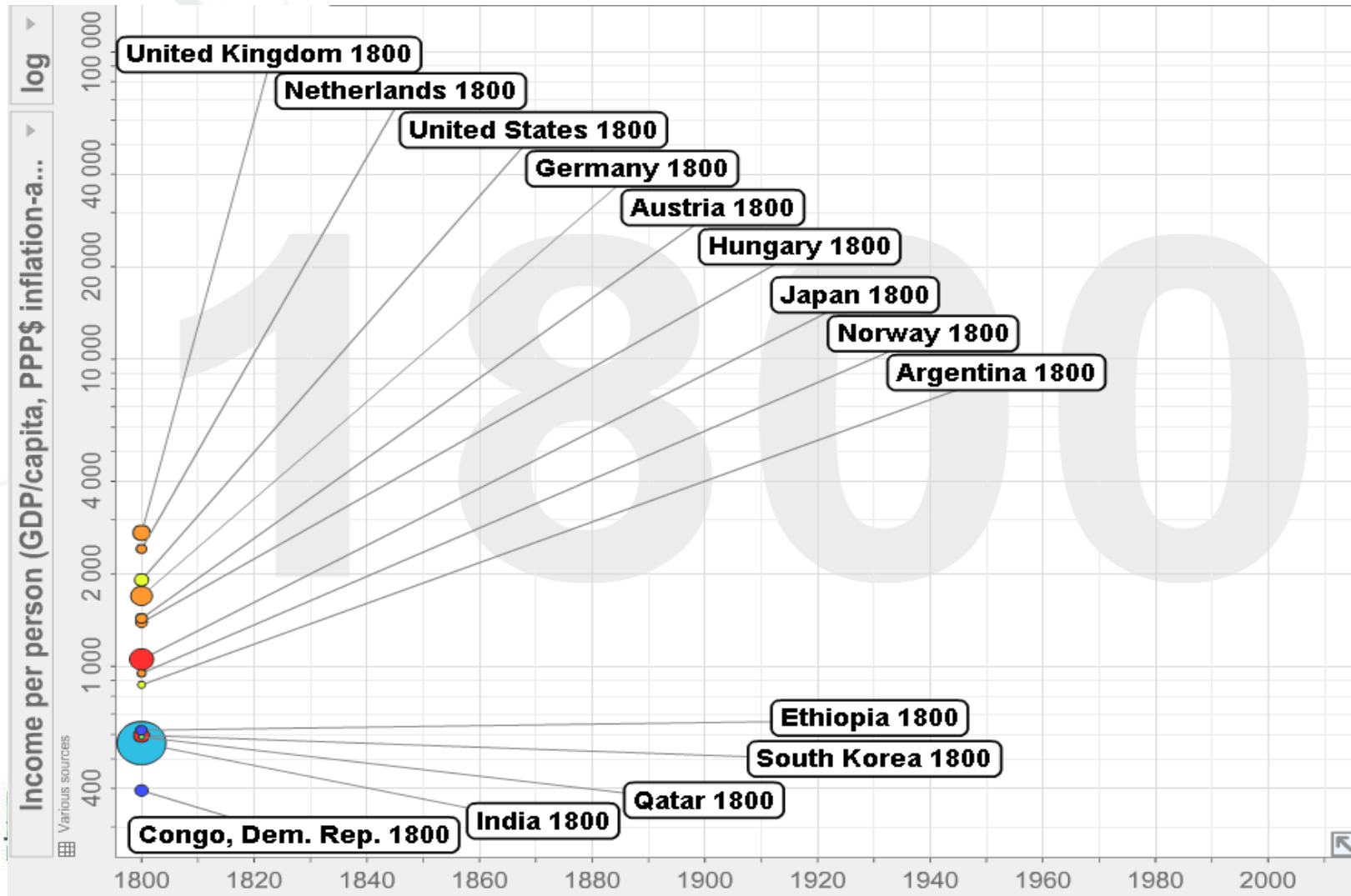
USA GDP/CAP trend

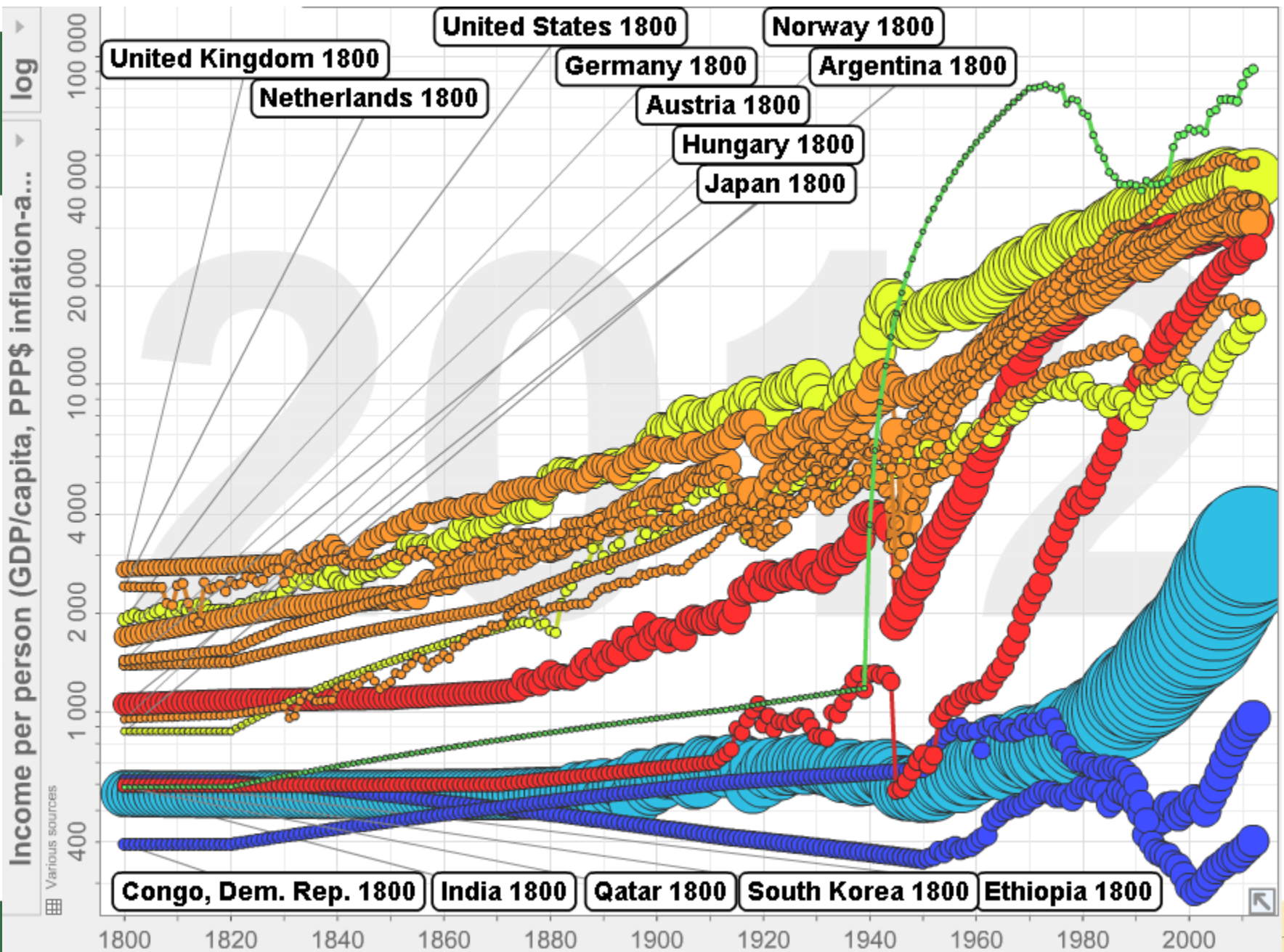
1800–2015

1950–2015



International comparison





2. Sources of economic growth



Growth accounting

- $Y=F(K,L)$ constant return to scale: $zY = F(zK,zL); \forall z>0$
- „Cobb–Douglas economy”: $Y=A(t)\cdot[K(t)]^\alpha\cdot[L(t)]^{1-\alpha}$
 - CH3 Euler’s theorem
- $G_{GDP} = G_Y = G_A + \alpha G_K + (1 - \alpha)G_L$
- $G_{GDP/CAP} = G_Y = G_A + \alpha(G_K - G_L) = G_A + \alpha G_K$
- **TFP** = Solow residual = factor of our ignorance = „technological change”
- $G_A = G_Y - \alpha G_K - (1 - \alpha)G_L$

TABLE 9-2

Accounting for Economic Growth in the United States

Years	Output Growth $\Delta Y/Y$	SOURCES OF GROWTH		
		Capital $\alpha \Delta K/K$	Labor $(1 - \alpha) \Delta L/L$	Total Factor Productivity $\Delta A/A$
(average percentage increase per year)				
1948–2013	3.5	1.3	1.0	1.2 34%
1948–1972	4.1	1.3	0.9	1.8 44%
1972–1995	3.3	1.4	1.4	0.5 15%
1995–2013	2.9	1.1	0.6	1.1 38%



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3. How to *make* a *closed* economy *rich*?

– NEOCLASSICAL SOLOW MODEL –

Solow model

- Labor-augmenting technological progress:

$E \cdot L$ = effective number of workers

$\dot{L} / L = G_L = n \geq 0$ natural rate of growth

δ depreciation rate of capital ($0 \leq \delta \ll 1$)

$\dot{E} / E = G_E = g$ technological progress

s constant saving rate ($0 \leq s \leq 1$)

$$zY = F[zK, z(EL)] \quad z = \frac{1}{EL}$$

$$\frac{Y}{EL} = y = F\left(\frac{K}{EL}, 1\right) = f(k)$$

$$\dot{K} = I - \delta K = S - \delta K = sY - \delta K$$

$$\dot{k} = \frac{d\left(\frac{K}{EL}\right)}{dt} = \frac{\dot{K}EL - K\dot{E}L - KE\dot{L}}{(EL)^2} = \frac{\dot{K}}{EL} - \frac{\dot{E}}{E}k - \frac{\dot{L}}{L}k$$

$$\dot{k} = sy - (n + g + \delta)k$$

$$Y = (EL)f\left(\frac{K}{EL}\right) \Rightarrow MPK = \frac{dY}{dK} = (EL)f' \frac{1}{EL} = f'$$

Steady state

$$\dot{k} = sf(k) - (n + g + \delta)k = 0$$

$$\frac{dG_k}{dk} < 0 \Rightarrow k^* \text{ stabile equilibrium}$$

Policies (comparative dynamics):

– $n_1 > n_2 \rightarrow$ level effect

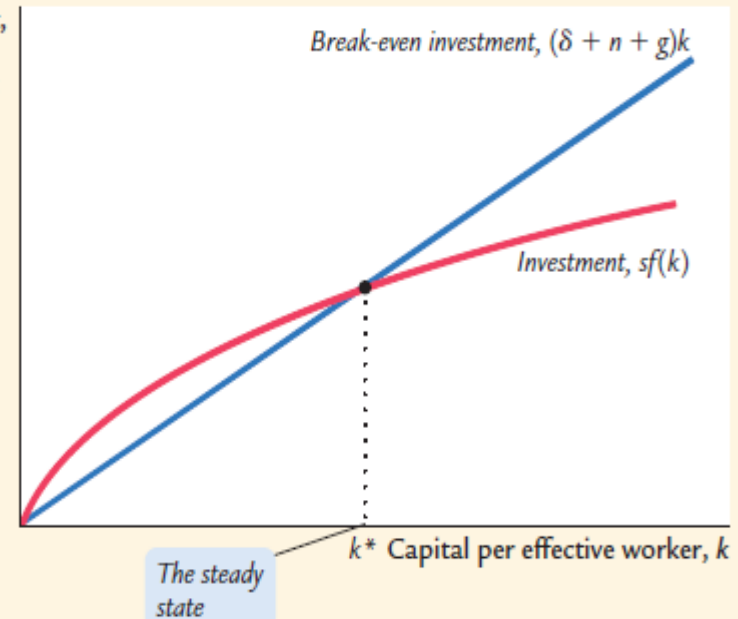
– $s_1 < s_2 \rightarrow$ level effect $\frac{dk^*(s)}{ds} > 0$

– $g_1 < g_2 \rightarrow$ growth effect

$G_k = 0 = G_{K/L} - g \rightarrow G_{Y/L} = \mathbf{G_{GDP/CAP} = g > 0} \rightarrow$ **Balanced growth**

FIGURE 9-1

Investment,
break-even
investment



Golden Rule Level of Capital

$$\max_s c = \max_s \left\{ (1-s) \cdot f(k^*(s)) \right\}$$

$$\dot{k} = 0 \Leftrightarrow sf(k^*(s)) = (n + g + \delta)k^*(s) \Rightarrow k/y = \frac{s}{(n + g + \delta)}$$

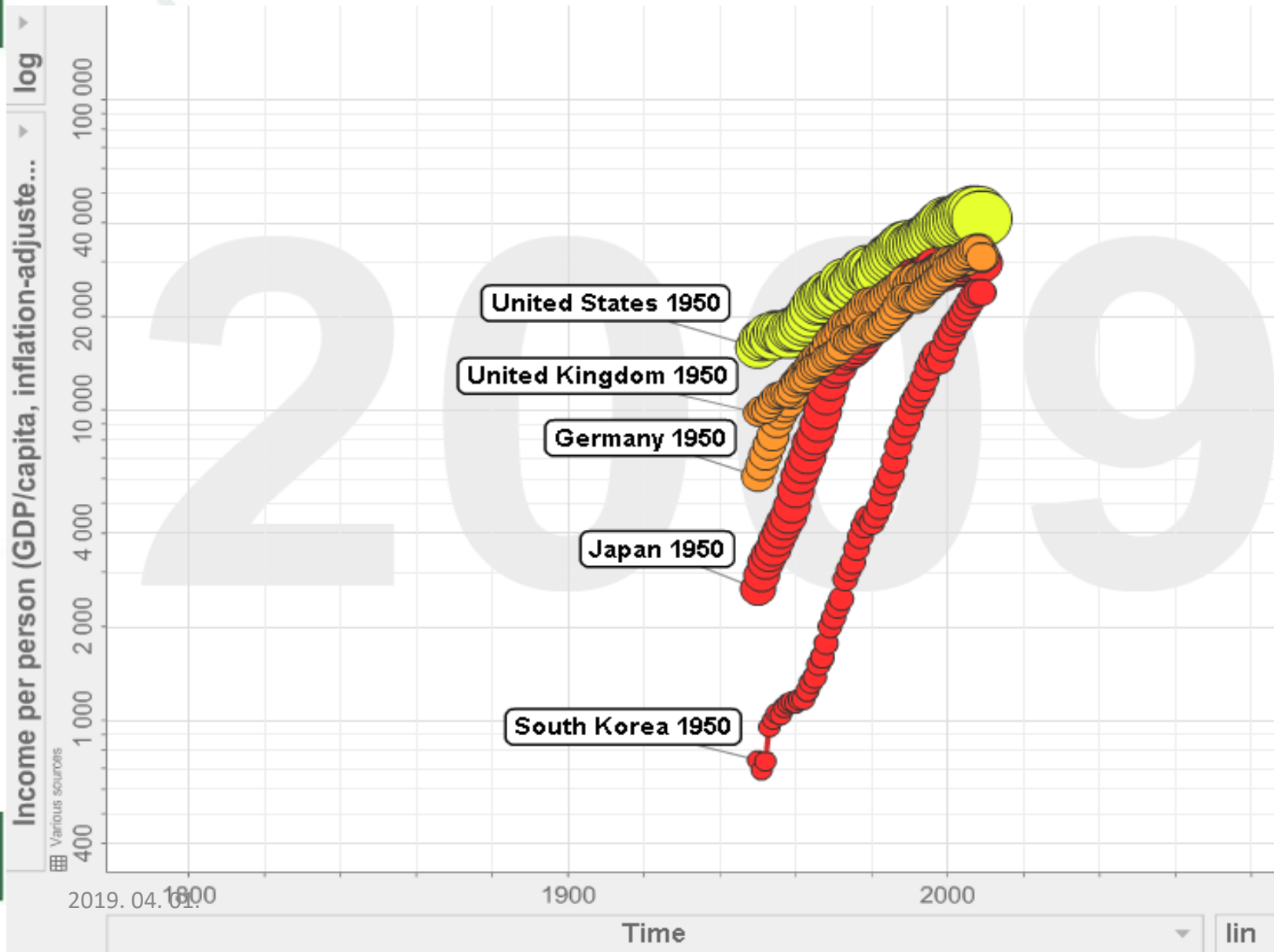
$$f' \frac{dk^*(s)}{ds} - (n + g + \delta) \frac{dk^*(s)}{ds} = 0$$

$$\frac{dk^*(s)}{ds} [f' - (n + g + \delta)] = 0 \Leftrightarrow f' = (n + g + \delta)$$

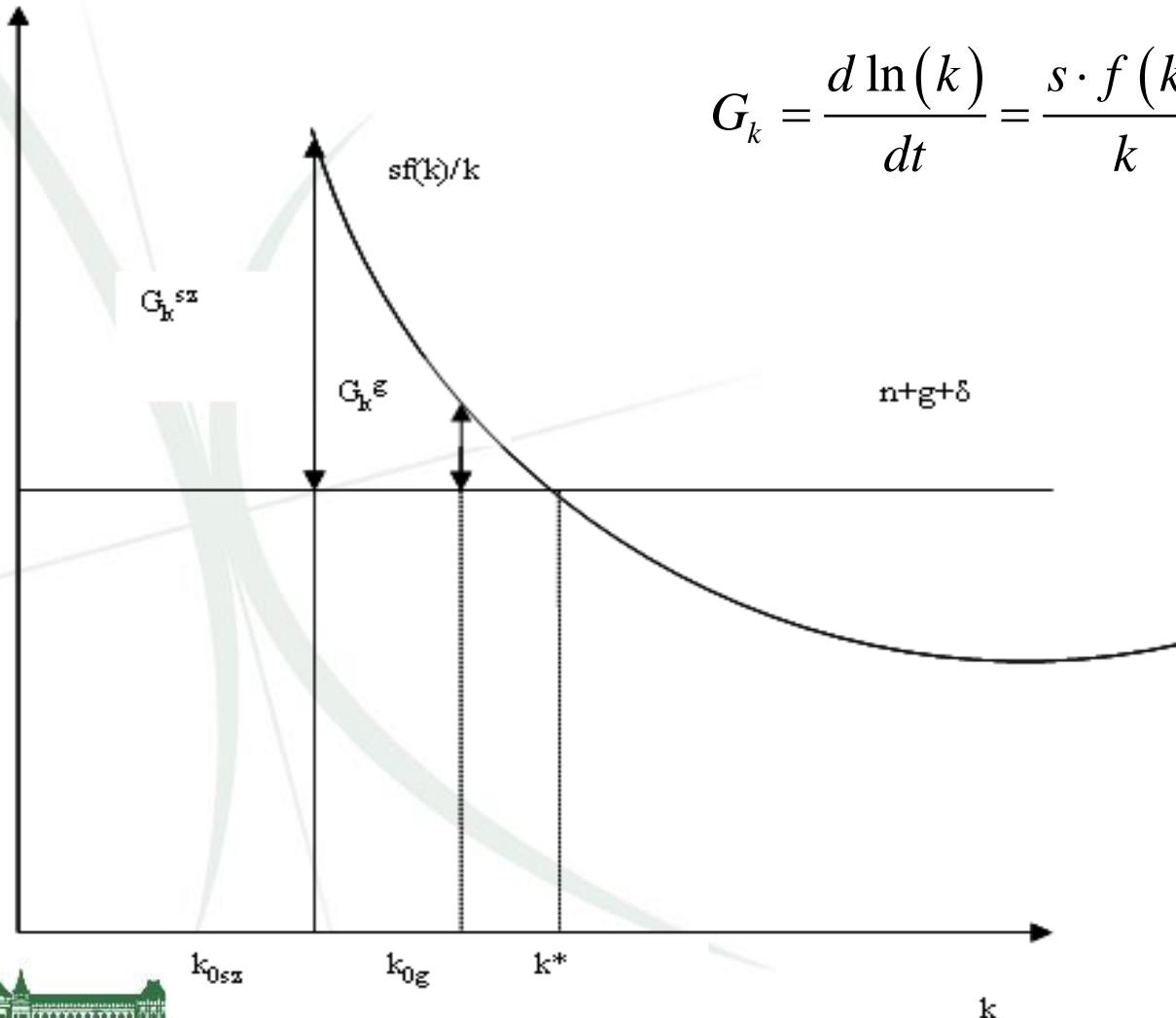
- The optimal saving rate

$$\varepsilon_K^Y = \frac{dY}{dK} \frac{K}{Y} = f' \frac{K/EL}{Y/EL} = (n + g + \delta) \frac{s}{(n + g + \delta)} = s$$

Absolute convergence

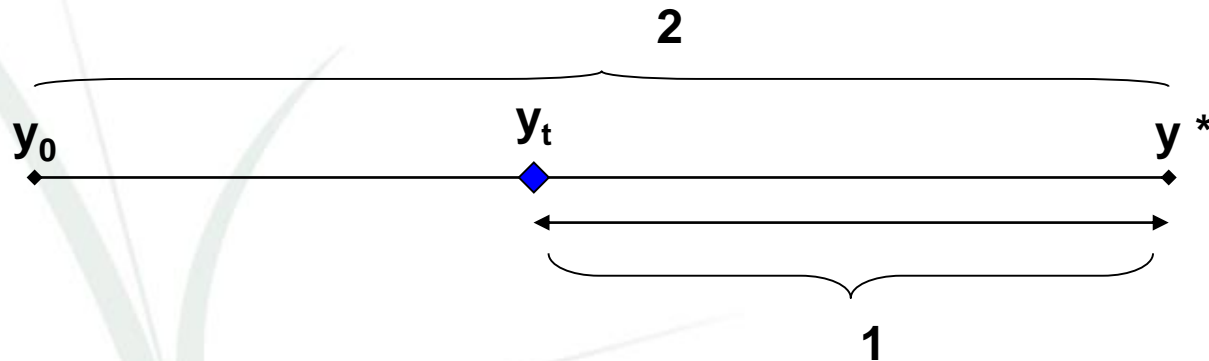


Absolute vs Conditional convergence



$$G_k = \frac{d \ln(k)}{dt} = \frac{s \cdot f(k)}{k} - (n + g + \delta)$$

Speed of convergence close to the equilibrium



$$e^{\beta t} = \frac{\ln y_0 - \ln y^*}{\ln y_t - \ln y^*} = \frac{y_0 - y^*}{y_t - y^*}$$

$$T = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{y_0 - y^*}{y_T - y^*}\right)}{\beta} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{2}{1}\right)}{\beta} \approx \frac{70}{\beta(\%)}$$

4. ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

Hypotheses

- Extensive growth – factor accumulation, re-distribution of factors
 - Intensive growth
 - Differences in the production function (technological change, positive externalities, spillover)
 - Quality of the nation’s institutions, including the government policymaking
 - Allocating Economy’s Investment
 - Public capital, called infrastructure
 - Human capital is at least as important as physical capital in explaining international differences in standard of living.
 - Industrial policy (mistakes) – Japan
 - Free trade is good for economic growth (←specialization, economy of scale)
 - ENDOGENOUS GROWTH MODELS
 - **Joseph Schumpeter: creative destruction** (new product, new way to produce, other innovations)
 - Paul M. Romer: „learning by doing”
- The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences
in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2018**
- Ageing and Growth (*The Economist* 2019-03-30)



Acemoglu, D. – Robinson, J. A.

Why Nations Fail? - The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty

- Inclusive economic and political institutions
 - Extractive institutions
- ↔
- The quality of institutions is a key determinant of economic performance
 - Government as a „helping hand”
 - Protecting property rights
 - Enforcing contracts
 - Promoting competition
 - Prosecuting fraud ...



- **Institutions:** Norms, rules of conduct, and generally accepted ways of doing things.
- **Economic institutions** are humanly devised constraints that shape human interactions including both formal and informal „rules of the game” of economic life

CONCLUSION

- **FACTORS (SOURCES) OF ECONOMIC GROWTH**
 - LUCK
 - TIME
 - HUMAN DECISIONS (THE RULING ELIT)
 - QUALITY OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
 - TRADE
 - HUMAN INGENUITY – INVENTION AND INNOVATION = TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS → **Creative destruction**
 - INVESTMENT IN BROAD CAPITAL

- „International variation in living standards that we observe today is a result of the long reach of history”