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Reallocation effects of recessions and financial crises: an industry-level analysis

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Abstract: We characterize the behavior of disaggregate manufacturing sectors for a large set of developed and emerging markets around recession dates. We uncover some relevant stylized facts. The dispersion in value added (VA) growth rates in developed economies is counter-cyclical, whereas for emerging countries it is pro-cyclical. Recoveries are more productivity-driven in developed countries as opposed to employment-driven for emerging markets. Around recession episodes sectoral-level misallocation of resources does not significantly change in developed economies, whereas it increases in emerging economies during financial crises. Therefore, there is no evidence that recessions improve the allocation of resources across industries.

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1 Introduction

There is increasing interest in analyzing the behavior of the economy during recession episodes, and how these temporary events can have long-lasting effects by shaping the productive structure of the economy. This interest has gained importance with the 2008/2009 financial crisis and global recession. Most of the existing literature focuses on recessions at the aggregate level.¹ We

¹ See Cerra and Saxena 2008, Reinhart and Rogoff 2009b. One recent exception is Claessens, Tong, and Wei (2012) who examined, firstly, how the performance of firms was affected by the

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take a step towards understanding the behavior of economies around recession periods at a more disaggregate level by looking at industrial data for a set of 37 developed (*hereafter*, DV) and emerging (*hereafter*, EM) economies. Our study addresses several questions. First, are recessions more industry-specific events or do they affect most industrial sectors? Second, depending on the productivity level and on the level of external financial dependence (EFD), how do key macroeconomic variables and sectoral shares evolve during a recession in DV as compared to EM markets? Third, is this behavior different in the case of financial recessions? Fourth, do recession episodes lead to concentration/specialization of value added (VA) and employment shares? Fifth, are country-level productivity changes around recessions driven by changes in labor productivity growth within industries or by changes in the allocation of labor across industries? Finally, do recessions change the level of resource misallocation across industrial sectors?

To address these questions, we take a purely descriptive yet information-rich approach. We analyze a total of 120 recessions, among which 29 are identified as financial crises, for 28 industries for a set of 37 DV and EM economies. For each country, recessions are identified as observations where GDP displays negative growth. This enables us to detect which industries are facing a drop in VA growth in recession years and to analyze whether recession episodes tend to be more concentrated on a few industries or they are sector-wide events. We then focus on the evolution of VA, employment, productivity, industrial concentration and sectoral shares, distinguishing between EM and DV economies and between sectors depending on either their productivity level or their level of EFD. We also make use of industry concentration indexes to examine whether recessions are associated with any significant changes in the degree of concentration of VA and employment. We can interpret concentration as “specialization,” that is, whether a significant proportion of output (inputs) in the economy is being produced (used) by a few industries. Finally, we make use of a decomposition analysis to identify whether changes in productivity growth are linked to differential growth of labor productivity or to the reallocation of labor between industries. Although it is not possible to extract meaningful causal or structural interpretations from our results, they provide a set of stylized facts that are useful for both policy and model building.

Our research can be placed within several strands of related literature. As Lien (2006) argues, however, most of the existing evidence is a “byproduct” arising from research focusing on aspects other than the disaggregate behavior in recessions. There is, nonetheless, a wide body of theoretical literature on the

2007–2009 crises and secondly, the channels (i.e. a business cycle channel, a trade channel and a financial channel) through which the crisis is propagated. Their results show that the decline in profits and sales of firms increases the more sensitive the firm is to a demand or trade shock. Finally, trade linkages are far more important in explaining the spillover of crises.

reallocation effects of recessions (i.e. Hall 1991; Caballero and Hammour 1994)² and a body of empirical literature analyzing the long-lasting effects of recessions and financial crises (i.e. Cerra and Saxena 2008; Reinhart and Rogoff 2008, 2009a).³ The latter focuses on aggregate time-series evidence, and aims at unveiling whether recovery after a recession is complete or partial, and whether financial crises are associated to deeper and more persistent recessions. This evidence, although very relevant, cannot dissect what lies behind these potential permanent effects: reallocation of factors of production, within sector productivity effects, permanent changes in the level of sectoral investment and employment, etc. Our study is a first step to fill this gap. Our descriptive analysis enables us to characterize business cycles across industries in recession years. This examination is important for understanding the sources of business cycles. Research on business cycle transmission at the sectoral level has attracted increasing interest since Long and Plosser (1987). They used factor analysis to estimate the importance of disaggregate shocks in the US. Their results show that, although disaggregate shocks are important, aggregate shocks remain the most important source of industrial output fluctuations. Similar results were shown by Norrbin and Schlagenhauf (1988, 1990) and Pesaran, Pierse, and Lee (1993). Recently, Chang and Hwang (2015) analyze business cycle co-movement for a set of 74 industrial sectors in the US economy. They show that there is a high degree of comovement during phases of the business cycle and that troughs tend to be more concentrated than peaks. Karadimitropoulou and León-Ledesma (2013) highlight the importance of understanding international output fluctuations from a multi-sector perspective and show that sectors play a non-negligible role in the transmission of international output fluctuations. Imbs (2004) argues that, given that individual industries are subject to common shocks, two countries with similar production structure will be subject to greater co-movement. Clearly, understanding how economies respond to recessions at a disaggregate level is crucial for both policies and model-building (Cerra and Saxena 2008). Although we also report concordance indicators for traditional business cycles, our focus is on recession episodes. The motivation for this focus is not only that recessions tend to lead to long-lasting effects, but also because business cycles characteristics tend to differ across DV and EM economies. Aguiar and Gopinath (2007) show that in contrast to DV countries, EM markets are characterized by recurrent

² See also, amongst others, Stadler (1990) and the R&D models of Aghion et al. (2005) and Barlevy (2007) and the empirical evidence at the micro level in Davis, Haltiwanger, and Schuh (1996).

³ Further evidence can be found in Arbache and Page (2010), Cecchetti, Kohler, and Upper (2009), Christopoulos and León-Ledesma (2014), Claessens, Kose, and Terrones (2008), Eichengreen and Rose (1998), and Kaminsky and Reinhart (1999) amongst many others.

shocks to growth rates rather than output levels. Therefore, in an international comparison, the NBER approach focusing on recessions and recoveries (peak-trough-recovery phase) seems more appropriate than the standard business cycle approach, which focuses on deviations of output from trend. Finally, the comparison between EM and DV countries is particularly relevant as goods and factor market institutions significantly differ across advanced and EM economies, especially with respect to the functioning of labor and financial markets. This is crucial both for the transmission of shocks and the ability to support an efficient reallocation of resources across sectors.

Our main results are as follows. While EM markets display more dispersion in VA growth rates and hence more industry-specific recessions, this dispersion behaves counter-cyclically for DV countries and pro-cyclically for EM markets. On the other hand, by analyzing the concordance of industries during business cycle phases we conclude that expansions tend to be more coordinated across industries for EM markets. Moreover, whether industries are grouped in terms of their productivity level or their level of EFD, the amplitude of the cycle for VA and productivity growth is larger for EM markets. The opposite is generally true for employment growth. Regarding VA and employment shares, in DV countries there seems to be a mild redistribution from the lowest productivity group to the other groups. This only holds for employment shares in EM. Overall, around recession episodes sectoral-level misallocation of resources does not significantly change in developed economies, whereas it increases in emerging economies during financial crises. Therefore, there is no evidence that recessions improve the allocation of resources across industries. Furthermore, when looking at the level of EFD, industries with high dependence on external finance generally face higher contractions in VA growth during the recession year(s) and, especially during financial crises. Also, this same group of industries generally displays faster output growth after a recession than industries with low financial dependence, consistent with Kroszner, Laeven, and Klingebiel (2007).

During financial recessions, VA growth tends to follow a W-shape pattern (Kannan 2009). That is, although 1 year after the recession growth has recovered to pre-recession levels, most of the industries face a larger contraction 2 years following the episode. We also find that changes in industrial concentration around recessions are small for both groups of countries. Finally, country-level productivity changes are mainly driven by changes in labor productivity growth within industries rather than changes in the industrial structure.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses the data. Section 3 describes recession episodes at the aggregate and sectoral level. Section 4 discusses the methodology used for the descriptive analysis. Section 5 presents the results and, finally, Section 6 concludes.

2 Data description

We make use of the UNIDO Industrial statistics database (INDSTAT). The INDSTAT, in accordance with Revision 2 of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC), presents the dataset arranged at the 3-digit level of the ISIC code, which provides 28 industrial branches of the manufacturing sector (plus the total manufacturing aggregate). Appendix A lists the manufacturing industries with their associated ISIC codes. The fact that the dataset only covers the manufacturing sector is also its main disadvantage.⁴ Especially in DV economies, the border between manufacturing and service is increasingly ill defined, as manufacturing firms outsource several activities and they make use of temporary agency works (Estevao and Lach 1999 for the US). Employing workers from temporary agency services induces an underestimation of employment in manufacturing and, as a result, it induces an overestimation of labor productivity growth in manufacturing. Nevertheless, in order to carry out a comparison between DV and EM economies over a relatively long time interval the UNIDO dataset is more suitable for this study.⁵ It is also likely that input and output data in services sectors is also subject to greater measurement error. Finally, the manufacturing sectors typically undergo sharper fluctuations in recession-recovery episodes, while services tend to behave more smoothly. Therefore, manufacturing remains central for studying adjustments during recession episodes.

A key element of our analysis is the possible heterogeneity of behavior in emerging (EM) and advanced economies (DV). To classify countries in the two groups we used the FTSE Global Equity Index Series Country Classification in 2008. Thus, our classification is based on an end period reference date. This classification combines gross national income (GNI) per capita with indicators of integration of countries in international financial markets. Admittedly, the degree of international financial integration becomes much more relevant after the 1990s. As the classification is not available for the 1970s and 1980s, we cannot directly verify whether there is migration over time from one category to the other. Nevertheless, if we had used other common classifications, such as OECD vs non-OECD countries, we would have obtained a stable grouping with the exception of

⁴ It may have been possible to overcome this problem by making use of the EU KLEMS database, which provides measures of output, value added, employment by skills, capital, energy and material inputs, and multi-factor productivity at the sectoral level for the European Union, the US, South Korea and Japan. However, the main disadvantage of this database is that it limits the sample coverage only to OECD countries.

⁵ Imbs and Wacziarg (2003) report that measures such as industrial concentration and specialization for UNIDO tend to display less variation than databases containing other sectors such as agriculture, mining and services. However, this pattern is exclusive to rich countries.

Israel, which joined the OECD in 2010, and Singapore, which is not a member of the OECD.

We also collected data for annual GDP growth from the World Bank WDI database in order to identify the recession years. The business cycle dating literature normally uses quarterly indicators as in the NBER definition of recessions, but quarterly data are not available for the majority of countries selected. Recessions are then identified as observations where GDP displays negative growth. We consider not only a definition of “deep recession” when the GDP percentage drop is larger than the mean drop of output in all the recessions faced by the other countries in the sample, but also a definition of deep recessions where the mean output drop for comparison is split depending on the country group (DV and EM). This is because GDP growth tends to be more volatile in EM economies. By comparing them to all countries, we would be considering too many deep recessions, especially because DV countries are over-represented due to data availability.⁶ We also used a cycle concordance analysis following Harding and Pagan (2002) where, instead of focusing only on recessions, we analyze the different phases of the business cycle (i.e. peaks and troughs).

The UNIDO dataset spans the 1963–2003 period. However, data availability for the 1963–1969 period and for 2003 is very limited, so we effectively limited the study to the 1970–2002 period. The sample selection of countries and periods from the UNIDO dataset was based on data availability. We used three criteria for the inclusion of countries. Firstly, we require at least 18 years of observations (half of the available sample) to ensure data was not available only for certain periods, especially when the country reaches a certain level of development. Secondly, we require data availability for at least 13 industrial branches of the manufacturing sector (roughly half the number of branches). Finally, every country in the sample must have experienced at least one recession according to the definition above. Based on those criteria, a total of 37 countries were selected for the analysis, including 22 DV and 15 EM economies. Because of discontinuities and gaps in the data, missing values of up to 3 years in the observations were recovered by data interpolation.⁷ The number of sectors remains constant in each country over time; however, it does vary across countries.

VA data are given in nominal terms and UNIDO does not provide sectoral VA deflators. It does, however, contain industrial production data, which are in “volume” index number, as well as nominal output data for all countries. Using

⁶ Deep recessions are only used for the analysis of the incidence, duration and amplitude of recessions at the aggregate level.

⁷ Out of 37 countries interpolation affects recession episodes for 10 countries.

these data we then obtained production deflators for each branch and country.⁸ West Germany was the only country for which the “volume” index was not available and, therefore, we made use of the EU KLEMS dataset that provides the VA Manufacturing deflator at a disaggregated level from 1970 to 1991. VA was then deflated to obtain real VA (RVA) in the standard way: $RVA_{ijt} = VA_{ijt} / PY_{ijt}$, where PY is the output deflator, j is a country index, i is an industry branch index, and t is the time index. This also enables us to construct the real labor productivity level as the level of RVA in local currency per worker (L): $LP_{ijt} = RVA_{ijt} / L_{ijt}$. Data on capital stock were not available and, because investment data are very sparse and available only for a few countries, we cannot build measures of capital stock using standard inventory methods. Hence, although arguably a less satisfactory measure of productivity than TFP, labor productivity ensures less measurement error. Also, LP will reflect productivity effects coming from both supply and demand shocks.

3 Recessions: characteristics, co-movement, and concordance

We first analyze the characteristics of aggregate recessions and their incidence by industry to unveil the degree of coordination between industries during recession events. We then describe the degree of business cycle concordance looking at both troughs and peaks of the cycle.

3.1 Incidence, duration and amplitude of recessions

From 1970 to 2002, we observe 120 recessions for the 37 country sample as reported in Table 1. The Table reports the sample period for each country (column 2), the cumulative sum of the drop in GDP (column 3) and the mean GDP drop (column 4) during all recessions faced by each country, and column 5, 6, and 7 display the

⁸ Our choice of price deflator is induced by data availability. Using producer prices rather than VA deflators may introduce bias in our measures of real VA. We derive producer price index (PPI) by deflating nominal output by output in volumes. It can be shown (IMF 2004) that the PPI is either the lower bound (when the price index is computed at initial period technology and input structure) or the upper bound (when the price index is computed at end-period technology and input structure) of the VA deflator. In our case, PPI is the lower bound and thus it reduces the variability of sectoral prices and thus it may overstate the variability of real sectoral value added.

Table 1: List of countries and descriptive analysis of recessions.

Country	Sample period	Sum drop of output	Mean drop of output	Nb. of REC	Aver. duration of REC	Nb. of deep recessions
Australia	1970–2001	–3.012	–1.506	2	1.000	0
Austria	1970–2002	–0.669	–0.167	4	1.000	0
Belgium	1970–2001	–2.568	–0.856	3	1.000	0
Canada	1970–2002	–4.953	–2.477	2	1.000	1
Chile	1970–1998	–31.233	–6.247	5	1.667	4
Colombia	1970–1999	–4.204	–4.204	1	1.000	1
Denmark	1970–1991	–3.432	–0.686	5	1.667	0
Ecuador	1970–2002	–11.546	–2.887	4	1.500	1
Finland	1970–2002	–10.899	–3.633	3	3.000	2
France	1970–2002	–1.886	–0.943	2	1.000	0
Germany	1970–1991	–1.834	–0.917	2	1.000	0
Greece	1970–1998	–14.062	–2.344	6	1.500	1
Hong Kong	1973–2002	–6.026	–6.026	1	1.000	1
Hungary	1970–2002	–19.347	–3.225	6	2.000	3
India	1970–2002	–5.787	–2.894	2	1.000	1
Indonesia	1970–2002	–13.127	–13.127	1	1.000	1
Iran	1970–2002	–54.708	–4.973	11	2.500	6
Ireland	1970–2001	–0.672	–0.336	2	1.000	0
Israel	1970–2002	–1.574	–0.525	3	1.000	0
Italy	1970–2002	–2.979	–1.490	2	1.000	0
Japan	1970–2002	–3.416	–1.139	3	1.500	0
Jordan	1979–2002	–15.304	–7.652	2	2.000	1
Korea	1970–2001	–8.342	–4.171	2	1.000	1
Malaysia	1970–2002	–8.481	–4.241	2	1.000	1
Malta	1975–2000	–0.612	–0.612	1	1.000	0
Netherlands	1970–1993	–1.797	–0.899	2	2.000	0
New Zealand	1970–1987	–7.775	–1.555	5	2.000	1
Norway	1970–2001	–0.173	–0.173	1	1.000	0
Panama	1970–2000	–19.680	–6.560	3	1.500	2
Portugal	1970–2002	–8.443	–2.111	4	1.333	1
Singapore	1970–2002	–5.219	–1.740	3	1.000	0
Spain	1970–2002	–1.165	–0.583	2	1.000	0
Sweden	1970–2000	–6.046	–1.209	5	1.667	0
Turkey	1970–1997	–7.739	–2.580	3	1.500	1
UK	1970–2002	–6.910	–1.382	5	1.667	0
US	1970–2002	–3.058	–0.612	5	1.250	0
Zimbabwe	1970–1995	–22.422	–4.484	5	1.250	2
ALL		–8.590	–2.734	120	1.365	32
Developed		–4.207	–1.240	71	1.345	6 (All)/29 (DV)
Emerging		–15.237	–4.925	49	1.394	26 (All)/20 (EM)

DV stands for developed countries and EM stands for emerging countries.

number of recessions, their average duration, and the number of deep recessions, respectively. Seventy-one of those recessions took place within the DV group of countries and the remaining 49 were faced by the EM markets, implying a similar number of recessions per country for both groups. However, sample periods are generally shorter for EM markets, which implies a slightly higher incidence of recessions for that group. Iran underwent the largest number of recessions, 11, between 1970 and 2002 and this clearly places it first in the sum drop of output list. Indonesia experienced the largest average fall in GDP during recessions, but it only experienced one recession in 1997. Other countries like the UK and the US faced five recessions each during the time period considered, with the impact on GDP growth being larger for the UK than for the US. Overall, we can see that the severity of recessions in EM markets exceeds that of DV countries, which is a common feature analyzed in, for instance, Aguiar and Gopinath (2007). This happens not because of a higher incidence of recessions, but because, primarily, recessions in the EM world are deeper. We can also see this by looking into the incidence of deep recessions. 32 out of the 120 recessions were classed as “deep” when considering all countries; six of them took place in DV countries and the remaining 26 in the EM markets. In other words, those 32 episodes produced a higher drop in output than the mean drop of output faced by all countries (2.73%). When using DV and EM country averages as reference groups, we see that for DV countries 29 out of 71 recessions were considered deep, whereas 20 out of 49 recessions are deep for EM economies.

The average duration of recessions is very close for both groups of countries, only slightly shorter for the DV group. On average recessions last about 1 year and 4 months. However, it is likely that this figure is inflated because we only have annual data, setting a floor of 1 year to the minimum recession duration. Finland is the country facing the largest average duration due to the deep and long-lasting depression during the early 1990s. On average, also, recessions tend to happen every 9 years, although this number is slightly shorter for EM countries.

3.2 Industry-specific versus sector-wide recessions

A relevant feature to analyze in the data is whether recession episodes tend to be more concentrated on a few sectors or they are sector-wide events. Note that, given that we identify recessions using GDP and our UNIDO data only contains manufacturing, this may tend to underestimate the incidence of recessions with a sector-specific bias. Nevertheless, comparisons between countries are still possible. Using our definition of recessions, we identify which industries are facing a drop in VA growth in recession years. This enables us to show the average

percentage of industries in recession during the episode. That is, whether recessions are coordinated phenomena across industries.⁹

Another important metric is the standard deviation of the growth rate of VA across industries within a country, which measures the dispersion of VA growth across industries during recession episodes, hence the degree of heterogeneity of performance across industries.

Table 2 shows the average percentage of industries facing negative VA growth during recession years ($t=REC$) for each country and group. It also shows the percentage of recessions for each country where different percentages of industry branches showed negative VA growth. This enables us to identify whether countries face predominantly industry-specific or industry-wide recessions. We can see that the average percentage of contracting industries at the time of recession episodes is slightly higher for DV than EM countries, 67.43% and 63.98% respectively. This difference however is found to be statistically insignificant. More precisely, from the DV countries considered in this study, Canada and West Germany display the highest percentage of contracting industries at the time of the episode (85.89% and 81.48%, respectively), whereas Ireland displays the lowest percentage out of all the countries (35.19%). From the EM countries group, we can see that in Colombia, Honk Kong, and Indonesia, 88.71%, 84.62% and 86.36% of industries, respectively, are contracting at $t=REC$. Malta, India and Jordan represent the other extreme in this group.

Perhaps more informative is the second part of the table from which we can see that, in DV countries, 47.14% of the recessions were associated with VA contraction for 70% or more industries, 21.43% with between 60 and 70%, 12.86% with between 50 and 60% of the industries and, finally, only 18.571% with less than 50% contracting industries. In contrast, the numbers for EM markets are consistently lower for high percentages of industries. In fact, almost 37% of recessions were accompanied by less than 50% of industrial branches contracting. Importantly, there is some evidence that the ratio of the variances between DV and EM countries is different to one for 2 out of the 6 grouping classifications, namely, for those groups where 30–40% and 50–60% of industries are in recession at the same time that the aggregate economy is in recession. For the second group the differences in mean between DV and EM countries were found to be strongly significant while for the first one this conclusion only applies if we use a very lax criterion such as a 15% significance level. Therefore, there seems to be some evidence, albeit limited, that recessions tend to be more coordinated across manufacturing industries in DV countries.

⁹ Business cycle coordination will be discussed in Section 3.3.

Table 2: Industry-specific and industry-wide recessions.

Countries	% of industries in recession at $t=REC$	% of recessions leading X% of industries to be in recession					
		0–30%	30–40%	40–50%	50–60%	60–70%	70–100%
Australia	78.571					50.000	50.000
Austria	57.143		25.000	25.000		25.000	25.000
Belgium	73.333				33.333		66.667
Canada	88.889						100.000
Denmark	60.714		20.000			60.000	20.000
Finland	62.821			33.333	33.333		33.333
France	58.000			50.000		50.000	
West Germany	81.481						100.000
Greece	61.905			33.333		50.000	16.667
Ireland	35.185	50.000		50.000			
Israel	56.667	33.333					66.667
Italy	75.000						100.000
Japan	77.778				33.333		66.667
Netherlands	63.043				50.000	50.000	
New Zealand	50.000	25.000			25.000	50.000	
Norway	75.000						100.000
Portugal	57.407			25.000	25.000	25.000	25.000
Singapore	75.362					33.333	66.667
Spain	75.926				50.000		50.000
Sweden	71.429	20.000					80.000
UK	72.857				20.000	20.000	60.000
US	75.000				20.000		80.000
Total DV	67.432	5.714	2.857	10.000	12.857	21.429	47.143
Chile	57.857	20.000	20.000		20.000		40.000
Colombia	85.714						100.000
Ecuador	65.385	25.000					75.000
Honk Kong	84.615						100.000
Hungary	59.615	16.667	16.667			16.667	50.000
India	44.643	50.000				50.000	
Indonesia	86.364						100.000
Iran	51.818	36.364	9.091	9.091	9.091		36.364
Jordan	46.875		50.000			50.000	
Korea	75.926					50.000	50.000
Malaysia	69.231					50.000	50.000
Malta	41.667			100.000			
Panama	61.111			66.667			33.333
Turkey	63.095		33.333			33.333	33.333
Zimbabwe	65.833			20.000	20.000	20.000	40.000
Total EM	63.983	16.327	10.204	10.204	6.122	14.286	42.857
p-Value (variance)	0.4659	0.6120	0.0007	0.9442	0.0012	0.9212	0.9087
p-Value (mean)	0.4405	0.8663	0.1350	0.5643	0.0251	0.9180	0.7932

Figure 1 shows the average standard deviation of the VA growth rates together with the upper and lower quartile for each group of countries. These graphs are consistent with the results in Table 2, that is, the dispersion of industrial growth rates for EM markets is always higher than for DV economies and of an order of magnitude of almost twice. These results are strongly significant throughout the whole sample (*REC*−3 to *REC*+3) and on a year-to-year comparison. Those two sets of results (Figure 1 and Table 2) show the behavior of this metric around recession points. We can see that, while the standard deviation for DV countries increases during recessions (and the year before),¹⁰ for EM markets the dispersion of growth rates actually increases during the recovery period.

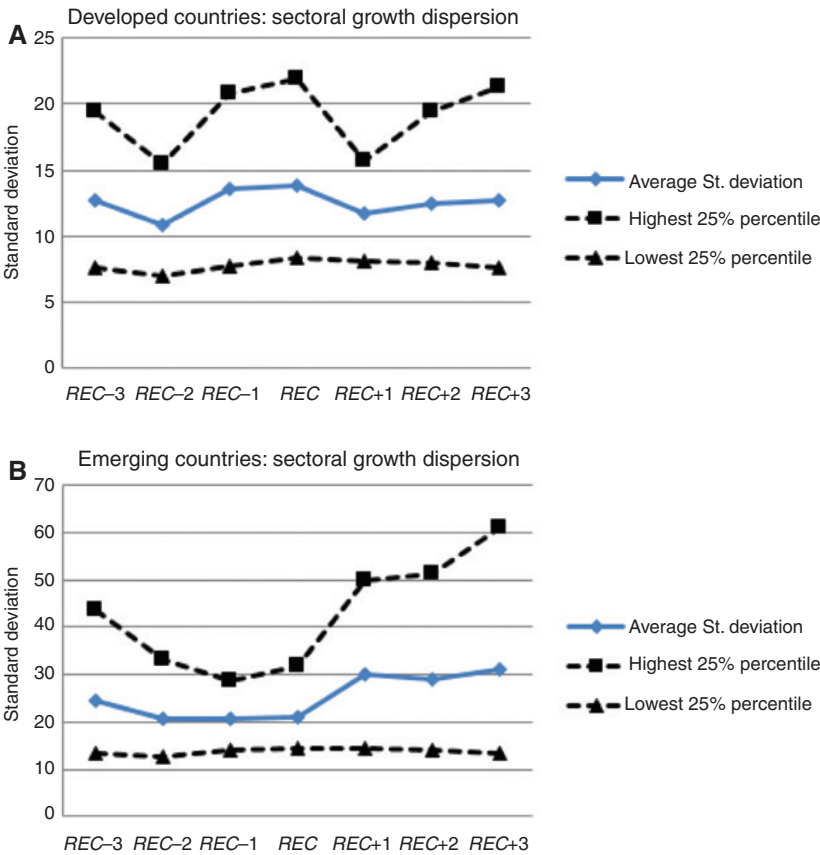


Figure 1: Standard deviation of VA growth across industries.

¹⁰ Eisfeldt and Rampini (2006) report a similar result that the dispersion of capital productivity among firms and of sectoral TFP are both countercyclical.

These results point to a marked difference between the behavior of sectors across the two groups of countries: while EM markets display more dispersion in VA growth rates, this dispersion behaves counter-cyclically for DV countries and pro-cyclically for EM markets.

3.3 Peaks, troughs, and concordance

We now characterize recessions using a turning points methodology that allows us to unveil the degree of comovement of industries not only for recession episodes, but for all the different stages of the business cycle. We identify turning points in industry cycles following Harding (2002), which is an annual variant of the quarterly Harding and Pagan (2002) algorithm. We apply the algorithm on the log levels of industrial VA. For a given series y_t , a peak (trough) is identified at time t if y_t is higher (lower) than the observations in the preceding and the following year. In particular, a peak is identified in a time series $\{y_t\}_{t=1}^T$ at time t if $y_t = \max\{y_{t-1}, y_t, y_{t+1}\}$ and a trough is identified at time t if $y_t = \min\{y_{t-1}, y_t, y_{t+1}\}$. We ensure that the peaks and troughs follow pre-specified “censoring rules,” which require: (a) peaks and troughs to alternate; and, (b) the minimum duration of the phase to be 1 year and the minimum duration of the cycle to be 2 years.

Following Harding and Pagan (2002), we then obtain a measure of comovement, known as the concordance index. This index measures the fraction of time two series are in the same phase of the cycle. We make use of this index in three different ways. First, we measure the concordance of phases between an industry and the aggregate business cycle of a given country. This is measured by:

$$C_x = \frac{1}{I} * \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{t=1}^T [S_{i,x,t} S_{x,t} + (1 - S_{i,x,t})(1 - S_{x,t})] \quad (1)$$

Where $S_{i,x,t}$ and $S_{x,t}$ are binary variables capturing expansion and contraction phases of industry i of country x and the aggregate of country x , respectively. Secondly, we measure the concordance of phases between two industries of the same country by:

$$CC_x = \frac{1}{n^2 - n} * \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n^2 - n} \sum_{t=1}^T [S_{i,x,t} S_{j,x,t} + (1 - S_{i,x,t})(1 - S_{j,x,t})] \quad (2)$$

where i, j are combinations of industries where $i \neq j$ and n is the total number of pairwise combinations of industries i and j . Therefore, $S_{i,x,t}$ and $S_{j,x,t}$ are binary variables capturing expansion and contraction phases of industries i and j of country x , respectively.

Finally, we measure the concordance of phases between the same industry, i , across two DV countries or two EM, respectively. The index is estimated across all possible country pairs, n :

$$C_i = \frac{1}{n^2 - n} * \frac{1}{T} \sum_{x,y=1}^{n^2-n} \sum_{t=1}^T [S_{i,x,t} S_{i,y,t} + (1 - S_{i,x,t})(1 - S_{i,y,t})] \tag{3}$$

where x, y are combinations of industries where $x \neq y$. Therefore, $S_{i,x,t}$ and $S_{i,y,t}$ are binary variables capturing expansion and contraction phases of industry i of country x and y , respectively.

Table 3 summarizes the key characteristics of business cycles for DV and EM countries in terms of duration and amplitude using aggregate GDP data. In terms of duration, differences between the two groups are small. EM countries tend to have slightly longer contractions and expansions, whereas cycles are mildly more asymmetric for DV countries (i.e. differences in the duration of contractions and expansions are larger). The main difference arise in the amplitude of the cycles. As commented above, both contractions and expansions tend to be much larger for EM countries, leading to much higher business cycle volatility.

Table 4 presents the concordance index for industries within countries. The results capture the percentage of time an industry is in the same phase of the cycle as the aggregate or another industry. The first set of columns estimates the index between industries and the aggregate as in equation (1), and the second set estimates the pairwise index as in equation (2). Both sets of results are then aggregated for presentation. In DV countries, on average, a randomly selected industry will be in the same phase as the aggregate economy 61.4% of the time. This number is very similar for EM economies (63.2%). The same conclusion can be obtained when looking at the average pairwise concordance indexes. There are no substantial differences between the two groups of countries. Interestingly, the countries showing the highest degree of concordance are South Korea and the US.

Table 3: Duration and amplitude of aggregate cycles.

	Duration						Amplitude			
	Contraction		Expansion		Asymmetry		Contraction		Expansion	
	DV	EM	DV	EM	DV	EM	DV	EM	DV	EM
Mean	1.3	1.5	7.7	8.1	6.6	6.2	-1.6	-6.2	27.8	45.7
Median	1.0	1.5	7.1	8.0	6.4	5.3	-1.5	-4.4	27.3	42.3
Min	1.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	2.4	1.5	-3.6	-14.3	11.9	20.6
Max	2.0	2.8	10.0	14.5	10.0	10.0	-0.2	-0.8	58.9	75.0
Std. dev.	0.3	0.5	2.1	3.1	2.7	3.2	1.0	4.0	12.8	19.7

Table 4: Concordance indexes within countries.

Country	Concordance indexes between aggregate and individual industry cycles					Concordance indexes between individual industry cycles				
	Mean	Median	Min	Max	Std. dev.	Mean	Median	Min	Max	Std. dev.
Australia	0.682	0.688	0.406	0.955	0.103	0.610	0.625	0.281	0.938	0.117
Austria	0.638	0.680	0.419	0.788	0.105	0.586	0.593	0.280	0.840	0.108
Belgium	0.587	0.594	0.438	0.750	0.101	0.578	0.594	0.375	0.781	0.094
Canada	0.684	0.667	0.485	0.848	0.100	0.625	0.606	0.364	0.909	0.102
Denmark	0.675	0.682	0.455	0.955	0.116	0.586	0.591	0.227	0.909	0.131
Finland	0.615	0.606	0.485	0.818	0.110	0.573	0.576	0.303	0.848	0.103
France	0.555	0.576	0.212	0.758	0.146	0.582	0.576	0.303	0.879	0.102
West Germany	0.631	0.682	0.227	0.955	0.187	0.599	0.591	0.227	0.909	0.136
Greece	0.610	0.621	0.345	0.826	0.116	0.559	0.552	0.310	0.828	0.103
Ireland	0.609	0.594	0.400	0.813	0.117	0.557	0.563	0.200	0.920	0.126
Israel	0.601	0.606	0.455	0.758	0.082	0.651	0.655	0.444	0.909	0.088
Italy	0.538	0.530	0.424	0.727	0.093	0.556	0.545	0.273	0.879	0.103
Japan	0.615	0.606	0.303	0.848	0.139	0.644	0.636	0.303	0.939	0.116
Netherlands	0.585	0.625	0.250	0.875	0.139	0.566	0.542	0.250	0.958	0.123
New Zealand	0.562	0.611	0.333	0.765	0.109	0.574	0.556	0.222	0.889	0.135
Norway	0.504	0.516	0.188	0.656	0.112	0.514	0.522	0.217	0.826	0.110
Portugal	0.598	0.576	0.333	0.788	0.098	0.549	0.545	0.273	0.788	0.093
Singapore	0.631	0.636	0.394	0.909	0.154	0.579	0.576	0.303	0.879	0.098
Spain	0.612	0.636	0.424	0.848	0.100	0.588	0.576	0.273	0.879	0.101
Sweden	0.611	0.613	0.290	0.774	0.129	0.581	0.581	0.258	0.871	0.109
UK	0.617	0.606	0.346	0.848	0.106	0.612	0.615	0.269	0.879	0.107
US	0.745	0.758	0.333	0.909	0.136	0.671	0.697	0.212	0.939	0.138
Total DV	0.614	0.611	0.505	0.745	0.052	0.588	0.582	0.514	0.671	0.036
Chile	0.595	0.586	0.379	0.828	0.108	0.582	0.586	0.310	0.793	0.090
Colombia						0.587	0.600	0.233	0.867	0.116
Ecuador	0.645	0.652	0.455	0.818	0.088	0.592	0.576	0.333	0.879	0.091
Honk Kong	0.573	0.533	0.464	0.833	0.116	0.568	0.567	0.333	0.867	0.121
Hungary	0.633	0.636	0.455	0.848	0.109	0.621	0.613	0.387	0.909	0.105
India	0.548	0.545	0.364	0.697	0.080	0.575	0.576	0.333	0.848	0.086
Indonesia	0.653	0.667	0.515	0.759	0.070	0.567	0.576	0.364	0.848	0.096
Iran	0.655	0.652	0.333	0.818	0.100	0.647	0.636	0.364	0.909	0.106
Jordan	0.529	0.542	0.375	0.792	0.097	0.537	0.542	0.292	0.875	0.119
Korea	0.750	0.781	0.531	0.938	0.109	0.680	0.688	0.406	0.906	0.094
Malaysia	0.704	0.727	0.515	0.909	0.110	0.601	0.606	0.364	0.848	0.095
Malta	0.657	0.654	0.455	0.864	0.109	0.555	0.545	0.273	0.818	0.107
Panama	0.572	0.586	0.355	0.773	0.092	0.571	0.581	0.273	0.818	0.098
Turkey	0.656	0.643	0.464	0.786	0.096	0.563	0.571	0.286	0.786	0.099
Zimbabwe	0.678	0.692	0.538	0.808	0.081	0.666	0.654	0.423	0.885	0.092
Total EM	0.632	0.649	0.529	0.750	0.062	0.594	0.582	0.537	0.680	0.042
p-Value					0.4850					0.5415
(variance)										
p-Value					0.3518					0.6474
(mean)										

Colombia only faced one expansion at the aggregate level.

Table 5: Concordance indexes between industries across countries.

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different DV or EM countries are in the same cyclical phase. The results are then grouped by industry. They suggest that same industries across DV countries are more often in the same phase than industries across EM countries. This is especially the case for industries that are heavily used for intermediate inputs such as chemical products. While differences are of a small order of magnitude, they are highly statistically significant, and they point out that stronger inter-industry trade linkages may be driving these results.¹¹

4 Industry behavior around recessions: methods and results

For 7-years intervals centered at the first year of recession, our analysis focuses on three approaches. First, we look at economic activity of various sectors and their shares in total industry. Second, we analyze sectoral concentration, and third, we implement a shift-share analysis, as well as the Olley-Pakes(OP) decomposition.

4.1 Sectoral activity and shares

Our descriptive analysis will now focus on how economic activity at a sectoral level behaves around recession episodes. We are particularly interested on the evolution of VA, employment, productivity, and VA and employment shares as indicators of sectoral reallocation. Given the definition of a recession discussed above, we plot the evolution of these variables for the 7 years that span the 3 pre-recession and the 3 post-recession years ($REC-3$ to $REC+3$). The plots contain the average behavior of the variable across all recessions for each country. We analyzed the results for each country and industry. However, to facilitate presentation, we only report averages for the two groups of DV and EM countries.

Furthermore, because presentation and interpretation is obscured by the large number of industries and variables available, we also collapse industries in four groups depending on their (labor) productivity level. This is because a question of interest, rather than the specific branches themselves, is whether activity reallocates between branches with different productivity characteristics. We classify industries into the following four categories: High, Medium-High, Medium-Low, and Low productivity. We used two different methodologies for this classification. The first simply ranks industries for each country (within) in terms of their productivity levels and assigns them into their corresponding groups by

¹¹ All the results disaggregated by industry and country are available on request.

quartiles. The second methodology, rather than using a within country criterion, ranks industries by their level of productivity relative to the same industry in the US. That is, this classification normalizes by the standard dispersion in productivity that exists across different industries because of technical characteristics using the US as the reference country. Although there are some non-negligible differences between these two classification methods regarding the composition of branches, both gave similar results in terms of their behavior around recession points. For this reason, we report here only the results using the first method. Also, this classification is perhaps more interesting as it ranks industries according to their within country productivity level and is hence compatible with a definition of comparative advantage.¹² All variables were then averaged out for the industries in each group for both groups of DV and EM countries.

Moreover, Rajan and Zingales (1998) identify the level of an industry's dependence on external finance (the difference between investments and cash generated by operations) from data on US firms.¹³ We make use of this index and collapse industries in four groups depending on the level of EFD: Low to No EFD, Medium-Low, Medium-High, and High EFD. Given that their index provides a measure of an industry's EFD in the 1980s, we assume that the same ordering will hold for the specific time period under examination in this study, 1970–2002. Importantly, we want to observe whether the depth of the recession and the speed of recovery change for different levels of financial dependency, and whether this result is different between DV and developing countries. All variables were then averaged out for the industries in each group for both groups of DV and EM countries.

Finally, we distinguish between normal and financial recessions by externally identifying banking crises using Reinhart and Rogoff (2008), and compare those episodes between DV and EM economies. From the 120 recessions analyzed in this study, 29 were identified as financial recessions, among which 19 took place in the DV economies and the remaining 10 occurred in EM markets. Appendix B shows the countries and years for which financial recessions took place.

We now present the results grouping industries firstly by levels of productivity and, secondly, by levels of EFD. We then distinguish, on the one hand,

¹² The classification is based on the average productivity level across the whole period, and industries cannot change productivity groups. The classification of the industries included in each group of productivity for all countries as well as the results from the second classification method are available upon request.

¹³ In particular, assuming that capital markets in the US are relatively frictionless, this method allows them to identify an industry's technological demand for external financing. Then, by also assuming that such technological demands are carried over to other countries, they can use an industry's dependence on external finance, as identified for the US, as a measure for other countries. The index provided measures an industry's external financial dependence in the 1980s.

between DV and EM economies, and on the other hand, between normal and financial recessions.¹⁴

4.1.1 Developed versus emerging economies

4.1.1.1 By levels of productivity for each group of countries

Figure 2 shows the evolution of averaged VA growth from *REC*−3 to *REC*+3 for DV and EM countries. Both groups of countries display a V shaped pattern at the *REC* point. The amplitude of the cycle is larger for EM markets for all groups of productivity levels. Note that, at *t*=*REC*, the lower the productivity level of an industry in DV countries the higher the contraction it will face. When comparing *REC*−3 to *REC*+3 values, we can see that neither EM nor DV economies recover to pre-recession rates within the 3 years following the recession. Despite that fact, some notable differences exist. EM markets generally face larger contractions than the DV countries, except for the medium-high productivity level group. Moreover, when comparing pre- to post-recession growth rates, while the two highly productive groups of industries face the largest drops in VA growth in DV

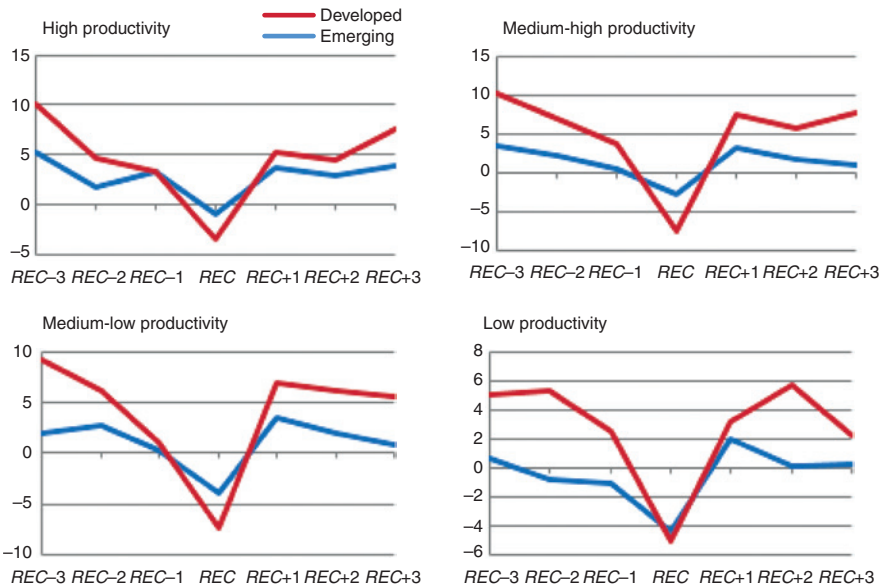


Figure 2: Average VA growth per level of productivity for developed and emerging countries.

14 All other graphs and tables not presented in the main text are available in an Online Appendix.

countries, in the EM economies it is the two lowest productive groups that seem to be affected the most by recession episodes in terms of recovery. The differences observed between DV and EM are strongly significant at the 1% significance level, except for the high productivity group which suggests that the average VA growth in EM countries will be higher than the one in DV with a significance level of 10%.

Similarly, Figure 3 displays the evolution of averaged employment growth from *REC-3* to *REC+3* for DV and EM countries and results point to strongly significant differences between DV and EM markets at the 5% significance level for all groups of productivity levels. Both groups of countries display a V shaped pattern around the recession time period, although the amplitude of the cycle is larger for DV countries. Moreover, the recovery in employment is much stronger for EM than for DV economies, suggesting a higher degree of real wage flexibility in EM economies.¹⁵ For the majority of the groups, the deepest contraction is observed the year of the recession. However, notable exceptions exist. On the one hand, the high productivity group of the EM markets does not face negative growth throughout

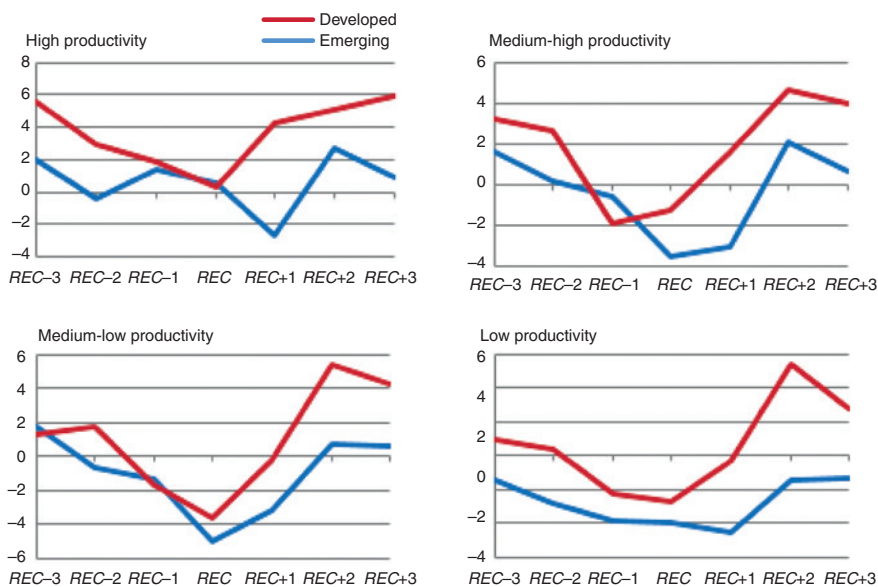


Figure 3: Average employment growth per level of productivity for developed and emerging countries.

¹⁵ Emerging markets tend to have higher inflation rates. Calvo, Coricelli, and Ottonello (2012) suggest that this is a source of real wage flexibility for emerging markets that allows them to experience more “wageless” rather than “jobless” recoveries.

the 7 years of analysis and on the other hand, the low productivity group of the DV countries displays negative growth from *REC*−3 to *REC*+3. Importantly, when comparing pre- to post-recession values, this figure shows that on average, the majority of manufacturing sectors in DV countries face very persistent employment losses after a recession. The opposite is true for the EM markets, as for any given productivity level, industries do on average recover to higher growth rates after the recession episode. Interestingly, while the two lowest productivity groups of the EM markets face the largest contractions in VA growth, they face the largest expansions in employment growth, although the latter are bigger than the former. This means that post-recession productivity growth has fallen, which is in line with the results from Figure 4.

Overall, in DV countries by *REC*+3 productivity growth has returned to its pre-recession rates. In contrast, for EM markets by *REC*+3 productivity growth remains below its pre-recession growth rates for all productivity groups except for medium-high, which is also the only group for which results are found to be statistically significant at the 10% significance level.

We also look at the relative dispersion between the high and low productivity groups and the two middle productive groups for VA, Employment and

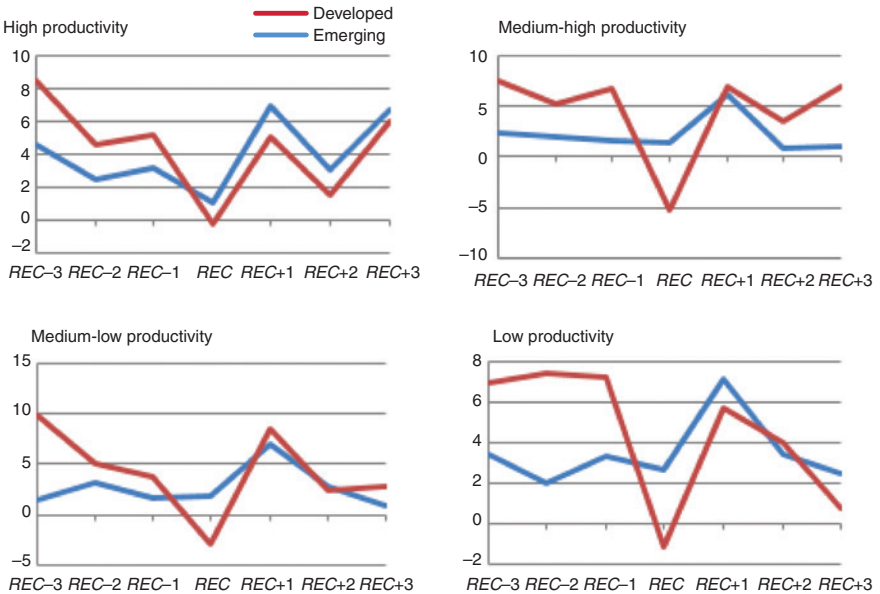


Figure 4: Average productivity growth per level of productivity for developed and emerging countries.

Productivity growth.¹⁶ Several results stand out. The relative dispersion is higher between high and low productivity groups especially for DV countries. For the EM countries, the relative dispersion is high at *REC*−3 and *REC*+3 and falls substantially during the 2 years window around the recession period. For the medium groups, fluctuations are overall around zero. For employment growth, the relative dispersion of the high and low productive groups increases during *REC* periods for DV countries and falls substantially during the recovery years. For EM this difference shows a constant trend from *REC*−3 to *REC*+1, when it then faces a substantial drop in *REC*+2 before increasing back to its previous levels. Similarly to VA growth dispersion, the medium groups for both DV and EM markets fluctuate around zero. Finally, for the relative dispersion in productivity growth for the high and low productive groups the dispersion decreases before and during recession episodes for DV countries and increases substantially the three following years. The dispersion in EM countries reaches similar levels to the ones observed for DV 3 years after the recession. Importantly however, the relative dispersion cannot highlight different types of dynamics. For instance, the difference can be negative because one group shrinks and the other grows, or because one shrinks more than the other. Qualitatively, both cases are different, although they may display the same type of dispersion.

Figure 5 shows the evolution of averaged VA shares per level of productivity. Shares in general do not display any marked variation around the recession date. Some underlying trends appear to be dominating, especially for the DV countries. But, overall, in DV countries there seems to be a very slight redistribution of VA shares from the lowest productivity group to the three remaining groups, albeit very small. The EM economies are not characterized by any restructuring in VA shares after a recession episode. A very similar picture arises from the evolution of employment shares (Figure 6). While for the average VA share the differences are strongly significant between DV and EM countries for all groups of productivity, this is not the case for the high and medium-low productivity groups when comparing the average employment shares from *REC*−3 to *REC*+3.

Finally, there is clear relationship between industrial productivity level and the distribution of VA and employment shares for EM countries. In particular, the higher the productivity level of an industry the higher the average level of VA shares and the lower the average level of employment shares. As shown later, this could be a consequence of higher sectoral concentration, or specialization, in EM than in DV markets.

¹⁶ Those figures are presented in the Online Appendix in Figures 23–25 where a comparison between DV and EM countries is presented.

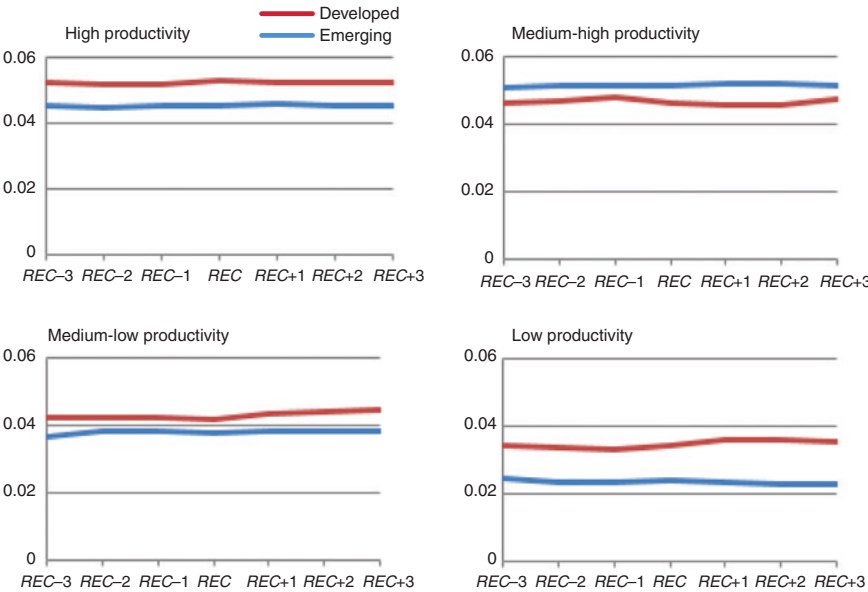


Figure 5: Average VA share per level of productivity for developed and emerging countries.

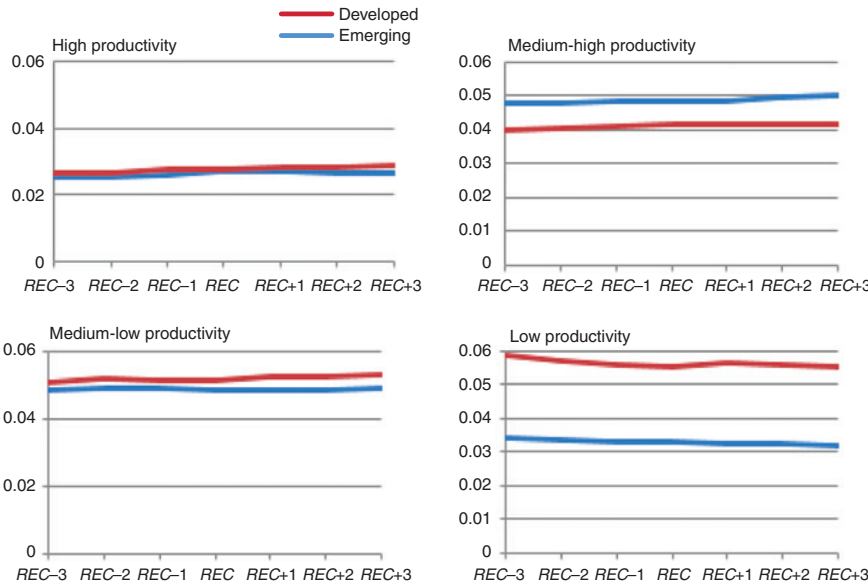


Figure 6: Average employment share per level of productivity for developed and emerging countries.

4.1.1.2 By level of EFD

The amplitude of the cycle is larger for EM markets, independently of the level of EFD of the industries (Figure 7). When comparing pre- to post-recession values, overall, EM countries face large and persistent output losses, except for the group of industries that have medium-high EFD. For the DV countries, the only group facing gains in VA growth rates is the Low to No EFD, for which recovery occurs within the 3 years following the recession. The two groups with the highest EFD also face the largest contractions from *REC-3* to *REC+3* ($\approx 2.4\%$). Moreover, industries with high dependence on external finance face a larger contraction in VA growth in both DV and EM countries. This result is in line with the ones found in Braun and Larrain (2005). All differences observed in the average evolution of VA growth between DV and EM countries are strongly significant for all groups of EFD.¹⁷

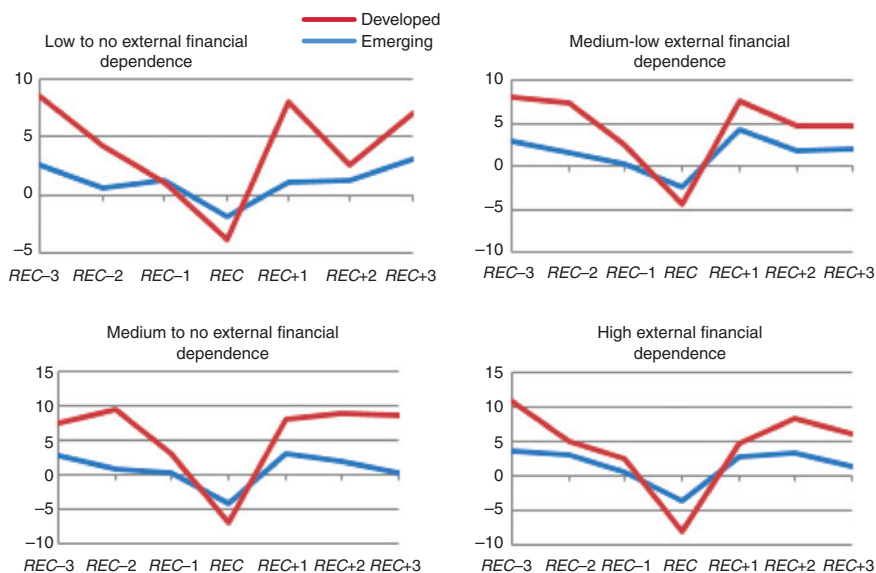


Figure 7: Average VA growth per level of external financial dependence (EFD) for developed and emerging countries.

¹⁷ For the results presented in the Online Appendix, the average evolution of employment growth in DV and EM countries is not found to be statistically different for those industries that are highly dependent in external finance. Similarly, the difference in the average evolution of productivity growth between DV and EM countries is statistically insignificant for the groups of industries that display the lowest dependence on external finance. Finally, the low external financial dependence industries show strongly statistically significant differences between DV and EM countries in both VA and employment share differences, while for the medium-high dependent group, the average evolution of employment shares differs at the 10% significance level.

4.1.2 Normal versus financial recessions

In this part we compare normal and financial recessions. Note that to compare results between the previous and the current analysis, one will have to look at the average evolution for all countries and all recessions. However, results are likely to present slight differences as averages are taken by country and not by the number of recessions or industries within a country. In other words, because we assume that countries in our sample are equally important we do not estimate weighted averages to account for the number of recessions in each industry and each category (productivity level or EFD). For instance, because of missing data one country might have only four industries in each grouping instead of seven, which would be the case for a country that has no missing industries. If we were to perform a weighted average to account for the number of industries in each grouping, we would be assuming that industries in the former country are more “important” than industries in the latter. The same would hold for the number of recessions.

Figure 8 shows the evolution of average VA growth per level of productivity from *REC*−3 to *REC*+3 for all countries, when normal or financial recessions occur. For any given group of productivity level, we can see that contractions are larger

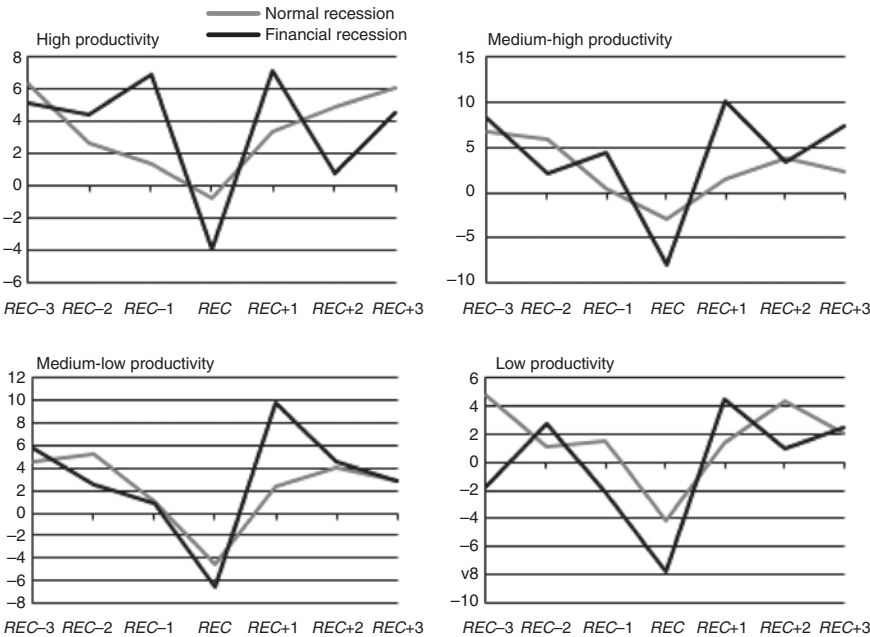


Figure 8: Average VA growth per level of productivity, normal versus financial recessions.

for the case of financial recessions. Moreover, those types of episodes display a W shaped pattern, as growth at $REC+1$ is at higher levels than pre-recession, but during the following 2 years growth falls to lower levels. Therefore, when comparing $REC-3$ to $REC+3$ values, all industries seem to face losses in VA levels, except from those that have low productivity levels. This is the only group that recovers from financial recessions within 3 years. For normal recessions, the recovery is even slower as none of the four groups displays higher post-recession than pre-recession growth. Therefore, whatever the productivity level when normal recessions occur, industries face losses in VA. This result is also supported by Reinhart and Rogoff (2009b) who found that during crises, EM markets face a sharper fall in real GDP growth but a somewhat faster comeback to growth than advanced economies. Similar results are also presented by Calderón and Fuentes (2010). The observed differences are only weakly statistically significant. For the low productivity group, the significance tests suggests that the average VA growth is higher during normal than financial recessions with a p -value=0.0706.

Figure 9 presents the results for industries ranked by level of financial dependence. Although results are not statistically significant, some interesting patterns arise. As seen before, the amplitude of the cycle is larger for financial

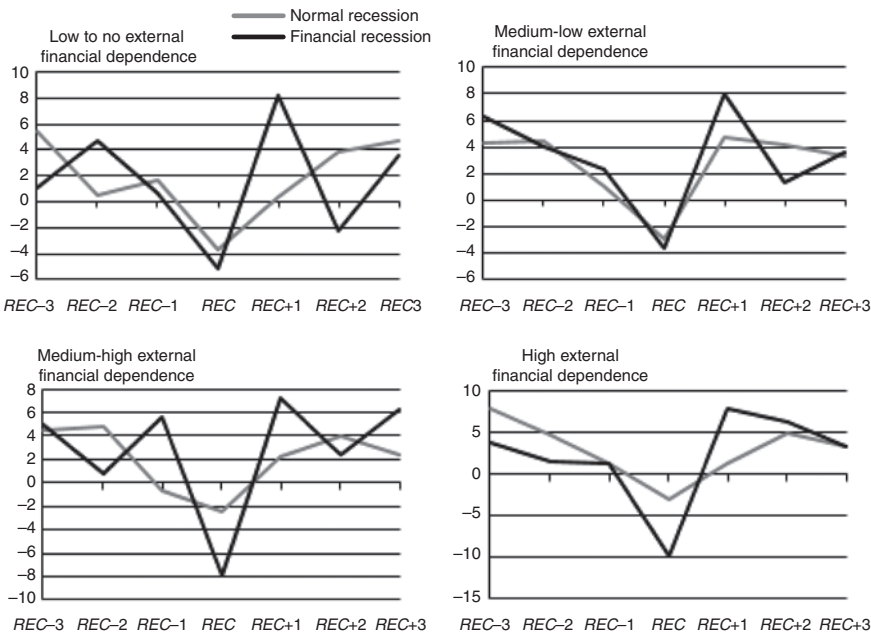


Figure 9: Average VA growth per level of external financial dependence (EFD), normal versus financial recessions.

recessions. Overall, industries with high EFD face larger contractions in VA growth the year of the financial crises, with contractions being larger for the case of financial recessions. Interestingly, and somehow puzzling, in industries with high EFD the recovery is faster in the case of financial recessions. This result is perhaps consistent with the evidence presented in the work by Calvo, Izquierdo, and Talvi (2006) on “phoenix miracles,” defined as rapid output recovery from financial crises, accompanied by the absence of credit recovery.

4.2 Sectoral concentration/specialization: Gini and HHI indexes

We also examined whether recessions are associated with any significant changes in the degree of concentration of VA and employment. We can interpret this concentration as “specialization” as in Imbs and Wacziarg (2003), that is, whether a significant proportion of output (inputs) in the economy is being produced (used) by a few industries. By looking at VA and employment concentration, we can also infer the dispersion of productivity across industries. Whether recessions are associated with greater or lower specialization, of course, will depend on institutions, availability of credit, labor market frictions, changes in the composition of demand, openness, etc. We make use of two different measures: the Gini coefficient and the Herfindahl-Hirschman index (HHI).

The Gini coefficient uses information on how VA and Employment shares are distributed across the different industries. Employment shares have commonly been used in the empirical literature concerning sectoral specialization as a measure of sector size. However, making use of sectoral VA shares helps generalizing the evidence based on sectoral labor inputs.

A simple expression for the Gini index is based on the covariance between the ranked shares of VA or employment by industry, S_R , and the rank that the industry occupies in the distribution of VA or Employment share, F . This rank takes a value between zero for the lowest VA or Employment share and one for the highest. The Gini index, varying between 0 for lowest and 1 for highest inequality, is then defined as:

$$\text{Gini} = \frac{2\text{Cov}(S_R, F)}{\bar{S}_R}, \quad (4)$$

where \bar{S}_R is the average VA or Employment share.

The HHI is another indicator of the level of concentration/specialization among industries in a sector used in the industrial organization literature. It is defined as the sum of the squared market shares of each industry branch in the

sector. Again, we made use of both VA shares and employment shares to obtain the HHI. A decrease in the HHI indicates a decrease in concentration (more diversification). The expression for HHI is then:

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^N S_i^2, \tag{5}$$

where S_i is the share (of VA or employment) of branch i in the manufacturing sector, and N is the number of branches. The HHI (H) ranges from $1/N$ to one. If all branches have an equal share, the reciprocal of the index shows the number of industries in the sector. The HHI takes into account the relative size and distribution of the industries in a sector and approaches zero when a sector consists of a large number of industries of relatively equal size. The HHI increases both as the number of industries in the market decreases and as the disparity in size between those industries increases. Because of this dependence on N , and given that countries in our sample have unequal numbers of branches, we prefer to use the normalized HHI:

$$H^* = \frac{(H - 1/N)}{1 - 1/N} \tag{6}$$

While the H ranges from $1/N$ to 1, H^* ranges from 0 to 1 regardless of the number of branches considered.

Tables 6 and 7 present the Gini and HHI coefficients for sectoral VA and employment shares for DV and EM economies, respectively. Overall, it is obvious that changes in sectoral specialization/concentration are modest, as magnitude changes are in general relatively small. While the differences obtained in the Gini coefficient are statistically insignificant, the ones in the HHI between DV and EM are strongly statistically significant for both VA and employment shares.¹⁸

Some important patterns can be observed. When looking at the Gini coefficient, two main conclusions can be drawn. Firstly, the manufacturing sector of DV countries is less specialized around recessions for both VA and employment, when compared to EM markets. Secondly, for both DV and EM countries, employment

Table 6: Average Gini and HHI coefficients for developed countries.

Index	Variable	REC-3	REC-2	REC-1	REC	REC+1	REC+2	REC+3
Gini	Employment	0.50395	0.50625	0.50712	0.50640	0.50729	0.50955	0.51191
	VA	0.48026	0.48185	0.48565	0.48816	0.49204	0.49320	0.49269
HHI	Employment	0.04022	0.04078	0.04107	0.04022	0.04027	0.04166	0.04264
	VA	0.03673	0.03746	0.03847	0.03829	0.03941	0.03957	0.03922

¹⁸ The results of the t-tests are presented in the Online Appendix in Tables 2–5.

Table 7: Average Gini and HHI coefficients for emerging countries.

Index	Variable	<i>REC-3</i>	<i>REC-2</i>	<i>REC-1</i>	<i>REC</i>	<i>REC+1</i>	<i>REC+2</i>	<i>REC+3</i>
Gini	Employment	0.51989	0.51614	0.51493	0.51673	0.51699	0.51786	0.51629
	VA	0.48860	0.48393	0.49229	0.50170	0.50452	0.50702	0.50300
HHI	Employment	0.05830	0.05719	0.05635	0.05808	0.05965	0.05954	0.05850
	VA	0.04720	0.04517	0.04635	0.05133	0.05543	0.05467	0.05179

shares are in general more unequally distributed than VA shares. Although for EM markets the gap between those two measures is marginally larger the 3 years before the recession, at $t=REC$ and the 3 years following the recession this gap becomes larger for the DV economies. This implies that before the recession, productivity is more concentrated in EM than in DV countries. However, at the recession year and the 3 years that follow, productivity becomes more concentrated in DV than in EM countries. Moreover, when looking at the HHI index, results indicate that, with the exception of a few countries like Singapore, Ecuador and Panama,¹⁹ all countries display low concentration ($HHI < 0.1$) whether using sectoral employment or VA shares. Furthermore, when using either the sectoral VA or employment shares to estimate the HHI, concentration is significantly higher among EM markets than it is among DV countries. Finally, as for the Gini coefficient, employment shares are in general more unequally distributed than VA shares. Therefore, productivity is more concentrated in EM than in DV countries, as the gap between the two measures (VA and employment shares) is larger for the former group of countries throughout the 7 years of analysis. Although the gap is slightly higher for EM markets, after a recession this closes down much more for EM than for DV countries.

4.3 Accounting for structural change: a shift-share analysis and sector misallocation

Shift-share analysis is a descriptive technique to analyze the sources of productivity growth. First proposed by Maddison (1952), it shows how aggregate growth is mechanically linked to differential growth of labor productivity and the reallocation of labor between industries. It has been widely applied for analyzing the effect of industrial structural change on productivity growth (e.g. Fagerberg 2000; Peneder 2003) and microeconomic evidence on the sources of growth (e.g. Foster, Haltiwanger, and Krizan 2001).

¹⁹ Results per country are available in the Online Appendix: supplementary results.

Let us define LP =Labor Productivity, VA =Value Added, L =Labor input, and i =industry index with $i=(1, \dots, N)$. Then,

$$LP = \frac{VA}{L} = \frac{\sum_i VA_i}{\sum_i L_i} = \sum_i \left[\frac{VA_i}{L_i} \cdot \frac{L_i}{\sum_i L_i} \right] \quad (7)$$

Define $S_i = \frac{L_i}{\sum_i L_i}$ as the share of industry i in total employment. Then we have that:

$$LP = \sum_i [LP_i S_i] \quad (8)$$

Defining $\Delta LP = LP_1 - LP_0$, $\Delta S = S_1 - S_0$ and using equation (8), we have:

$$\Delta LP = \sum_i [LP_{i0} \Delta S_i + S_{i0} \Delta LP_i + \Delta LP_i \Delta S_i] \quad (9)$$

We can express (9) in growth rate form:

$$\frac{\Delta LP}{LP_0} = \sum_i \left[\frac{LP_{i0} \Delta S_i}{LP_0} + \frac{S_{i0} \Delta LP_i}{LP_0} + \frac{\Delta LP_i \Delta S_i}{LP_0} \right] \quad (10)$$

The percentage change in labor productivity between time $t=0$ and $t=1$ is hence decomposed into three distinct effects. The first component of eq. (10) is the so-called “static-shift effect” and it measures the impact that changes in the allocation of labor between industries have on productivity growth. It will be positive if the share of high productivity industries increases in total employment by attracting more labor resources at the expense of low productivity industries. The second term in (10) is the so-called “within-shift effect” and it measures the change in productivity that would have prevailed if no change in sectoral shares had taken place between 0 and 1. That is, it measures productivity gains that have occurred only within industries. Finally, the third effect is the so-called “dynamic-shift effect.” It captures interactions between changes in sectoral structure and within productivity effects. This effect will be positive if changes in shares favor those industries where productivity is *growing*. Thus, the “dynamic-shift effect” reflects whether a country reallocates its labor resources towards industries with fast growing productivity.²⁰

²⁰ These effects are also commonly associated to Baumol, Blackman, and Wolff (1985) *asymptotic stagnancy* theory, which views productivity growth as the result of changes in sectoral structure at different stages of development.

Table 8: Shift-share analysis.

	Within-shift effect (in%)		Dynamic-shift effect (in%)		Static-shift effect (in%)	
	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.	Mean	Std. dev.
All countries						
Normal times	85.50	157.30	22.99055	134.5619	-8.58101	179.8772
REC periods	122.8573	152.9548	-20.9907	93.05781	-2.47268	119.7475
Financial crises	108.5471	49.18969	-6.46949	38.55118	-2.07761	63.79008
DV						
Normal times	87.92	120.3435	-11.81	51.29358	23.74	127.4078
REC periods	117.23	126.8893	-12.33	64.17426	-5.90	140.5117
Financial crises	98.40	13.32579	-18.45	44.57083	20.06	37.70998
EM						
Normal times	81.94493	204.6501	74.03437	194.7284	-55.9793	234.101
REC periods	131.5201	191.7288	-34.314	127.4939	2.793904	83.2368
Financial crises	122.5048	74.72375	10.00535	21.16383	-32.5101	81.26425

Table 8 summarizes the results obtained from the shift-share analysis. It reports the three effects, namely the within, the static, and the dynamic-shift effects, for normal times, recessions and financial recessions, distinguishing DM and EM.²¹

Overall, the within-shift effect is positive for both DV and EM countries. This result implies that, on aggregate, reallocations of labor between industries (with different productivity levels) do not play an important effect on overall productivity growth. This effect appears to be dominating the structural components, which is in line with results reported in the literature.²² It should be emphasized that, at this level of aggregation, all structural shifts between firms within branches will be included in the within effect. To the extent that little resource shift happens between very different branches, we would then expect the static-shift effect to be of a smaller magnitude. The other two effects, the static- and dynamic-shift effects, are more volatile and can be either positive or negative. One pattern that seems to distinguish DV and EM countries is that the dynamic-shift effect plays a more important role in the latter than in the former during recessions. Interestingly, the sign is reversed for this component for EM during financial crises. Finally, the static effect is negative in DV while positive in EM during recession periods, although the opposite is true during financial crises.

²¹ Results for all countries are available in the Online Appendix, Table 6.

²² See for instance Fagerberg (2000) and Peneder (2003).

In summary, there does not seem to be a clear pattern between the structural components and the recession episodes. Sector-level reallocation does not seem to be associated with the state of the business cycle but rather with longer run trends. Thus, at this level of disaggregation at least, this contradicts theories predicting that, during recessions, there will be more restructuring (i.e. Hall 1991; Caballero and Hammour 1994). Nevertheless, restructuring at the firm level may still be substantial and reflected on within industry effects.

Another relevant issue is whether, for a given level of reallocation, resources are reallocated towards more productive industries. In order to assess this reallocation effect we implement the OP decomposition. There is another way of decomposing productivity which looks at misallocation. Define the aggregate productivity of an economy as P , which is simply the weighted sum of productivities of industries P_i , weighted by their employment shares S_i . P can thus be decomposed in the following way:

$$P = \text{mean}(P_i) + \text{cov}(P_i, S_i) \quad (11)$$

where $\text{mean}(P_i)$ is the un-weighted mean productivity and the second term is the OP term: the covariance between productivity and sector share. If this covariance is zero, then aggregate productivity is just the mean productivity of its industries. But if large industries have higher productivity, then labor is allocated to the more productive industries and the covariance is positive. Therefore, this is a measure of misallocation: if the OP term is high then resources are more efficiently allocated, if the OP term is negative or zero, then they are not efficiently allocated. Suppose $\text{cov}(P_i, S_i) = 0.2$, then this implies that aggregate productivity is 20% higher than if labor was randomly allocated between industries.

Figure 10 reports results for the OP decomposition. For DV countries the level of misallocation does not vary across different types of recessions. A slight upward trend can be observed from *REC-3* to *REC-3* both during financial crises and “normal” recessions. This trend is sustained for recession periods reducing the misallocation until 1 year after the recession occurs. In the following periods the covariance term remains practically constant. The same is observed for the case of financial crises but at a lower rate. Turning to EM economies, financial crises seem to lead to stronger misallocation 1–3 years after its occurrence. For normal recessions the pattern is very similar to the one observed for DV countries, although the trend is slightly more pronounced.

In summary, it appears that recessions do not lead to an improved allocation of resources between industries in the manufacturing sector. In EM, in fact, inter-industry misallocation significantly increases during episodes of financial crises.

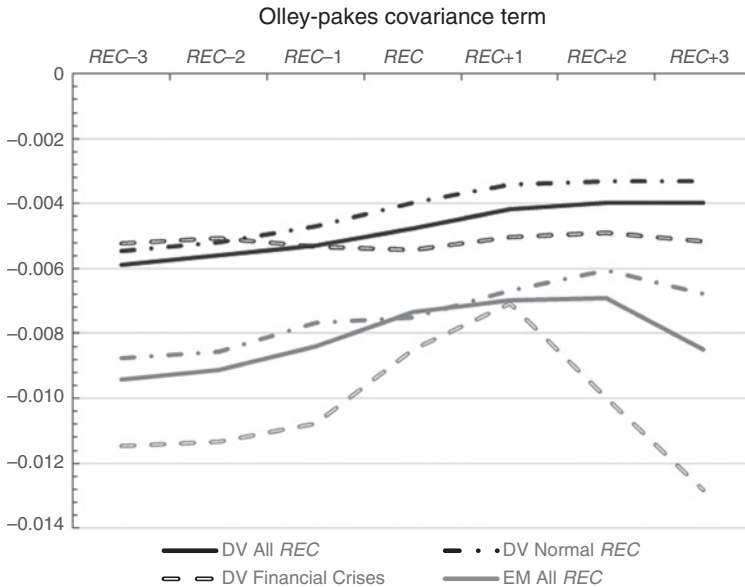


Figure 10: Olley-Pakes decomposition between DV and EM countries for normal times, recessions and financial crisis.

5 Conclusions

We characterize the behavior of economies around recession periods at a disaggregate level by looking at data for 28 industrial branches for a set of 37 developed (DV) and Emerging (EM) countries. Industries are categorized in terms of their productivity level as well as their level of EFD. Based on those classifications, we look at the evolution of VA, employment, productivity, industrial concentration, and sectoral shares and distinguish between normal and financial recessions. Moreover, we look at the incidence of economy-wide versus industry-specific recessions as well as measures of the degree of industrial business cycle coordination. Finally, we decompose different sources of productivity growth and analyze their behavior during recessions. Although it is not possible to extract meaningful causal or structural interpretations from our results, they provide a set of stylized facts that are useful for both policy and model building.

Our results show that recessions tend to have only slightly higher incidence and duration in EM markets when compared with DV ones. However, the amplitude of these events in EM is much larger leading, in general, to much deeper output losses. There seems to be some evidence, albeit limited, that recessions tend to be more coordinated across manufacturing industries in DV countries

than they are across the developing countries. The degree of business cycle comovement between industries at all stages of the business cycle is similar in both sets of countries. EM markets display a pro-cyclical dispersion of VA growth rates whereas this dispersion behaves counter-cyclically for DV countries. In general, we also see that the amplitude of the cycle for VA and productivity growth is larger for EM markets. The opposite is generally true for employment growth. The lower variability in employment in EM economies suggests a higher degree of real wage flexibility.

In DV countries, the two highly productive groups of industries display the slowest recovery in VA growth after a recession, while in the EM economies it is the two lowest productivity groups that appear more sluggish. Overall, productivity growth in DV countries tends to return to its pre-recession rates 3 years after the recession, while for EM it remains below its pre-recession rates for all productivity groups except for the medium-high, which is also the only group for which results are found to be statistically different. Industries with high dependence on external finance generally face higher contractions in VA growth the year of the recession, and those contractions are larger on the one hand for the EM countries when compared to DV economies and, on the other hand, in the case of financial crises.

Our findings also show that there is very little redistribution of economic activity across industries around recession episodes. Concentration of both VA and employment is higher among EM markets and, especially, when looking at employment shares. Finally, productivity growth is mostly driven by within-industry productivity gains, confirming previous aggregate evidence. However, the relation between recessions and productivity decomposition is not clear-cut. Using the Olly-Pakes decomposition we find that misallocation does not change significantly during recession episodes in DV economies. EM economies display similar dynamics with the exception of financial recessions, which are associated to sharp increases in misallocation. One could conclude with caution that at this level of disaggregation, sector-level reallocation does not seem to be strongly associated with the state of the business cycle and in particular with recessions.

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Appendix

Appendix A: List of industries.

ISIC	Industries
311	Food products
313	Beverages
314	Tobacco
321	Textiles
322	Wearing apparel, except footwear
323	Leather products
324	Footwear, except rubber or plastic
331	Wood products, except furniture
332	Furniture, except metal
341	Paper and products
342	Printing and publishing
351	Industrial chemicals
352	Other chemicals
353	Petroleum refineries
354	Misc. petroleum and coal products
355	Rubber products
356	Plastic products
361	Pottery, china, earthenware
362	Glass and products
369	Other non-metallic mineral products
371	Iron and steel
372	Non-ferrous metals
381	Fabricated metal products
382	Machinery, except electrical
383	Machinery, electric
384	Transport equipment
385	Professional and scientific equipment
390	Other manufactured products

Appendix B: Externally identified financial recessions.

Country	Year of financial recession
Australia	1991
Denmark	1988
Ecuador	1999
Finland	1991–1993
Greece	1993
Honk-Kong	1998
Hungary	1991–1993
Indonesia	1998
Israel	1977
Italy	1993
Jordan	1989
Malaysia	1985
Norway	1988
Panama	1988
Spain	1981
Sweden	1991–1993
Turkey	1994
UK	1974–1975, 1991
US	1991

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