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### Stylized Facts of Prices and Interest Rates over the Business Cycle

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#### Abstract

This paper investigates the stylized facts of prices and interest rates over the business cycles in nine OECD countries using quarterly data from 1960 to 2004. We examine the stylized facts using various detrending methods. Our findings confirm the existence of substantive cyclical regularities across countries. In particular, nominal interest rates are procyclical and lag the cycle in the majority of countries; term spread is countercyclical and lags the cycle; prices are countercyclical; inflation is procyclical and lags the cycle.

## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we will attempt to document the stylized facts of prices and interest rates over the business cycles in 9 countries by using different detrending methods.

Our analysis of the cyclical behaviour of the variables we are interested in will be based on the quarterly data collected in nine countries since the beginning of the '60s till almost the end of 2004. In order to investigate the stationarity properties of each time series examined here, it is essential to test the existence of unit roots in the time series. The statistical tool we are using is the cross correlation between the detrended components of these variables.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Subsection 2 describes the procedures for isolating cyclical fluctuations. Subsection 3 documents and identifies the major stylized facts in the selected sample of countries. Subsection 4 contains the main results of the section.

## 2. Measuring Business Cycles

In our work, initially, we adopt a definition according to which business cycles are considered to be "deviation" cycles (Lucas 1977), fluctuations around a trend. The calculation of this trend, for each time series observed, is deemed necessary for the extraction of the cyclical component.

Another definition we adopt, which is associated with the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and Burns and Mitchell (1946) is known as "classical" business cycles. This approach defines the "classical" business cycles in terms of the turning points in the levels of the original series. The above mentioned authors define the business cycle components as fluctuations lasting for no less than 6 quarters and no more than 32 quarters.<sup>1</sup>

### 2.1 Detrending Methods

#### The Nature of the Trend

The type of trend has serious implications for business cycle theory because it determines the propagation of shocks. Nelson and Plosser (1982) consider that a trend can be deterministic or stochastic. If the trend is deterministic, linear detrending by regression is a highly recommended method.<sup>2</sup> Linear detrending cannot be used if a trend is stochastic. Then the first differencing of the time series of the variables is appropriate.

Apart from the above mentioned detrending methods, we also apply the following alternative methods:

a) The Hodrick-Prescott decomposition. Another popular method of decomposing a series into a trend and a stationary component was developed by Hodrick and Prescott. The "penalty parameter" was set by Hodrick and Prescott (1997) as equal to

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<sup>1</sup> The business cycle component can be regarded as those movements in the series with periodicities within a certain range of business cycle durations.

<sup>2</sup> The calculated residuals are the detrended data.

1600 for the U.S. quarterly data. Kydland and Prescott (1990) proposed the same value choice for quarterly data as a "reasonable" choice.<sup>3</sup>

Here we are adopting this value, as used by the majority of recent studies.

b) The Beveridge and Nelson Decomposition (1981) provides an especially useful straightforward method to decompose any ARIMA (p, 1, q) process into a temporary (cyclical) and a permanent component. In our study, the Beveridge-Nelson decomposition is derived by applying a methodology suggested by Cuddington and Winters (1987).

c) The Baxter-King Filter.

Another method to extract the business cycle component of macroeconomic time series is to apply the Baxter-King Filter. In our analysis, we adopt the approximation of Baxter and King (1999) and set the length of the moving average to 12 quarters.

## 2.2 Testing for Integration

We should not ignore that the first thing to do before the investigation of stylized facts is to examine the stationarity characteristics of each time series. There are several tests to examine whether the underlying processes contain a unit root. In our study, we initially use the augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test (Dickey and Fuller, 1979). Table III represents the results of the ADF test for all the time series of the countries examined. ADF test results suggest that all series are stationary in their first differences.

## 3. Stylized Facts

### 3.1 Nominal Interest Rates and Real Output

The analysis of cross-correlations between nominal interest rates and real output yields interesting results. More specifically, Table I shows that: a) there is a contemporaneous positive correlation between real output and nominal interest rates (short and long term) in all countries, except for the UK economy, using all the methods of detrending; b) there is a closer correlation between short-term nominal interest rates and real output than between long-term interest rates and real output, in the cases of the U.S.<sup>4</sup>, Australia, Canada, Germany, Spain and Switzerland.

The timing patterns of nominal interest rates in the above mentioned group of countries indicate that nominal interest rates are lagging variables. This result holds across all the methods of detrending. Except for the GB Yield in the case of Germany and the GB 10Yield in the case of the U.S. which displays the opposite behavior. Stock and Watson (1999a) also found evidence that GB 10Yield leads the American business cycle. As far as the UK is concerned, it is important to note the following: a) the long-run interest rate is negatively correlated with real output, while the correlation of the short-term interest rate with real output is marginally negative; b) the nominal interest rates are lagging variables; these cyclical patterns of variables are observed across all the detrending methods we apply here except for the first-

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<sup>3</sup> In the sense that the implied cyclical component largely agrees with "conventional wisdom" about the U.S. business cycle.

<sup>4</sup> Cooley and Hansen (1995) were led to the same finding and used HP-detrended data for their analysis.

differencing method. In Norway, we observe that, there is a contemporaneous marginal negative correlation between long-run interest rate and real output (-0.068), the sign of the relationship is reversed in the case of the short-run interest rate (0.103) using the HP filter, in both these cases. The cyclical patterns for the HP-detrended variables indicate that long-term interest rate tends to be lagging while, for the short-run interest rate, it is not possible to reach safe conclusions. Finally, in the case of Japan, the direction in which the nominal interest rate moves, in relation to real output, changes according to the detrending method used. The cyclical pattern of the nominal interest rate indicates that the interest rate tends to be a lagging variable.

### **3.2 Term Spread and Real Output**

What is the direction of the relation between term spread<sup>5</sup> and real output? As term spread of the interest rate we define the difference between long and short run interest rates. Most studies use as a measure of the long run interest rate the long (10year) government bond rate, while as a short run interest rate the Federal funds rate, which is an overnight rate, or the 3-Month Treasury Bill Rate. In our analysis, we use the latter measure for the short run interest rates; thus, the term spread equals the long government bond rate minus the 3-month government bond rate, except for USA, where we use both.

The cross-correlations between term spread and real output reported in table I indicates that: a) Using the different detrending methods, except for the BN method which is used in the case of the U.S., the contemporaneous correlation coefficient is negative for all the countries, that is term spread is countercyclical. b) The timing pattern shows clearly that the term spread is a lagging variable in the majority of countries, with the exception of Spain, where we cannot reach safe results, and of Switzerland, where the spread tends to be lagging. The above findings are also confirmed in the U.S. using both measures of term spread.

Moreover, confirming the Stock and Watson (1998) findings for the term spread 1, in the same country, we find that the contemporaneous correlation coefficient is -0.505, while the correspondent coefficient of Stock and Watson is -0.52.

### **3.3 Prices and Real Output**

In Table II, using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and GDP Deflator as measures for prices, we observe that there is a negative correlation between prices and real output at both leads and lags for the majority of countries. This is so regardless of the method of detrending we choose for the evaluation of the examined stylized fact, which means that prices are countercyclical.

Differentiated behavior is seen in the case of Germany using all detrending methods, whereas in the case of Japan and Canada there is a positive correlation when linear detrending is used. Consistent with the countercyclical behavior of prices are also Weeb (2003), Agresti and Mojon (2001), Stock and Watson (1999a), Cooley and Hansen (1995), Chadha and Prasad (1994), Fiorito and Kollintzas (1994), Backus and Kehoe (1992), Blackburn and Ravn (1992), Smith (1992), Cooley and Ohanian (1991), and Kydland and Prescott (1990). The results of countercyclical are consistent

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<sup>5</sup> The term spread is a "leading indicator" variable which is included, together with many other variables, in the composite Index of Leading Economic Indicators.

with the behavior of prices noted above. Observation of the cyclical timing of prices shows that prices are leading variables. In some countries this result depends upon the detrending method chosen, thus in the cases of Japan and Canada prices tend to be procyclical when linear detrending is used, while in Germany prices are lagging when HP and BK detrended data are used.

Kydland and Prescott (1990), relied on the countercyclicity of prices, in order to prove that supply shocks (not demand shocks) must be responsible for business cycle fluctuations. On the other hand, Chadha and Prasad (1994) note of that the correlation between inflation and output rather than price and output should be used as a "criterion" for determining the different types of shocks (demand or supply) that are responsible for cyclical fluctuations. However, Lucas (1977) considered that prices are procyclical variables, leading to the monetary misperceptions model, and Zarnowitz (1992) found strong evidence of procyclical prices in the first 150 years of the U.S. history.

We also observe that: a) the negative correlation between real GDP and prices is smaller when extracting the influence of oil prices on these variables [by using a dummy variable (see table 5b)], b) the negative correlation between real GDP and prices is stronger when we use the GDP Deflator as a measure of prices than when we use the CPI. This deviation is in relation to the nature of these two measures.

### **3.4 Inflation and Real Output**

Table II shows that there is a contemporaneous positive correlation between real output and inflation in most of the examined countries, that is inflation is a procyclical variable. The countries which behave differently are the UK, when we use (GDP Deflator) as measure of inflation, Japan, when we use the same measure and finally Spain and Norway, when we use both measures of inflation. The only detrending method where procyclicality of inflation is not confirmed is the BN procedure, where inflation tends to be countercyclical.

Table II provided evidence supporting that inflation lags real output in the U.S. economy, irrespectively of the data filtering methods and the measures of inflation used. Many studies have been carried out for the same economy as regards the features of business cycles allowing us to make comparisons with our study.

Thus, a remarkable similarity with the work of Cooley and Hansen (1995) is observed although their sample does not concern the same period of time. In their work, the contemporaneous correlation coefficient between (CPI) and real output is 0.34 while in ours it is 0.36. It should be noted, that HP-filtered data were used in both works. Moreover, in their study, the cyclical timing pattern shows that inflation is a lagging variable. Stock and Watson (1999a), in a thoroughly empirical work for the U.S. economy, found out evidence confirming that inflation is strongly procyclical and lags the business cycle. Finally, the procyclical behavior of inflation during the postwar period in the G7 economies was supported by Chadha and Prasad (1994).

The patterns of lead/ lag correlations for the remaining countries show evidence that tends to support that inflation lags the business cycle, in most methods of detrending. Germany is an exception as the timing patterns, for the various detrending methods used cannot be easily interpreted.

#### 4. Summary of the Findings

The purpose of this section has been to study the cyclical properties of a large number of macroeconomic time series for a group of 9 countries, using different detrending methods. We have provided a thorough presentation of the cross-correlation patterns between real output and prices, between real output and interest rates and between real output and inflation. We have highlighted similarities and differences between our results and existing studies on business cycle fluctuations in selected countries.

The main findings of this section can be summarized as follows:

The contemporaneous correlations between nominal interest rates and real output are positive in all countries, except for the UK. These correlations become stronger when short-term rather than long-term nominal interest rates are used. The nominal interest rates are lagging variables for almost all the countries in our sample.

Term spread is a countercyclical and lagging variable in the majority of countries. By comparing our findings for the U.S. economy with those of Stock and Watson (1999a), we find out that they are almost identical.

There is a negative correlation between prices and real output in both leads and lags for the majority of countries, regardless of the method of detrending we choose for the evaluation of the examined stylized facts. The negative correlation between real GDP and prices is stronger when the GDP Deflator rather than the CPI is used as a measure of prices. Moreover, the timing patterns of prices provide evidence that prices are leading variables.

There is a contemporaneous positive correlation between real output and inflation in most of the examined countries. The patterns of lead/ lag correlations show evidence of tendency for inflation to lag the business cycle, in most methods of detrending.

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**Table I: Cross-Correlation of Real GDP with:**

Main Countries	Variables		x(-8)	x(-7)	x(-6)	x(-5)	x(-4)	x(-3)	x(-2)	x(-1)	x	x(1)	x(2)	x(3)	x(4)	x(5)	x(6)	x(7)	x(8)	
United States	GB yield 10 year	HP	-0.307	-0.385	-0.461	-0.479	-0.419	-0.310	-0.137	-0.332	0.019	0.080	0.103	0.115	0.113	0.104	0.117	0.122	0.153	
		BK	-0.305	-0.411	-0.491	-0.529	-0.509	-0.427	-0.292	-0.131	0.017	0.121	0.165	0.166	0.119	0.083	0.074	0.097	0.142	
		DS	-0.130	-0.050	-0.126	-0.233	-0.136	-0.143	-0.204	0.030	0.211	0.104	0.047	0.037	0.033	-0.040	0.035	-0.042	-0.062	
		TS	-0.034	-0.028	-0.017	0.001	0.033	0.071	0.114	0.167	0.216	0.244	0.265	0.283	0.298	0.310	0.324	0.335	0.348	
	GB yield 3 year	BN	0.091	-0.189	0.083	-0.115	0.187	-0.242	0.188	-0.099	0.341	-0.451	-0.117	0.169	0.007	0.043	-0.155	0.105	-0.117	
		HP	-0.385	-0.447	-0.505	-0.530	-0.476	-0.380	-0.229	-0.006	0.190	0.261	0.278	0.274	0.254	0.224	0.195	0.155	0.146	
		BK	-0.393	-0.497	-0.569	-0.590	-0.541	-0.416	-0.229	-0.014	0.181	0.310	0.360	0.340	0.278	0.211	0.163	0.143	0.143	
		DS	-0.141	-0.054	-0.121	-0.249	-0.136	-0.140	-0.200	0.080	0.286	0.163	0.097	0.061	0.058	0.028	0.062	-0.051	-0.070	
	Treasury Bill Rate	TS	-0.045	-0.035	-0.019	0.006	0.047	0.096	0.151	0.218	0.279	0.312	0.334	0.346	0.355	0.359	0.361	0.357	0.357	
		BN	-0.048	0.008	0.116	0.124	-0.081	-0.152	0.120	0.113	0.372	-0.434	0.139	-0.148	0.194	-0.239	0.101	0.014	0.063	
		HP	-0.519	-0.578	-0.599	-0.581	-0.484	-0.336	-0.144	0.121	0.352	0.457	0.493	0.480	0.451	0.406	0.318	0.224	0.169	
		BK	-0.553	-0.651	-0.700	-0.681	-0.579	-0.394	-0.145	0.125	0.366	0.529	0.600	0.587	0.517	0.422	0.327	0.243	0.170	
	Federal funds Rate	DS	-0.160	-0.157	-0.148	-0.260	-0.158	-0.108	-0.193	0.119	0.316	0.240	0.195	0.086	0.088	0.171	0.072	-0.065	-0.072	
		TS	-0.088	-0.075	-0.048	-0.010	0.049	0.119	0.194	0.283	0.361	0.407	0.432	0.441	0.442	0.437	0.419	0.393	0.372	
		BN	0.160	-0.128	0.149	-0.244	0.352	-0.377	0.312	-0.520	0.752	-0.296	0.080	-0.139	0.083	-0.012	-0.047	0.028	0.057	
		HP	-0.523	-0.579	-0.602	-0.588	-0.507	-0.368	-0.183	0.100	0.356	0.493	0.536	0.524	0.489	0.451	0.341	0.220	0.148	
	Term Spread_1	BK	-0.563	-0.657	-0.707	-0.694	-0.602	-0.435	-0.177	0.104	0.365	0.554	0.648	0.647	0.576	0.467	0.349	0.239	0.144	
		DS	-0.147	-0.143	-0.145	-0.233	-0.183	-0.125	-0.274	0.098	0.316	0.299	0.212	0.123	0.061	0.264	0.088	-0.111	-0.091	
		TS	-0.095	-0.081	-0.055	-0.016	0.042	0.114	0.193	0.292	0.382	0.438	0.470	0.483	0.485	0.480	0.453	0.418	0.393	
		BN	0.160	-0.124	0.144	-0.242	0.347	-0.369	0.299	-0.512	0.743	-0.278	0.049	-0.121	0.069	0.020	-0.055	0.044	0.072	
	Term Spread_2	HP	0.466	0.480	0.440	0.376	0.261	0.105	-0.071	-0.294	-0.485	-0.578	-0.610	-0.581	-0.541	-0.485	-0.348	-0.210	-0.104	
		BK	0.504	0.544	0.539	0.477	0.350	0.162	-0.065	-0.301	-0.505	-0.641	-0.701	-0.691	-0.626	-0.523	-0.397	-0.256	-0.110	
		DS	0.105	0.170	0.091	0.149	0.096	0.022	0.085	-0.135	-0.246	-0.236	-0.224	-0.084	-0.090	-0.268	-0.068	0.052	0.043	
		TS	0.138	0.119	0.079	0.026	-0.046	-0.130	-0.219	-0.317	-0.397	-0.447	-0.460	-0.442	-0.412	-0.372	-0.296	-0.210	-0.132	
	Australia	Treasury Bonds: 15 year	BN	0.011	0.010	0.009	0.009	0.010	0.015	0.026	0.052	0.117	0.083	0.057	0.035	0.025	0.021	0.018	0.017	0.016
			HP	0.462	0.499	0.483	0.437	0.349	0.210	0.042	-0.209	-0.440	-0.574	-0.616	-0.594	-0.550	-0.507	-0.362	-0.207	-0.097
			BK	0.525	0.578	0.591	0.551	0.446	0.272	0.041	-0.215	-0.454	-0.629	-0.721	-0.726	-0.660	-0.543	-0.398	-0.243	-0.094
			DS	0.090	0.130	0.094	0.139	0.136	0.064	0.205	-0.098	-0.250	-0.294	-0.223	-0.126	-0.048	-0.333	-0.083	0.102	0.075
Treasury Bonds: 2 year		TS	0.160	0.152	0.115	0.060	-0.013	-0.104	-0.207	-0.339	-0.457	-0.522	-0.544	-0.531	-0.496	-0.463	-0.385	-0.298	-0.231	
		BN	0.235	0.226	0.221	0.216	0.214	0.211	0.218	0.231	0.252	0.291	0.330	0.366	0.399	0.427	0.453	0.479	0.500	
		HP	-0.266	-0.320	-0.363	-0.375	-0.380	-0.307	-0.144	0.020	0.186	0.294	0.357	0.379	0.367	0.321	0.255	0.205	0.102	
		BK	-0.323	-0.416	-0.497	-0.537	-0.503	-0.379	-0.180	0.052	0.262	0.411	0.485	0.498	0.469	0.410	0.321	0.197	0.043	
Treasury Bill Rate		DS	-0.060	-0.039	-0.079	-0.033	-0.163	-0.182	-0.010	-0.005	0.113	0.084	0.084	0.071	0.070	0.050	-0.018	0.112	0.076	
		TS	-0.048	-0.025	0.001	0.029	0.056	0.089	0.129	0.169	0.211	0.239	0.264	0.286	0.307	0.324	0.337	0.352	0.362	
		BN	-0.253	-0.279	-0.318	-0.341	-0.308	-0.210	-0.068	0.110	0.280	0.402	0.515	0.528	0.450	0.356	0.249	0.128	-0.029	
		BK	-0.324	-0.408	-0.468	-0.478	-0.416	-0.274	-0.069	0.165	0.381	0.539	0.623	0.629	0.568	0.449	0.280	0.078	-0.133	
Term Spread		DS	-0.072	0.011	-0.046	-0.128	-0.135	-0.094	-0.070	0.033	0.108	0.032	0.206	0.184	0.045	0.043	0.046	0.082	0.003	
		TS	-0.052	-0.026	0.000	0.027	0.059	0.096	0.137	0.181	0.225	0.254	0.283	0.302	0.315	0.325	0.332	0.335	0.333	
		HP	-0.250	-0.268	-0.339	-0.305	-0.199	-0.087	0.102	0.252	0.345	0.511	0.581	0.478	0.375	0.279	0.118	-0.051	-0.198	
		BK	-0.364	-0.443	-0.482	-0.453	-0.343	-0.158	0.075	0.315	0.521	0.657	0.704	0.659	0.533	0.348	0.133	-0.081	-0.261	
Canada		GB yield> 10 years	DS	-0.044	0.072	-0.159	-0.106	-0.007	-0.108	0.067	0.092	-0.088	0.159	0.261	0.015	0.008	0.116	0.018	-0.030	-0.003
			TS	-0.185	-0.183	-0.190	-0.183	-0.167	-0.149	-0.119	-0.095	-0.083	-0.026	0.021	0.035	0.039	0.047	0.044	0.036	0.023
			HP	0.112	0.086	0.100	0.127	0.048	-0.042	-0.083	-0.200	-0.295	-0.384	-0.519	-0.513	-0.370	-0.244	-0.121	0.055	0.225
			BK	0.194	0.230	0.231	0.189	0.108	-0.005	-0.138	-0.280	-0.417	-0.528	-0.591	-0.586	-0.498	-0.329	-0.102	0.145	0.363
GB yield 3-5 years		DS	0.042	-0.070	-0.021	0.178	0.012	-0.085	0.108	-0.061	-0.034	0.058	-0.244	-0.222	0.018	-0.007	-0.100	0.007	0.102	
		TS	0.087	0.059	0.039	0.024	-0.013	-0.051	-0.075	-0.113	-0.144	-0.161	-0.187	-0.179	-0.148	-0.121	-0.092	-0.037	0.016	
		BN	-0.518	-0.534	-0.554	-0.550	-0.472	-0.340	-0.177	0.017	0.213	0.330	0.362	0.337	0.288	0.239	0.194	0.162	0.159	
		HP	-0.554	-0.595	-0.615	-0.599	-0.524	-0.377	-0.170	0.062	0.268	0.404	0.446	0.404	0.311	0.211	0.139	0.109	0.113	
Treasury Bill Rate		DS	-0.094	-0.923	-0.092	-0.202	-0.136	-0.094	-0.082	0.013	0.170	0.225	0.170	0.074	0.042	0.038	0.025	-0.009	0.030	
		TS	0.364	0.390	0.417	0.448	0.486	0.526	0.569	0.614	0.657	0.681	0.697	0.707	0.717	0.725	0.732	0.740	0.747	
		BN	-0.510	-0.511	-0.526	-0.508	-0.402	-0.223	-0.024	0.194	0.398	0.502	0.506	0.459	0.366	0.275	0.184	0.108	0.073	
		HP	-0.574	-0.610	-0.619	-0.580	-0.465	-0.268	-0.009	-0.261	0.484	0.612	0.628	0.547	0.409	0.260	0.137	0.057	0.017	
Term Spread	DS	-0.093	0.001	-0.098	-0.216	-0.150	-0.037	-0.041	0.070	0.206	0.274	0.167	0.109	0.046	0.039	0.026	-0.028	-0.014		
	TS	0.330	0.360	0.389	0.424	0.468	0.516	0.565	0.616	0.663	0.689	0.701	0.705	0.709	0.711	0.712	0.713	0.713		
	BN	-0.478	-0.497	-0.505	-0.476	-0.379	-0.211	0.014	0.257	0.468	0.586	0.581	0.521	0.436	0.328	0.208	0.119	0.069		
	HP	-0.556	-0.593	-0.604	-0.559	-0.433	-0.220	0.053	0.333	0.559	0.685	0.700	0.624	0.493	0.345	0.205	0.090	0.006		
United Kingdom	GB yield: long-term	DS	-0.065	-0.055	-0.117	-0.187	-0.162	-0.122	-0.030	0.125	0.235	0.365	0.212	0.089	0.123	0.092	-0.002	-0.037	-0.003	
		TS	0.298	0.329	0.361	0.399	0.446	0.497	0.554	0.612	0.664	0.693	0.705	0.707	0.709	0.706	0.699	0.692	0.687	
		BN	-0.320	-0.336	-0.330	-0.283	0.197	0.050	-0.149	-0.352	-0.511	-0.593	-0.563	-0.495	-0.410	-0.293	-0.156	-0.054	0.015	
		HP	0.355	0.364	0.349	0.281	0.139	-0.072	-0.325	-0.540	-0.695	-0.750	-0.706	-0.585	-0.420	-0.241	-0.072	0.072	0.183	
GB yield: short-term	DS	0.029	0.065	0.095	0.096	0.112	0.096	-0.018	-0.150	-0.181	-0.308	-0.152	-0.058	-0.125	-0.092	0.018	0.032	0.025		
	TS	-0.013	-0.037	-0.071	-0.118	-0.171	-0.228	-0.289	-0.352	-0.404	-0.432	-0.433	-0.421	-0.412	-0.393	-0.370	-0.343	-0.321		
	BN	-0.247	-0.337	-0.478	-0.573	-0.600	-0.540	-0.459	-0.326	-0.219	-0.053	0.085	0.171	0.216	0.327	0.427	0.462	0.462		
	HP	-0.142	-0.309	-0.471	-0.601	-0.668	-0.656	-0.564	-0.416	-0.246	-0.086	0.049	0.162	0.264	0.364	0.460	0.540	0.586		
Treasury Bill Rate	DS	-0.179	0.001	-0.134	-0.184	-0.216	-0.112	-0.1												

**Table I: Cross-Correlation of Real GDP with:**

Main Countries	Variables		x(-8)	x(-7)	x(-6)	x(-5)	x(-4)	x(-3)	x(-2)	x(-1)	x	x(1)	x(2)	x(3)	x(4)	x(5)	x(6)	x(7)	x(8)
Japan	GB yield	HP	-0,042	-0,036	-0,051	-0,068	-0,051	-0,033	-0,039	-0,044	-0,003	0,036	0,052	0,048	0,088	0,114	0,116	0,073	0,084
		BK	-0,066	-0,079	-0,104	-0,129	-0,145	-0,144	-0,123	-0,081	-0,023	0,045	0,118	0,188	0,246	0,284	0,297	0,282	0,244
		DS	0,012	0,028	0,006	-0,036	0,001	0,037	0,010	-0,044	0,006	0,039	0,034	-0,044	0,026	0,039	0,068	-0,055	0,029
		TS	0,347	0,371	0,399	0,428	0,445	0,482	0,522	0,555	0,573	0,570	0,560	0,543	0,536	0,525	0,507	0,476	0,457
	Treasury Bill Rate	HP	-0,050	-0,031	0,010	0,082	0,178	0,239	0,304	0,331	0,374	0,348	0,288	0,257	0,189	0,133	0,121	0,089	0,040
		BK	-0,117	-0,042	0,044	0,143	0,253	0,366	0,466	0,532	0,551	0,513	0,440	0,351	0,266	0,195	0,141	0,094	0,043
		DS	-0,031	-0,017	-0,056	-0,014	0,074	-0,004	0,113	0,043	0,151	0,145	-0,024	0,148	0,015	-0,064	0,077	0,077	-0,025
		TS	0,027	0,032	0,037	0,044	0,055	0,063	0,068	0,070	0,071	0,039	-0,008	-0,053	-0,111	-0,162	-0,196	-0,227	-0,263
	Term Spread	HP	-0,092	-0,068	-0,016	0,010	-0,038	-0,041	-0,043	-0,067	-0,102	-0,095	-0,115	-0,138	-0,090	-0,065	-0,026	0,006	0,042
		BK	0,045	0,056	0,059	0,044	0,005	-0,057	-0,139	-0,232	-0,325	-0,396	-0,443	-0,448	-0,401	-0,307	-0,182	-0,049	0,074
		DS	0,054	-0,095	0,046	0,102	-0,068	0,014	0,033	-0,013	-0,066	0,025	-0,009	-0,189	0,046	-0,031	0,003	-0,009	0,044
		TS	-0,218	-0,223	-0,212	-0,202	-0,204	-0,196	-0,174	-0,140	-0,129	-0,160	-0,170	-0,180	-0,141	-0,101	-0,052	-0,005	0,048
Germany	GB yield	HP	0,030	0,015	0,046	0,116	0,169	0,203	0,221	0,229	0,192	0,145	0,080	-0,026	-0,086	-0,106	-0,134	-0,173	-0,145
		BK	0,114	0,156	0,187	0,217	0,255	0,298	0,334	0,344	0,314	0,238	0,133	0,021	-0,078	-0,151	-0,196	-0,216	-0,216
		DS	0,130	-0,089	0,059	0,026	0,111	0,063	0,045	0,143	0,102	0,093	0,124	-0,079	-0,065	0,031	0,035	-0,167	-0,059
		TS	0,031	0,055	0,087	0,127	0,161	0,186	0,204	0,219	0,219	0,196	0,166	0,124	0,096	0,073	0,047	0,018	0,007
	Treasury Bill Rate	HP	0,101	0,101	0,096	0,102	0,103	0,129	0,153	0,204	0,243	0,274	0,267	0,210	0,165	0,126	0,059	-0,027	-0,065
		BK	0,159	0,180	0,166	0,136	0,116	0,126	0,171	0,236	0,296	0,328	0,323	0,287	0,230	0,163	0,092	0,019	-0,056
		DS	0,157	0,058	0,019	0,031	0,004	0,053	-0,029	0,085	0,122	0,168	0,196	0,004	0,056	0,121	0,087	-0,107	-0,008
		TS	0,131	0,166	0,195	0,222	0,246	0,269	0,287	0,311	0,328	0,327	0,313	0,282	0,254	0,219	0,173	0,120	0,076
	Term Spread	HP	-0,141	-0,172	-0,121	-0,039	0,032	0,028	0,006	-0,079	-0,202	-0,327	-0,397	-0,434	-0,443	-0,401	-0,311	-0,202	-0,090
		BK	-0,157	-0,145	-0,081	0,013	0,097	0,131	0,092	-0,017	-0,167	-0,318	-0,438	-0,509	-0,524	-0,488	-0,411	-0,300	-0,161
		DS	-0,092	-0,222	-0,118	-0,020	0,135	-0,014	0,102	0,045	-0,069	-0,158	-0,166	-0,110	-0,182	-0,167	-0,097	-0,054	-0,076
		TS	-0,234	-0,260	-0,264	-0,255	-0,256	-0,261	-0,265	-0,280	-0,298	-0,338	-0,353	-0,352	-0,340	-0,307	-0,258	-0,198	-0,131
Spain	GB yield	HP	-0,161	-0,124	-0,113	-0,068	-0,006	-0,028	-0,020	0,058	0,135	0,207	0,207	0,244	0,236	0,143	0,100	0,122	0,126
		BK	-0,317	-0,174	-0,071	-0,020	0,002	0,035	0,109	0,222	0,336	0,405	0,394	0,310	0,197	0,107	0,069	0,076	0,093
		DS	-0,039	-0,090	-0,153	-0,113	-0,053	-0,172	-0,243	-0,131	-0,057	0,001	-0,168	-0,047	0,048	-0,136	-0,159	-0,010	0,152
		TS	-0,175	-0,215	-0,259	-0,295	-0,321	-0,372	-0,414	-0,446	-0,481	-0,390	-0,306	-0,216	-0,152	-0,119	-0,085	-0,054	-0,039
	Treasury Bill Rate	HP	-0,071	-0,042	-0,042	-0,027	0,018	0,063	0,107	0,194	0,250	0,266	0,251	0,205	0,184	0,125	0,084	0,124	0,137
		BK	-0,153	-0,054	-0,014	-0,001	0,026	0,094	0,200	0,314	0,394	0,408	0,354	0,262	0,180	0,144	0,159	0,197	0,216
		DS	0,079	-0,005	-0,065	-0,079	-0,051	-0,034	-0,098	0,016	0,045	0,025	0,027	-0,054	0,044	-0,035	-0,130	0,038	0,079
		TS	-0,039	-0,050	-0,064	-0,073	-0,075	-0,082	-0,087	-0,086	-0,092	-0,054	-0,019	0,008	0,038	0,058	0,076	0,101	0,115
	Term Spread	HP	-0,066	-0,071	-0,059	-0,028	-0,028	-0,118	-0,175	-0,221	-0,222	-0,169	-0,144	-0,037	-0,017	-0,032	-0,022	-0,057	-0,073
		BK	-0,112	-0,109	-0,058	-0,020	-0,038	-0,108	-0,191	-0,243	-0,241	-0,186	-0,114	-0,064	-0,061	-0,105	-0,171	-0,223	-0,233
		DS	-0,101	-0,050	-0,046	0,012	0,020	-0,093	-0,071	-0,119	-0,095	-0,029	-0,158	0,028	-0,012	-0,061	0,028	-0,046	0,029
		TS	-0,164	-0,187	-0,219	-0,245	-0,276	-0,329	-0,379	-0,426	-0,466	-0,405	-0,351	-0,277	-0,242	-0,233	-0,220	-0,222	-0,228
Norway	GB yield	HP	-0,091	-0,068	-0,007	0,014	-0,057	-0,120	-0,087	-0,068	0,021	0,162	0,216	0,167	0,124	0,153	0,089	0,052	
		BK	-0,099	-0,056	-0,017	-0,014	-0,063	-0,142	-0,202	-0,192	-0,094	0,059	0,210	0,302	0,314	0,268	0,208	0,167	0,151
		DS	-0,077	-0,039	0,050	0,110	-0,001	-0,101	0,013	0,033	-0,096	-0,048	0,120	0,139	-0,004	-0,073	0,133	-0,014	-0,030
		TS	0,265	0,285	0,309	0,334	0,351	0,364	0,389	0,420	0,449	0,461	0,482	0,493	0,489	0,476	0,471	0,455	0,449
	Treasury Bill Rate	HP	-0,001	-0,161	-0,145	-0,013	0,037	-0,215	-0,224	-0,045	0,103	-0,033	0,049	0,200	0,260	0,043	0,013	0,090	0,089
		BK	-0,294	-0,191	-0,107	-0,092	-0,155	-0,250	-0,301	-0,251	-0,091	0,145	0,376	0,519	0,525	0,400	0,200	0,004	-0,118
		DS	0,193	-0,186	-0,129	0,060	0,297	-0,266	-0,174	0,029	0,253	-0,181	-0,117	0,138	0,261	-0,160	-0,073	0,037	0,228
		TS	-0,117	-0,134	-0,141	-0,110	-0,088	-0,110	-0,108	-0,062	0,007	-0,055	-0,038	-0,054	-0,032	-0,061	-0,040	-0,030	0,008
	Term Spread	HP	-0,081	0,098	0,160	0,057	-0,139	0,140	0,233	0,108	-0,096	0,055	0,101	-0,095	-0,267	-0,084	0,022	-0,061	-0,163
		BK	0,189	0,135	0,088	0,070	0,098	0,168	0,247	0,291	0,261	0,134	-0,071	-0,289	-0,437	-0,454	-0,337	-0,144	0,040
		DS	-0,253	0,104	0,140	0,083	-0,384	0,167	0,179	0,070	-0,277	0,070	0,219	-0,050	-0,287	0,057	0,127	0,050	-0,308
		TS	0,137	0,231	0,274	0,216	0,100	0,240	0,272	0,159	-0,024	0,074	0,071	-0,040	-0,168	-0,091	-0,064	-0,128	-0,209
Switzerland	GB yield	HP	-0,504	-0,314	-0,474	-0,423	-0,314	-0,174	-0,173	0,026	0,226	0,465	0,501	0,517	0,518	0,492	0,458	0,392	0,309
		BK	-0,390	-0,413	-0,421	-0,389	-0,293	-0,128	0,086	0,305	0,480	0,589	0,621	0,598	0,544	0,479	0,403	0,313	0,208
		DS	-0,178	-0,160	-0,060	-0,183	-0,096	-0,159	0,022	0,114	0,356	0,196	0,112	0,090	0,130	0,079	0,160	0,085	0,082
		TS	-0,087	-0,053	0,001	0,062	0,146	0,240	0,355	0,467	0,567	0,620	0,654	0,673	0,680	0,669	0,647	0,604	0,547
	Treasury Bill Rate	HP	-0,386	-0,378	-0,296	-0,189	0,012	0,274	0,509	0,690	0,763	0,719	0,592	0,443	0,304	0,189	0,123	0,033	-0,064
		BK	-0,428	-0,328	-0,188	-0,020	0,166	0,362	0,555	0,720	0,827	0,793	0,707	0,581	0,431	0,281	0,152	0,058	-0,006
		DS	-0,127	-0,157	-0,017	-0,226	-0,134	0,139	0,237	0,406	0,460	0,341	0,182	0,057	0,025	-0,056	0,172	0,140	-0,037
		TS	0,024	0,094	0,188	0,291	0,419	0,560	0,687	0,789	0,851	0,862	0,843	0,806	0,759	0,714	0,679	0,629	0,572
	Term Spread	HP	0,294	0,301	0,218	0,122	-0,060	-0,286	-0,480	-0,633	-0,684	-0,642	-0,527	-0,385	-0,244	-0,116	-0,045	0,033	0,120
		BK	0,323	0,223	0,084	-0,074	-0,234	-0,387	-0,529	-0,652	-0,740	-0,707	-0,641	-0,531	-0,375	-0,196	-0,034	0,072	0,105
		DS	0,051	0,118	-0,005	0,181	0,060	-0,131	-0,169	-0,337	-0,326	-0,258	-0,165	-0,035	-0,055	0,078	-0,094	-0,110	0,095
		TS	-0,044	-0,107	-0,207	-0,30													

**Table II: Cross-Correlation of Real GDP with:**

Main Countries	Variables		x(-8)	x(-7)	x(-6)	x(-5)	x(-4)	x(-3)	x(-2)	x(-1)	x	x(1)	x(2)	x(3)	x(4)	x(5)	x(6)	x(7)	x(8)
United States	CPI	HP	-0.203	-0.333	-0.458	-0.578	-0.673	-0.722	-0.726	-0.664	-0.537	-0.377	-0.216	-0.045	0.121	0.256	0.371	0.453	-0.490
		BK	-0.157	-0.299	-0.440	-0.568	-0.669	-0.727	-0.729	-0.669	-0.553	-0.398	-0.222	-0.045	0.117	0.253	0.359	0.432	0.471
		DS	-0.151	-0.157	-0.174	-0.242	-0.314	-0.306	-0.355	-0.346	-0.227	-0.132	-0.130	-0.079	0.032	0.019	0.064	0.124	0.057
		TS	-0.291	-0.304	-0.317	-0.328	-0.336	-0.337	-0.330	-0.316	-0.293	-0.259	-0.224	-0.187	-0.150	-0.115	-0.083	-0.055	-0.031
		BN	0.003	-0.021	-0.036	-0.074	-0.100	-0.148	-0.200	-0.269	-0.355	-0.428	-0.312	-0.256	-0.307	-0.333	-0.297	-0.321	-0.208
	GDPDEF	HP	-0.050	-0.185	-0.330	-0.468	-0.595	-0.680	-0.714	-0.703	-0.652	-0.552	-0.417	-0.258	-0.094	0.058	0.208	0.340	0.432
		BK	-0.031	-0.168	-0.308	0.441	-0.557	-0.643	-0.690	-0.689	-0.638	-0.542	-0.412	-0.259	-0.099	0.054	0.190	0.300	0.377
		DS	-0.124	-0.104	-0.155	-0.182	-0.254	-0.275	-0.255	-0.229	-0.247	-0.201	-0.162	-0.103	-0.041	-0.054	0.008	0.064	0.059
		TS	-0.211	-0.214	-0.217	-0.218	-0.217	-0.213	-0.202	-0.187	-0.167	-0.140	-0.112	-0.083	-0.053	-0.024	-0.004	0.028	0.050
		BN	0.088	0.018	0.115	-0.084	0.176	-0.068	0.087	-0.298	0.274	0.271	0.134	-0.009	0.009	0.028	-0.044	-0.036	0.019
	INFLATION [Δ(CPI)]	HP	-0.405	-0.374	-0.358	-0.342	-0.275	-0.141	-0.010	0.176	0.366	0.450	0.467	0.487	0.487	0.400	0.328	0.241	0.108
		BK	-0.516	-0.536	-0.530	-0.483	-0.381	-0.219	-0.007	0.223	0.432	0.583	0.660	0.664	0.609	0.514	0.399	0.276	0.150
		DS	-0.077	-0.006	-0.019	-0.109	-0.115	0.013	-0.094	0.010	0.190	0.149	0.008	0.075	0.182	-0.013	0.061	0.101	-0.105
		TS	-0.069	-0.027	0.019	0.068	0.137	0.224	0.307	0.404	0.499	0.553	0.577	0.606	0.614	0.592	0.581	0.552	0.510
		BN	-0.032	-0.099	-0.049	-0.012	0.011	-0.084	0.058	0.107	0.076	-0.402	-0.141	0.058	0.093	0.011	0.008	0.033	-0.016
	INFLATION [Δ(GDP DEF)]	HP	-0.403	-0.399	-0.420	-0.398	-0.357	-0.243	-0.107	0.029	0.132	0.281	0.389	0.466	0.502	0.452	0.432	0.369	0.255
		BK	-0.507	-0.548	-0.557	-0.529	-0.460	-0.345	-0.189	-0.002	0.196	0.374	0.515	0.604	0.635	0.612	0.544	0.440	0.312
		DS	-0.136	0.048	-0.083	-0.045	-0.133	-0.042	0.014	0.050	-0.056	0.086	0.080	0.119	0.141	-0.011	0.102	0.109	-0.017
		TS	-0.085	-0.044	-0.004	0.048	0.106	0.184	0.272	0.360	0.445	0.503	0.550	0.589	0.619	0.611	0.610	0.594	0.561
		BN	0.101	0.101	0.084	0.071	0.053	0.027	0.002	0.029	0.061	-0.077	-0.086	-0.088	-0.083	-0.071	-0.056	-0.037	-0.005
Australia	CPI	HP	0.028	-0.040	-0.117	-0.227	-0.326	-0.376	-0.403	-0.353	-0.272	-0.160	-0.008	0.123	0.202	0.279	0.302	0.285	0.269
		BK	0.008	-0.074	-0.186	-0.306	-0.407	-0.468	-0.479	-0.439	-0.355	-0.238	-0.102	0.038	0.163	0.253	0.294	0.284	0.232
		DS	-0.062	-0.113	-0.082	-0.155	-0.198	-0.155	-0.227	-0.127	-0.134	-0.161	-0.053	0.012	-0.067	0.026	0.021	-0.042	0.051
		TS	-0.485	-0.484	-0.481	-0.475	-0.464	-0.448	-0.427	-0.401	-0.376	-0.340	-0.299	-0.258	-0.216	0.175	-0.137	-0.099	-0.061
		BN	-0.032	-0.099	-0.049	-0.012	0.011	-0.084	0.058	0.107	0.076	-0.402	-0.141	0.058	0.093	0.011	0.008	0.033	-0.016
	GDPDEF	HP	-0.106	-0.138	-0.176	-0.243	-0.261	-0.232	-0.190	-0.144	-0.146	-0.037	0.011	0.043	0.078	0.051	0.064	0.108	0.119
		BK	-0.136	-0.175	-0.219	-0.254	-0.270	-0.266	-0.248	-0.221	-0.188	-0.150	-0.106	-0.061	-0.020	0.014	0.044	0.071	0.096
		DS	-0.032	-0.104	-0.075	-0.191	-0.174	-0.116	-0.088	0.012	-0.247	0.017	-0.036	-0.071	0.057	-0.093	-0.085	0.032	0.019
		TS	-0.366	-0.354	-0.341	-0.325	-0.305	-0.281	-0.253	-0.224	-0.197	-0.161	-0.125	-0.088	-0.048	-0.012	0.022	0.059	0.094
		BN	-0.032	-0.099	-0.049	-0.012	0.011	-0.084	0.058	0.107	0.076	-0.402	-0.141	0.058	0.093	0.011	0.008	0.033	-0.016
	INFLATION [Δ(CPI)]	HP	-0.099	-0.171	-0.186	-0.243	-0.198	-0.086	-0.027	0.139	0.183	0.227	0.318	0.278	0.159	0.159	0.055	-0.034	-0.032
		BK	-0.123	-0.276	-0.390	-0.422	-0.358	-0.219	-0.042	0.137	0.294	0.409	0.478	0.494	0.446	0.329	0.161	-0.023	-0.176
		DS	-0.042	-0.065	0.037	-0.086	-0.046	0.054	-0.082	0.120	-0.014	-0.022	0.137	0.080	-0.100	0.119	-0.002	-0.076	0.119
		TS	0.229	0.249	0.282	0.308	0.352	0.407	0.450	0.512	0.548	0.588	0.628	0.635	0.626	0.637	0.616	0.595	0.590
		BN	0.024	-0.076	-0.086	-0.137	-0.030	0.071	0.101	0.108	0.003	0.206	0.097	0.055	0.077	-0.046	0.019	0.099	0.026
	INFLATION [Δ(GDP DEF)]	HP	-0.069	-0.143	-0.167	-0.131	-0.059	0.016	0.071	0.103	0.127	0.149	0.166	0.172	0.162	0.145	0.130	0.121	0.108
		BK	-0.069	-0.143	-0.167	-0.131	-0.059	0.016	0.071	0.103	0.127	0.149	0.166	0.172	0.162	0.145	0.130	0.121	0.108
		DS	0.168	0.087	0.034	-0.124	0.025	0.066	0.037	0.110	-0.291	0.303	-0.065	-0.025	0.149	-0.180	0.018	0.128	-0.013
		TS	0.298	0.311	0.346	0.372	0.429	0.480	0.515	0.542	0.542	0.615	0.603	0.614	0.620	0.584	0.602	0.609	0.588
		BN	0.024	-0.076	-0.086	-0.137	-0.030	0.071	0.101	0.108	0.003	0.206	0.097	0.055	0.077	-0.046	0.019	0.099	0.026
Canada	CPI	HP	-0.244	-0.355	-0.458	-0.542	-0.607	-0.615	-0.595	-0.537	-0.419	-0.273	-0.141	0.006	0.136	0.256	0.335	0.401	0.437
		BK	-0.203	-0.320	-0.432	-0.522	-0.587	-0.608	-0.588	-0.526	-0.429	-0.305	-0.161	-0.009	0.135	0.258	0.348	0.400	0.418
		DS	-0.115	-0.143	-0.167	-0.174	-0.243	-0.171	-0.188	-0.207	-0.143	-0.016	-0.066	-0.008	0.039	0.116	0.063	0.108	0.106
		TS	-0.037	-0.017	0.005	0.028	0.051	0.078	0.107	0.137	0.172	0.208	0.244	0.279	0.314	0.349	0.382	0.415	0.447
		BN	-0.032	-0.099	-0.049	-0.012	0.011	-0.084	0.058	0.107	0.076	-0.402	-0.141	0.058	0.093	0.011	0.008	0.033	-0.016
	GDPDEF	HP	-0.289	-0.358	-0.432	-0.476	-0.491	-0.450	-0.356	-0.245	-0.143	-0.012	0.092	0.162	0.240	0.295	0.343	0.368	0.377
		BK	-0.290	-0.367	-0.435	-0.478	-0.475	-0.438	-0.357	-0.252	-0.137	-0.028	0.073	0.164	0.244	0.308	0.351	0.372	0.372
		DS	-0.060	-0.061	-0.141	0.148	-0.178	-0.164	-0.084	0.026	-0.095	0.076	0.126	0.042	0.095	0.097	0.130	0.124	0.134
		TS	0.171	0.198	0.225	0.254	0.284	0.316	0.349	0.384	0.418	0.449	0.478	0.505	0.531	0.556	0.581	0.605	0.629
		BN	-0.032	-0.099	-0.049	-0.012	0.011	-0.084	0.058	0.107	0.076	-0.402	-0.141	0.058	0.093	0.011	0.008	0.033	-0.016
	INFLATION [Δ(CPI)]	HP	-0.274	-0.275	-0.257	-0.206	-0.153	-0.026	0.039	0.137	0.270	0.363	0.326	0.338	0.345	0.313	0.207	0.164	0.096
		BK	-0.417	-0.446	-0.427	-0.353	-0.232	-0.082	0.076	0.229	0.366	0.473	0.547	0.576	0.550	0.467	0.341	0.197	0.066
		DS	-0.048	-0.030	-0.032	0.000	-0.085	0.092	-0.031	-0.023	0.070	0.191	-0.047	0.041	0.077	0.125	-0.057	0.059	0.006
		TS	0.475	0.498	0.521	0.555	0.588	0.633	0.665	0.696	0.734	0.745	0.739	0.752	0.737	0.717	0.688	0.671	0.644
		BN	-0.032	-0.099	-0.049	-0.012	0.011	-0.084	0.058	0.107	0.076	-0.402	-0.141	0.058	0.093	0.011	0.008	0.033	-0.016
	INFLATION [Δ(GDP DEF)]	HP	-0.182	-0.177	-0.177	-0.091	-0.013	0.091	0.221	0.277	0.221	0.324	0.274	0.188	0.171	0.142	0.110	0.046	0.016
		BK	-0.262	-0.281	-0.247	-0.147	-0.005	0.152	0.284	0.370	0.405	0.392	0.362	0.325	0.279	0.218	0.144	0.066	-0.006
		DS	-0.032	-0.001	-0.101	0.004	-0.026	0.002	0.107	0.157	-0.186	0.225	0.065	-0.073	0.040	0.015	0.051	-0.040	0.023
		TS	0.479	0.497	0.526	0.563	0.590	0.619	0.657	0.678	0.678	0.686	0.666	0.637	0.631	0.602	0.575	0.553	0.525
		BN	-0.032	-0.099	-0.049	-0.012	0.011</												

		Table II: Cross-Correlation of Real GDP with:																		
Main Countries	Variables		x(-8)	x(-7)	x(-6)	x(-5)	x(-4)	x(-3)	x(-2)	x(-1)	x	x(1)	x(2)	x(3)	x(4)	x(5)	x(6)	x(7)	x(8)	
Japan	CPI	HP	-0,005	0,017	-0,009	-0,159	-0,173	-0,145	-0,127	-0,250	-0,219	-0,124	-0,028	-0,088	-0,040	0,030	0,128	0,036	-0,010	
		BK	-0,010	-0,101	-0,207	-0,324	-0,437	-0,530	-0,588	-0,596	-0,547	-0,437	-0,285	-0,117	0,035	0,142	0,185	0,165	0,102	
		DS	-0,024	0,064	0,148	-0,081	-0,046	0,028	0,170	-0,093	-0,056	0,020	0,197	-0,064	-0,008	0,002	0,239	-0,001	-0,008	
		TS	0,439	0,473	0,512	0,547	0,565	0,606	0,654	0,698	0,722	0,713	0,704	0,685	0,668	0,654	0,641	0,617	0,592	
	GDPDEF	HP	-0,708	0,122	0,460	0,084	-0,846	0,081	0,460	0,063	-0,937	0,078	0,499	0,140	-0,779	0,139	0,513	0,159	-0,694	
		BK	-0,116	-0,213	-0,304	-0,398	-0,486	-0,554	-0,596	-0,598	-0,532	-0,375	-0,181	-0,001	0,136	0,217	0,224	0,169	0,086	
		DS	-0,782	0,265	0,366	0,241	-0,880	0,295	0,395	0,263	-0,965	0,255	0,394	0,293	-0,872	0,237	0,369	0,265	-0,786	
		TS	0,361	0,490	0,570	0,572	0,485	0,632	0,725	0,730	0,640	0,726	0,766	0,715	0,594	0,666	0,697	0,643	0,524	
	INFLATION [Δ(CPI)]	HP	-0,031	0,066	-0,024	-0,294	-0,075	0,075	0,067	-0,243	0,014	0,184	0,221	-0,114	0,056	0,142	0,228	-0,190	-0,112	
		BK	-0,240	-0,306	-0,362	-0,392	-0,374	-0,302	-0,181	-0,017	0,178	0,362	0,508	0,570	0,519	0,365	0,156	-0,044	-0,180	
		DS	0,062	0,083	0,086	-0,249	0,049	0,070	0,149	-0,287	0,052	0,056	0,195	-0,231	0,030	-0,008	0,265	-0,241	-0,032	
		TS	0,006	0,045	0,015	-0,071	0,029	0,090	0,095	-0,003	0,112	0,182	0,171	0,021	0,111	0,140	0,143	-0,036	-0,012	
	INFLATION [Δ(GDP DEF)]	HP	-0,551	0,617	0,193	-0,326	-0,621	0,694	0,223	-0,338	-0,662	0,719	0,299	-0,263	-0,604	0,646	0,262	-0,260	-0,564	
		BK	-0,294	-0,292	-0,277	-0,271	-0,237	-0,168	-0,088	0,028	0,226	0,437	0,552	0,532	0,415	0,238	0,044	-0,116	-0,196	
		DS	-0,604	0,674	0,027	-0,107	-0,686	0,769	0,023	-0,111	-0,752	0,787	0,061	-0,107	-0,684	0,715	0,059	-0,104	-0,619	
TS		-0,279	0,246	0,054	-0,182	-0,319	0,271	0,057	-0,197	-0,345	0,342	0,153	-0,111	-0,304	0,315	0,140	-0,109	-0,284		
Germany	GDPDEF	HP	-0,433	-0,415	-0,379	-0,327	-0,216	-0,142	-0,031	0,152	0,322	0,357	0,440	0,502	0,481	0,437	0,410	0,381	0,333	
		BK	-0,453	-0,440	-0,403	-0,343	-0,254	-0,131	0,025	0,200	0,367	0,496	0,568	0,578	0,545	0,493	0,443	0,405	0,376	
		DS	-0,074	-0,061	-0,047	-0,123	0,082	-0,054	-0,099	0,072	0,310	0,006	0,095	0,242	0,138	0,036	0,098	0,133	0,069	
		TS	0,443	-0,396	-0,342	-0,285	-0,207	-0,140	-0,064	0,026	0,115	0,159	0,208	0,251	0,279	0,291	0,301	0,304	0,294	
	INFLATION	HP	-0,019	-0,010	-0,016	-0,017	0,013	0,015	0,020	0,034	0,043	0,046	0,026	0,009	0,021	0,001	-0,003	0,000	0,000	
		BK	-0,127	-0,052	0,057	0,197	0,355	0,504	0,608	0,629	0,546	0,364	0,135	-0,071	-0,196	-0,227	-0,188	-0,124	-0,076	
		DS	-0,019	0,020	0,011	-0,048	0,122	0,083	-0,038	0,109	0,159	-0,197	0,057	0,102	-0,062	-0,077	0,041	0,027	-0,041	
		TS	0,203	0,234	0,258	0,276	0,315	0,295	0,312	0,346	0,328	0,227	0,227	0,198	0,119	0,075	0,064	0,032	-0,010	
	Spain	CPI	HP	-0,245	-0,274	-0,292	-0,373	-0,413	-0,468	-0,491	-0,624	-0,731	-0,595	-0,428	-0,389	-0,326	-0,184	-0,026	-0,036	-0,028
			BK	-0,492	-0,551	-0,582	-0,602	-0,629	-0,670	-0,717	-0,747	-0,740	-0,672	-0,557	-0,422	-0,295	-0,196	-0,130	-0,087	-0,054
			DS	-0,355	-0,362	-0,292	-0,390	-0,447	-0,493	-0,386	-0,540	-0,699	-0,542	-0,414	-0,501	-0,566	-0,442	-0,272	-0,408	-0,434
			TS	-0,352	-0,422	-0,497	-0,569	-0,635	-0,719	-0,802	-0,886	-0,971	-0,905	-0,831	-0,763	-0,691	-0,622	-0,551	-0,485	-0,423
GDPDEF		HP	-0,069	0,052	0,176	0,001	-0,138	-0,109	-0,101	-0,404	-0,824	-0,477	-0,256	-0,336	-0,403	-0,237	-0,051	-0,182	-0,289	
		BK	-0,338	-0,382	-0,402	-0,425	-0,478	-0,570	-0,675	-0,748	-0,743	-0,638	-0,471	-0,296	-0,161	-0,079	-0,037	-0,002	0,053	
		DS	-0,509	-0,280	0,032	-0,261	-0,567	-0,340	-0,078	-0,253	-0,962	-0,268	-0,066	-0,313	-0,512	-0,248	0,039	-0,244	-0,494	
		TS	-0,341	-0,405	-0,477	-0,553	-0,623	-0,706	-0,784	-0,871	-0,957	-0,880	-0,800	-0,730	-0,657	-0,603	-0,543	-0,485	-0,435	
INFLATION [Δ(CPI)]		HP	-0,132	-0,019	0,032	-0,130	-0,111	0,020	0,052	-0,144	-0,097	0,210	0,183	0,027	-0,024	0,209	0,186	-0,062	-0,062	
		BK	-0,308	-0,205	-0,106	-0,057	-0,072	-0,120	-0,138	-0,081	0,058	0,255	0,415	0,485	0,455	0,358	0,246	0,163	0,120	
		DS	-0,050	0,033	0,130	-0,114	-0,067	0,047	0,152	-0,156	-0,158	0,215	0,108	-0,082	-0,142	0,148	0,168	-0,173	-0,073	
		TS	0,089	0,124	0,142	0,145	0,179	0,222	0,255	0,260	0,293	0,363	0,333	0,329	0,268	0,353	0,328	0,297	0,240	
INFLATION [Δ(GDP DEF)]	HP	-0,208	0,129	0,164	-0,177	-0,210	0,137	0,130	-0,194	-0,321	0,357	0,277	-0,049	-0,189	0,169	0,197	-0,154	-0,143		
	BK	0,313	0,206	0,072	-0,035	-0,073	-0,043	0,012	0,040	0,016	-0,064	-0,155	-0,201	-0,167	-0,059	0,068	0,145	0,141		
	DS	-0,266	0,217	0,266	-0,222	-0,267	0,242	0,234	-0,134	-0,566	0,546	0,177	-0,156	-0,261	0,221	0,238	-0,229	-0,214		
	TS	0,002	0,093	0,103	0,059	0,057	0,133	0,147	0,118	0,145	0,234	0,225	0,154	-0,028	0,092	0,148	0,061	0,051		
Norway	CPI	HP	-0,133	-0,102	-0,070	-0,181	-0,255	-0,196	-0,154	-0,219	-0,279	-0,082	0,041	0,077	0,181	0,315	0,376	0,254	0,182	
		BK	-0,105	-0,159	-0,214	-0,262	-0,302	-0,334	-0,354	-0,349	-0,299	-0,192	-0,028	0,168	0,353	0,483	0,528	0,488	0,389	
		DS	-0,067	0,007	0,156	-0,035	-0,123	0,034	0,113	0,007	-0,250	0,091	0,112	-0,059	-0,019	0,097	0,219	-0,035	-0,050	
		TS	0,262	0,280	0,294	0,304	0,322	0,345	0,364	0,383	0,404	0,406	0,404	0,406	0,417	0,415	0,404	0,391	0,391	
	GDPDEF	HP	0,142	0,151	0,251	0,241	0,166	-0,013	-0,120	-0,282	-0,591	-0,428	-0,182	-0,052	0,073	0,070	0,177	0,162	0,058	
		BK	0,258	0,313	0,381	0,400	0,298	0,046	-0,301	-0,617	-0,769	-0,692	-0,428	-0,100	0,160	0,283	0,284	0,233	0,196	
		DS	-0,007	-0,081	0,111	0,064	0,109	-0,064	0,049	0,124	-0,450	-0,079	0,112	0,003	0,125	-0,100	0,124	0,092	-0,066	
		TS	0,369	0,384	0,410	0,422	0,428	0,410	0,399	0,388	0,349	0,370	0,408	0,430	0,455	0,445	0,452	0,445	0,428	
	INFLATION [Δ(CPI)]	HP	-0,076	0,044	0,039	-0,192	0,117	0,100	0,063	-0,101	-0,095	0,342	0,223	0,053	0,168	0,235	0,121	-0,214	-0,135	
		BK	-0,150	-0,168	-0,180	-0,173	-0,147	-0,110	-0,061	0,019	0,154	0,337	0,515	0,616	0,584	0,409	0,144	-0,122	-0,306	
		DS	0,005	0,069	0,142	-0,181	-0,085	0,151	0,074	-0,097	-0,250	0,331	0,028	-0,161	0,029	0,109	0,127	-0,237	-0,025	
		TS	0,170	0,250	0,226	0,101	0,163	0,314	0,299	0,191	0,210	0,480	0,401	0,280	0,342	0,371	0,285	0,050	0,084	
INFLATION [Δ(GDP DEF)]	HP	0,018	0,024	0,108	-0,009	-0,068	-0,210	-0,146	-0,209	-0,378	0,194	0,276	0,133	0,137	0,014	0,144	-0,020	-0,115		
	BK	0,058	0,106	0,125	0,029	-0,201	-0,481	-0,658	-0,599	-0,289	0,147	0,502	0,624	0,496	0,235	0,003	-0,094	-0,068		
	DS	-0,021	-0,040	0,118	-0,040	0,049	-0,124	0,073	0,059	-0,428	0,283	0,134	-0,085	0,076	-0,140	0,178	-0,044	-0,105		
	TS	0,052	0,061	0,124	0,039	-0,008	-0,119	-0,065	-0,119	-0,248	0,187	0,252	0,147	0,142	0,047	0,144	0,022	-0,059		
Switzerland	CPI	HP	-0,498	-0,564	-0,621	-0,629	-0,601	-0,520	-0,403	-0,284	-0,153	0,027	0,185	0,335	0,461	0,540	0,582	0,589	0,570	
		BK	-0,381	-0,468	-0,542	-0,582	-0,576	-0,522	-0,424	-0,292	-0,134	0,048	0,230	0,393	0,517	0,590	0,611	0,590	0,543	
		DS	-0,121	-0,124	-0,220	-0,203	-0,210	-0,142	-0,044	-0,099	-0,064	0,065	0,064	0,155	0,224	0,187	0,188	0,208	0,154	

**Table III: Augmented Dickey-Fuller Unit Root Tests**

<i>Countries</i>	<i>Variable</i>	<i>Intercept</i>	<i>Trend</i>	<i>Integration Order</i>	$\sum_{j=1}^k \Delta Y_{t-j}$	<i>ADF</i>
<b>United States</b>	GDP	YES	NO	I(1)	1	-2.916**
	Real GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	1	-6.357*
	CPI	YES	NO	I(1)	2	-2.71***
	GDP Deflator	YES	NO	I(1)	3	-2.57***
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	NO	NO	I(1)	1	-16.935*
	Deflator)	NO	NO	I(1)	2	-11.176*
	GB 10YEAR	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-10.41*
	GB 3YEAR	NO	NO	I(1)	2	-6.377*
	TR	NO	NO	I(1)	6	-5.773*
	FF	NO	NO	I(1)	1	-10.157*
<b>Australia</b>	GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	0	-9.557*
	Real GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	0	-12.85*
	CPI	YES	YES	I(1)	2	-3.658**
	GDP Deflator	YES	YES	I(1)	3	-2.552***
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	NO	NO	I(1)	2	-10.067*
	Deflator)	NO	NO	I(1)	2	-10.875*
	TR: 15 year	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-11.473*
	TR: 2 year	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-11.371*
<b>Canada</b>	GDP	YES	NO	I(1)	0	-5.49*
	Real GDP	YES	YES	I(10)	0	-8.541*
	CPI	YES	YES	I(1)	0	-12.85*
	GDP Deflator	YES	NO	I(1)	0	-6.941*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	NO	NO	I(1)	2	-11.25*
	Deflator)	NO	NO	I(1)	1	-14.506*
	GB >10 years	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-11.558*
	GB >3-5 years	NO	NO	I(1)	1	-10.7*
	TR	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-10.521*
<b>United Kingdom</b>	GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	0	-11.034*
	Real GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	6	-4.747*
	CPI	YES	NO	I(1)	4	-3.843*
	GDP Deflator	YES	NO	I(1)	3	-2.887*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	NO	NO	I(1)	3	-6.906*
	Deflator)	NO	NO	I(1)	6	-5.254*
	GB: long-term	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-9.798*
	GB: short-term	NO	NO	I(1)	1	-9.708*
	TR	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-9.059*
<b>Japan</b>	GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	2	-3.62**
	Real GDP	YES	NO	I(1)	3	-4.547*
	CPI	YES	YES	I(1)	4	-3.506**
	GDP Deflator	YES	YES	I(1)	3	-4.099*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	NO	NO	I(1)	6	-6.299*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (GDP)	NO	NO	I(1)	2	-9.76*
	GB	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-10.006*
<b>Germany</b>	GDP	YES	NO	I(1)	0	-8.781*
	Real GDP	YES	NO	I(1)	0	-8.998*
	GDP Deflator	YES	YES	I(1)	5	-3.301***
	Inflation $\Delta$ (GDP)	NO	NO	I(1)	2	-10.927*
	GB	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-6.643*
	TR	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-5.956*
<b>Spain</b>	GDP	YES	NO	I(1)	1	-2.658**
	Real GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	3	-5.203*
	CPI	YES	YES	I(1)	3	-3.168***
	GDP Deflator	YES	NO	I(1)	5	-3.655*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	YES	NO	I(1)	2	-13.066*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (GDP)	YES	YES	I(1)	2	-17.405*
	GB	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-5.534*
	TR	NO	NO	I(1)	0	-7.02*
<b>Norway</b>	GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	12	-3.857***
	Real GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	11	-4.233*
	CPI	YES	NO	I(1)	3	-3.18**
	GDP Deflator	YES	NO	I(1)	0	-11.629*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	YES	YES	I(1)	6	-7.52*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (GDP)	YES	YES	I(0)	3	-12.143*
	GB	NO	NO	I(1)	1	-8.097*
<b>Switzerland</b>	GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	1	-6.482*
	Real GDP	YES	YES	I(1)	1	-6.915*
	CPI	YES	NO	I(1)	4	-2.806***
	GDP Deflator	YES	YES	I(1)	12	-3.528**
	Inflation $\Delta$ (CPI)	YES	YES	I(1)	3	-7.713*
	Inflation $\Delta$ (GDP)	YES	YES	I(1)	12	-4.14*
	GB	YES	YES	I(1)	0	-7.567*

Note : (\*) Significant at the 1% level, (\*\*) significant at the 5% level, (\*\*\*) significant at the 10% level.

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for the U.S. Economy**

Variables	HP Detrended Data				BK Detrended Data			
	Direction	Coefficient	Lead/Lag	Cyclicity	Direction	Coefficient	Lead/Lag	Cyclicity
GB Yield 10 year	Leading	0,019	8	Pro	Leading	0,017	8	Pro
GB Yield 3 year	Lagging	0,190	5	Pro	Lagging	0,181	5	Pro
Treasury Bill Rate	Lagging	0,352	5	Pro	Lagging	0,366	5	Pro
Federal Funds Rate	Lagging	0,356	5	Pro	Lagging	0,365	5	Pro
Term Spread_1	Lagging	-0,484	5	Counter	Lagging	-0,505	5	Counter
Term Spread_2	Lagging	-0,440	5	Counter	Lagging	-0,454	5	Counter
CPI	Leading	-0,537	5	Counter	Leading	-0,553	5	Counter
GDP Deflator	Leading	-0,652	4	Counter	Leading	-0,638	3	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	0,366	5	Pro	Lagging	0,432	5	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Lagging	0,137	8	Pro	Lagging	0,196	8	Pro

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for Australia**

TR: 15 year	Lagging	0,186	7	Pro	Lagging	0,262	6	Pro
TR: 2 year	Lagging	0,280	5	Pro	Lagging	0,381	5	Pro
Treasury Bill Rate	Lagging	0,345	4	Pro	Lagging	0,521	4	Pro
Term Spread	Lagging	-0,295	4	Pro	Lagging	-0,417	4	Pro
CPI	Leading	-0,272	4	Counter	Leading	-0,355	4	Counter
GDP Deflator	Leading	-0,146	6	Counter	Leading	-0,188	6	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	0,183	3	Pro	Lagging	0,294	5	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Lagging	0,003	2	Pro	Lagging	0,127	7	Pro

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for Canada**

GB >10 years	Lagging	0,213	5	Pro	Lagging	0,268	4	Pro
GB >3-5 years	Lagging	0,398	4	Pro	Lagging	0,484	3	Pro
Treasury Bill Rate	Lagging	0,468	3	Pro	Lagging	0,559	3	Pro
Term Spread	Lagging	-0,511	2	Counter	Lagging	-0,695	2	Counter
CPI	Leading	-0,419	6	Counter	Leading	-0,429	5	Counter
GDP Deflator	Leading	-0,143	8	Counter	Leading	-0,137	8	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	0,270	5	Pro	Lagging	0,366	5	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Lagging	0,221	2	Pro	Synchronous	0,405	0	Pro

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for the United Kingdom**

GB yield: long-term	Leading	-0,219	8	Counter	Leading	-0,246	7	Counter
GB yield: short-term	Lagging	-0,012	8	Counter	Leading	0,051	8	Pro
Treasury Bill Rate	Lagging	-0,017	8	Counter	Leading	0,012	8	Pro
Term Spread	Lagging	-0,139	8	Counter	Lagging	-0,193	8	Counter
CPI	Leading	-0,721	1	Counter	Synchronous	-0,907	0	Counter
GDP Deflator	Synchronous	-0,940	0	Counter	Synchronous	-0,955	0	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	0,037	5	Pro	Leading	-0,079	8	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Lagging	-0,396	1	Counter	Leading	-0,096	8	Counter

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for Japan**

GB Yield	Leading	-0,003	8	Counter	Leading	-0,023	8	Counter
Treasury Bill Rate	Synchronous	0,374	0	Pro	Synchronous	0,551	0	Pro
CPI	Leading	-0,219	1	Counter	Leading	-0,547	2	Counter
GDP Deflator	Synchronous	-0,637	0	Counter	Leading	-0,532	3	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	0,014	1	Pro	Lagging	0,178	5	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Lagging	-0,662	1	Counter	Lagging	0,226	5	Pro

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for Germany**

GB yield	Leading	0,314	2	Pro	Leading	0,192	3	Pro
Treasury Bill Rate	Lagging	0,296	2	Pro	Lagging	0,243	2	Pro
Term Spread	Lagging	-0,167	7	Counter	Lagging	-0,202	7	Counter
GDP Deflator	Lagging	0,367	8	Pro	Lagging	0,322	8	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Leading	0,546	2	Pro	Lagging	0,042	1	Pro

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for Spain**

GB Yield	Lagging	0,135	5	Pro	Lagging	0,336	2	Pro
Treasury Bill Rate	Lagging	0,250	2	Pro	Lagging	0,394	1	Pro
Term Spread	Synchronous	-0,222	0	Counter	Leading	-0,241	1	Counter
CPI	Synchronous	-0,731	0	Counter	Lagging	-0,740	1	Counter
GDP Deflator	Synchronous	-0,824	0	Counter	Lagging	-0,743	1	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	-0,097	5	Counter	Lagging	0,058	8	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Lagging	-0,321	1	Counter	Leading	0,016	8	Pro

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for Norway**

GB Yield	Lagging	-0,068	3	Counter	Leading	-0,094	3	Counter
Treasury Bill Rate	Synchronous	0,103	0	Pro	Leading	-0,091	4	Counter
Term Spread	Leading	-0,096	4	Counter	Leading	0,261	1	Pro
CPI	Synchronous	-0,279	0	Counter	Leading	-0,299	4	Counter
GDP Deflator	Synchronous	-0,591	0	Counter	Synchronous	-0,769	0	Counter
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	-0,095	8	Counter	Lagging	0,154	5	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Synchronous	-0,378	0	Counter	Leading	-0,289	3	Counter

**Table IV: Summary of Cross-Correlations for Switzerland**

GB Yield	Lagging	0,226	8	Pro	Lagging	0,480	4	Pro
Treasury Bill Rate	Synchronous	0,763	0	Pro	Synchronous	0,827	0	Pro
Term Spread	Synchronous	-0,684	0	Counter	Synchronous	-0,684	0	Pro
CPI	Leading	-0,153	8	Counter	Leading	-0,134	8	Counter
GDP Deflator	Lagging	0,018	8	Pro	Leading	-0,032	8	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(CPI)]	Lagging	0,365	3	Pro	Lagging	0,642	2	Pro
Inflation--[Δ(GDP Deflator)]	Synchronous	0,269	0	Pro	Lagging	0,395	2	Pro

Source: International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics.

**Table IV: Data Sources and Definitions**

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<b>Countries</b>	<b>Dates</b>
United States	1960:Q1-2004:Q4
Australia	1960:Q1-2004:Q3
Canada	1960:Q1-2004:Q3
United Kingdom	1969:Q2-2004:Q1
Japan	1966:Q2-2003:Q4
Germany	1975:Q3-1998:Q4
Spain	1979:Q1-1998:Q4
Norway	1966:Q1-2004:Q3
Switzerland	1970:Q1-2005:Q1
<b>Data</b>	<b>Description</b>
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
CPI	Consumer Price Index
GDP Deflator	
Inflation	$\Delta(\text{CPI})$
Inflation	$\Delta(\text{GDP Deflator})$
GB 10YEAR	Government Bond Yield 10 YEAR
GB 3YEAR	Government Bond Yield 3 YEAR
TR	Treasury Bill Rate
FF	Federal Funds Rate
LR	Leading Rate
TR: 15 year	Treasury Bonds: 15 year
TR: 2 year	Treasury Bonds: 2 year
GB >10 years	Government Bond yield > 10 years
GB >3-5 years	Government Bond yield > 3-5 years
GB: long-term	Government Bond Yield: long-term
GB: short-term	Government Bond Yield: short-term
<b>Source</b>	Note: IFS--Financial Statistics (International Monetary Fund).