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# Financial development and economic growth: the case of Taiwan

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## Abstract

This paper examines the relationship between financial development and economic growth in Taiwan from 1962 to 1998. Using a four-variable VAR model, the competing hypothesis of the long-run relationship between financial development and economic growth is tested. The results for the short-run relationship suggest that the long-run relationship between financial development and economic growth is positive. The ratio of financial development to economic growth is positive. The hypothesis of the long-run relationship between financial development and economic growth in Taiwan is supported.

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An alternative measure calculated as the ratio of liquid liability to GDP was also used in this study. Results are similar to those reported here and are available upon request from the authors.

The sample period for the data, 1962–1998, covered two oil-price shocks and the economic liberalization in Taiwan, so structural breaks are expected for the data series studied.

Regarding the KPSS test, Lee et al. ([1997](#)) also show that the test suffers from a size distortion problem if a structural break exists but is ignored. The problem parallels the power loss problem of unit root tests when an existing break is ignored.

When the coefficients of both dummy variables are not significantly different from zero, Model C reduces to the standard ADF equation.

Using Monte Carlo simulations, Cheung and Lai ([1993](#)) showed that for autoregressive processes, standard selection criteria, like the SIC and Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), can be useful for selecting the correct lag structure for the Johansen's cointegration test. They found that the SIC performs slightly better than the AIC.

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