

# A Technology-Gap Model of ‘Premature’ Deindustrialization

Ippei Fujiwara

Faculty of Economics, Keio University  
Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Kiminori Matsuyama

Department of Economics  
Northwestern University

Updated on 2023-10-17; 8:16 PM

October 17, 2023

Applications of Economics Workshop  
University of Chicago

# Introduction

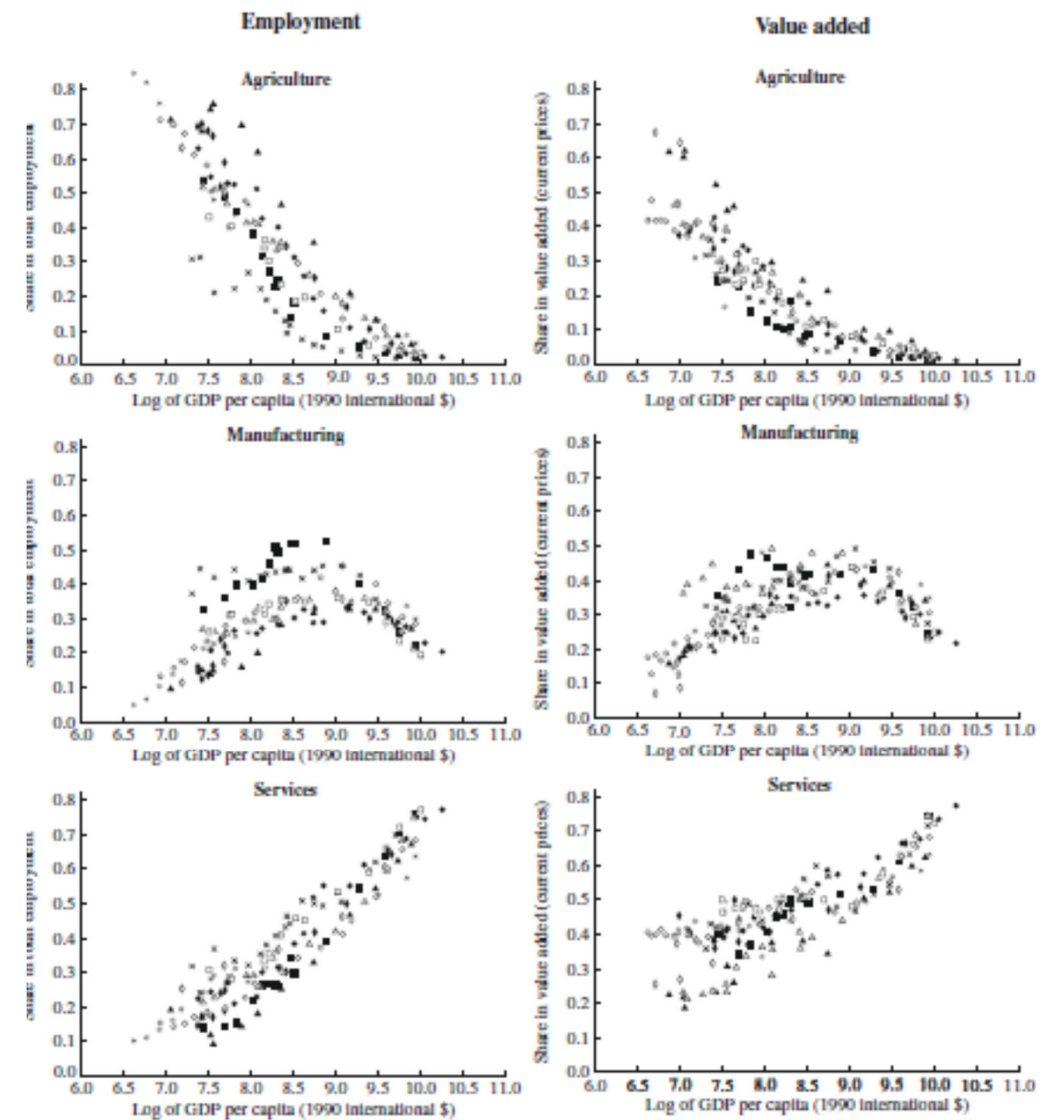
## Structural Change

As per capita income rises, employment or value-added shares

- Fall in Agriculture
- Rise in Services
- Rise and Fall in Manufacturing

**From Herrendorf-Rogerson-Valentinyi (2014)**

*Evidence from Long Time Series for the Currently Rich Countries (Belgium, Finland, France, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States) 1800-2000*



## Premature Deindustrialization: Rodrik (JEG 2016)

Late industrializers reach their M-peak and start deindustrializing

- *Later* in time
- *Earlier* in per capita income
- with the *lower* peak M-sector shares, compared to early industrializers.

Rodrik (2016) focuses on documenting the patterns, without offering a causal explanation or making normative statements. **But**

- He speculates that globalization may be a cause.
- The word, “premature” seems to suggest some types of inefficiency that might call for government interventions.

In our model, “premature” deindustrialization occurs in the efficient equilibrium of a closed economy.

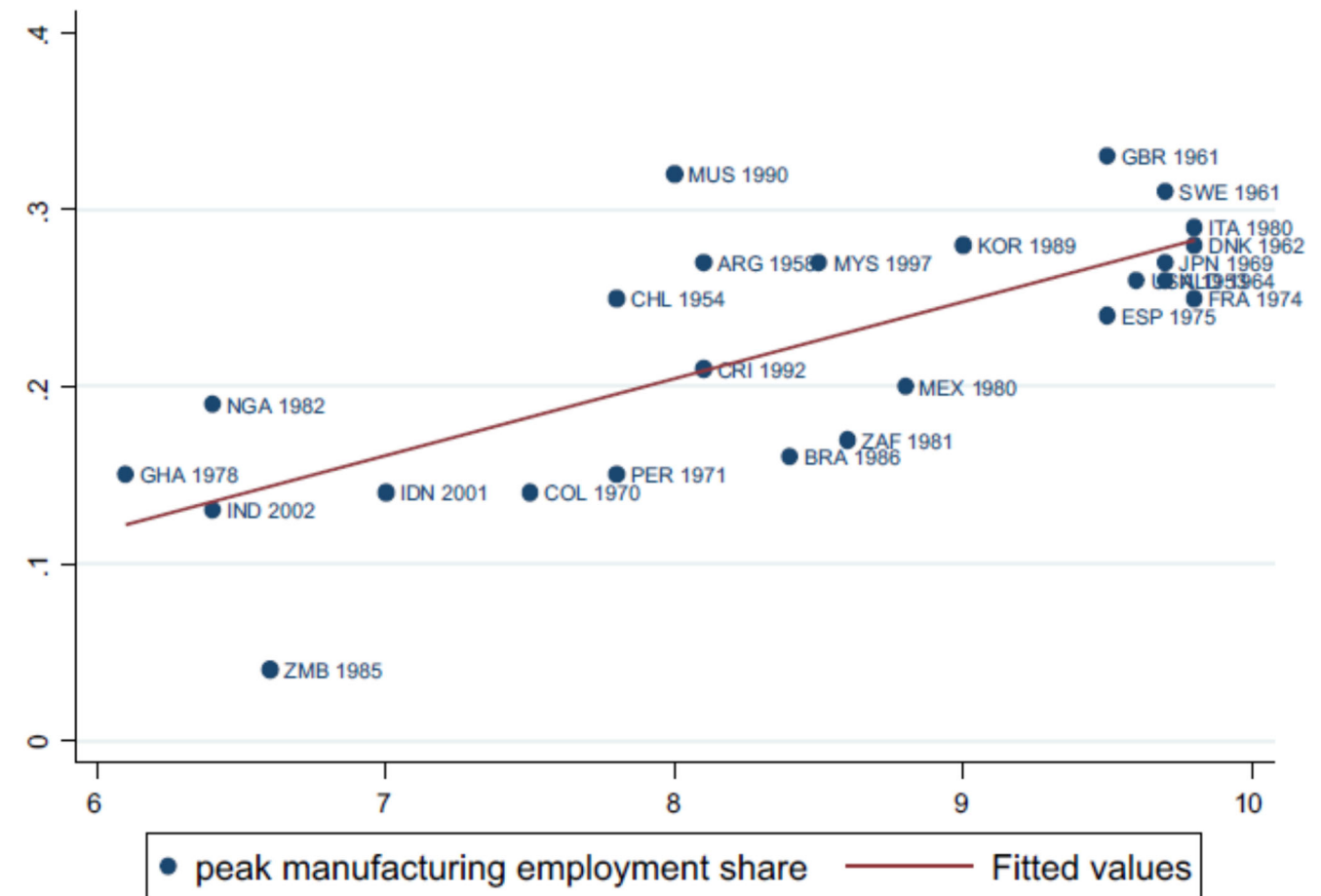


Fig. 5 Income at which manufacturing employment peaks (logs)

## This Paper: A Parsimonious Model of Premature Deindustrialization (PD)

**3 Goods/Sectors:** 1=(A)griculture, 2=(M)anufacturing, 3=(S)ervices, *homothetic CES with gross complements* ( $\sigma < 1$ )

**Frontier Technology:**  $\bar{A}_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{g_j t}$ , with  $g_1 > g_2 > g_3 > 0 \Rightarrow$  a decline of A, a rise of S, and a hump-shaped of M in each country through **the Baumol (relative price) effect**, as in Ngai-Pissarides (2007)

**Actual Technology Used:**  $A_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(t - \lambda_j)$  due to **Adoption Lags**,  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)\lambda$

- $\lambda \geq 0$ , **Technology Gap, country-specific**, as in Krugman (1985); their ability to adopt the frontier technologies.
- $\theta_j > 0$ : **sector-specific**, unlike Krugman (1985); how much  $\lambda$  affects the adoption lag and productivity in each sector.

$$A_j = \bar{A}_j(t - \lambda_j) = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{-\lambda_j g_j} e^{g_j t} = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{-g_j \theta_j \lambda} e^{g_j t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ln \left( \frac{A_j(t)}{A_k(t)} \right) = -(\theta_j g_j - \theta_k g_k)$$

$\lambda$  has **no “growth” effect, but negative “level” effects**, *proportional* to  $\theta_j g_j$  in sector- $j$

### Key Mechanisms

- $\theta_j$  magnifies the impact of the technology gap on the adoption lag:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial \lambda} \right) > 0$  (*supermodularity*)
- $g_j$  magnifies the (negative) impact of the adoption lag on productivity:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial g_j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_j} \ln e^{-\lambda_j g_j} \right) < 0$  (*log-submodularity*)

**Main Results: Conditions for PD**, defined as “A high- $\lambda$  country reaches its peak later in time, with lower peak M-share at lower peak time per capita income.”

i)  $\theta_1 g_1 > \theta_3 g_3$ : cross-country productivity difference larger in A than in S.  
High relative price of A/low relative price of S in a high- $\lambda$  country causes a delay.

ii)  $\frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_2 g_2}{g_1 - g_2} > \frac{\theta_2 g_2 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_2 - g_3}$ : technology adoption takes not too long in M.

Not too high relative price of M in a high- $\lambda$  country keeps the M-share low.

Under the above conditions,

iii)  $\theta_1 < \theta_3$ : Technology adoption takes longer in S than in A.  
Longer adoption lag in S in a high- $\lambda$  country causes “premature” deindustrialization.

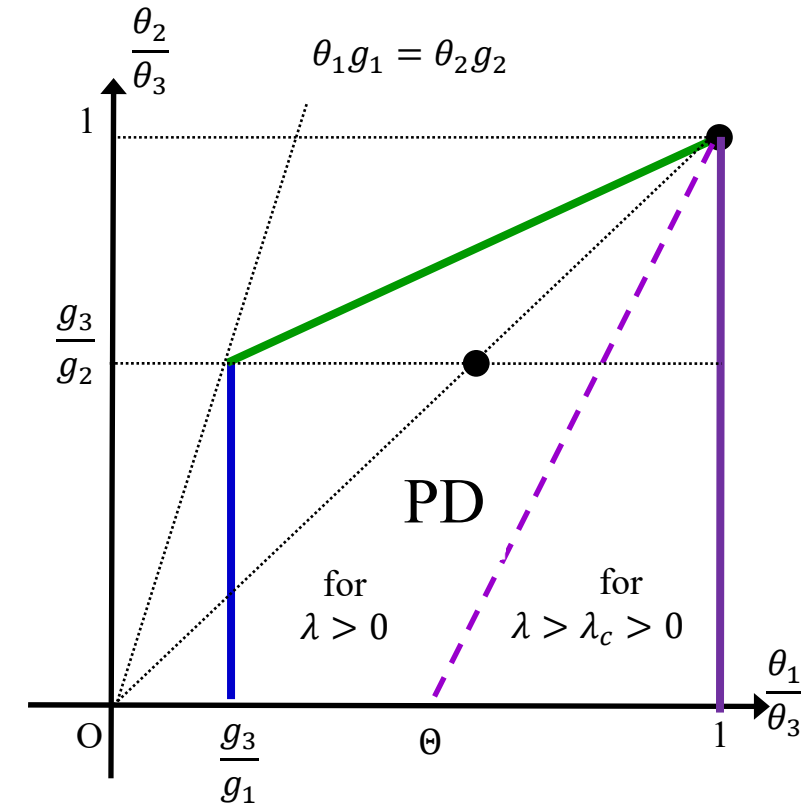
### Some Implications:

No PD if  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3$ . Latecomers would follow the same path with a delay.

i) & ii)  $\Rightarrow \theta_1 g_1 > \theta_2 g_2, \theta_3 g_3$ : Cross-country productivity difference the largest in A.

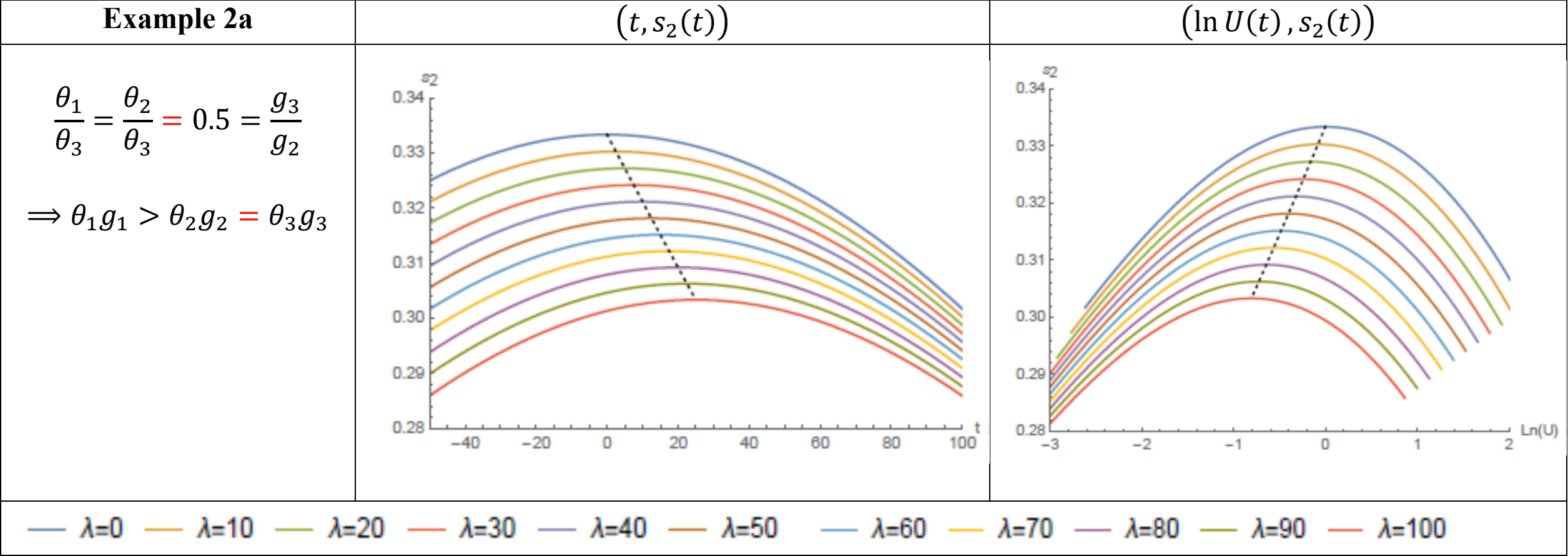
The sign of  $\theta_2 g_2 - \theta_3 g_3$  can be positive or negative; slightly negative to match the finding of Rodrik (2016; Table 10)

ii) & iii)  $\Rightarrow \theta_1, \theta_2 < \theta_3$ : Technology adoption takes longest in S.



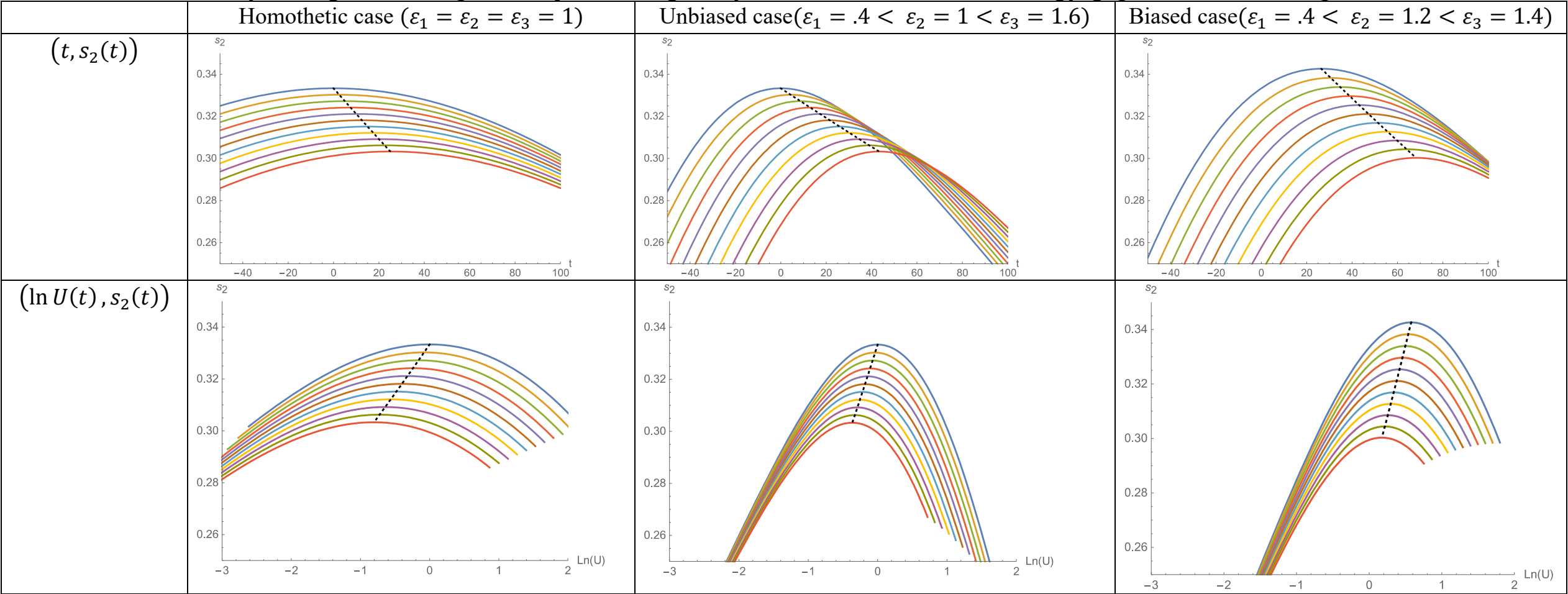
A Numerical Illustration.

$\theta_1 = \theta_2 < \theta_3 = 1$  with  $g_1 = 3.6\% > g_2 = 2.4\% > g_3 = 1.2\%$ ;  $\sigma = 0.6$ ; Labor share =  $2/3$ . We set the other parameters, w.l.o.g., so that the peak time,  $\hat{t} = 0$  and the peak time income per capita,  $U(\hat{t}) = 1$  if  $\lambda = 0$ .



**1st Extension: Adding the Engel Effect with Nonhomothetic CES** (Comin-Lashkari-Mestieri)

Nonhomotheticity changes the shape of trajectories greatly, but not on how technology gaps,  $\lambda$ , affects the peak values.



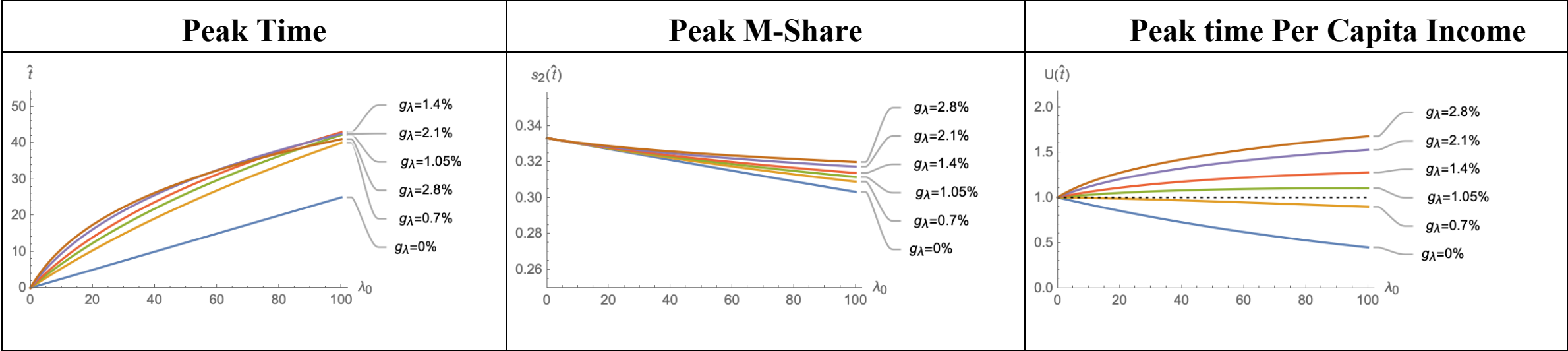
We also show that the Engel effect *alone* could not generate PD *without counterfactual implications*.



2nd Extension: Introducing Catching-up

$A_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{g_j(t-\theta_j\lambda_t)},$     where     $\lambda_t = \lambda_0 e^{-g_\lambda t},$

Countries differ only in the *initial* value,  $\lambda_0$ , converging exponentially over time at the same rate,  $g_\lambda > 0$



Higher- $\lambda$  countries

- peak later in time,
- have lower peak M-shares
- have lower peak time per capita income, unless  $g_\lambda$  is too large.

**(Very Selective) Literature Review.** Herrendorf-Rogerson-Valentinyi (14) for a survey on structural change.

### Related to The Baseline Model

*Premature Deindustrialization*, Dasgupta-Singh (06), Palma (14), **Rodrik (16)**

*The Baumol Effect*: Baumol (67), **Ngai-Pissarides (07)**, Nordhaus (08)

*Cross-country heterogeneity in technology development*

- *Distance to the frontier*: **Krugman** (85), Acemoglu-Aghion-Zilibotti (06)
- *Log-supermodularity*: **Krugman** (85), Matsuyama (05), Costinot (09), Costinot-Vogel (15)
- *Productivity difference across countries the largest in A*: Caselli (05), Gollin et.al. (14, AERP&P)
- *Small adoption lags in M*; Rodrik (2013)

### Related to Two Extensions

*The Engel Effect (Nonhomotheticity)*; Murphy et.al. (89), Matsuyama (92,02), Kongsamut et.al. (01), Foellmi-Zweimueller (08), Buera-Kaboski (09,12), Boppart (14), **Comin-Lashkari-Mestieri (21)**, Matsuyama (19), Lewis et.al. (21), Bohr-Mestieri-Yavuz (21)

*Catching-Up/Technology Diffusion*: Acemoglu (08), Comin-Mestieri (18)

### The Issues We Abstract From

*Sector-level productivity growth rate differences across countries*: Huneus-Rogerson (20)

*Open economy implications*: Matsuyama (92,09), Uy-Yi-Zhang (13), Sposi-Yi-Zhang (19), Fujiwara-Matsuyama (Work in Progress)

*Endogenous growth, externalities*, Matsuyama (92),

*Sectoral wedges/misallocation*: Caselli (05), Gollin et.al. (14 QJE) and many others

*Nominal vs. Real expenditure; Employment vs. Value Added shares; Compatibility with aggregate balance growth, investment vs consumption, sector-specific factor intensities, skill premium, home production, productivity slowdown, etc.*

# **Structural Change, the Baumol Effect, and Adoption Lags**

## Three Complementary Goods/Competitive Sectors, $j = 1, 2, 3$

Sector-1 = (A)griculture, Sector-2 = (M)anufacturing, Sector-3 = (S)ervices.

**Demand System:**  $L$  Identical HH, each supplies 1 unit of mobile labor at  $w$ ;  $\kappa_j$  units of factor specific to  $j$  at  $\rho_j$ .

**Budget Constraint:**

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 p_j c_j \leq E \equiv w + \sum_{j=1}^3 \rho_j \kappa_j = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{j=1}^3 p_j Y_j$$

**CES Preferences:**

$$U(c_1, c_2, c_3) = \left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 (\beta_j)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} (c_j)^{1-\frac{1}{\sigma}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}}$$

with  $\beta_j > 0$  and  $0 < \sigma < 1$  (gross complementarity)

**Expenditure Shares:**

$$m_j \equiv \frac{p_j c_j}{E} = \frac{\beta_j (p_j)^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k=1}^3 \beta_k (p_k)^{1-\sigma}} = \beta_j \left( \frac{E/p_j}{U} \right)^{\sigma-1}$$

## Three Competitive Sectors: Production

### Cobb-Douglas

$$Y_j = \tilde{A}_j (\kappa_j L)^{\alpha} (L_j)^{1-\alpha}$$

$\tilde{A}_j > 0$ : the TFP of sector- $j$ ;  $\alpha \in [0,1)$  the share of specific factor.

### Employment Share

$$s_j \equiv \frac{L_j}{L}; \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 s_j = 1$$

### Output per worker Output per capita

$$\frac{Y_j}{L_j} = A_j (s_j)^{-\alpha}; \quad \frac{Y_j}{L} = A_j (s_j)^{1-\alpha}$$

where  $A_j \equiv \tilde{A}_j (\kappa_j)^{\alpha}$ .

With Cobb-Douglas,  $wL_j = (1 - \alpha)p_j Y_j$ , implying the employment shares equal to

### Value-Added Shares

$$\frac{p_j Y_j}{EL} = \frac{p_j Y_j}{\sum_{k=1}^3 p_k Y_k} = s_j = \frac{L_j}{L}$$

**Equilibrium:** The expenditure shares are equal to the employment and value-added shares.

$$m_j = \frac{p_j Y_j}{EL} = s_j$$

which lead to

**Equilibrium Shares**

$$s_j = \frac{\left[ \beta_j^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} A_j \right]^{-a}}{\sum_{k=1}^3 \left[ \beta_k^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} A_k \right]^{-a}}$$

**Per Capita Income**

$$U = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^3 \left[ \beta_k^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} A_k \right]^{-a} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a}}$$

where

$$a \equiv \frac{1 - \sigma}{1 - \alpha(1 - \sigma)} = -\frac{\partial \log(s_j/s_k)}{\partial \log(A_j/A_k)} > 0,$$

which captures how much relatively high productivity in a sector contributes to its relatively low equilibrium share.  $\alpha$  magnifies this effect by increasing  $a$ .

**Productivity Growth:**

$$A_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(t - \lambda_j) = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{g_j(t-\lambda_j)} = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{-\lambda_j g_j} e^{g_j t}$$

$\bar{A}_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{g_j t}$ : **Frontier Technology** in  $j$ , with a constant **growth rate**  $g_j > 0$ .

$A_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(t - \lambda_j)$ ;  $\lambda_j$  = **Adoption Lag** in  $j$ .

- $g_j$  and  $\lambda_j$  are sector-specific.
- $\lambda_j$  has **no “growth” effect**.
- $\lambda_j$  has **the “level” effect**,  $e^{-\lambda_j g_j}$ , which is decreasing in  $\lambda_j$  and the effect is proportional to  $g_j$

**Key: Log-submodularity**,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial g_j} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_j} \ln e^{-\lambda_j g_j} \right) < 0$ :  $g_j$  magnifies the negative effect of the adoption lag on productivity

A large adoption lag would not matter much in a sector with slow productivity growth.

Even a small adoption lag would matter a lot in a sector with fast productivity growth.

$$U(t) = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^3 \left[ \beta_k^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} A_k(t) \right]^{-a} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a}} = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^3 \tilde{\beta}_k e^{-a g_k(t-\lambda_k)} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a}}, \text{ where } \tilde{\beta}_k \equiv \left( \frac{\beta_k^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}}{\bar{A}_k(0)} \right)^a > 0.$$

Longer adoption lags would shift down the time path of  $U(t)$ .

$$g_U(t) \equiv \frac{U'(t)}{U(t)} = \sum_{k=1}^3 g_k s_k(t)$$

The aggregate growth rate is the weighted average of the sectoral growth rates

**Relative Prices:** 
$$\left(\frac{p_j(t)}{p_k(t)}\right)^{1-\sigma} = \left[\left(\frac{\beta_j}{\beta_k}\right)^{-\alpha} \frac{\bar{A}_j(0)}{\bar{A}_k(0)}\right]^{-a} e^{a(\lambda_j g_j - \lambda_k g_k)} e^{a(g_k - g_j)t} \Rightarrow \frac{d \ln \left(\frac{p_j(t)}{p_k(t)}\right)}{dt} = \frac{a(g_k - g_j)}{1 - \sigma}$$

**Relative Growth Effect:**  $p_j(t)/p_k(t)$  is de(in)creasing over time if  $g_j > (<)g_k$ .

**Relative Level Effect:** A higher  $\lambda_j g_j - \lambda_k g_k$  raises  $p_j(t)/p_k(t)$  at any point in time.

*Note:* For a fixed  $\lambda_j > 0$ , a higher  $g_j$  makes the relative price of  $j$  higher (though declining faster).

**Relative Shares:** 
$$\frac{s_j(t)}{s_k(t)} = \frac{\beta_j}{\beta_k} \left(\frac{p_j(t)}{p_k(t)}\right)^{1-\sigma} = \frac{\tilde{\beta}_j}{\tilde{\beta}_k} e^{a(\lambda_j g_j - \lambda_k g_k)} e^{a(g_k - g_j)t} \Rightarrow \frac{d \ln \left(\frac{s_j(t)}{s_k(t)}\right)}{dt} = a(g_k - g_j)$$

**Relative Growth Effect:**  $s_j(t)/s_k(t)$  is de(in)creasing over time if  $g_j > (<)g_k$ .

Shift from faster growing sectors to slower growing sectors over time.

**Relative Level Effect:** A higher  $\lambda_j g_j - \lambda_k g_k$  raises  $s_j(t)/s_k(t)$  at any point in time.

*Note:* For a fixed  $\lambda_j > 0$ , a higher  $g_j$  makes the relative share of  $j$  higher (though declining faster).



**Structural Change with the Baumol (Relative Price) Effect:** Let  $g_1 > g_2 > g_3 > 0$

**Decline of Agriculture:**  $s_1(t)$  is decreasing in  $t$ , because

$$\frac{1}{s_1(t)} - 1 = \frac{s_2(t)}{s_1(t)} + \frac{s_3(t)}{s_1(t)} = \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_2}{\tilde{\beta}_1} e^{a(\lambda_2 g_2 - \lambda_1 g_1)} \right] e^{a(g_1 - g_2)t} + \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_3}{\tilde{\beta}_1} e^{a(\lambda_3 g_3 - \lambda_1 g_1)} \right] e^{a(g_1 - g_3)t}$$

**Rise of Services:**  $s_3(t)$  is increasing in  $t$ , because

$$\frac{1}{s_3(t)} - 1 = \frac{s_1(t)}{s_3(t)} + \frac{s_2(t)}{s_3(t)} = \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_1}{\tilde{\beta}_3} e^{a(\lambda_1 g_1 - \lambda_3 g_3)} \right] e^{-a(g_1 - g_3)t} + \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_2}{\tilde{\beta}_3} e^{a(\lambda_2 g_2 - \lambda_3 g_3)} \right] e^{-a(g_2 - g_3)t}$$

**Rise and Fall of Manufacturing:**  $s_2(t)$  is hump-shaped in  $t$ , because

$$\frac{1}{s_2(t)} - 1 = \frac{s_1(t)}{s_2(t)} + \frac{s_3(t)}{s_2(t)} = \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_1}{\tilde{\beta}_2} e^{a(\lambda_1 g_1 - \lambda_2 g_2)} \right] e^{-a(g_1 - g_2)t} + \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_3}{\tilde{\beta}_2} e^{a(\lambda_3 g_3 - \lambda_2 g_2)} \right] e^{a(g_2 - g_3)t}.$$

Hump-shaped due to the two opposing forces:  $g_1 > g_2$  pushes labor out of A to M;  $g_2 > g_3$  pulls labor out of M to S.

$$s_2'(t) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (g_1 - g_2) \frac{s_1(t)}{s_2(t)} \geq (g_2 - g_3) \frac{s_3(t)}{s_2(t)} \Leftrightarrow g_U(t) = \sum_{k=1}^3 g_k s_k(t) \geq g_2$$

**Characterizing Manufacturing Peak:** “^” indicates the peak.

$$s_2'(\hat{t}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (g_1 - g_2)s_1(\hat{t}) = (g_2 - g_3)s_3(\hat{t}) \Leftrightarrow g_U(\hat{t}) = g_2$$

**Peak Time:** From  $(g_1 - g_2)s_1(\hat{t}) = (g_2 - g_3)s_3(\hat{t})$

$$\hat{t} = \frac{\lambda_1 g_1 - \lambda_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} + \hat{t}_0, \quad \text{where } \hat{t}_0 \equiv \frac{1}{a(g_1 - g_3)} \ln \left[ \left( \frac{g_1 - g_2}{g_2 - g_3} \right) \frac{\tilde{\beta}_1}{\tilde{\beta}_3} \right]$$

**Two Normalizations:** Without any loss of generality,

$$\hat{t}_0 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{g_2 - g_3}{g_1 - g_2} = \frac{\tilde{\beta}_1}{\tilde{\beta}_3} \equiv \left[ \left( \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_3} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \frac{\bar{A}_3(0)}{\bar{A}_1(0)} \right]^a$$

The calendar time is reset so that its M-peak would be reached at  $\hat{t} = 0$  in the absence of the adoption lags.

$$U(0) = 1 \text{ for } \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^3 \tilde{\beta}_k = \sum_{k=1}^3 \left( \frac{\beta_k^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}}{\bar{A}_k(0)} \right)^a = 1.$$

We use the peak time per capita income in the absence of the adoption lags as the *numeraire*.

*Note:* Under these normalizations, the peak time share of sector- $k$  in the absence of the adoption lags would be  $\tilde{\beta}_k$ .

Then,

**Peak Time**

$$\hat{t} = \frac{\lambda_1 g_1 - \lambda_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3}.$$

**Peak M-Share**

$$\frac{1}{s_2(\hat{t})} = 1 + \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{\beta}_2} - 1 \right) e^{\frac{a(g_1 - g_2)(g_2 - g_3)}{(g_1 - g_3)} \left( \frac{\lambda_1 g_1 - \lambda_2 g_2}{g_1 - g_2} - \frac{\lambda_2 g_2 - \lambda_3 g_3}{g_2 - g_3} \right)}$$

**Peak Time Per Capita Income**

$$U(\hat{t}) = \left\{ (1 - \tilde{\beta}_2) e^{-a g_1 g_3 \left( \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3}{g_1 - g_3} \right)} + \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-a g_2 \left( \frac{\lambda_1 g_1 - \lambda_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} - \lambda_2 \right)} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a}}$$

So far, we have looked at the impacts of adoption lags in a single country in isolation, without specifying the sources of the adoption lags.

Next, we introduce cross-country heterogeneity, the technology gap, which generate cross-country variations in adoption lags, and study the cross-country implications.

# **Technology Gaps and Premature Deindustrialization**

Consider the world with many countries with

$$(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)\lambda$$

$\lambda \geq 0$ : **Technology Gap, Country-specific**

$\theta_j > 0$ : **Sector-specific**, capturing the inherent difficulty of technology adoption, common across countries

- **Countries differ only in one dimension**,  $\lambda$ , in their ability to adopt the frontier technologies.
- $\theta_j > 0$  determines how much the technology gap affects the adoption lag in that sector.

$$\frac{A_j(t)}{A_k(t)} = \frac{\bar{A}_j(0)}{\bar{A}_k(0)} e^{-(\theta_j g_j - \theta_k g_k)\lambda} e^{(g_j - g_k)t} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ln \left( \frac{A_j(t)}{A_k(t)} \right) = -(\theta_j g_j - \theta_k g_k)$$

Cross-country productivity difference is larger in sector- $j$  than in sector- $k$  if  $\theta_j g_j > \theta_k g_k$ .

**Peak Time**

$$\hat{t}(\lambda) = \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} \lambda.$$

**Peak M-Share**

$$\frac{1}{\hat{s}_2(\lambda)} = 1 + \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{\beta}_2} - 1 \right) e^{(g_2 - g_3) \left( \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} - \frac{\theta_2 g_2 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_2 - g_3} \right) a \lambda}$$

**Peak Time Per Capita Income**

$$\hat{U}(\lambda) = \left\{ (1 - \tilde{\beta}_2) e^{-g_1 g_3 \left( \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_3}{g_1 - g_3} \right) a \lambda} + \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-g_2 \left( \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} - \theta_2 \right) a \lambda} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a}}$$

**Figure 1: Conditions for Premature Deindustrialization (PD) only with the Baumol (Relative Price) Effect**

$$\hat{t}'(\lambda) > 0 \text{ for all } \lambda > 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta_1 g_1 > \theta_3 g_3.$$

With  $\theta_1 g_1 > \theta_3 g_3$ , the price of A is relatively higher than the price of S in a high- $\lambda$  country, which delays the peak.

$$\hat{s}_2'(\lambda) < 0 \text{ for all } \lambda > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_2 g_2}{g_1 - g_2} > \frac{\theta_2 g_2 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_2 - g_3}$$

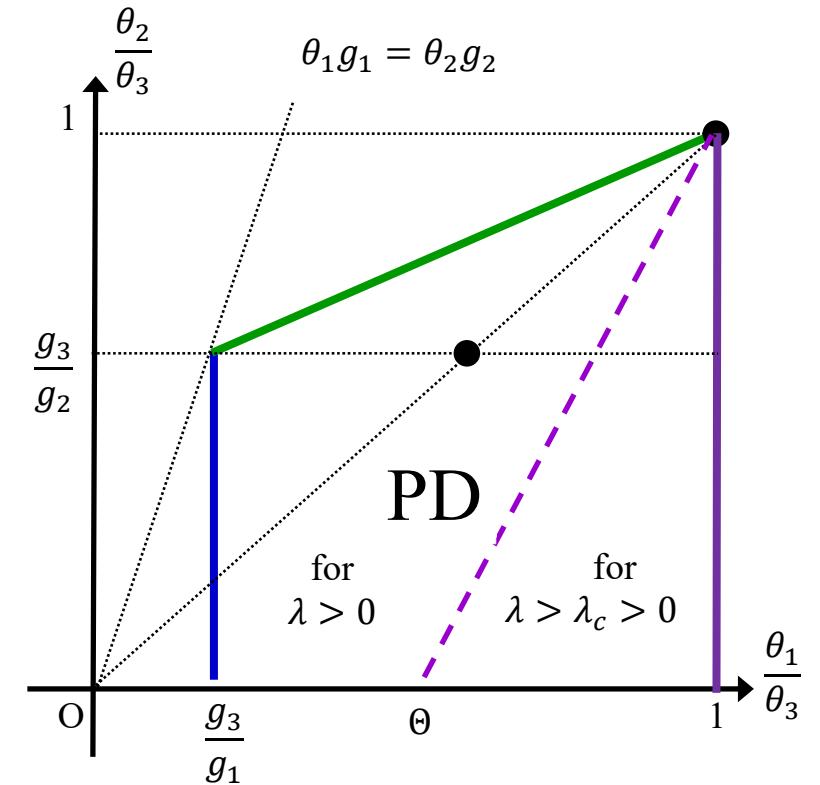
With a low  $\theta_2$ , which has no effect on  $\hat{t}$ , the price of M is low relative to both A & S in a high- $\lambda$  country, which keeps the M-share low.

Under the above condition,

$$\hat{U}'(\lambda) < 0; \hat{U}(\lambda) < \hat{U}(0) \text{ for } \lambda > \lambda_c \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta_1 < \theta_3 \Leftrightarrow \hat{t}(\lambda) < \theta_1 \lambda < \theta_3 \lambda$$

With  $\theta_1 < \theta_3$ , the time delay in the peak in a high- $\lambda$  country is not long enough to make up for the lagging productivity, that is deindustrialization is “premature.”

These conditions jointly imply  $\theta_1 g_1 > \theta_2 g_2, \theta_3 g_3$  (productivity differences the largest in A) and  $\theta_1, \theta_2 < \theta_3$  (adoption lag the longest in S).



## Some Examples

### Example 1: No Premature Deindustrialization (PD)

Uniform Adoption Lags, as in Krugman (1985)

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = 1 \iff \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda > 0$$

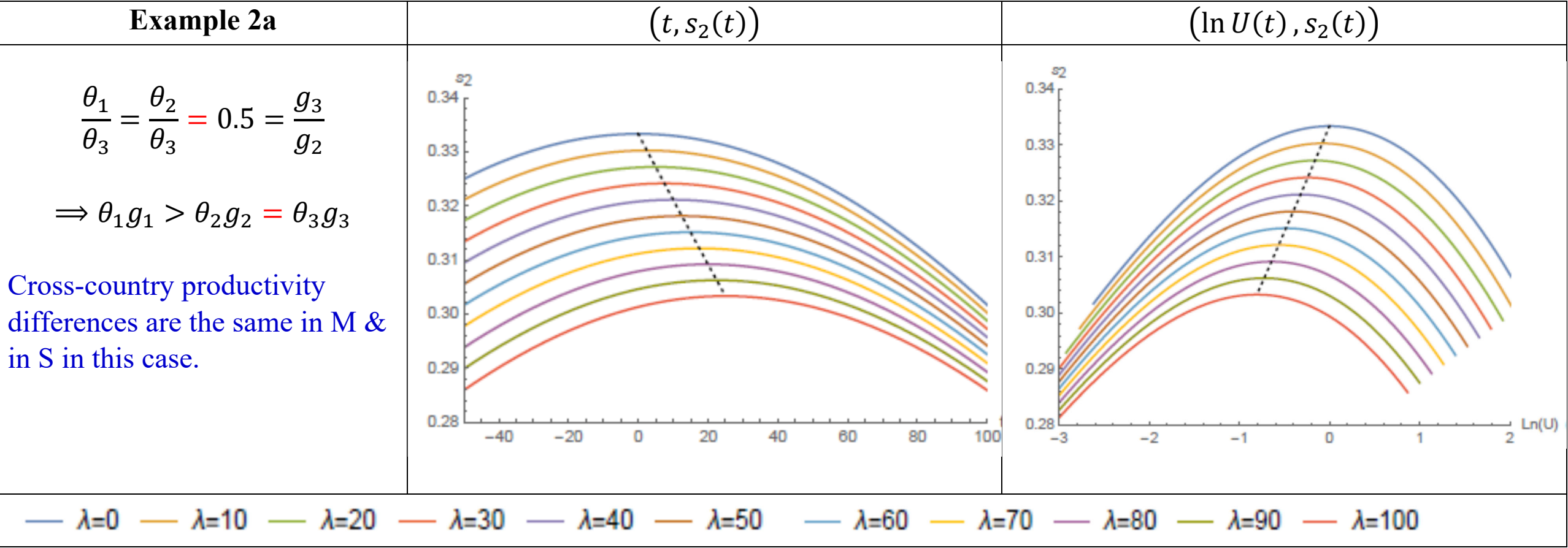
$$\implies \hat{t}(\lambda) = \lambda; \quad \hat{s}_2(\lambda) = \tilde{\beta}_2; \quad \hat{U}(\lambda) = 1$$

- The country's technology gap causes a delay in the peak time,  $\hat{t}$ , by  $\lambda > 0$ .
- The peak M-share & the peak time per capita income unaffected.

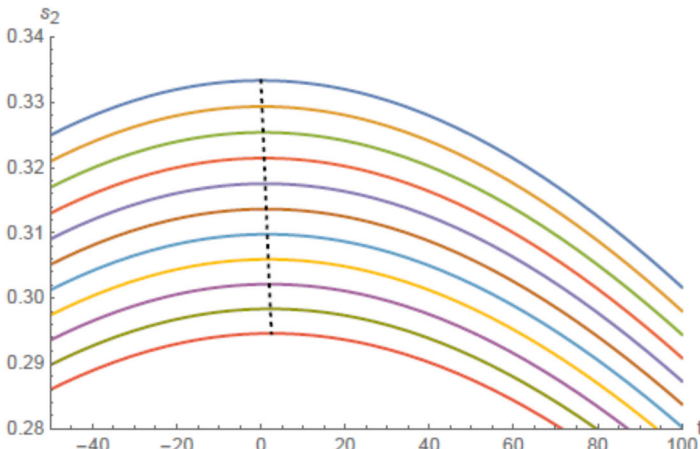
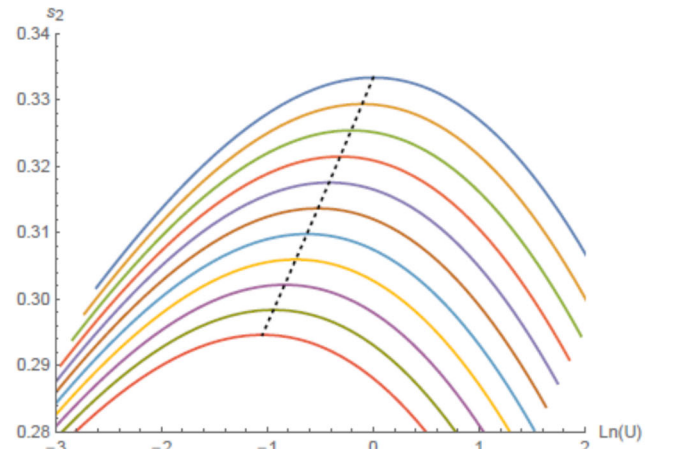
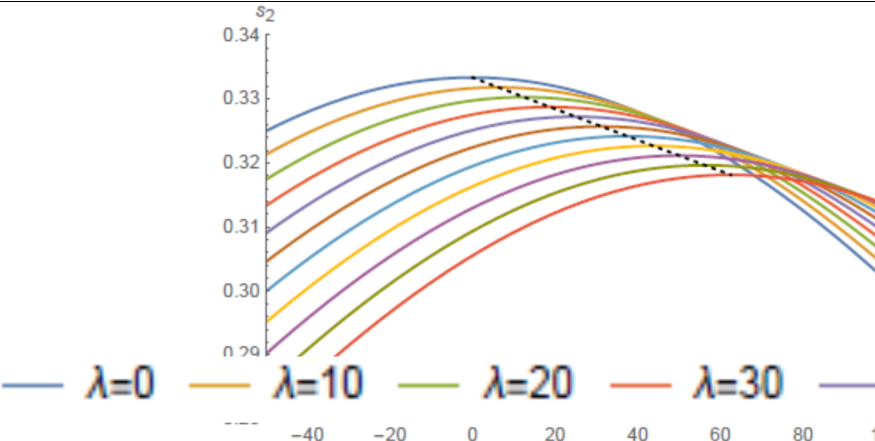
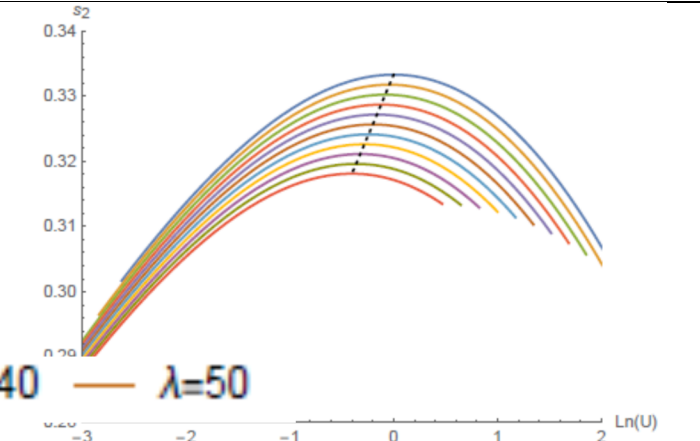
Each country follows exactly the same development path of early industrializers *with a delay*. No PD!!

**Thus, the technology gap must have differential impacts on the adoption lags across sectors.**

**Example 2a-2c:** Numerical Illustrations. In all three examples,  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 < \theta_3 = 1$  and we use  $g_1 = 3.6\% > g_2 = 2.4\% > g_3 = 1.2\%$ ;  $\alpha = 1/3$ , and  $\sigma = 0.6$  (hence  $a = 6/13$ ).  
 $\tilde{\beta}_j = 1/3$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3 \Rightarrow \hat{s}_2(0) = \tilde{\beta}_2 = 1/3$ ;  $\hat{U}(0) = 1$ ;  $\hat{t}(0) = 0$ .





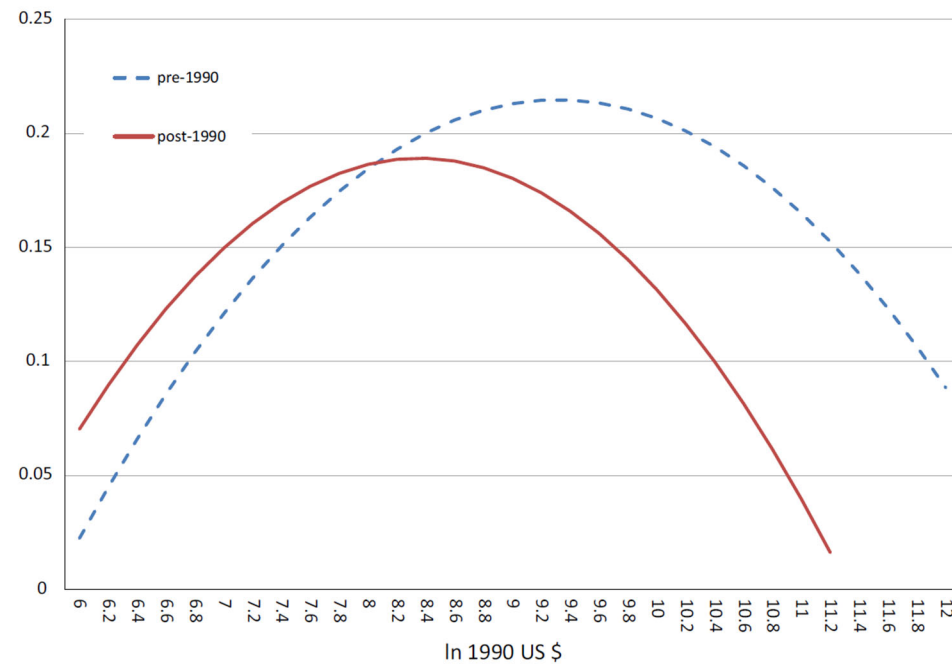
	$(t, s_2(t))$	$(\ln U(t), s_2(t))$
<div><b>Example 2b</b> <math>\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_3} = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3} = 0.35 &lt; \frac{g_3}{g_2}</math> <math>\Rightarrow \theta_1 g_1 &gt; \theta_3 g_3 &gt; \theta_2 g_2</math>  Cross-country productivity differences the smallest in M.</div>		
<div><b>Example 2c</b> <math>\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_3} = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3} = 0.75 &gt; \frac{g_3}{g_2}</math> <math>\Rightarrow \theta_1 g_1 &gt; \theta_2 g_2 &gt; \theta_3 g_3</math>  Cross-country productivity differences the smallest in S.</div>		
	<div><math>\lambda=0</math> <math>\lambda=10</math> <math>\lambda=20</math> <math>\lambda=30</math> <math>\lambda=40</math> <math>\lambda=50</math> <math>\lambda=60</math> <math>\lambda=70</math> <math>\lambda=80</math> <math>\lambda=90</math> <math>\lambda=100</math></div>	

**Rodrik (2016)** divided countries into pre-1990 peaked vs. post-1990 peaked.

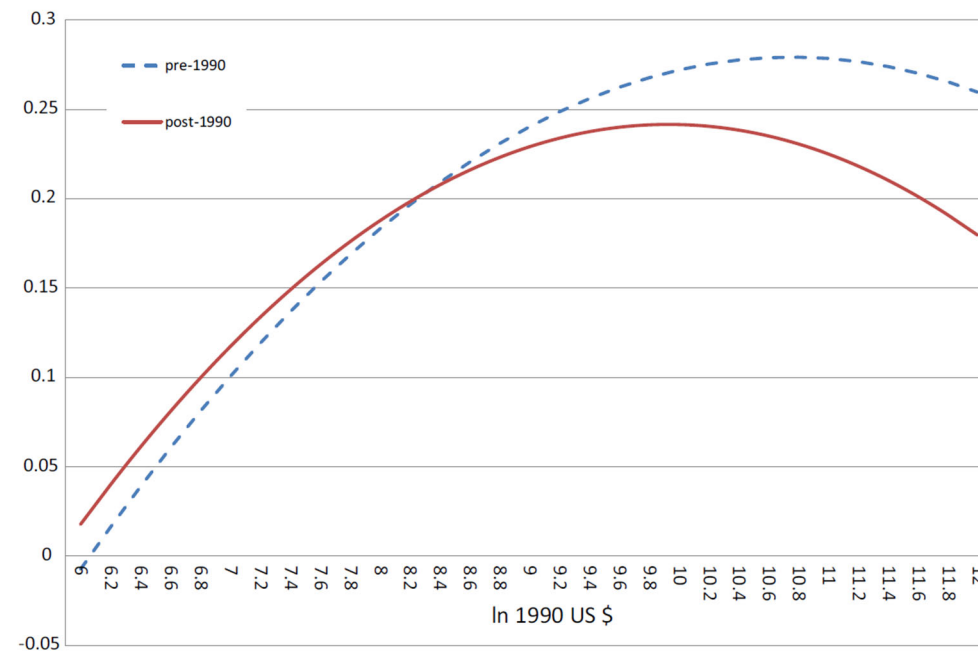
From his Fig.5,  $\hat{t}(\lambda) = 25$  years.

For the employment shares (Fig.6),  $\hat{s}_2(0) = 22\% > \hat{s}_2(\lambda) = 19\%$ ;  $\ln \hat{U}(0) = 0 > \ln \hat{U}(\lambda) = -0.95$

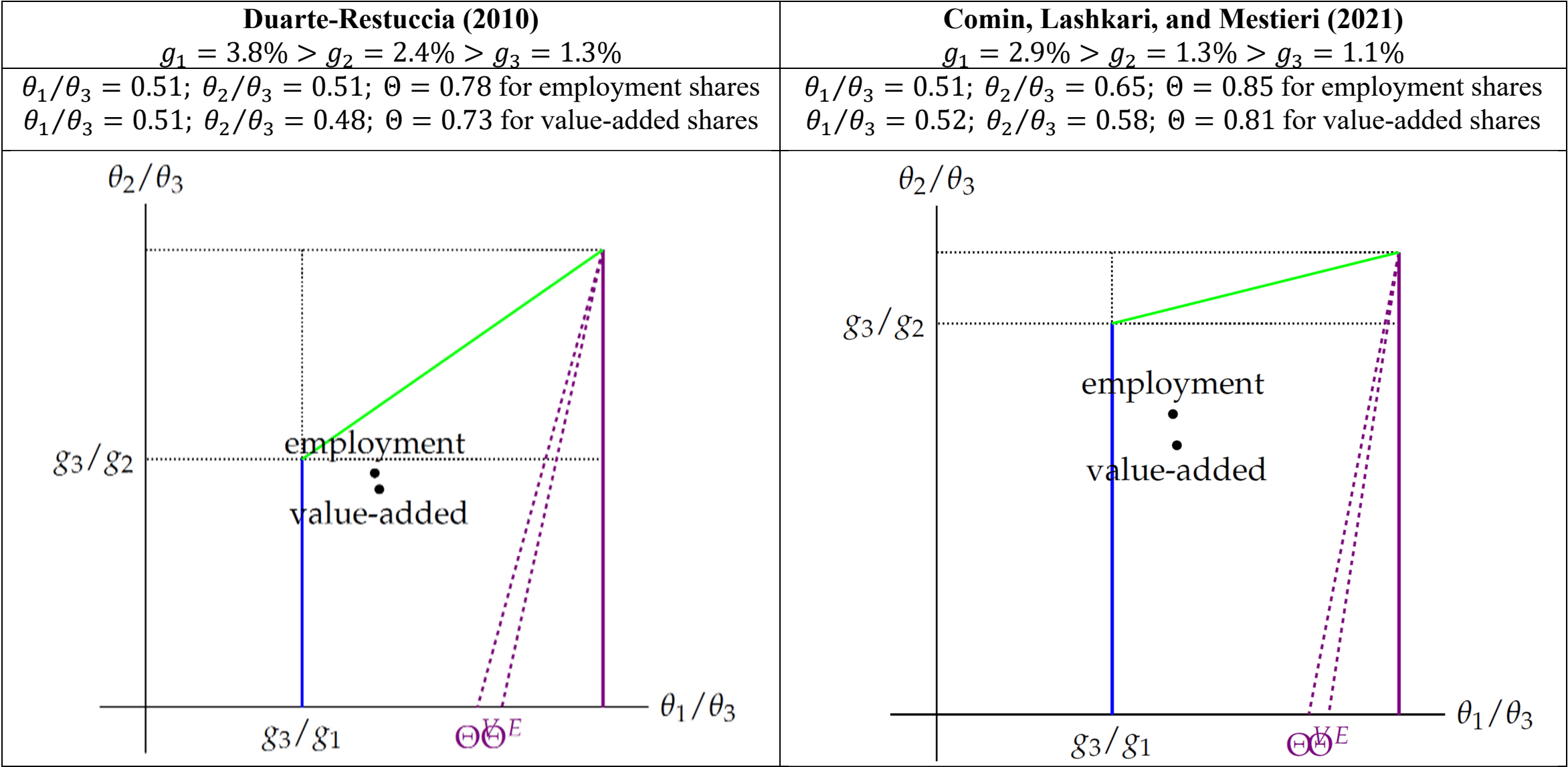
For the value-added shares (Fig.7),  $\hat{s}_2(0) = 28\% > \hat{s}_2(\lambda) = 24\%$ ;  $\ln \hat{U}(0) = 0 > \ln \hat{U}(\lambda) = -0.83$ .



**Fig. 6** Simulated manufacturing employment shares



**Fig. 7** Simulated manufacturing output shares (MVA/GDP at constant prices)



## **Introducing the Engel Effect**

**The Engel Law through Isoelastic Nonhomothetic CES; Comin-Lashkari-Mestieri (2021), Matsuyama (2019)**

$$\left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 (\beta_j)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \left( \frac{c_j}{U^{\varepsilon_j}} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{\sigma}} \right]^{\frac{\sigma}{\sigma-1}} \equiv 1$$

Normalize  $\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3 = 3$ ; with  $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = \varepsilon_3 = 1$ , we go back to the standard homothetic CES.

With  $\sigma < 1$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 < \varepsilon_3 \Rightarrow$  **the income elasticity the lowest in A and the highest in S.**

By maximizing  $U$  subject to  $\sum_{j=1}^3 p_j c_j \leq E$ ,

**Expenditure Shares** 
$$m_j \equiv \frac{p_j c_j}{E} = \frac{\beta_j (U^{\varepsilon_j} p_j)^{1-\sigma}}{\sum_{k=1}^3 \beta_k (U^{\varepsilon_k} p_k)^{1-\sigma}} = \beta_j \left( \frac{U^{\varepsilon_j} p_j}{E} \right)^{1-\sigma} \Rightarrow \frac{m_j}{m_k} = \frac{\beta_j}{\beta_k} \left( \frac{p_j}{p_k} U^{\varepsilon_j - \varepsilon_k} \right)^{1-\sigma}$$

**Indirect Utility Function:** 
$$\left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 \beta_j \left( \frac{U^{\varepsilon_j} p_j}{E} \right)^{1-\sigma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \equiv 1$$

**Cost-of-Living Index:** 
$$\left[ \sum_{j=1}^3 \beta_j \left( \frac{U^{\varepsilon_j-1} p_j}{P} \right)^{1-\sigma} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}} \equiv 1 \Leftrightarrow U \equiv \frac{E}{P}$$

**Income Elasticity:** 
$$\eta_j \equiv \frac{\partial \ln c_j}{\partial \ln(U)} = 1 + \frac{\partial \ln m_j}{\partial \ln(E/P)} = 1 + (1 - \sigma) \left\{ \varepsilon_j - \sum_{k=1}^3 m_k \varepsilon_k \right\}$$

**Structural Change with the Engel (Income) Effect:** Let  $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 < \varepsilon_3 = 3 - \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$ .  
Then, even with constant relative prices,

**Decline of Agriculture:**  $s_1(t) = m_1(t)$  is decreasing in  $U(t)$ , because

$$\frac{1}{s_1(t)} - 1 = \frac{m_2(t)}{m_1(t)} + \frac{m_3(t)}{m_1(t)} = \frac{\beta_2}{\beta_1} \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1} U(t)^{\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1} \right)^{1-\sigma} + \frac{\beta_3}{\beta_1} \left( \frac{p_3}{p_1} U(t)^{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1} \right)^{1-\sigma}$$

**Rise of Services:**  $s_3(t) = m_3(t)$  is increasing in  $U(t)$ , because

$$\frac{1}{s_3(t)} - 1 = \frac{m_1(t)}{m_3(t)} + \frac{m_2(t)}{m_3(t)} = \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_3} \left( \frac{p_1}{p_3} U(t)^{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3} \right)^{1-\sigma} + \frac{\beta_2}{\beta_3} \left( \frac{p_2}{p_3} U(t)^{\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3} \right)^{1-\sigma}$$

**Rise and Fall of Manufacturing:**  $s_2(t) = m_2(t)$  is hump-shaped in  $U(t)$ , because

$$\frac{1}{s_2(t)} - 1 = \frac{m_1(t)}{m_2(t)} + \frac{m_3(t)}{m_2(t)} = \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2} \left( \frac{p_1}{p_2} U(t)^{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2} \right)^{1-\sigma} + \frac{\beta_3}{\beta_2} \left( \frac{p_3}{p_2} U(t)^{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2} \right)^{1-\sigma}.$$

**Hump-shaped due to the two opposing forces:**  $\varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2$  pushes labor out of A to M;  $\varepsilon_2 < \varepsilon_3$  pulls labor out of M to S.

$$s'_2(t) = m'_2(t) \gtrless 0 \Leftrightarrow (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) \frac{m_1(t)}{m_2(t)} \gtrless (\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2) \frac{m_3(t)}{m_2(t)} \Leftrightarrow \eta_2 \gtrless 1$$

with constant relative prices.

The production side is the same as before. By following the same step, we obtain

**Equilibrium Shares**

$$s_j = \frac{\left[ \beta_j^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} A_j \right]^{-a}}{[U^{\varepsilon_j}]^{-a}}, \quad \text{where } \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{\left[ \beta_k^{\frac{1}{\sigma-1}} A_k \right]^{-a}}{[U^{\varepsilon_k}]^{-a}} \equiv 1$$

With  $A_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(t - \lambda_j) = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{g_j(t - \theta_j \lambda)}$ ,

$$s_2(t): \quad \frac{1}{s_2(t)} = U(t)^{a(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_1}{\tilde{\beta}_2} e^{a(\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_2 g_2)\lambda} \right] e^{-a(g_1 - g_2)t} + 1 + U(t)^{a(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2)} \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_3}{\tilde{\beta}_2} e^{a(\theta_3 g_3 - \theta_2 g_2)\lambda} \right] e^{a(g_2 - g_3)t}$$

$$U(t): \quad U(t)^{a\varepsilon_1} \tilde{\beta}_1 e^{-ag_1(t - \theta_1 \lambda)} + U(t)^{a\varepsilon_2} \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-ag_2(t - \theta_2 \lambda)} + U(t)^{a\varepsilon_3} \tilde{\beta}_3 e^{-ag_3(t - \theta_3 \lambda)} \equiv 1$$

$$s'_2(t) = 0: \quad (g_1 - g_2) = (g_2 - g_3) U^{a(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2)} \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_3}{\tilde{\beta}_1} \right] e^{a(\theta_3 g_3 - \theta_1 g_1)\lambda} e^{a(g_1 - g_3)t} \\ + \frac{\left\{ (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) + (\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2) U^{a(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1)} \left[ \frac{\tilde{\beta}_3}{\tilde{\beta}_1} \right] e^{a(\theta_3 g_3 - \theta_1 g_1)\lambda} e^{a(g_1 - g_3)t} \right\} \{ g_1 U^{a(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} \tilde{\beta}_1 e^{-ag_1(t - \theta_1 \lambda)} + g_2 \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-ag_2(t - \theta_2 \lambda)} + g_3 U^{a(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2)} \tilde{\beta}_3 e^{-ag_3(t - \theta_3 \lambda)} \}}{\varepsilon_1 U^{a(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)} \tilde{\beta}_1 e^{-ag_1(t - \theta_1 \lambda)} + \varepsilon_2 \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-ag_2(t - \theta_2 \lambda)} + \varepsilon_3 U^{a(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2)} \tilde{\beta}_3 e^{-ag_3(t - \theta_3 \lambda)}}.$$

$\hat{t}$  and  $\hat{U}$  solve the equation for  $U(t)$  and the equation for  $s'_2(t) = 0$ , simultaneously.

Then,  $\hat{s}_2$  can be obtained by plugging  $\hat{t}$  and  $\hat{U}$  into the equation for  $s_2(t)$

**(Analytically Solvable)  
“Unbiased” Case**

$$0 < \mu \equiv \frac{\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1}{g_1 - g_2} = \frac{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2}{g_2 - g_3} < \frac{1}{g_1 - \bar{g}}, \quad \text{where} \quad \bar{g} \equiv \frac{g_1 + g_2 + g_3}{3}$$

**Peak Time**

$$\hat{t} = \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} \lambda - \ln \left\{ (1 - \tilde{\beta}_2) e^{-g_1 g_3 \left( \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_3}{g_1 - g_3} \right) a \lambda} + \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-g_2 \left( \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} - \theta_2 \right) a \lambda} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{\mu}{1 + \mu \bar{g}} \right)}$$

**Peak M-Share**

$$\frac{1}{s_2(\hat{t})} = 1 + \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{\beta}_2} - 1 \right) e^{(g_2 - g_3) \left( \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} - \frac{\theta_2 g_2 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_2 - g_3} \right) a \lambda}$$

**Peak Time Per Capita Income**

$$U(\hat{t}) = \left\{ (1 - \tilde{\beta}_2) e^{-g_1 g_3 \left( \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_3}{g_1 - g_3} \right) a \lambda} + \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-g_2 \left( \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} - \theta_2 \right) a \lambda} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \mu \bar{g}} \right)}$$

$\frac{\partial s_2(\hat{t})}{\partial \lambda} < 0$ ;  $\frac{\partial U(\hat{t})}{\partial \lambda} < 0$  under the same condition;  $\frac{\partial \hat{t}}{\partial \lambda} > 0$  under a weaker condition. With  $g_1, g_2, g_3$  fixed, a higher  $\mu$  has

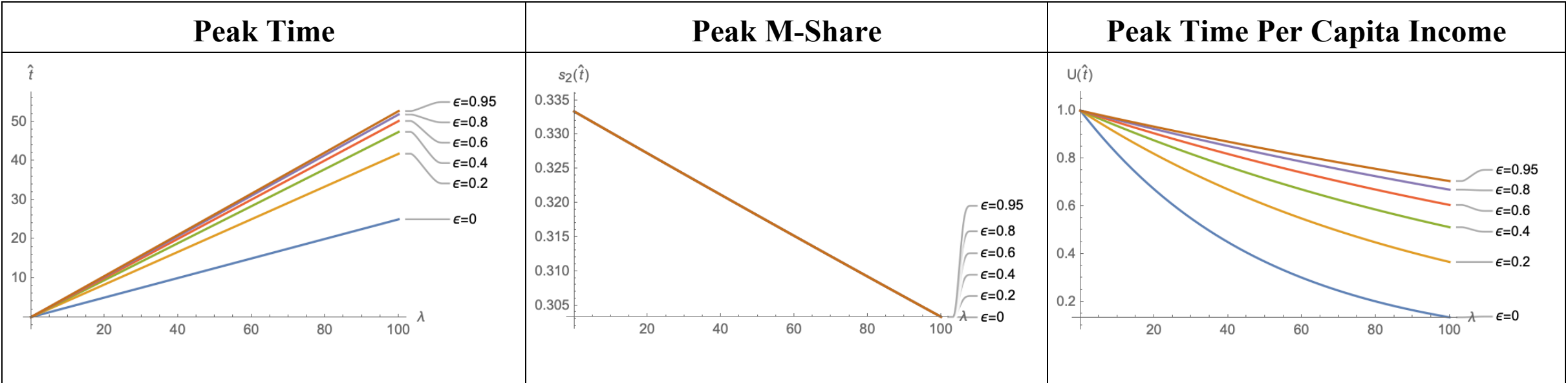
- **No effect** on  $\hat{t}, s_2(\hat{t}), U(\hat{t})$  for the country with  $\lambda = 0$ .
- A further delay in  $\hat{t}$  for every country with  $\lambda > 0$ .
- **No effect on**  $s_2(\hat{t})$  for every country with  $\lambda > 0$ .
- A smaller decline in  $U(\hat{t})$  for each country with  $\lambda > 0$ .



(Analytically Solvable) “Unbiased” Case: A Numerical Illustration

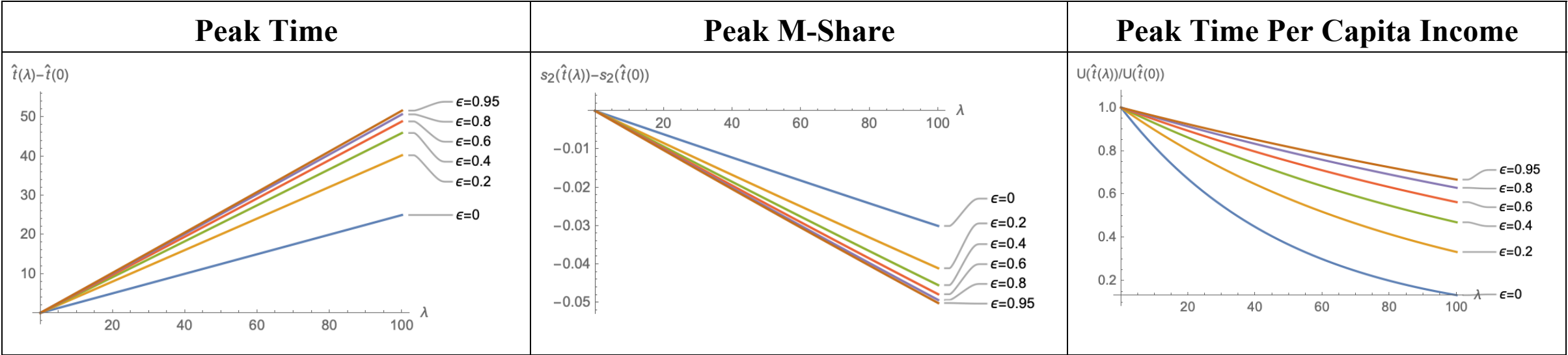
$g_1 = 3.6\% > g_2 = 2.4\% > g_3 = 1.2\%, \theta = 0.5, a = 6/13; \tilde{\beta}_j = 1/3$  for  $j = 1,2,3$ .

In this case,  $g_1 - g_2 = g_2 - g_3 = \bar{g} = 1.2\% > 0 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_1 = 1 - \epsilon < \varepsilon_2 = 1 < \varepsilon_3 = 1 + \epsilon$  for  $0 < \epsilon = (1.2\%) \mu < 1$



**(Empirically More Plausible) Biased Case:**

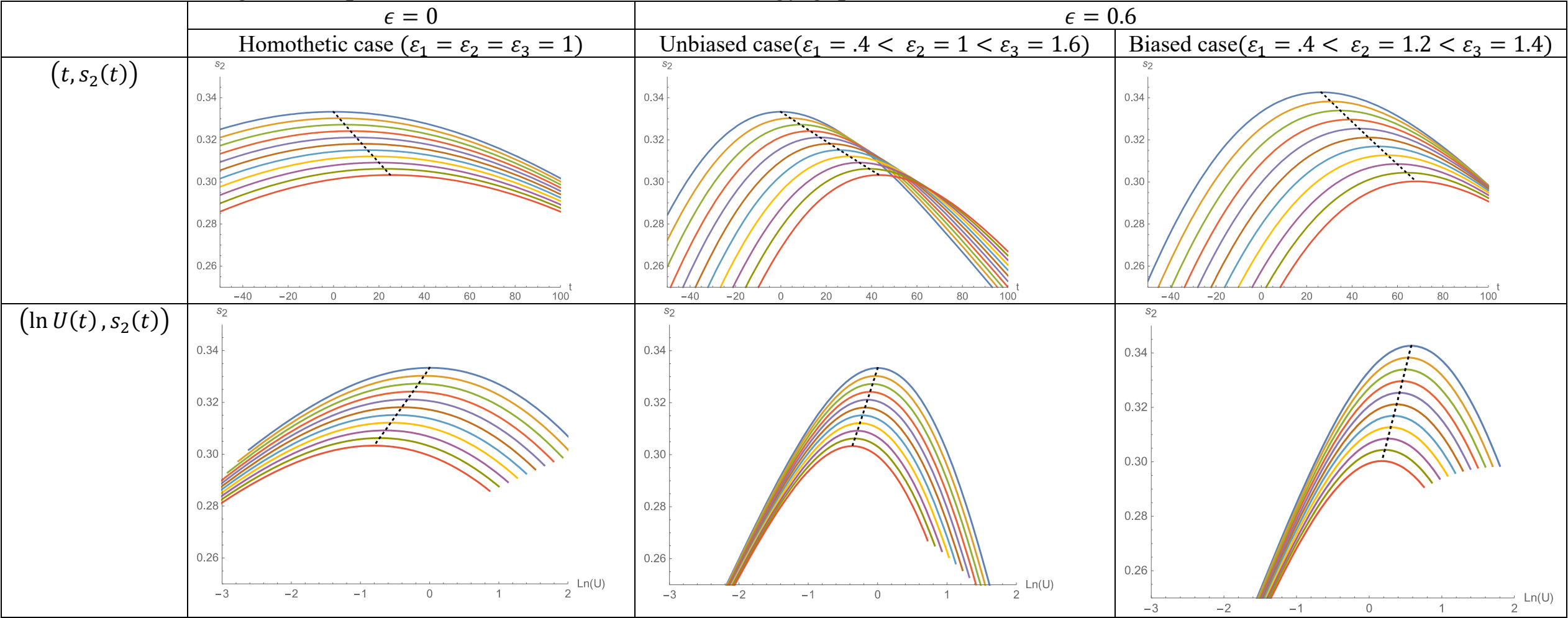
$\varepsilon_1 = 1 - \epsilon < \varepsilon_2 = 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{3} < \varepsilon_3 = 1 + \frac{2\epsilon}{3}$  for  $0 < \epsilon < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{g_1 - g_2}{g_2 - g_3} = 1 < \frac{\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2} = 4$ , as in CLM (2021).



In this case, the frontier country’s peak values are affected by  $\epsilon$ . Relative to the frontier country, a higher  $\epsilon$  causes a high- $\lambda$  country to have

- A further delay in  $\hat{t}$
- A *larger* decline in  $s_2(\hat{t})$ .
- A smaller decline in  $U(\hat{t})$ .

Stronger nonhomotheticity changes the shape of the time paths significantly.  
It does not change the implications on PD, i.e., how technology gaps affect  $\hat{t}$ ,  $s_2(\hat{t})$ , and  $U(\hat{t})$ .



## Premature Deindustrialization (PD) through the Engel (Income) Effect Only

What happens if we had *solely* the Engel effect with  $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 < \varepsilon_3 = 3 - \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2$ , without the Baumol effect,  $g_1 = g_2 = g_3 = \bar{g} > 0$ ?

### Peak Time

$$\hat{t} = \frac{1}{a\bar{g}} \ln \left\{ (1 - \tilde{\beta}_2) e^{\frac{(\varepsilon_3 \theta_1 - \varepsilon_1 \theta_3)}{(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1)} a \bar{g} \lambda} + \tilde{\beta}_2 e^{\left( \theta_2 + \frac{(\theta_1 - \theta_3)}{(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1)} \varepsilon_2 \right) a \bar{g} \lambda} \right\}$$

### Peak M-Share

$$\frac{1}{s_2(\hat{t})} - 1 = \left( \frac{1}{\tilde{\beta}_2} - 1 \right) e^{(\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2) \left( \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_3}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1} - \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_3}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2} \right) a \bar{g} \lambda}$$

### Peak Time Per Capita Income

$$\ln U(\hat{t}) = \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_3}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1} \bar{g} \lambda$$

with the two normalizations

$$\left( \frac{\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2} \right) \frac{\tilde{\beta}_1}{\tilde{\beta}_3} = 1; \quad \tilde{\beta}_1 + \tilde{\beta}_2 + \tilde{\beta}_3 = 1$$

which ensures  $U(\hat{t}) = 1$  and  $\hat{t} = 0$  for  $\lambda = 0$ .

### Conditions for Premature Deindustrialization (PD) only with the Engel Effect

$$\frac{\partial U(\hat{t})}{\partial \lambda} < 0 \text{ for all } \lambda > 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 < \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_3} < 1$$

With a low  $\theta_1$  and a high  $\theta_3$ , the price of the income elastic S is high relative to the income inelastic A in a high- $\lambda$  country, which make it necessary to reallocate labor to S at earlier stage of development.

$$\frac{\partial s_2(\hat{t})}{\partial \lambda} < 0 \text{ for all } \lambda > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_3}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1} > \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_3}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_2}$$

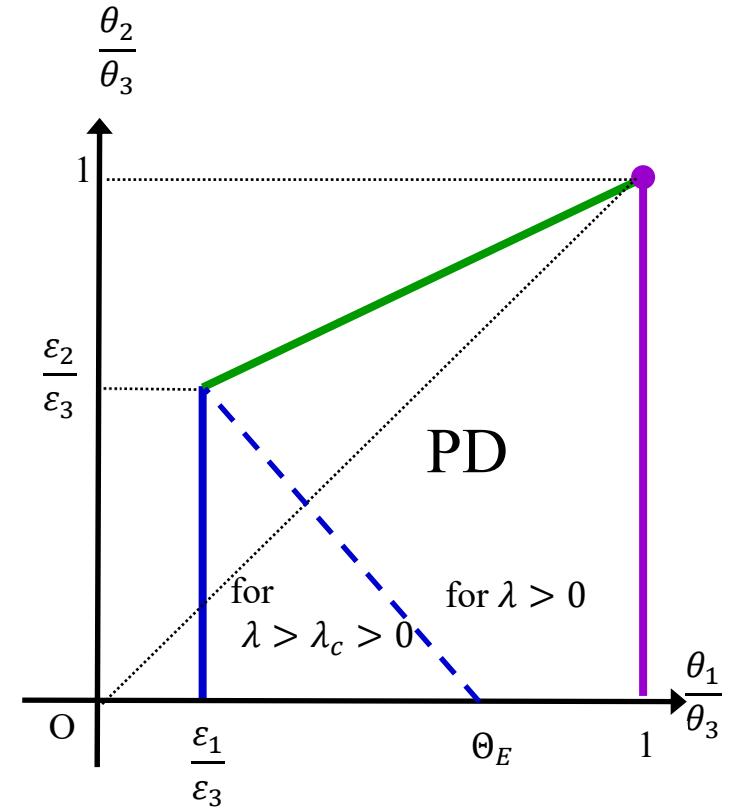
With a low  $\theta_2$ , which has no effect on  $U(\hat{t})$ , the price of M is low relative to both A & S in a high- $\lambda$  country, which keeps the M-share low.

Under the above condition,

$$\frac{\partial \hat{t}}{\partial \lambda} > 0 \text{ for a sufficiently large } \lambda \Leftrightarrow \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_3} > \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_3}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{t}}{\partial \lambda} > 0 \text{ for all } \lambda > 0 \Leftrightarrow \left( \Theta_E - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_3} \right) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\varepsilon_3}{\varepsilon_2} \right) \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3} \right] < \frac{\theta_1}{\theta_3} - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_3} < 1 - \frac{\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon_3}$$

where  $\varepsilon_1/\varepsilon_3 < \Theta_E < 1$ .



With  $g_1 = g_2 = g_3 = \bar{g}$ , PD occurs only if  $\theta_1 \bar{g}, \theta_2 \bar{g} < \theta_3 \bar{g}$ , that is, when cross-country productivity difference is *the largest in S*.

# Introducing Catching Up

## Narrowing a Technology Gap

We assumed that  $\lambda$  is time-invariant. This implies

The sectoral productivity growth rate is constant over time & identical across countries.

[In contrast, the aggregate growth rate,  $g_U(t) \equiv U'(t)/U(t) = \sum_{k=1}^3 g_k s_k(t)$ , declines over time,  $g'_U(t) = g_1 s'_1(t) + g_2 s'_2(t) + g_3 s'_3(t) = (g_1 - g_2)s'_1(t) + (g_3 - g_2)s'_3(t) < 0$ , the so-called Baumol's cost disease.]

*What if technological laggards can **narrow a technology gap**, and hence achieve a higher productivity growth in each sector?*

**Countries differ only in the *initial* value of lambda,  $\lambda_0$ , converging exponentially over time at the same rate,**

$$A_j(t) = \bar{A}_j(0)e^{g_j(t-\theta_j\lambda_t)}, \quad \text{where } \lambda_t = \lambda_0 e^{-g_\lambda t}, \quad g_\lambda > 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{s_2(t)} = \left(\frac{\tilde{\beta}_1}{\tilde{\beta}_2}\right) e^{a[(\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_2 g_2)\lambda_t - (g_1 - g_2)t]} + 1 + \left(\frac{\tilde{\beta}_3}{\tilde{\beta}_2}\right) e^{a[(\theta_3 g_3 - \theta_2 g_2)\lambda_t + (g_2 - g_3)t]}$$

Again, by setting the calendar time such that  $\hat{t}_0 = 0$  for the frontier country with  $\lambda_0 = 0$ ,

### Peak Time

$$\hat{t} = \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_3 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} \lambda_{\hat{t}} + D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}})$$

### Peak Share

$$\frac{1}{s_2(\hat{t})} = 1 + \left( \frac{\tilde{\beta}_1 + \tilde{\beta}_3}{\tilde{\beta}_2} \right) \left[ \frac{(g_2 - g_3)e^{a(g_2 - g_1)D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}})} + (g_1 - g_2)e^{a(g_2 - g_3)D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}})}}{g_1 - g_3} \right] \left[ e^{\frac{a(g_1 - g_2)(g_2 - g_3)}{(g_1 - g_3)}} \right]^{\left( \frac{\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_2 g_2}{g_1 - g_2} + \frac{\theta_3 g_3 - \theta_2 g_2}{g_2 - g_3} \right) \lambda_{\hat{t}}}$$

### Peak Time Per Capita Income

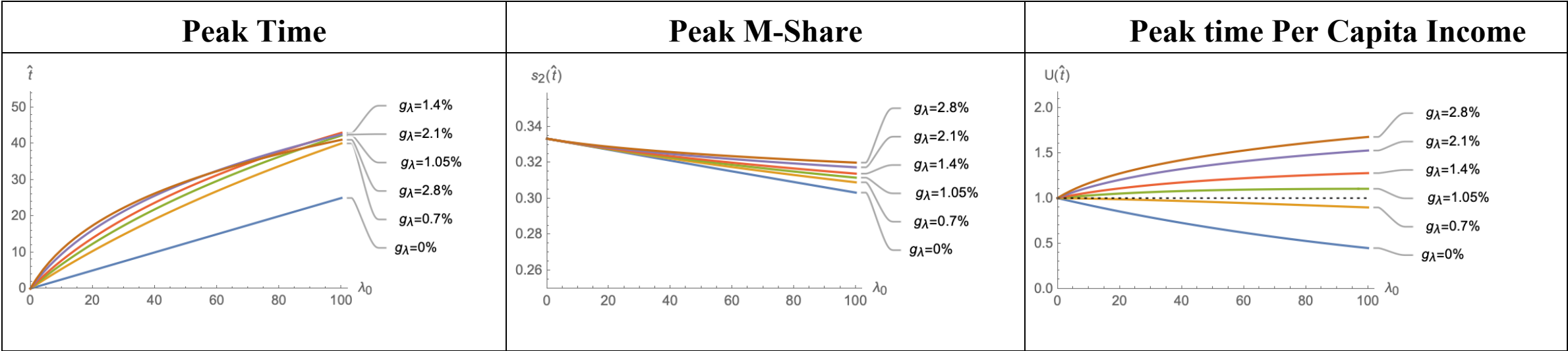
$$U(\hat{t}) = \left\{ (\tilde{\beta}_1 e^{-a g_1 D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}})} + \tilde{\beta}_3 e^{-a g_3 D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}})}) e^{-a \frac{(\theta_1 - \theta_3) g_1 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} \lambda_{\hat{t}}} + (\tilde{\beta}_2 e^{-a g_2 D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}})}) e^{-a \frac{(\theta_1 - \theta_2) g_1 g_2 + (\theta_2 - \theta_3) g_2 g_3}{g_1 - g_3} \lambda_{\hat{t}}} \right\}^{-\frac{1}{a}}$$

where

$$D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}}) = \frac{1}{a(g_1 - g_3)} \ln \left[ \left( \frac{g_1 - g_2 + (\theta_1 g_1 - \theta_2 g_2) g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}}}{g_2 - g_3 - (\theta_3 g_3 - \theta_2 g_2) g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}}} \right) \left( \frac{g_2 - g_3}{g_1 - g_2} \right) \right].$$

For  $g_\lambda = 0$ ,  $D(g_\lambda \lambda_{\hat{t}}) = D(0) = 0$ , and all the parts in red disappear, and we go back to the baseline model.





Technological laggards

- peak later in time,
- have lower peak M-shares
- have lower peak time per capita income, **unless  $g_\lambda$  is too large**: Comin-Mestieri (2018)

## Concluding Remarks

A Parsimonious model of Rodrik's (2016) PD based on

- **Differential productivity growth rates across complementary sectors**, as in Baumol (67), Ngai-Pissarides (07).
- **Countries heterogeneous only in their technology gaps**, as in Krugman (1985).
- Sectors differ in the extent to which technology gap affects their adoption lags, unlike in Krugman (1985)

We find that PD occurs for

- cross-country productivity difference larger in A than in S.
- technology adoption takes not too long in M.
- Technology adoption takes longer in S than in A.

which implies that cross-country productivity difference the largest in A; that technology adoption the longest in S.

The baseline model assumes **homothetic CES** (to focus on the Baumol effect) and **no catching up** (to isolate the level effect from the growth effect).

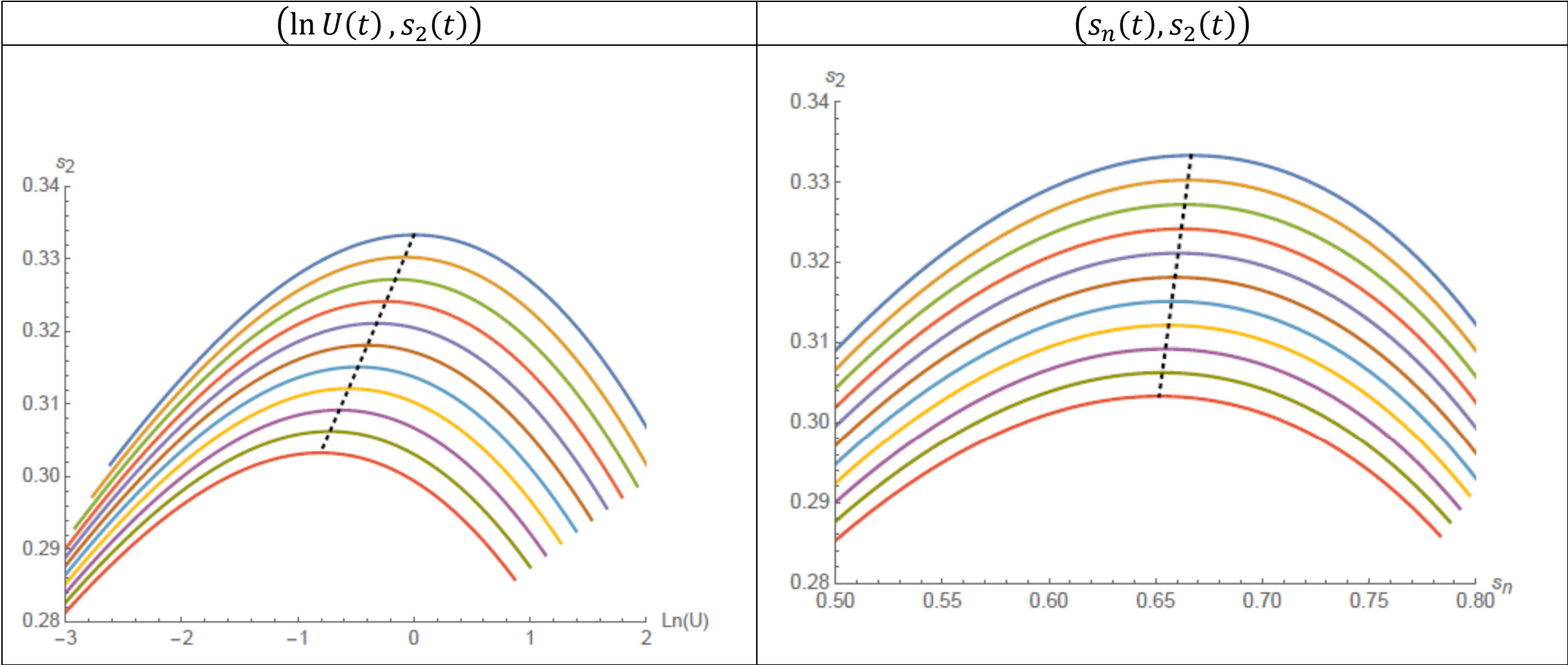
In two extensions, we showed that the results are *robust* against introducing

- **The Engel effect** with income-elastic S & income-inelastic A, using nonhomothetic CES: CLM(21), Matsuyama(19)  
 The Engel effect changes the shape of the time paths, but not the implications on technology gaps on PD  
 The Engel effect *alone* could not generate PD w/o counterfactual implications on cross-country productivity differences
- **Narrowing a technology gap** to allow technological laggards to catch up  
 unless the catching-up speed is too large.

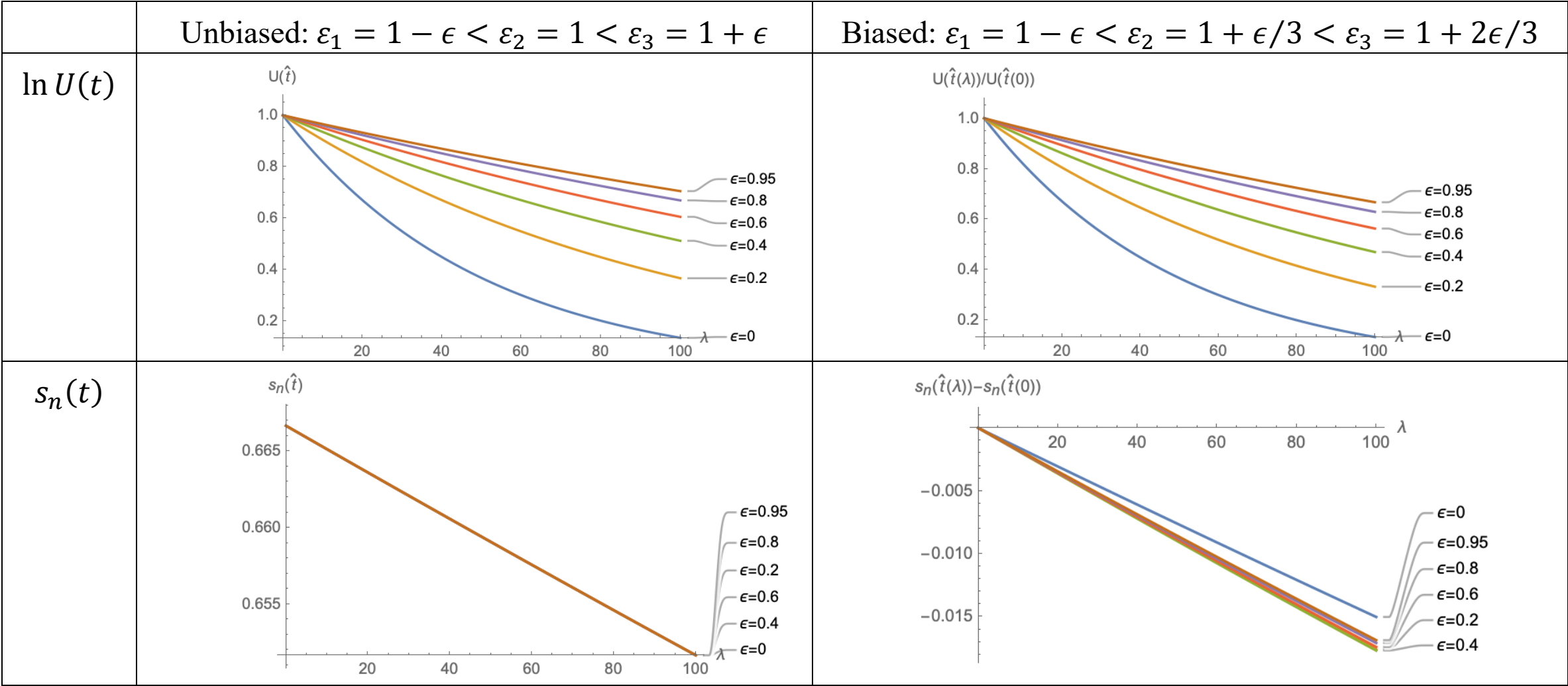
# Appendix

**Appendix: Non-agricultural share as another measure of development,  $1 - s_1(\hat{t}) = s_2(\hat{t}) + s_3(\hat{t}) \equiv s_n(\hat{t})$**

Baseline Homothetic Case:



Nonhomothetic Cases:



In the biased case, the frontier country's peak values are affected by  $\epsilon$ .