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ESTIMATING THE ERROR CORRECTION MODEL FOR SUDANESE EXCHANGE RATE

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ABSTRACT

Dynamic analysis is vital issue in econometrics, hence we were applied it to model and estimate exchange rate. The study suggested four variables in explaining exchange rate movement, these variables covers the proxies of fiscal, monetary, and mixed policy. Furthermore GDP is introduced to reflect the overall performance of the economy. Some variables were stationary while others were not. Cointegration tests confirmed the existence of long run equilibrium relationship between exchange rate and the explanatory variables, hence the model was estimated by error correction model. The estimated coefficient were in combatable with economic and econometric theories. Monetary policy coefficients in short and long run proved the existence of J curve effect. Despite the multiplier of monetary policy was larger than that one of fiscal policy, the later policy was more effective than the former one in manipulation exchange rate.

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INTRODUCTION

Studying exchange rate requires appropriate approach in order to tackle all aspects that encompass it. Hence the dynamic analysis facilitates the managing of exchange rate moreover it explains factors that effect it. Dynamic econometrics provides smooth technique for dealing with relation overlapping long run equilibrium as well as short run. We resort to dynamic econometrics because classical one is unable to hold the relations that convey long run equilibrium on the steady state rate of the phenomena under study. The classical regression gives spurious results if the none stationary properties of the variables were not hold exactly. Accordingly the results draw from such regression will not help in drawing precise interpretation and consequently future forecast. Based on above justification we need to realize and test the stationary nature if the suggested model variables more over to inquire into whether there exist long run equilibrium relationship or not and consequently estimating the such relation via econometrics technique, namely, error correction model such technique can be justifiable when all variables or some of them were not stationary beside exiting long run equilibrium relationship.

This study applying such dynamic method to selected model of exchange rate, which counts for factors that theoretically explain exchange rate significantly in addition to the impacts of fiscal monetary as well as mixed policy which introduce in the study via proxy variables. Finally the off springs of the suggested dynamic analysis pave the way for managing and orienting the domestic exchange rate, and Hence realizing the economic stability and development sustainability, this because exchange rate is the title of given economy and effectively responsible from business cycle in a world of interactive economic relations cause by massive international exchange.

Stationary

Atime series is said to be weakly stationary or covariance stationary if its expected value and population variance are independent of time and if the population covariance between its values at time t and $t+s$ depends on s but not on time (Baltagi, 2008). If the time series are nonstationary least squares estimators will be inconsistent and diagnostic statistics, such as t and f statistics will not have their standard limiting distribution. As consequence, with nonstationary time series, the regression coefficient of explanatory variable may apparently be significantly different from zero when in fact it is not a determinant of the dependent variable. A linear combination of two or more series will be nonstationary if one

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or more of them is nonstationary, and the degree of integration of the combination will be equal to that of the most highly integrated individual series. Even if the series have means that are not trending, a simple regression involving multiple independent $I(1)$ series will often result in a significant t statistic. Granger and Newbold (1974) showed that even though y_t and the set of x_t are independent, the regression of y_t on the set of x_t yields a statistically significant t statistic a large percentage of time, much larger than the nominal significance level, this called spurious regression problem, whereas there is no sense in which y and the set of x are related, but OLS regression using the usual t statistics will often indicate a relationship. The possibility of spurious regression with $I(1)$ variables is quite important and has led economists to reexamine many aggregate time series regressions whose statistics were very significant and whose R -squared were extremely high. The safe course to follow is differencing $I(1)$ variables before they are used in linear regression models which is the approach used in many time series regressions after Granger and Newbold work on the spurious regression problem, unfortunately, always differencing $I(1)$ variable limits the scope of the questions that we can answer.

Time series are consistent with the theoretical and empirical properties of integrated data. In the limit, presidential approval, for example, cannot be integrated because its range is restricted to a unit interval and the series appears to cross some mean value with regularity. Similarly, the variance of the series is restricted and therefore is not strictly time dependent. Alternatively, the properties of unit root processes may be mimicked by alternative long memory (Box-Steffensmeier and Smith 1996, 1998) or borderline processes (De Boef and Granato 1997) and these alternatives must be entertained whenever unit root processes are considered. The latter arguments are particularly relevant given the low power of unit root tests. It has long been known that unit root tests have a low power against local alternatives (Evans and Savin 1984). Phillips (1987) developed local-to-unity asymptotic to formalize the logic in reference to local alternatives to unit roots. He called these local alternative processes near-integrated or near- $I(1)$ processes. Phillips defined a near-integrated time series, as one for which the DGP has a root close to but not quite unity: If pretests for unit roots have a low power against near-integrated alternatives, we must consider the possibility that tests for cointegration and estimated cointegrated models are based on near-integrated data. In these cases, the relationship may be near-cointegrating. Like series with explosive autoregressive roots, trends, or stochastic roots (Granger and Swanson 1996), cointegration may characterize relationships between near-integrated time series. We define these near-cointegrating relationships in a manner analogous to Engle and Granger (1987).

Cointegration & Near-Cointegration

If exist parameters in an $I(0)$ process with none zero means which indicate constant mean, constant variance and auto correlations that depend only on the time distance between any two variables in the series, and it is asymptotically uncorrelated. In such case we say that y and the set of x are cointegrated. The regression will spurious if the cointegration

is not existed. The term cointegration was defined by Granger (1983) as a formulation of the phenomenon that nonstationary processes can have linear combinations that are stationary. It was his investigations of the relation between cointegration and error correction that brought modeling of vector autoregressions with unit roots and cointegration to the center of attention in applied and theoretical econometrics. The first estimation method used in this model is least squares regression, Engle and Granger (1987), which is shown to give a super consistent estimator by Stock (1987). This estimation method gives rise to residual based tests for cointegration. It was shown by Phillips and Hansen (1990) that, for a more general error term, a modification of the regression estimator gives useful methods for inference on coefficients of cointegration relations; see also Phillips (1991). Cointegration methodology is now commonly used in time series econometrics. Engle and Granger (1987) state that two or more series are cointegrated if each component series is integrated and some linear combination of these series is stationary. Prior to Engle and Granger's (1987) contribution, the standard procedure for making integrated data stationary was differencing. But this type of transformation removes any long-run relationships in the data; differenced data reflect only short-run dynamics. If various data series share common trends or move together over time, these features are negated, and information is lost. This is not true when analysts use cointegration methods. Cointegration methods allow us to describe stationary equilibrium relationships between integrated series, preserving long-run information.

The popularity of cointegration methods, particularly error correction representations variously estimated, follows from other factors as well (Davidson et al., 1978; Banerjee et al., 1986; Hendry 1995). For one, cointegration methodology allows us to represent the data in a way that takes advantage of its theoretical properties. In particular, where it is argued (as above) that some variables "trend" together, cointegration methodology offers a close fit with theory. Further, Engle and Granger's two-step method matches intuition nicely with estimation and it is now widely used. The lack of parameter restrictions, the compatibility with theory, and the direct appeal of the Engle-Granger methodology make cointegration methodology an attractive alternative for political scientists analyzing the causes and consequences of political change. Cointegration analyses begin with pretests for unit roots in the individual series of interest, typically using some form of the Dickey-Fuller (1979) test. Briefly, the series in question is first-differenced and regressed on its own lagged levels. If the coefficient on lagged levels is significantly different from zero, we reject the unit root null. If tests support the inference that the data are best characterized as $I(1)$ processes, analysts typically adopt the Engle and Granger (1987) two-step methodology. In the first step, analysts estimate a cointegrating regression where levels of the dependent process are regressed on levels of two or more series are near-cointegrated if each component series is near- $I(1)$ and some linear combination of these series is $I(0)$. While asymptotically all linear combinations of near-integrated processes should be stationary, it is not clear that this will be true in finite samples. Our earlier work (De Boef and Granato 1997) demonstrates that many static regressions involving near-integrated data will find

spurious relationships, similar to the unit root case. It is not clear, however, that cointegration methodology transfers in a similar fashion to near-integrated processes. There are several questions that need to be addressed before we can have confidence in inferences based on cointegration methodology as it has been applied in political science. Can tests distinguish cointegrating from near-cointegrating and non-cointegrating relationships? Which tests and critical values perform well? Which have acceptable power and size? Ultimately, what are the properties of estimates of near-cointegrating relationships?

Error Correction Model

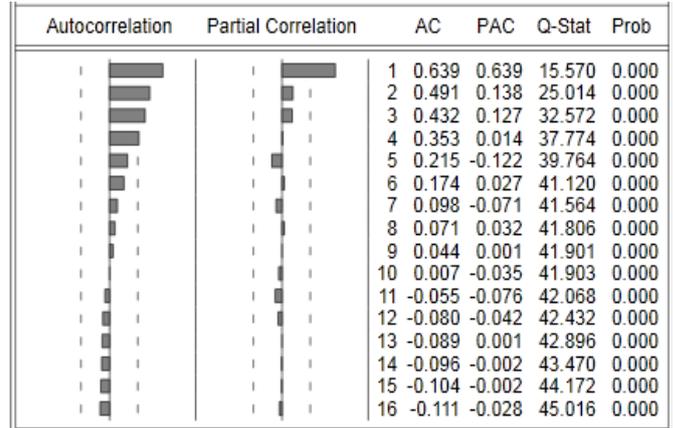
In addition to learning about a potential long-run relationship between many series the concept of cointegration enriches the kinds of dynamic models at our disposal, this can be done through error correction model. In the case of a cointegration relationship, least squares estimators can be shown to be super consistent, in the sense that the parameter estimates approach their true value faster than they would in regression involving cross-section or stationary time series data (Stock, 1987). On its own a cointegration relationship sheds no light on short run dynamics, but its very existence indicates that there must be some short term forces responsible for keeping the relationship intact, and thus that it should be possible to construct a more comprehensive model that combines short run and long run dynamics, which is error correction model. The model states that the change in Y in any period will be governed by the change in X and the discrepancy between Y_{t-1} and the value predicted by cointegration relationship. The later term denoted the error correction mechanism, the effect of the term being to reduce the discrepancy between Y_t and its cointegrating level and its size being proportional to the discrepancy.

Empirical Model

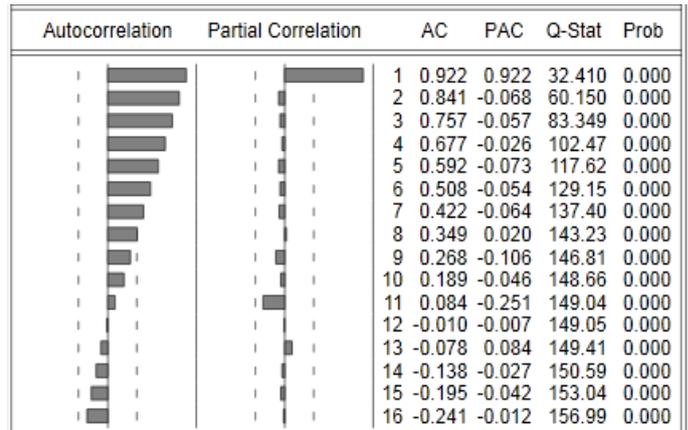
The model we need to estimate comprises from exchange rate as dependent variables while goes domestic product, many supply as percentage from GDP government expedience as percentage from GDP, and interest rate respectively. GDP is incorporated to measure the impact of overall preference of the economy upon exchange role, here we expect to find positive impact because improvement in GDP will enhance exchange rate or will make it appreciated via increasing export. Money supply is introduce as proxy to monetary policy the detected sign of money supply will reveal how exchange rate can response to monitory policy either in short run or long run, according to the sign of money supply the implementation or none implementation of money supply can be recommended. Government expenditures introduced in the model as proxy to fiscal policy which is powerful tool of fiscal policy the detected sign of government expensive reveals the effectiveness or none effectiveness of this tool in stimulating the exchange rate, positive sign assured the effectiveness of government expenditure. The conflicted or reconcile sing of money supply and government expenditures show either the single use of them or the usage of two tools as one package (mix policy). Finally we incorporated in the model the interest rate which serves as mixed policy tools because it stimulate the fiscal policy via investment while at the same time money supply react to movement in exchange rate. Furthermore

exchange rate connect positively to interest rate because increases in interest rate stimulate more inflow of capital which improve the position of payment balance and hence exchange rate appreciate. Accordingly the model aims to formulate short run and long run relationship between exchange rate and the set of suggested explanatory variables which called the equilibrium relationship in addition to adjustment mode which the model tend to it when the equilibrium is distorted.

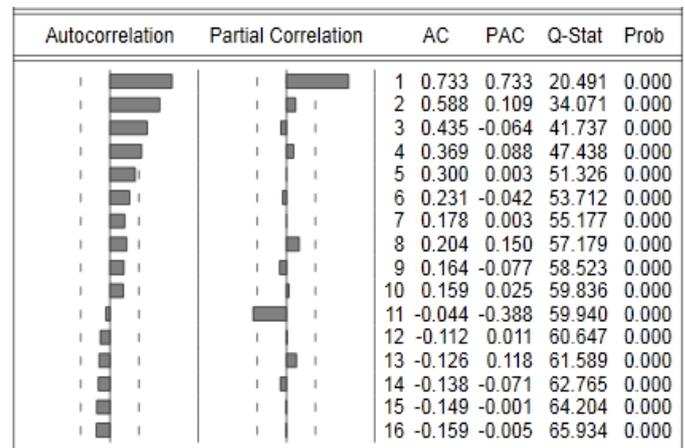
Exchange rate Correlogram



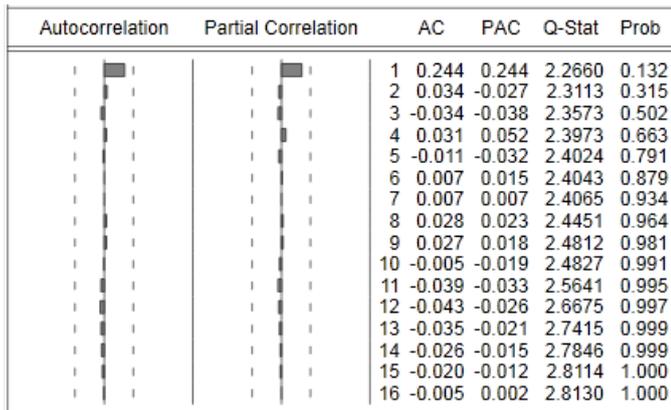
Log of GDP Correlogram



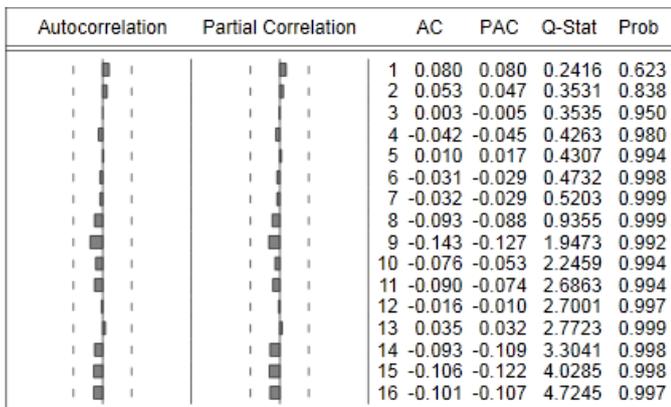
Money supply as percentage of GDP Correlogram



Government expenditure as percentage of GDP Correlogram



Interest rate Correlogram



Augmented Dickey –Fuller unit root test

Variable	State of stationary
Exchange rate	Stationary in level
Log of GDP	Stationary in first difference
Percentage of money supply to GDP	Stationary in level
Percentage of government expenditure to GDP	Stationary in level
Interest rate	Stationary in level

The scope of the study covers the period 1980 to 2014, this period witnessed the starting of currency devaluation at 1980, more over this period experienced many economic policies encountered to tackle the issue of foreign exchange sector and consequently the exchange rate. Such policies like fiscal, monetary and structural.

DISCUSSION

In the step we test wither the variables of the study are stationary separately or not. According to Dicky Fuller augmented test one variable was not stationary in the level but stationery at the first difference which are gross domestic product .The rest of the variables are stationary at the level which are exchange rate, ratio of money supply to GDP, the ratio of government expenditure to GDP and interest rate. These results indicate that the classical OLS regression could produce spurious coefficients. Here we resort to test the existence of long run equilibrium relationship between the exchange rate and the rest of the variables. In Correlogram test two variables are stationary in the level which are government

expenditure and interest rate, while the rest of the variables were none stationary in the level.

Equilibrium relationship test in the long run tackles by co integration tests namely Johansen and Juselius which are trace test and maximum eigen value test respectively. Unrestricted cointegration rank test (trace) indicated five co integration equations at the 5% level of confidence while unrestricted co integration Rank test (maximum eigen value) also reveals the existence of five co integration equations at 5% confidence level. The results of the tests indicate existence of long run equilibrium relationship between the exchange rate and the rest of explanatory variables GDP, money supply, government expedience and insert rate. Even if the variables separately were not stationary the combination of the series is stationary as whole. Hence the variables characterized by co integration relationship . accordingly the error correction model can be apply to estimate such relationship.

Unrestricted Cointegration Rank Test

	Trace statistic	Prob.	Max Eigen statistic	Prob.
none	163.96	0.000	84.25	0.000
At most 1	79.71	0.000	33.37	0.008
At most 2	46.34	0.000	23.29	0.025
At most 3	23.05	0.003	14.64	0.045
At most 4	8.41	0.004	8.41	0.004

Error correction model

	Long run		Short run	
variable	Co efficient	T value	Co efficient	T value
Exchange rate			0.265907	3.18783
Log of GDP	0.010123	4.21076	0.044241	1.35038
Percentage of money supply to GDP	9405297-	-	4046018	2.28440
Percentage of government expenditure to GDP	7671.445	23.7002	-3447.363	-2.09500
Interest rate	0.085802	2.24325	0.017127	0.29483
constant	-0.321139		-0.018694	-1.07490
Speed of adjustment			-0.429418	-2.38419
R squared	0.509547			
f- statistic	4.502035			
Akaike AIC	-2.237049			

The long run coefficients (lags) are positive and les elastic for domestic product and at the same time statistically significance. For money supply the coefficient is negative and elastic. For government expenditure is positive as well as elastic in addition to statistically significance, for interest the coefficient is positive and less elastic, lastly the constant term which count for spontaneously change in exchange is negative. The short run coefficients are positive and significance for first deferece of exchange rate while less elastic for GDP is positive and less elastic as well as statistically significance. For money supply is positive in addition to fairly elastic and stationary significance while the sign of the coefficient is contradicted that one of long run. As far as government expenditure the coefficient is negative, fairly elastic and statistically significance which contradicted to long run coefficient. Insert rate coefficient is positive, less elastic as well as statistically significance which in accordance

with long run coefficient. The constant term is negative in short run. The coefficient which reflect the adjustment speed is negative, less than one and significant which matches the theory. Speed of adjustment coefficient value is(-0.429) which mean that if the long run relationship of equilibrium is deviated the system could maintain it after two years and half i.e. the average of trade cycle is approximately three years. The coefficients of determination is 0.51 which mean that the exploratory variables interpret 51% from the change of exchange rate in addition to F value is significance more over the Akaike information criterion is (-2.237049)

The above results indicate that the exchange rate responses to the explanatory variable in accordance with economic theory in the start run and long run for GDP and interest rate while its reaction to fiscal and monetary policy could differ from short run to long run. Constant term reveals depreciation in exchange rate in short run as well as long run. This is spontaneous change in exchange rate. The speed of adjustment is in accordance with econometric theory which indicate that the equilibrium relationship is maintained within approximately two years and half if it deviated.

THE RESULTS

- (1) One variable was not stationary at the level while stationary in the first level (GDP) while the rest ones were stationary in the level (exchange rate, money supply, and government expenditure and interest rate) this fact affirmed that the classical regression output was spurious.
- (2) The co integration two test (Trace & maximum eigen value) indicate that the existence of long run equilibrium relationship. This result suggests the usage of error correction model estimation, which is suitable in such cases. Here short and long run coefficients can be detected.
- (3) The spontaneous movement in exchange rate or change in exchange rate as result to internal factor shows negative trend this mean that exchange rate is automatically depreciate in shot run as well as long run at range between(-0.01 and -0.32) in short run and long run respectively. This result dictates decisive manipulation to exchange rate to opposite its trend.
- (4) Gross domestics product effects exchange rate positively in short run as well as long run as confirmed by the sign of the coefficient. Exchange rate is less sensitive to GDP as the coefficient is less than one. This result is supported by economic theory which states positive role to GDP on exchange rate i.e. overall positive performance of the economy will improve the position of exchange rate.
- (5) Money supply effects exchange rate positively in the short run while negative in the long run .This indicate that expansion in money supply improves exchange shortly while exchange rate depreciates in the long run . This result can attribute to J curve effect i.e. payment balance deficit will narrow firstly and consequently the deficit enlarge eventually. Hence the monetary policy is less effective in manipulation the exchange rate.
- (6) As far as government expenditure which is proxy of fiscal policy it has negative effect on exchange rate in the short run and positive effect in the long run, this result justifies the usage of fiscal policy in manipulation exchange rate

because the positive sign in the long run assures the relative effectiveness of fiscal policy with respect to monetary policy. Such relative effectiveness of fiscal policy may classify the state of economy is depressed one or even the economy suffers from recession.

- (7) Interest rate effects exchange rate positively in the short run as well as long run and at the same time exchange rate is less sensitive to interest rate. This result combatable with economic theory i.e. in order to enhance the demotic currency interest rate must be raised. In addition interest rate instrument has low powerful magnitude in effecting exchange rate compare to government expenditure and money supply hence its usage is recommended to support government expenditure multiplier operation is preventing crowding out mechanism.
- (8) Speed of adjustment coefficient of the model combatable with econometric theory which has the value of (-0.42). This value indicates that equilibrium can be maintained within two years and half if it deviates from it steady rate in addition the coefficient indicates that the trade cycle span in the economy has an average of three years approximately i.e. short run disturbances may not exceed three years after which the exchange rate return to its steady equilibrium rate.
- (9) In short run exchange react to it self positively as indicated by the coefficient of exchange rate in first difference, which means that the stationary position of exchange rate results in consequent appreciation in it.
- (10) The multiplier of monetary policy is greater than that one of fiscal policy as confirmed by the magnitude of the coefficients. Hence the increases in money supply make the situation worse off as compare rot the reduction of the government expenditure as result of opposite effect of two internments which stated by the sign of their coefficients.

Concluding Remarks

- (1) Classical regression is not suitable for the study's model because it gives spurious results.
- (2) The estimation of error correction model is straight forward for the model as it exists long run equilibrium relationship.
- (3) The estimated coefficients were in accordance with the economic theory
- (4) Disturbances in exchange rate can be properly manipulated by fiscal policy.
- (5) The treacle cycle span of exchange rate is within the average of three years which combatable with classical trade cycle theories.

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