Chapter 2 : Macroeconomic Measurement

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Outline

1. Review on Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
2. Nominal GDP Vs. Real GDP
3. Chain-weighted real GDP
4. Price index and inflation
5. Labor market measurement

1.1 The three approaches to measuring GDP

- GDP is the value of all final goods and services produced in a year within the country's borders.
- Calculation methods:
  1. Production or value-added approach.
  2. Expenditure or final output approach.
  3. Income approach.

  All three give the same result.

1. Production approach : the value-added approach

- GDP is the sum of value-added in all production processes in a given period.
- Value-added is the increase in the value of goods at the current stage of production.

Value-added = Value of output – value of intermediate goods.

2. Expenditure approach.

- GDP is the sum of expenditures on final goods and services in the economy during a given period.

GDP = Consumption + Investment + Government expenditures + Net exports

3. The income approach

- GDP is the sum of all factor incomes from current production.
- GDP = Labor income + Non-labor income

GDP= wages and salary + corporate profits + rent + proprietary income + net interest income + taxes

1.2 Items excluded from GDP

- Nonmarket activity: house works, etc.
- Underground economy: illegal incomes (drugs, prostitution, smuggling),
- unreported income.
- Intermediate goods transactions.
- Second-hand transactions (cars, houses, durable goods).
- Securities transactions (stocks, bonds, land).

1.3 Not a good welfare measurement

- GDP is not a good measurement of the population's welfare.
  - Some nonmarket activities increase welfare but are not recorded.
  - No indication of income distribution (Per Capita GDP).
  - Large government means large GDP but may not imply higher social welfare.

1.4 GDP VS. GNP

1.4.1 Gross National Product (GNP)

- GNP is the value of output produced by domestic factors of production both inside and outside the country's borders.
- Factor incomes generated by corporations and residents of the country.
- Exclude foreigners' earnings inside the country.
- Include earnings by corporations and residents abroad.

GNP = GDP + net factor incomes from abroad

1.4.2 GDP VS. GNP

- Thailand $\rightarrow$ import some inputs from aboard $\rightarrow$ output (goods and services)
- Some of Thai factors of production $\rightarrow$ is used aboard $\rightarrow$ output (goods and services)
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) : “Geographic based”
- Gross National Product (GNP) : “Ownership based”
- GDP is superior to GNP as a measure of domestic economic activity.
- GNP is superior to GDP as a measure of the economic well-being of domestic residents.

1.4.3 **Thailand’s GDP :**

- The statistics are prepared by the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB).
  - GDP by expenditures;
  - GDP by production sectors;
  - GDP by factor income distribution.

2.1 Nominal GDP

- GDP must be calculated in value terms.
- Nominal GDP uses the current-year prices for the current year quantities of final goods.
- Market-price GDP; Current-price GDP.
- Nominal GDP growth includes the combined effect of changes in prices and quantities.

Nominal GDP growth

- Nominal GDP uses prices of the current year.
- So nominal growth includes price changes!

$$GDP^{2015} = \sum_i P_i \cdots\cdots Q_i^{2015}$$

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$$g^{2015} = \left[\frac{GDP^{2015}}{GDP^{2014}} - 1\right] \times 100 : \text{ unit=\%}$$

2.2 Real GDP

2.2.1 Real GDP : Calculations by using base-year

- Real GDP uses the base-year prices for the current-year quantities of final goods.
- Constant-price GDP.
- Real GDP growth includes only the change in the quantities of final goods.
- Assume the base year = 1988

$$rGDP^{2015} = \sum_i P_i \cdots\cdots Q_i^{2015}$$

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$$rg^{2015} = \left[\frac{rGDP^{2015}}{rGDP^{2014}} - 1\right] \times 100 : \text{ unit=\%}$$

2.2.2 Problems with a fixed base year

- If the base year changes, GDP figures also change — the NESDB has used four base years (1956 1962 1972 1988).
- Fixed base years do not reflect economic changes over time.
- Changes in the composition of output and relative prices.
- Improved quality of existing products. New goods come to markets; old goods die out.

3.1. The geometric mean of the real GDP growth rates between the two-year period.

1. Calculate the real GDP growth using year-1 prices.
    1. Calculate the real GDP growth using year-2 prices.
    2. Compute their geometric mean to get the annual chain-weighted growth rate from Year 1 to Year 2.
    3. Do the same for any pair of the successive two-year set.

$$RGDP_P^Q: \qquad RGDP_{2014}^{2014} = 130, \qquad RGDP_{2014}^{2015} = 135,$$

$$RGDP_{2015}^{2014} = 133, \qquad RGDP_{2015}^{2015} = 139$$

$$1.\, g_{P=2014}^{Y=2015} = g_{2012}^{2013}: \quad \left[\frac{RGDP_{2014}^{2015}}{RGDP_{2014}^{2014}} - 1\right] \times 100 = \left[\frac{135}{130} - 1\right] \times 100 = 3.8\%$$

$$2.\, g_{P=2015}^{Y=2015} = g_{2013}^{2013}: \quad \left[\frac{RGDP_{2015}^{2015}}{RGDP_{2015}^{2014}} - 1\right] \times 100 = \left[\frac{139}{135} - 1\right] \times 100 = 4.5\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{3. Geometric} \quad g^{2015} &= \sqrt{(1 + g_{2014}^{2015}) \times (1 + g_{2015}^{2015})} - 1 \\ \text{mean} &= \sqrt{1.038 \times 1.045} - 1 \\ &= 4.149\% \end{aligned}$$

- Example :The profit of Company B, OZYS Ltd., has grown the over last three years by 2.5%, 3%, and 3.5%. Here we cannot use the arithmetic mean and say that the average growth was 3%. Why not?

Suppose that Company B, OZYS Ltd., started with a 100-million-dollar profit. Three years later it will have become:

$100,000,000 * 1.025 * 1.03 * 1.035 = $109,270,125.

3.2. Chain-volume-measure GDP

- calculate Direct Index (DI).
  - GDP for Year 2 using prices in Year 1.
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- Direct Index for Year 2 is the annual growth rate of Year 2 using Year 1 prices.

2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

$\overbrace{\quad}^{DI_{2012}}$ $\overbrace{\quad}^{DI_{2013}}$ $\overbrace{\quad}^{DI_{2014}}$ $\overbrace{\quad}^{DI_{2015}}$

rg_{2012} rg_{2013} rg_{2014} rg_{2015}

- 2011 = Base year
- Real GDP 2011 = Nominal GDP 2011
- 1+ growth rate = Direct Index
- real GDP 2012 = ?
- real GDP 2013 = ?
- real GDP 2014 = ?
- real GDP 2015 = ?

- Example : Chain-Volume-Measure GDP - CVM. Given the following infomation, calculate CVM GDP in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. The base year is 2012. Show how to calculate.

t	GDP (2012's Price) $\sum_i P_{i,2012} Q_{i,t}$ unit: \$	GDP (2013's Price) $\sum_i P_{i,2013} Q_{i,t}$ unit: \$	GDP (2014's Price) $\sum_i P_{i,2014} Q_{i,t}$ unit: \$	GDP (2015's Price) $\sum_i P_{i,2015} Q_{i,t}$ unit: \$
2012	100	108	115	125
2013	105	110	120	130
2014	110	121	125	140
2015	120	130	150	160

*Note : The numbers in the table may not be very realistic. The main idea is just to understand the CVM method.

- real GDP 2012 = ?
- real GDP 2013 = ?
- real GDP 2014 = ?
- real GDP 2015 = ?

3.2. Chain-volume-measure GDP

- **Step 1**: calculate Direct Index (DI).
  - GDP for Year 2 using prices in Year 1.
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- Direct Index for Year 2 is the annual growth rate of Year 2 using Year 1 prices.
  - Do the same for Year 3, Year 4, ...
  - Each year has its own DI based on the previous year's prices.

$$GDP^t = \sum_i P^{t-1} \times Q^t$$

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$$DI^t = \frac{GDP^t}{GDP^{t-1}} = \frac{\sum_i P^{t-1} \times Q^t}{\sum_i P^{t-1} \times Q^{t-1}}$$

- Chain index: Base year =2011

$$DI^{2015} = \frac{\sum_i P^{2014} \times Q^{2015}}{\sum_i P^{2014} \times Q^{2014}}$$

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- **Step 2**: create the Chain Index (CI).
  - Link the series of DI's into CI for each year.
  - CI for each year is the geometric mean of growth rates from the base year (2011).
  - CI = cumulative growth rate from 2011.

$$C_{2011}^{2015} = CI^{2015} = DI^{2015} \times DI^{2014} \times DI^{2013} \times DI^{2012}$$

$$C_{20011}^{2014} = CI^{2014} = DI^{2014} \times DI^{2013} \times DI^{2012}$$

$$C_{2011}^{2013} = CI^{2013} = DI^{2013} \times DI^{2012}$$

$$C_{2011}^{2012} = CI^{2012} = DI^{2012}$$

- **Step 3**: calculate chain-volume-measure GDP value using CI and the base-year value.
  - Use the value of nominal GDP 2009 as reference.

$$\text{CVM}GDP^{2012}_{2011} = GDP^{2011} \times CI^{2012}$$

$$\text{CVM}GP^{2013}_{2011} = GDP^{2011} \times CI^{2013}$$

$$\text{CVM}GDP^{2014}_{2011} = GDP^{2011} \times CI^{2014}$$

$$\text{CVM}GDP^{2015}_{2011} = GDP^{2011} \times CI^{2015}$$

3.3. Notes on CVM GDP

- The calculated growth rates are closer to reality.
- Growth rates from DI, CI and CVM are identical.
- CVM series are non-additive.
- For the base year, GDP subcategories sum up to total GDP.
- For other years, subcategories do not sum up.

3.4 Implicit GDP price deflator

- The ratio of the nominal GDP to the real GDP of a given year.
- The most comprehensive price index.
  - includes prices of all final goods and services.

$$\text{Implicit GDP Deflator} = \frac{\text{Nominal GDP}}{\text{Real GDP}} \times 100$$

4. Price index and inflation

- Price index is a weighted average of the prices of a basket of the goods and services produced over a period of time.
  - Consumer price index (CPI).
  - Producer price index (PPI).
- Inflation is the rate of change in the price index.

4.1 Calculations of Consumer Price Index

- The consumer price index (CPI) uses the current-year prices and the base-year quantities of the goods.
- Base year = 2007; $CPI_{2007} = 100$

$$CPI^{2015} = \frac{\sum(Q^{2007} P^{2015})}{\sum(Q^{2007} P^{2007})} \times 100$$

4.2 Calculation of inflation

- Inflation can be calculated by using either the implicit GDP price deflator or CPI.

$$\text{CPI Inflation} = \left[\frac{CPI^{2015}}{CPI^{2014}} - 1\right] \times 100\%$$

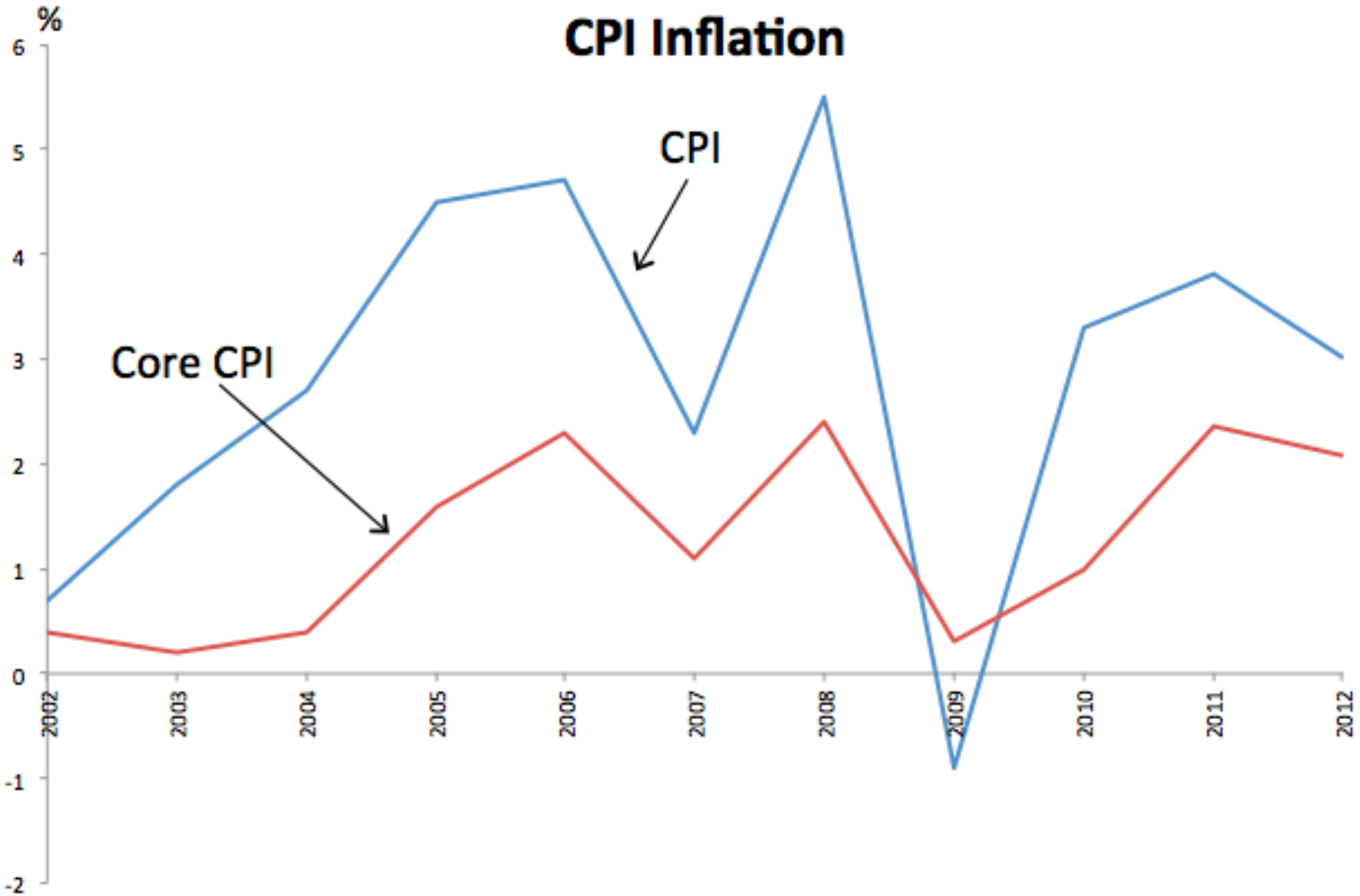
$$\text{GDP Deflator Inflation} = \left[\frac{\text{GDP Deflator}^{2015}}{\text{GDP Deflator}^{2014}} - 1\right] \times 100\%$$

4.3. Problems with price indices

- Changes in the relative prices over time.
  - Assuming no change in consumers' choice despite changes in relative prices.
  - The items with rising prices will be over-weighted.
- Changes in the quality of the goods over time.
- Emergence of new goods.

4.4 Thailand's inflation figures

- The series are calculated monthly by the Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices, Internal Trade Department Ministry of Commerce General
  - **CPI**: prices of 7 groups (373 items) of goods and services.
  - **Core CPI:** prices of 266 items, excluding fresh food and energy group (107 items).


CPI Inflation
%
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
-1
-2
CPI
Core CPI
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007
2008
2009
2010
2011
2012

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5.1. Measurement

- Working-age population: labor force plus not in labor force.
- Labor force = the employed + unemployment.
- The participation rate = the employed/total labor force.
- Unemployment rate = the unemployed/labor force.

5.2. Problem with unemployment figures

- Discouraged workers: those who wish to work but have stopped searching for jobs and thus are dropped out of the labor force.
- Unemployment figures do not reflect the intensity of job searching.

5.3 Thailand's labor force figures

- Statistics collected by the NESDB. Labor force: persons with the age of 15-59.
- Underemployment: work less than 35 hours and available for more.
- Unemployment in Thailand is mostly structural and seasonal.

2012	Thousand persons	%
Population	67,871.96	100
- Age under 15	13,377.93	19.7
- Age 15 and over	54,514.03	80.3
Labor force	39,408.99	58.1
- Employment	38,941.1	57.4
- of which underemployment	348.08	0.5
- Unemployment	259.09	0.4
Unemployment rate	0.66%	